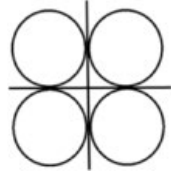


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

**September 3, 2023 Twenty-Second 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.



## 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the Son of Man  
will come with his angels  
in his Father's glory,  
and then he will repay all  
according to his conduct."  
- Mt 16:26-27

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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 4

#### Weekday

#### **Labor Day**

#### **Parish Office Closed**

8:30A Mass

### Tuesday, September 5

#### Weekday

8:30A Mass with anointing

12:00P Rosary Group

### Wednesday, September 6

#### Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Thursday, September 7

#### Weekday

8:30A Mass

9:15A Coffee & Catholicism

### Friday, September 8

#### ***The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

No Mass

### Saturday, September 9

#### ***St. Peter Claver, Priest***

2:00P Confession

4:00P Mass

### Sunday, September 10

#### ***23st Sunday in Ordinary Time***

9:00A Mass

11:00A Mass



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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	
Collections	\$31,104	
Donations/ other revenue	\$1,153	
Expenses	\$55,153	
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(22,896)	

## Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

Bryan Gross

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

Michael J. Desiato

Mason Serrano

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Andrew Zani

Robert Wright

Jay Riesenberger



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns in  
thanksgiving for the  
healing of  
Jaqueline McGeown  
From  
Anne Marie & Dan*

## Seeds for the Journey

These questions are so often asked: "Why suffering? Why the Cross?" Why did Jesus become a man of Sorrows who suffered death on the cross? His suffering and death remain a mystery, but it produces life. Jesus said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit" (Jn 12:24). A mother undergoes the pains of childbirth to bring about new life. Jesus' suffering and death makes resurrection and eternal life possible for us. But we must accept to share in his suffering by dying to self. Jesus was very clear about this, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross and follow in my footsteps."



We place crosses or crucifixes around our necks, on the walls of our homes, and above the sanctuary of every church. But we can get so used to seeing these crucifixes that they lose the impact on our faith and salvation. This month we have two Feast days to help us reflect on the suffering and the cross. September 14th is The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This Feast commemorate the discovery of the Lord's real cross by the empress, St. Helena through a healing miracle in 320. Mary, the Sorrowful Mother shared Jesus suffering. John 19:25 says, "Standing by the cross of Jesus were His mother and His mother's sister, Mary of Clopas, and Mary Magdala." Hence on September 15, we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

There are Seven Sorrows of Our Lady taken from the Scripture events: The prophecy of Simon (Lk 2:34-35); The flight into Egypt (Mt 2:13-21); The loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41-50); The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross (Jn 19:17, Lk 23:27); The Crucifixion of Jesus (Jn 19:18-30); The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross (Jn 19:39-40); The Burial of Jesus (Jn 19:39-42). Mary promised through St. Bridget that those who meditate on these Seven Sorrows and prayed Hail Mary seven times:

*"I will grant peace to their families; they will be enlightened about the divine mysteries; I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work; I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls; I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives; I will visibly help them at the moment of their death; they will see the face of their mother; I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and sorrows, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy."*

September 8 is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. What birthday gift will you give her?

Fr. Paul



### Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year,  
We pray that You will keep them in Your care.

Send Your Spirit to open their minds  
to all that is true, beautiful and good.

Help them to see the gifts and talents  
You have given them and to use them well.  
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Help them to be kind to others  
and lead others to be kind to them.

Give their teachers patience  
and understanding  
and help them teach what is just and true.  
Send Your angels to guide and guard our  
children and to keep them from all harm.  
Open their young hearts to Your presence  
and enfold them in Your peace  
and protection.

Hold them in the palm of Your hand  
and bring them home safely at day's end.

Amen.

### Do You Have One of St. Paul's Pyx?

As we don't mind lending out our Pyx for you to bring Communion to your loved ones, we do ask that after each use you bring it back to church. If you do happen to have one of our Pyx, would you please return it as soon as possible to the sacristy drawer? Thank you!

### Save the Date

St. Paul's Church

Fall Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Friday, October 13

4:00-6:00 p.m. (or until sold out)

### Coffee & Catholicism

Coffee and Catholicism will meet the first Thursday of the month at 9:15 AM in room 7 & 8. September 7<sup>th</sup> will be the first meeting where we'll discuss *The Internet, Technology, and our Faith*. Learn about the good, the bad, and the sneaky ways that the use of technology can distract us from our Catholic faith.

