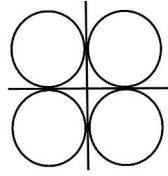


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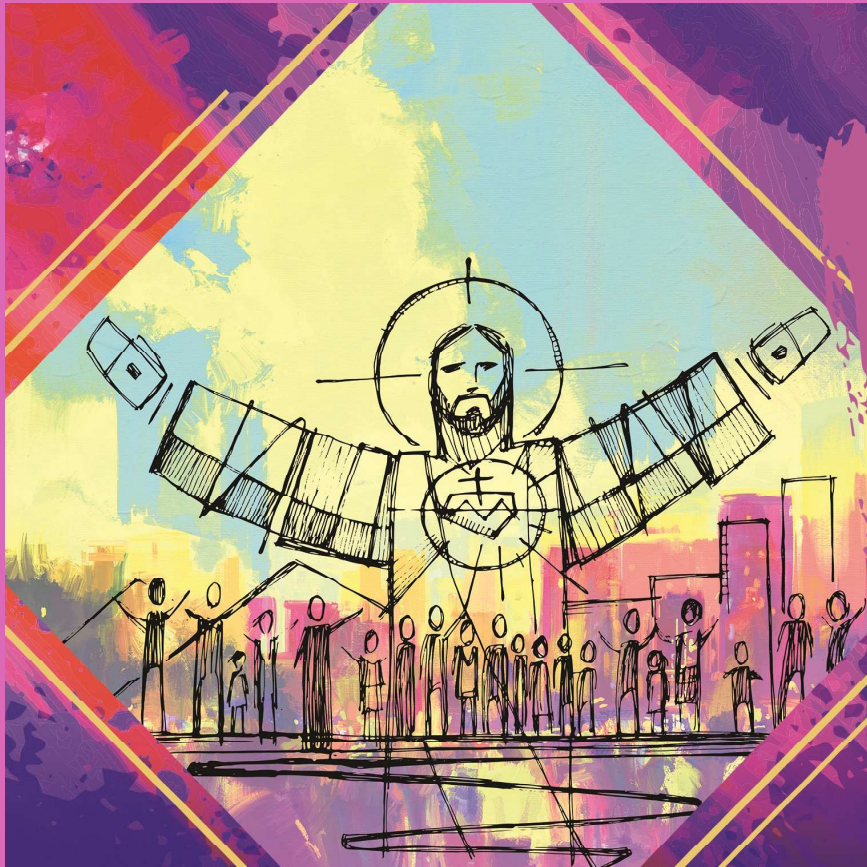


783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

September 6, 2026 Twenty-Third 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.



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For where two or three
are gathered together in
my name, there am I
in the midst of them."
- Mt 18:19-20

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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 7****Weekday****Labor Day****Parish office Closed****8:30A Mass****Tuesday, September 8*****The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*****8:30A Mass with anointing****11:00A Staff mtg.****12:00P Rosary Group****6:00P Bible Study****Wednesday, September 9*****St. Peter Claver, Priest*****8:30A Mass****9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament****7:00P Choir Rehearsal****7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.****Thursday, September 10****Weekday****8:30A Mass****9:00A Vac Pac****6:00P Building & Grounds Mtg.****Friday, September 11****Weekday****No Mass****Saturday, September 12****Weekday****Teacher & Student Blessing during Mass****2:00P Confession****4:00P Mass****Sunday, September 13*****24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*****Teacher & Student Blessing during all Masses****9:00A Mass****10:00A SOR Catechist mtg.****11:00A Mass****Parish Staff****Pastor:** Fr. Paul Gitau**Deacon:** Mark Robbins**Administrative Asst.:** Jodie Hickey x21**Director of Faith Formation:** Anselm Mesue x27**Coordinator of Music:** John Gaspar**Faith Formation & Liturgy Assistant:** Helen Stirpe x26**Funeral Planning:** Bonnie Serio**Facilities Manager:** Ben O'Brien x28**Finance Office:****Finance Council Chair:** Jack Black**Parish Council Chair:** Patrice DeAngelis**Parish Trustees:** Forest Shick & Patrice DeAngelis

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	July 2026	
Collections	\$53,253	
Donations/ other revenue	\$6,250	
Expenses	\$58,670	
Operating surplus/deficit	\$823	

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman

Josh Bartlett

PJ Lajoie

Cydney Blong

Tom Weisenreder

Michael J. Desiato

Mason Serrano

Daniel Thomas

Andrew Zani

Robert Wright

Jay Riesenberger

Angelina Price

Christina Vozzo

Zach Bartlett



**This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns
for
Tammy Serio-Miller
from
Vic, Carol & Zoe**

I Will Never Forget You" (cf. Isaiah 49:5)

Recently I spoke to a dear friend of mine. She confessed that she was planning to go to her hair salon to have her beautiful white hair colored a darker shade. I was surprised because she has always loved her appearance. "Why?" I asked, "Your hair looks lovely."

"To look younger," she replied,... "because I am tired of being patronized and treated like I have nothing to offer. Her comment saddened me and brought me back to time when I was much younger.

I had a very long day of work after conducting an open house at a newly renovated parish library and was impatient to go home. An elderly parishioner came in and began to chat, asking me questions, and provided suggestions. Admittedly, I was dismissive and rather condescending towards her as I led her to the door. As I was cleaning up, a gentleman walked up to me. "I don't think you have any idea of the wisdom and knowledge of the woman to whom you were speaking," he said.

