

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

September 21, 2025 Twenty-Fifth 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.



**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"No servant can
serve two masters."
- Lk 16:13

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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.

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.

**Monday, September 22****Weekday**

8:30A Mass

Tuesday, September 23**St. Pius of Pietreicina, Priest**

8:30A Mass with anointing

11:00A Staff mtg.

12:00P Rosary Group

6:30P Bible Study

Wednesday, September 24**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 25**Weekday**

8:30A Mass

4:00-8:00P St. Paul's Panera
Night at Panera Bread on Holt Rd.**Friday, September 26****Weekday**

No Mass

Saturday, September 27**St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

Jubilee Prayer Recited during Mass

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass-Choir sings

Sunday, September 28**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jubilee Prayer Recited during Masses

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass-Choir sings

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Phone: 671- 2100**Emergency Number:** 369-9687**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org**Financial Snapshot**

	August 2025	July-August 2025
Collections	\$32,880	\$67,490
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,000	\$4,500
Expenses	\$44,700	\$96,000
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(9,800)	\$(24,100)

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
Mary Frances Murphy
From
Donna Buckert*

Seeds for the Journey

The past twelve months have been a challenging and uncertain time for the people of Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Substantial cuts in funding for foreign humanitarian assistance have significantly impacted the work of CRS around the world. July 1st marked the official end to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), leading to the termination of much of CRS' global poverty-reducing and lifesaving programs, negatively impacting the lives of millions of people. In addition, the administration recently terminated the Department of Agriculture (USDA) funded McGovern-Dole Food for Education programs implemented by CRS in eleven countries, meaning that nearly 900,000 children will lose daily school meals, putting their health, education, and futures at risk.

Adding to these setbacks, the House and Senate recently passed a rescissions package canceling \$8.3 billion in previously approved foreign assistance from the bipartisan 2025 federal budget. This budgetary maneuver effectively halted humanitarian and development programs run by CRS, undermining long-term investments in food security, health, and education across dozens of countries, impacting millions of the world's poorest.

Despite these financial cutbacks, which unfortunately have led to a substantial reduction in its global workforce, along with reprioritization of its programming, CRS continues to provide humanitarian relief to those most in need around the world. For example, CRS is heavily involved in assisting the millions of people whose lives have been impacted by the war in Gaza. Despite the immense security and logistical challenges CRS, via its 65 Gaza staff members, has assisted over 1.5 million people with food, shelter, water, sanitation and hygiene, cash assistance, and psychosocial support. Many of these staff members themselves have lost their homes and family members to the ongoing violence. The following is a recent letter from Ahmed Dahalan, a Senior CRS Shelter Project Officer in Gaza, addressing CRS supporters in the U.S.

"I am a senior project officer working with Catholic Relief Services in Gaza for more than 12 years. I'm overseeing the provision of safe and dignified shelter for people who have lost their homes. I'm taking this as a moment to express my gratitude for people's generous support that has enabled us to implement our mission and help the people who are in need.

As a person who lived inside Gaza, I would like to express that the world we are currently living in is like no other. I have lived through the different wars in 2008, 2014 and 2020, and now the current one which happened in 2023 and continues. Honestly, this war is like no other: the destruction is massive and everywhere. People who have lost their homes are in great need of shelter. Our days are consumed with searching for food, shelter items and drinking water. Our nights are filled with anxiety and fears for what will come later, and about what we have lost. Definitely, shelter is something very important: It's not only physical shelter—of four walls and a roof— it's more than this.

I would like to take from my personal experience. I lost my home. My home was destroyed—even my neighborhood is completely gone. This is something challenging for all of us. We also know how important it is to live in safe, adequate shelter. We want to relieve this burden from the vulnerable people, and to continue our mission to humanity.

Despite the immense financial challenges CRS now faces, they are committed to serving the needs of the people of both Gaza and Israel, as well as those of millions of others around the world. They can do so through your continued prayers and support. To that end, I concur with CRS staffer Ahmed Dahalan who stated in the last line of his letter: *"I would like to thank you for continuing to stand with us: for your unwavering commitment to humanity and to keep supporting the people in need. Thank you very much."*

Deacon Mark



St. Paul's Family Game & Social Night

Saturday, October 18
5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Game Night Highlights:

- Subs, wraps, veggie tray, snacks, soft drinks, tea, coffee and desserts
- Casual Euchre Tournament
- Bring your favorite game: Chess, hearts, Uno etc.
- Or just come to socialize with fellow parishioners

Cost: \$10 per adult or \$30 per family
(exact cash or check only)

**Tickets will be sold on the weekends of
October 4/5 and October 11/12 after all
Masses. Limited tickets at the door.**

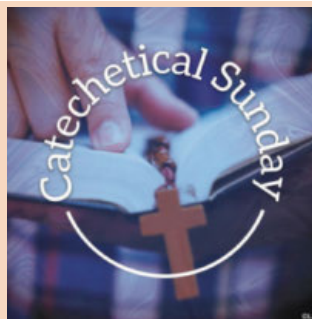
Prayer Shawls & Lap Robes

Just a reminder that prayer shawls and lap robes are always available in the hallway across from the music room. They are offered free of charge as a reminder that when in need, you are surrounded by the prayers of others.



