

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**September 17, 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Should you not have had  
pity on your fellow servant,  
as I had pity on you?”  
- Mt 18:33-35

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### Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

### Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
or by appointment

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

### Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

## Upcoming Events



### **Monday, September 18**

#### **Weekday**

8:30A Mass

### **Tuesday, September 19**

#### **Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing  
12:00P Rosary Group  
6:00P Parish Pastoral Council Mtg.

### **Wednesday, September 20**

***Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,  
Priest, & Paul Chong Ha-sang,  
& Companions, Martyrs***

8:30A Mass  
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00P Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 21**

***St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist***

8:30A Mass

### **Friday, September 22**

#### **Weekday**

**St. Paul's Men's Retreat  
Weekend & Notre Dame  
Retreat House**  
No Mass

### **Saturday, September 23**

***St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest***

2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass-Choir sings

### **Sunday, September 24**

***25th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:00A Mass-Choir sings  
10:00A School of Religion begins  
10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour  
11:00A Mass  
12:00P Coffee & Donut Hour



## **Parish Staff**

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## **Office Hours**

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Friday

(closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)

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## **Financial Snapshot**

	July 2023	July-August 2023
Collections	\$30,900	\$62,251
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,297	\$3,450
Expenses	\$37,163	\$92,293
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(3,938)	\$(26,590)

## **Let Us Pray for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

Michael J. Desiato

Mason Serrano

Daniel Thomas

Andrew Zani

Robert Wright

Jay Riesenberger



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Hank Mannella  
From  
Ann Mannella &  
family*



# Seeds for the Journey

## **Come to me all you who labor and are burdened (Matthew 11:28)**

Dear friends, this Sunday is Catechetical Sunday. This year's Catechetical Sunday's theme is derived from Matthew's Gospel account. Jesus said: "come to me all you who labor and are burdened" (Mt. 11:28). Chapters 11 and 12 of Matthew's Gospel account constitute what biblical scholars refer to as the "missionary instructions." The missionary instructions are the second of the five discourses in the Gospel according to Matthew. These words spoken by Jesus are an invitation for all of us to follow him wholeheartedly.

Catechetical Sunday was initiated as part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to re-dedicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. Recall that during our faith formation classes while growing up, we were taught that the sacrament of Baptism makes us to be priests, kings and prophets. Consequently, the mission to go out and proclaim the Gospel, the mission to hand on the faith belongs to all who have received the great gift of the Baptism. While celebrating our priest in the parish, our pastoral staff and other catechists who volunteer their time to hand on the faith, we too should ask ourselves if we follow Jesus unhesitatingly or if we live out our prophetic mission given to us at our Baptisms.

During the summer some minor changes were made to our pastoral staff. Our revamped pastoral formation team has been brainstorming over the summer. Every second Sunday of the month beginning October 8, St. Paul shall offer Bible studies from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This is a great opportunity for us to deepen our understanding of the Word of God. St Jerome is noted for saying that 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is Ignorance of Christ.' This academic year, we are introducing some new programs for our School of Religion and Confirmation classes. We wish to encourage you to spread the word; kindly encourage your kids, grandkids, nephews, nieces, children of your relatives and friends to join our programs which will help develop their faith leading to a better relationship with God and the Church community. We are also planning to re-introduce Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays beginning in October on a date to be decided. The parish has also planned some wonderful activities as we continue with the Eucharistic Revival in the diocese. We encourage you to attend. These activities are geared towards deepening our faith, a greater appreciation of the gift and mystery of the Eucharist and developing a deeper and genuine reverence for the Eucharist. We also wish to encourage you to be a catechist. Even if you cannot afford to help out every Sunday, you can help us either as an 'alternate catechist' or as a 'substitute catechist' for our School of Religion. We need you!

