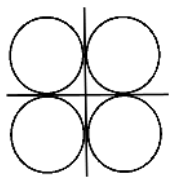


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

September 28, 2025 Twenty-Sixth 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.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My child, remember that
you received what was good
during your lifetime while
Lazarus likewise received
what was bad." - Lk 16:25

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

8:30A Mass

11:00A Book Club

Tuesday, September 30***St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church***

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

6:30P Bible Study

Wednesday, October 1***St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church***

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00P Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2***The Holy Guardian Angels***

8:30A Mass

Friday, October 3***Weekday***

No Mass

8:30A Vac Pac

Saturday, October 4***St. Francis of Assisi*****Birthday Blessing during Mass**

10:00A Prayer Shawl

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

Sunday, October 5***27th Sunday in Ordinary Time******Priesthood Sunday******Respect Life Sunday******World Communication Sunday*****Birthday Blessing during****Masses**

9:00A Mass

10:00A SOR classes

10:00A Coffee & Donut hr.

11:00A Mass

12:00P Coffee & Donut hr.

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	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

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Andrew Zani

Robert Wright

Jay Riesenberger



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
Richard Vogler
From
Greg & Cindy Wise*

Seeds for the Journey

The Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

Today's Gospel reading is from the gospel of Luke, which focuses on the rich man and Lazarus. Today's gospel reading challenges us with this key question: shall we follow the example of the rich man or heed Jesus's teaching and that of the Old Testament about caring for the needy around us or in our community be recognized as 'children of Abraham?' The rich man went to hell not because of what he did to the poor man Lazarus, but because he ignored him. He failed to recognize the needy Lazarus, covered with sores, who fed from the scraps from the rich man's table. His failure to care for Lazarus was not in accord with the teaching of the Hebrew Scriptures and with Jesus's teaching. Luke is exhorting his readers to help the Lazaruses in their midst.

Today's gospel reading is typical of Luke. Luke wrote for Gentile converts to Christianity. His Gospel emphasizes the universality of Jesus' message, showing compassion for all people. It highlights Jesus's concern for women, for outcasts (such as Samaritans, lepers, demoniacs), and for the poor. Today's pericope emphasizes the latter: Luke's focus on the poor. Jesus is concerned about the poor in our midst; about the suffering; Jesus has special love for the poor and suffering. In his earthly ministry, Jesus responded to the basic needs of the people, often within the context of food. The Church calls on us to have compassion and commitment to poor like Jesus did. Over time, the Church has come to refer to this compassion and commitment to the poor as the preferential option for the poor and vulnerable. This preferential option for the poor is one of the seven Catholic Social Teaching principles. The word 'option' here does not mean optional but rather that we are to choose sides that favor the poor. It is a mandate of the Gospel and the Christian faith. Simply put, because God favors the poor, God's people must do the same. The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph 1926 teaches that "everyone should be concerned to create and support institutions that improve the conditions of human life." We are called to favor the ones who need our compassion and commitment. What does it mean to have special love for the poor?

- We cannot love immoderately or selfishly use riches and wealth.
- We must put into practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.
- We must speak up for those who have no one to speak for them. We must defend the defenseless, those whom the Bible calls "the poor."
- We must evaluate lifestyle, policies and social institutions in terms of how they affect the poor.
- We must help people experience God's saving love so that they may respond to the gospel in freedom and integrity.

Last Sunday we celebrated Catechetical Sunday at St Paul's. 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. Our parish catechists and religious education teachers were blessed and commissioned to the great task of helping the kids in our faith formation programs in our Church. Let us continue to pray for the kids in our faith programs so that they embrace the gospel message and be friends of Jesus.

Anselm



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

St. Paul's Church is Turning 60!

St. Paul's 60th Anniversary 2027 Organizing Committee needs your help! Margie Richardson and Kevin Olifiers are the co-chairs. We are looking for committee members to join them in planning a 60th anniversary that we will never forget!

If you are interested and have some important ideas and information that you would like to share, please contact Margie and Kevin via email at:

margierichardson10@gmail.com or
kevinolifiers5@gmail.com.

St. Paul's 2nd Annual America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally



WHEN: Saturday, October 11th

TIME: 12 Noon

WHERE: Entrance by Church sign

WHY: To pray for the conversion of our great nation, asking God to save America through the rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Also to honor the apparition of Our Lady and the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima in October of 1917 and her request to say the rosary.

