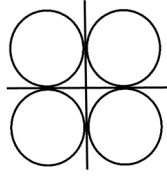


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**September 24, 2023 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

“Summon the laborers  
and give them their pay,  
beginning with the last  
and ending with the first.”  
- Mt 20:1, 8

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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 25**

#### **Weekday**

8:30A Mass

### **Tuesday, September 26**

#### **Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

### **Wednesday, September 27**

#### **St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, September 28**

#### **Weekday**

8:30A Mass

11:00A Chosen Series

### **Friday, September 29**

#### **Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels**

No Mass

### **Saturday, September 30**

#### **St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church**

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

### **Sunday, October 1**

#### **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Coffee & Donut Hour

11:00A Mass-choir sings

12:00P Coffee & Donut Hour



## **Parish Staff**

**Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau

**Deacon:** Mark Robbins

**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21

**Adult Faith Formation Coordinator:**

Katie Van Damme x24

**Business Manager:** Kasey Baker x30

**Director of Faith Formation:** Anselm Mesue x27

**Coordinator of Music:** John Gaspar

**Faith Formation & Liturgy Assistant:** Helen Stirpe x26

**Facilities Manager:** Ben O'Brien x28

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## **Office Hours**

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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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**Emergency Number:** 369-9687

**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org

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## **Financial Snapshot**

	August 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

Bryan Gross

Tom Weisenreder

Mason Serrano

Andrew Zani

Jay Riesenberger

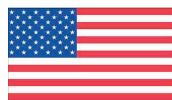
Josh Bartlett

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Michael J. Desiato

Daniel Thomas

Robert Wright



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp  
burns for  
all the  
parishioners of  
St. Paul's*

## Fundraising and Friendraising It's OUR year!



Remember the days of church fish fry's in the parish hall? May day celebrations outside where families would gather and linger? Church dances on Saturday night? Roast Beef dinners, or a beer and a brat after mass on Sunday. Church was both your faith community AND social community. COVID really put a wet blanket on the social aspect at church (and the rest of life).

The Staff, PPC and Finance committee have decided that this year we are going to work on "Raising up" the Spirit at St. Paul's. We met last week to identify and plan some exciting events this year aimed at either Friendraising or Fundraising. Currently we are working on a Panera dinner fundraiser for October, a Pasta dinner in February hosted by our Confirmation classes, and we are going to have a night out at the ball game in June or July.... Who would like to see Father Paul throw out the first pitch?

These events will be great not only for you, our dedicated St. Paul's parishioners BUT also a great opportunity for you to invite family and friends to join us.

Bring your kids and grandkids to the Pasta dinner or invite grandma and grandpa to watch your kids serve them dinner 😊.

Pick up the phone and call that friend that you haven't spoken to "in so long" ... See if they would like to grab dinner at Panera on our night... All you have to do is say "St. Paul's" when you order and we receive 15% of your bill.

I'm excited about this year and I hope you are too!

Let's raise up St. Paul's!

*Kasey*

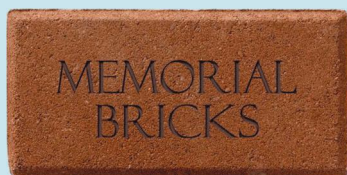
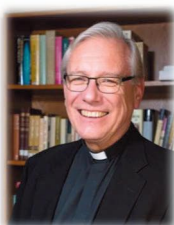


## Eucharistic REVIVAL

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Have you ever wondered why Mass is arranged in its specific order? Why does the liturgy of the Eucharist follow the liturgy of the word? Which readings are read for the first, second, and gospel reading? Why do we bow, stand, and sit at different times throughout the mass? On Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we welcome Fr. Bob Kennedy to St. Paul's Church as part of year two of the Eucharistic Revival. Fr. Kennedy will answer these questions and more in his presentation on *The Structure of the Mass*.



Honor a loved one, memorialize the special people in your life, or simply list your family name! Our memorial walk is located next to the flagpole at the front of the church. The funds raised through this campaign will be use toward Capital Projects for the parish.

Forms are available on the bulletin board across from the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Kasey at 671-2100 x30 or [kasey.baker@dor.org](mailto:kasey.baker@dor.org).



All are welcome to join the Adult Faith formation program on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in room 7 & 8 for episode one, season two of *The Chosen*. This episode is entitled *Thunder*. Join us as we watch Jesus and his disciples work with the people of Samaria following his encounter with the woman at the well.

## Happy Birthday To You!

Would you like a special blessing for your birthday? St. Paul's has you covered! Every first weekend of the month, Fr. Paul will give a special blessing to all of our birthday parishioners followed by the congregation singing Happy Birthday. We will begin "Birthday Blessing Weekend" for those born in the month of October, during all Masses on the weekend of September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope you will join us in celebrating.