During the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Fr Paul is going to bless the pastoral staff and the catechists. Let us pray for our catechists that they may carry out their mission to educate the children following the mind and heart of Christ and his Church. Kindly join me in saying this prayer for our catechists:

"May God our Father, the Father of Love, fill our parish catechists with confidence and joy as they proclaim the Goodnews of Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Anselm

## St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend September 22-24

Spend a weekend with men from St. Paul's at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY. We will discover how to approach the future with great hope!

Retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday morning. The retreat offers a wonderful opportunity to take a break from every day life and focus on faith and fellowship.

For more information contact, Dan Milner :  
585-208-6631 or visit [notredameretreat.org](http://notredameretreat.org)

## Together In Grief

The third Thursday of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Room, will continue to be the Together in Grief meetings. The first meeting on September 21st will be *What Grief Looks Like*. Grief is different for everyone. We'll discuss the many ways it can be manifested in ourselves and others.

## Day in the life of St. Paul's Ministries

### *Usher Ministry*

Hi – my name is George and I have been Usher for several years, and I really enjoy being an Usher. I am also part of our Stream Team, so I now consider myself an occasional Usher. I am pleased to provide a little information about this important Ministry at St. Paul's.

Before Mass, Ushers are there to provide guidance and answer questions as needed. We will also ask for a few parishioners to present our gifts during the offertory, carry the cross in procession. During Mass, we simply observe, provide a count of the attendees, pass the baskets for our offerings and provide guidance as we receive Holy Communion. Finally, both Ushers follow diocesan guidelines ensure that donations collected during Mass are secure.

One of the nice things about being an Usher is that scheduling is very flexible, and even if you can only commit to being an occasional usher like me, any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Please considering being an Usher, you can simply let the Ushers at your Mass know that you would like to assist them with the passing of baskets or carrying the Cross. They will be more than happy to have your assistance and can answer any questions that you might have. If you decide to join this Ministry, please contact Jodie in the parish office.

Being an Usher is a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. We would love to have you as part of our team.

## School of Religion SOR 2023-2024

It's time to register your child/children in grades K-7 for SOR.

Please register as soon as possible so we can have materials and supplies ready for your children.

Information and registration are on our website under the Faith Formation tab. Registration forms can also be found on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

Please keep in mind, that registration for Sacraments will begin soon. More information will be available on the website under the Sacraments tab.

For questions or more information contact Anselm or Helen:

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## The Chosen Series

We will continue to watch and discuss *The Chosen Series*. This year we'll be examining season two. The first episode of season two entitled *Thunder*, will be viewed Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in rooms 7 & 8.

(Please Note: Most episodes will be watched the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. unless specified.)

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This weekend is the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting community-controlled, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, four life-changing community organizations are being funded with major CCHD national grants! They include a farmworker organization, a workers' center, a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester, and a refugee organization.

In support of this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Catholic Campaign for Human Development" in the memo. Thank you for your support.

## Coffee & Donut Hour

### Sunday, September 24th

10:00-11:00 a.m. &  
12:00-1:00 p.m.



## St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Dear editor, who is a catechist? What is the role and function of a catechist?**

The word 'catechist' is an adjective of the noun 'catechesis.' The word catechesis is from the Greek word meaning 'to echo.' **The goal and object of catechesis is Jesus Christ.** This means catechesis is centered around Jesus Christ.

**All those who teach in the Church's name and about Jesus by the way they live are catechists. Anyone who teaches the catholic faith and shares the Church's teaching is a catechist.** In this light therefore, **parents, grandparents and guardians are also catechists.** In fact, parents are the first and primary teachers of the faith for their children. The family, as we probably know, has been described as the domestic Church. This is because through Baptism and education in the faith, the child is introduced into God's family which is the Church (*Familiaris Consortio* number 15). This introduction by teaching the child how to pray, bringing the child to attend Mass, teaching the child about Jesus, teaching the child about the saints, teaching the child about morals is primarily done by the parents, grandparents and guardians. They are all catechists.