WHAT TO BRING: Jacket, lawn chair and rosary. We will provide a rosary for you if you do not have one.

Youth are also invited.

St. Paul's



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

JOIN THE FUN:

- 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 for fellowship with friends

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.

COMING SOON



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Coffee & Donut Hour
Sunday, October 5
after the
9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses

Knights of Columbus 14th Annual: "Coats for Kids" & "Sneakers for Children" Fund Drive

This month K of C Trinity Council #4618 has kicked off the 14th Annual Fund Drive for "Coats for Kids" amongst their membership. This annual fund drive to support "Coats for Kids" runs September, October and the first two weeks of November.

Since 2012, the Webster Knights of Columbus have run this fund drive each fall and have purchased a total of 4104 **NEW** winter coats over 13 years. These coats are distributed through many charitable organizations, schools, and churches, (30 in 2024) to children in need throughout Monroe & Wayne Counties, just in time for cold weather. With the many donations received, the Knights have been able to support "Sneakers for Children" in the spring and gave away 288 New pairs of sneakers to some of the same organizations and charities they serviced the past two years.

Each coat is purchased new, at a cost of \$25.00 and sneakers at a cost of \$21.00. If you would like to help us, Trinity Council is asking for your most generous donation, by making a check payable to **Knights of Columbus #4618** and sending it to:

"Coats for Kids"
C/O J.S. Coon, Chairman
230 champion Ave.
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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

From the John Walsh Library

Schaef, Anne Wilson

Meditations for Women Who Do Too

Many women do too much, keep too busy, spend all their time taking care of others, and, in general, do not take care of themselves. Some have even crossed over the line to compulsive, addictive behavior, and need to make some major changes in their lives. The meditations in this book do not tell women what to do or how they should exist. They are meant to persuade women to think about positive changes that could add quality and vitality to their lives while still accomplishing much good. There is a passage for each day of the year. (Kept brief because these women are already busy!). Each entry begins with a quote, followed by a meditation on it, and ending with a few words for the day. "She who rides a tiger is afraid to dismount."

(Call No. 242.643-SCH.)

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



Ministry Schedule for October 4 & 5, 2025

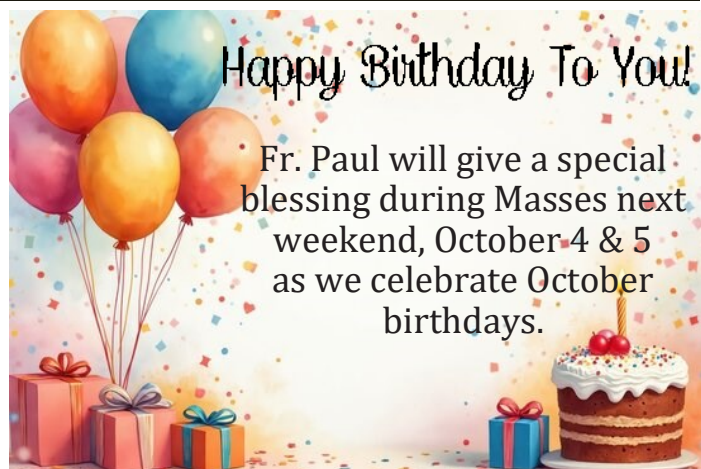
Due to the bulletin being sent to press early, some ministry schedules have not been completed yet. If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to let them know your availability.

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
Cantors	TBD	TBD	TBD
EMHC	Cindy Ottina Volunteer Needed	Jack Black Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Gene Swain	Ebertz family	Anne LaClair Jean Van Apeldoorn
Lectors	TBD	TBD	TBD
Linens	Margie Cress No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	TBD	TBD	TBD
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Lou Rotundo	Tom Napoli
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Don Black Jack Black	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed

Pray for Vocations

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest, call forth vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our parishes. Inspire men to imitate Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest in sacrificial service to Your Church. Move the hearts of men and women to offer themselves wholly to You in poverty, chastity, and obedience. Send them as labors for Your harvest. Inspire the faithful to support them with prayer and sacrifice. Raise up holy families who foster openness to Your call. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Mary Immaculate, pray for us.
St. John Fisher, pray for us.
St. John Vianney, pray for us.



Rochester Hope September Wish List

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

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