### School of Religion SOR 2023-2024

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

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

#### St. Paul's Book Club

The Library Ministry also supports the St. Paul's Book Club. We meet every 2-3 months in the John Walsh Library to discuss a book and select our next reading. Of particular interest is what we have been utilizing the book club bags of the Webster Public Library, which provides 8 copies of a book and well-written discussion guides for no charge. The selection of fiction as well as non-fiction books, allow us to reflect upon the story as well as moral implications.

If you are a book lover and would like to discuss books, storylines, character, etc. with others, please contact Sue Muto at:

[smuto1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:smuto1@rochester.rr.com)



## September 4, 2023

Weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Parish Office Closed

## St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Dear editor, why do we celebrate the Eucharist? What does the Eucharist celebrate?**

Dear reader, thank you for your question. The church celebrates the Eucharist because of Jesus' command to repeat his words and actions 'until he comes.'

At the Last Supper, after the breaking of the bread and the distribution of the cup, Jesus asked the apostles to 'do this in memory of me.'

The church has been faithful to the Lord's command from the beginning. The Book of Acts of the Apostles reports that the early Christian community celebrated the Eucharist (Acts 2:42, 46).

When we celebrate the Eucharist,

**We remember love that was shared, life poured out.** Christ died on the cross for love of us. God loves us so much that God sent God's only Son. Christ died for our salvation.

**The Eucharist celebrates the Ritual Meal** Christ celebrated with the Apostles. The Eucharist was celebrated in the context of the Jewish Passover.

**The Eucharist is a re-enactment of the Calvary sacrifice.** Christ sacrificed himself for our salvation. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we re-live in an unbloody manner, Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

**The Real Presence of Christ.** The Church teaches that Christ is fully, wholly, really, substantially present in the Eucharistic species of bread and wine. After consecration, it is no longer bread and wine but Christ's Body and Blood, whole and entire. We refer to this as Transubstantiation. The substance changes but the accidents remain.

**The challenge of the Eucharist: Be the Body of Christ.** After receiving the Eucharist, we all are challenged to be Christ to the world. We are to be the Body of Christ wherever we find ourselves. The Church is the Body of Christ. Without the Eucharist, there is no Church. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we celebrate the Church as Christ's Body. We celebrate our parish community where we treat each other with love, kindness, forgiveness, respect.

If you have any doctrinal or faith-based questions you would like included in the bulletin, kindly email your questions to either Jodie Hickey at [jodie.hickey@dor.org](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org) or Anselm Mesue at [anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anselm.mesue@dor.org).

## From the John Walsh Library

**Chittister, Joan**

**We Are All One**

**(Reflections on Unity, Community, & Commitment to Each Other)**

Life is one long game of push and pull. One part of us pushes us toward a sense of connection with the universe and with the human community. The other part of us, however, pulls us back into ourselves. In this small book, Sister Joan, an internationally known author and visionary voice, offers meditations filled with wisdom from spiritual leaders who have inspired her. From the words of Dalai Lama to Dorothy Day to Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, we are gently led to a simple but profound truth: "We are all one." "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy yourself, practice compassion." – Dalai Lama. (Call No. 242-CHI)

## 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](http://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 9 & 10, 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>	TBD TBD	TBD TBD	TBD TBD
<b>Cantors</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD
<b>EMHC</b>	Dennis Olbrich Kathy Olbrich	Margaret Milner TBD	Nancy Willard Karen Napoli
<b>Greeters</b>	Theresa Augsburg Diana Kemp	Jeanne Leo Pat Amedeo	Ann Hauber Ellen Santora
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Robbins	Jack Black	Gene Mancuso
<b>Linens</b>	Karen Napoli (No specific time for pick up)		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Irene Dragt	Turner family	Sharyn LiPari
<b>Stream Team</b>	Rod Campbell	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## WE NEED YOU

Have you been looking for a ministry that would allow you to share your faith and help guide children in their Catholic faith formation? St. Paul's School of Religion (SOR) is in need of Catechists (a person of faith who leads others in understanding the faith teachings). Sunday classes are from 10:00-11:00 a.m., September 2023 through May 2024. No experience required. Full support provided with materials and teaching guides. Prayerfully consider joining this ministry to help continue the desire of children to learn about The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Anselm or Helen at: [anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anselm.mesue@dor.org) or [helen.stirpe@dor.org](mailto:helen.stirpe@dor.org)



Did you know that there are rosary beads available near the statue of Mary for use while in the worship space? If you attend Adoration or you would like to say the rosary before Mass, please feel free to borrow one of our rosaries. We just ask that you kindly return them when finished.



## 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  
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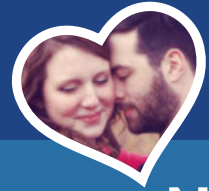
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