## Homebound Ministry

St. Paul's has a growing list of parishioners that are homebound. We are looking for assistance serving those who are unable to attend Mass in person yet are still a vital part of our community. The Homebound Ministry program allows our parishioners to enjoy one-on-one prayer, Eucharist, and fellowship time together. Time and commitment are based on your schedule. If you are interested in learning more about the Homebound Ministry program please contact Katie after Mass or at the parish office at 671-2100 x 24.



Dear St. Paul's Church,  
Thank you for your donation of school supplies for our recent Back to School Event. It was a huge success and many families were helped with getting much needed supplies for this school year.

We are grateful for your ongoing support,  
Webster Hope Ministry

## Join Us Again Next Weekend for Coffee & Donut Hour

**Sunday, October 1**

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



## St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Dear editor: "What is the history between good angels and bad angels? Are some angels higher than others?"**

Angels are spiritual, non-corporeal beings. They are servants and messengers of God. According to St Augustine, angel is the name of their office and not their nature. They are referred to as angels by what they do and not by who they are. By nature, they are 'spirit.' Like humans, angels have intelligence and will. However, they are immortal. Angels have been present since creation and throughout the history of salvation.

There are good and bad (fallen) angels. Scripture calls the leader of the fallen angels 'Satan' or the 'devil.' The fallen angels were created good by God. However, through their own doing, they became bad. These fallen angels, using their free will, radically and completely rejected God. Of all angels, the most wonderful for God's glory was Lucifer which mean 'bearer of light.' Instead of blessing God, Lucifer became very proud of himself and began to think of himself as God. He refused to obey God and had other angels to join him, and he led a revolt against God. The Book of the Apocalypse tells us that 'War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon' (Rev 12:7). The First Letter of John describes the devil as having 'sinned from the beginning' (1 Jn 3:8). In the Gospel of John, Jesus refers to the devil as 'a murderer from the beginning and the father of lies.' There is no repentance for these bad angels after their fall.

The good angels on the other hand, have remained faithful to God. They continue to serve God and act as messengers. These good angels work together for the benefit of us all. The Church broadly celebrates two kinds of (good) angels: Archangels and Guardian angels. The Archangels are known by the names Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Their feast day is September 29. These are the only angels named in Sacred Scripture and all three have important roles in the history of Salvation. Michael is the leader of the angels and the leader of the army of God. Combatting Satan, the leader of the fallen angels, is one of his main responsibilities. St Michael is invoked for protection especially against enemies. After Lucifer's rebellion against God, Angel Michael called the good angles to join him against Lucifer and his wicked angels and a great battle took place. Michael and his good angels drove Lucifer and the wicked ones into hell. Archangel Gabriel is mentioned both in the Old and New Testaments. Gabriel is the angel who announced both the births of John the Baptist and of Jesus. Archangel Raphael appears by name only in the Book of Tobit. Raphael's name means 'God heals.' St Raphael is the patron saint of travelers, bodily ills, nurses, physicians, medical workers.

The Guardian angels are those given charge of humans. They guard and protect us and inspire us with good thoughts. Our Guardian angels are always near us. Each of us has a Guardian angel into whose care God gave us, because God loves us so much. Their feast day is October 2.

## From the John Walsh Library

### Rolheiser, Ronald Forgotten Among the Lilies

#### (Learning to Love Beyond Our Fears)

The author contends that we go through our days too preoccupied, too compulsive, too driven, and too dissatisfied to be able to be really present to and to celebrate our own lives. Somehow, we seem to be missing out on appreciating the life we actually live. We live in fear of loss; we live in guilt about things we have done or have not done. We seem to be filled with longing and hopeless aching. Father Rolheiser offers down-to-earth guidance for leaving our fears, anxieties, and guilt "forgotten among the lilies." Ordinary life is enough. Significance comes from being loved by God, not from what we can achieve. "Reality may not be all it is cracked up to be, but it is still the only place you can get a decent steak." -Woody Allen. (Call No. 248-ROL).



For all priests and especially Fr. Paul who was ordained to serve our Church, that his ministry by be fruitful and appreciated by the people whom he serves, *we pray to the Lord....* Lord hear our prayer.

### 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.

## Ministry Schedule for September 30 & October 1, 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>	Cindy Rutan	Bob Slon	Bonnie Serio
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue Dettman Christine Grant	Jack Black Mary Beth Speicher	Nancy Willard Karen Napoli
<b>Greeters</b>	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Ellen Santora Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Irene Dragt	Jane Adams	Laure Barr
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Charlie Carson Fred Compertore



### 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.

### St. Paul's Fall Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

**Friday, October 13**  
**4:00 to 6:00 PM**  
(or until sold out)

\$15 per dinner, cash or check only  
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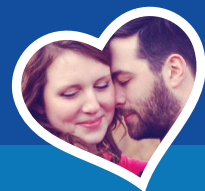
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