Registration for School of Religion classes here at St Paul's is currently going on for grades K to 7. Registration is also currently going on for First Communion and Penance preparation. The registration fee for School of Religion is \$70 per child, \$140 for 2 children and \$175 for three or more children in the program. The registration fee for the sacraments prep is \$65 per child, and this includes two books. Kindly spread the word. For more information, kindly contact Helen or Anselm at:

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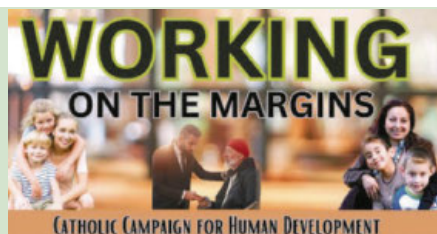


A Prayer for Catechists

*Loving Father,
we pray today for our catechists.
We thank You for their gift of ministry
in Your Church. Grant them your wisdom
that they may grow in the understanding
and teaching of Your Word.
Grant them also Your love
that they may be fruitful heralds
of Your Word and lead others to love You
Amen!*



When bringing Communion to the homebound, please wait until after Mass to receive the Consecrated Host from Fr. Paul or Deacon Mark. Thank you for your cooperation.



This weekend, there will be a second collection to support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. CCHD funds programs that empower low-income people to address the root causes of their poverty. These grants support organizations across the country. Over the past decade, six organizations in our own Diocese have received major national CCHD grants. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund smaller, local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change.

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!



Registration is now open for the OCIA here at St Paul's. The OCIA is sacramental preparation journey for unbaptized adults preparing to enter the Roman Catholic Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. It is also meant for baptized Christians wishing to enter the Roman Catholic Church or baptized adult Catholics seeking to complete their initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion. Interested persons or those who need more information about the process, should contact Anselm, the Director of Faith Formation, via email at anslem.mesue@dor.org

Devotions, *Explained!* **The Jesus Prayer**

Mini Explanation:

The Jesus Prayer is a short invocation of mercy in the name of Jesus: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, its short form makes it ideal for meditative prayer.

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The exact origins of the prayer are unclear, though it is often attributed to the tradition of Eastern Christianity, possibly via the Desert Fathers (early Christian ascetics who dwelled in Egypt). The prayer has been important to the traditions of both the Eastern Orthodox and the Eastern Catholic faithful. The text echoes the words of the publican in the parable from Luke 18:9-14, whose humble manner of prayer was praised by Jesus. Its short form and simple wording make it ideal for meditative prayer.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 2667, highlights the Jesus Prayer, saying that "by it the heart is opened to human wretchedness and the Savior's mercy."

From the John Walsh Library



MacBeth, Sybil **Praying in Color**

"Pray as you can. Not as you cannot," Is the advice given by the 19th-century Catholic priest and theologian John Chapman. For the author, drawing with pen and markers is the way she can pray now. For the visual or kinesthetic learner, a distractible or impatient soul, a word-weary pray-er, or just a person looking for a new way to pray, she hopes you will find this practice helpful. No skill is required. Though she received C's in art in school, she always loved color. So when she creates a prayer list, she first draws a shape on the page and writes the name of a person she wishes to pray for in that shape, and then she adds whatever details and colors she wishes until it feels complete. There are many other ideas in the book for praying with the right side of your brain. Or drawing a "new path to God." (Call No. 248.3-Mac.)



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment Weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

The next WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for October 17-19, 2025 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY.

Register on line at wwme.org. There is a \$100 Application Fee. For more Information contact Mike & Kathy Williams via email, mikeandkathyw@gmail.com or call 872-5432 or 217-3899.

Ministry Schedule for September 27 & 28, 2025

Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Chris Yuskiw Lucy Rynkiewicz
Cantors	Cindy Rutan	Volunteer Needed	Bob Slon
EMHC	Sue Dettman Ellen Oinen	Jack Black DA Hutnick	Gina McNamara Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Corey Volo Jeanne Leo	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
Lectors	Dave Swinson	Volunteer Needed	Kay Vargo
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	DA Hutnick	Laure Barr
Stream Team	John Kosel	Tom Napoli	George Hanley
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Jack Black Paul Fetter	Charlie & Nancy Carson Fred Compertore



Rochester Hope September Wish List

Peanut butter, jelly, cereal, diapers sizes: 3,4,5 & 6, toothpaste, single wrapped toothbrushes, soap & sugar

Please place your donations in the collection box in the Narthex before or after Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations on a regular basis. Thank you for your generosity.

Bishop Matano Presents:
Woman: A Gift of God
A Women's Morning to Give Thanks, bring Hope, & Celebrate Faith



Saturday, October 18
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Where: Parish of the Holy Family
(4100 Lyell Rd. Gates, NY)

Join the Diocese of Rochester for a morning of prayer and reflection with Professor Lisa Lickona, STL! The day will begin with Mass with Bishop Matano, followed by reflection, prayer, fellowship and lunch. Women 18+ are invited to attend.

To learn more and register via QR code or online at stbernards.regfox.com/dor-womens-morning-oct-2025





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