He, her husband was correct; I hadn't given her my attention or realized the value of her expertise and ideas. In future months, I got to know and love this woman, who indeed offered a wealth of experience and assistance. She became a precious mentor.

Our parish is truly blessed with a growing population of elders. They are prayerful, wise, always learning, contributing and share their gifts. Some are married, some are single, some have lost their spouse, some are grandparents, some live apart from family members.

Look around St. Paul's. The call to be community has drawn many older adults to find satisfaction in serving the church in almost every area. They serve as Acolytes, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Parish Council Members. They are Ministers of Holy Communion, Visitors of the Homebound. They are working in our beautiful gardens, serving funeral luncheons in the hall, comforting families at funerals, cleaning the worship space, singing in the choir, teaching children and youth. When asked why a volunteer was so generous with time and effort, "I do it for God...St. Paul's is my home." was the reply.

Those acts of service reflect their deeper belief in our Catholic faith and love for Christ and the Blessed Mother. Their presence at weekly liturgies, daily Mass, rosary, bible study, etc., are an inspiration to young families and youth and all present.

As Pope Saint. John Paul II wrote in 1988: Arriving at an older age is to be considered a privilege: not simply because not everyone has the good fortune to reach this stage in life, but also, and above all, because this period provides real possibilities for better evaluating the past, for knowing and living more deeply the Paschal Mystery, for becoming an example in the Church for the whole people of God.

The first weekend after Labor Day (September 12 and 13) will celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the elderly to coincide with National Grandparents (and the elderly) Day in the United States. **The theme for the 2026 celebration selected by the pope is "I will never forget you" (cf. Isaiah 49:5).** The theme reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the facilities of old age.

Prayer to Holy Grandparents and Elders

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of our grandparents and older adults. Thank You for the wisdom, grace, and endless love they share with their families and friends. Surround them with your persistent care, grant them strength for each day, and fill their hearts with deep joy and peace. As they age, let them feel the warmth of Your unwavering presence and know how deeply cherished they are by us and by You. Amen."

Bonnie

Restock the Backpack Shelves!



School will be back in session before you know it and Good Sam Outreach would like to help restock the Backpack donation shelves. Last year they distributed 3,293 bags of food over 36 weeks to our 7 Webster elementary schools. The items in the bags vary from 5 to 8 and they also provide snack boxes to the schools. Thanks to donations collected by churches like ours, local organizations and individuals the value of food distributed was over \$12,000!

We will collect donations from:
September 19 through 27.

Suggested donations include:

- * Peanut Butter & Jelly (plastic jars)
- * Canned fruit, soups, pastas (ravioli)
- * Spaghetti sauce and pasta
- * Granola bars
- * Small snack bags (Goldfish, pretzels, crackers, etc.)
- * Instant Oatmeal & small cereal boxes
- * Mac & Cheese
- * Tuna fish

Thanks in advance for any help you are able to give!!!



If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected — the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

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Prayer for Labor Day

Dear Lord,

Bless and protect the men and women whose hard work provides food and shelter to them and their families, services to our communities, and care to our world. Be with them as they work, but also as they rest and recreate in Your care.

Amen!

Grief Support Group



St. Paul's is blessed to have a wonderful bereavement support group. "Together in Grief" meets on the third Thursday of each month. Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one is invited to attend our next meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Music Room. All are welcome.



**Fr. Paul will celebrate daily Mass at
8:30 a.m.**



St. Paul's Men's Retreat



Join us on the weekend of September 18-20 at Note Dame Retreat House for St. Paul's Annual Men's Retreat. Both a description of who we are and a call to become who God created us to be, "Holy and Beloved" is a retreat to inspire our desire for continued growth in holiness. Following the examples of holy men and women, we seek to clothe ourselves in those qualities that embody a life of virtue. If you are unable to attend on this date Note Dame Retreat House offers is also offering Men to join the October 16-18 retreat. If you would like more information or to register, please contact St. Paul's Representative, Dan Milner by calling 208-6631.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 \$75 per child, \$150 for 2 children and \$185 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. Registration forms are on the bulletin board next to the music room. For more information, kindly contact Helen or Anselm:

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Rochester Hope September Wish List

Cereal	Toothpaste
Canned meat or fish	Bar soap
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Peanut butter	Diapers (size: 4, 5 & 6)
Jelly	Baby wipes
Sugar	Can openers
Single wrapped tooth-brushes	

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.

Ministry Schedule for September 12 & 13, 2026

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 Ava Pumputis
Cantors	Cindy Rutan	Elizabeth Randisi	Bob Slon
EMHC	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Margaret Milner Volunteer Needed	Sue Dettman Cindy Ottina
Greeters	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Lucille Friscano Barb Rehberg	Jean Van Apeldoorn Anne LaClair
Lectors	Margie Richardson	Crissy Picca	Jann Armantrout
Linens	No linen pick up this week		
Sacristans	Sue Dettman	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Laure Barr
Stream Team	John Kosel	Lou Rotundo	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Bill Green Alice Bower	Paul Fetter Herb Gauch	Charlie & Nancy Carson Volunteer Needed

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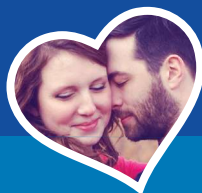
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