In a more formal way, all bishops, priests and deacons are catechists, pastoral associates, Religious educators, faith formation directors and coordinators, pastoral assistants, theology teachers in catholic schools, parish school of religion teachers are all catechists. **The role of the catechist first and foremost is to be close to Jesus as a disciple and secondarily to be a witness and to accompany others.** This means that the catechist's life should be exemplary.

## Bethany House September Wish List



**Canned protein (tuna, chicken, beef), tomato sauce, jelly, jam, canned fruit, cereal, disinfectant wipes, shampoo, floor cleaner, toothpaste, toothbrushes & bar soap.**

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis.

## From the John Walsh Library

**Hamma, Robert L.**

**Let's Say Grace**

**(Mealtime Prayers for Family Occasions Throughout the Year)**

A brief prayer before dinner is an opportunity to stop and remember God's presence in our lives, to be grateful for His gifts to us, and to remember those in need. That moment of calm before we enjoy our meal sets a tone of gratitude and calls us to think briefly about the person whose hand is in ours as we pray. The mealtime prayers offered in this book offer prayers for the days of the week, including Super Bowl Sunday and other momentous occasions; prayers for the seasons of the church year, such as Christmas and Easter; prayers to celebrate visits and birthdays and first days of school; to honor saints and guardian angels and ordinary working people. When we pray and eat, Jesus is truly present with us. (Call No. 242-HAM)

## Confirmation Prep Registration

Registration for the Confirmation Preparation Program at St Paul's Church is now open. Confirmation preparation in the Diocese of Rochester is a two-year formation program that begins in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is geared at helping the candidates in their faith development as well as helping them to understand the basic teachings of the Catholic Church. Any potential candidate can begin the program later than 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

The instructional content includes: an understanding of Confirmation as a Sacrament of Initiation with special connections to Baptism and First Eucharist; an understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the individual and of the Church; a greater awareness of the person of Jesus Christ and his teachings as found in Scripture; an understanding of the importance of social justice; an understanding of the Catholic Church: its Divine origin, sacraments, doctrines, history and hierarchical structure; an understanding of the moral teachings of the Catholic Church including the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes; an understanding of the structure of the Mass and the manner for participating in it; an understanding of prayer and its importance in our lives; a working knowledge of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*; an understanding of Christian vocations.

To register, you may complete the form on the website: Confirmation/St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church (stpaulsrcc.org) or you may collect the Confirmation registration form on the Bulletin Board across from the parish office. The fee is \$50 per candidate. Payments can be made in checks payable to St Paul Parish, memo: Confirmation or in cash at the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Anselm Mesue during the weekend Masses or via email [anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anselm.mesue@dor.org) or via phone 671-2100 x27.



## Ministry Schedule for September 23 & 24, 2023

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Maggie Milner <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Bonnie Serio	Tom Napoli	Cindy Rutan
<b>EMHC</b>	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	<b>TBD</b> <b>TBD</b>	Karen Napoli Anne LaClair
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill Galbraith Diana Kemp	DA Hutnick Barb Rehberg	Jean Van Apeldoorn Ann Hauber
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Linens</b>	Jeri Reidy (No specific time for pick up)		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Irene Dragt	Turner family	Sharyn LiPari
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Tom Napoli
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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### St. Paul's

#### Fall Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Friday, October 13

4:00 to 6:00 PM

(or until sold out)

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### Knights of Columbus

#### McGivney Center Open House

Knights of Columbus is hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 1st at our McGivney Center, located behind Holy Trinity Parish. The Open House will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. All interested men and their families are welcome to join us. If you were ever curious about the Knights of Columbus Fraternal Organization of Catholic Men, this is a perfect time to ask questions and learn about this wonderful charitable and benevolent organization. Join us, donuts and coffee will be provided from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and hot dogs and pop from 11:00 to 1:30 p.m.



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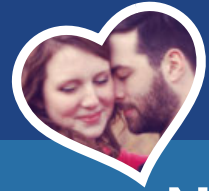
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