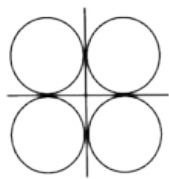


# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York 14580

**September 7, 2025 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

"Anyone of you who  
does not renounce all his  
possessions cannot  
be my disciple."  
- Lk 14:33

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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 8**  
**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:30A Mass

**Tuesday, September 9**  
**St. Peter Claver, Priest**  
 8:30A Mass with anointing  
 11:00A Staff mtg.  
 12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, September 10**  
**Weekday**  
 8:30A Mass  
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 7:00P Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.

**Thursday, September 11**  
**Weekday**  
**Patriot Day**   
 8:30A Mass

**Friday, September 12**  
**Weekday**  
**St. Paul's Men's Retreat @ Notre Dame Retreat House**  
 No Mass  
 8:30A Vac Pac

**Saturday, September 13**  
**St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
**St. Paul's Men's Retreat @ Notre Dame Retreat House**  
 2:00P Confession  
 4:00P Mass

**Sunday, September 14**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
**St. Paul's Men's Retreat @ Notre Dame Retreat House**  
 9:00A Mass-choir sings  
 11:00A Mass



### Parish Staff

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### Parish Office Hours

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**Emergency Number:** 369-9687  
**Website:** www.stpaulsrcc.org  
**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



### Financial Snapshot

	July 2025	
Collections	\$34,300	\$
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,100	\$
Expenses	\$49,400	\$
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(13,000)	\$

### 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  
 Diane Galeazzo  
 From  
 The Driscoll family*

# Seeds for the Journey

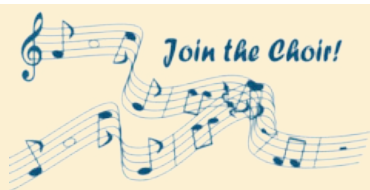
## Faith Formation for students is Necessary!

Dear parishioners, the school year has just begun. Students and teachers have returned to school after a long summer break. School halls are now filled with excitement, students have moved on to new classes, some have moved on to different schools, and we are officially into the very busy Fall sports season. Here at St Paul's, we are also getting ready to welcome our faith formation students. This year, we shall introduce a family-style catechesis to add to our already existing classroom model. The faith formation program shall partner with the choir to perform a *Lessons and Carols* in the month of December. Of course, we look forward to our annual parish pasta dinner organized by the Confirmation families and the wonderful Knights of Columbus. We also look forward to the Lenten Soup Dinners and Stations of the Cross to be led by the Confirmation students. We also have this year, some candidates from the senior class who are potential recipients of the Hands of Christ Award. We look forward to celebrating with them. More importantly, our goal is to help those in the faith formation programs be good friends with Jesus.

In his January 2025 Column for the Courier, ***Knowing Christ in the Eucharist Brings us Hope***, Bishop Matano emphasized the importance of parish religious education programs, which according to him, "make a great contribution to the religious formation of our children and young adults, especially in places where there are no local Catholic schools or, even more sadly, in places where Catholic schools have had to close due to significantly declining enrollments." It is the hope of the bishop and also ours, that our parents and the greater St Paul's parish community will cooperate fully with our faith formation education programs here at St Paul's. We are extremely grateful to our School of Religion teachers who have generously offered their time to help teach about Jesus to the very young parishioners of our parish. As Bishop Matano indicated in the afore mentioned article, "these faith-filled teachers know and believe that the very best is to know the Savior born at Bethlehem, who alone could open for us the possibility of eternal life through His passion, death and resurrection." It is important to note that if the goal of our faith formation programs and religion classes at the Catholic schools is **to lead our children to know, love and serve Jesus Christ in this life and unto eternity**, it is important that parents and students in faith formation make attending Holy Mass every week a priority, for the Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian life and mission. There is no better way of developing a close relationship with Jesus than the worthy reception of the Eucharist. Bishop Matano further insisted: **"our children need Jesus; our children need to know His message; our children need to know in Him we find hope even in the most desperate of situations.** Our children need a moral compass to direct their lives, and that compass is Christ the Lord — the Way, the Truth and the Life! This relationship with Jesus should begin at the earliest age of childhood so that religious practice becomes as natural as the breath we take; it is constant and essential to life!" I wish to encourage every member of the parish who has a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, great grand child at home who does not attend Catholic school and is not part of our School of Religion to encourage that child and if possible, help him or her register and be an active member of not just our faith formation program but an active member of our parish family.

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about discipleship. According to Jesus in Luke's Gospel, Jesus' disciple is one who carries their cross and follows Jesus. Jesus invites us to resolute and committed to our Christian faith. Let pray for the grace to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

Anselm



The St. Paul's Church Choir provides support for congregational singing as well as music for meditation. Our repertoire ranges from Latin chant to contemporary styles of music. The Choir sings at the weekend Masses on a rotating basis, i.e., the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass one week, the Mass at 9:00 a.m. the following Sunday and the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass the week after that. The Choir also sings at a Christmas Eve Mass and at Holy Week Liturgies.

This year the Choir will present A Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m. This program includes music provided by the Choir, congregational singing and Scripture readings which will be proclaimed by parish youth. Our Choir will also participate in the Webster Festival of Choirs on Sun., Nov. 2 at 2:00 p.m.

The "Choir Season" runs from September through June. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., as well as 30 minutes prior to whatever liturgies at which it is singing. While there are no auditions, members have to sing on pitch in the group and follow directions. While some of our singers have prior musical training, some do not. The Coordinator of Music is happy to provide additional resources (recordings) to help singers learn their choir pieces. Singers who are 18 years and older are welcome to join the Choir.

Our first rehearsal of the season will be on Wednesday, September 10 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Music Room.

St. Paul's Choir has a long tradition of excellence and is always seeking additional singers. We welcome new members for a short or long term commitment. Please contact our Coordinator of Music John Gaspar for more information via email: [john.gaspar@dor.org](mailto:john.gaspar@dor.org)

### Together in Grief

If you have experienced the death of a loved one, The "Together in Grief" meetings will resume on the third Thursday of each month beginning on September 18th at 11:00 a.m. in the music room. All are welcome.

### St. Paul's Men's Retreat Weekend



Join us on the weekend of September 12-14 at Note Dame Retreat House for St. Paul's Annual Men's Retreat. The theme for this year is "Walking in Friendship with God: Pilgrims of Hope" Take time to rest, reflect, and deepen your relationship with the Lord in the company of others on the journey. If you are unable to attend on this date Note Dame Retreat House offers is also offering Men to join the October 24-26 retreat. If you would like more information or to register, please contact St. Paul's Representative, Dan Milner by calling 208-6631.

### Register Now!

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:

[helen.stirpe@dor.org](mailto:helen.stirpe@dor.org)  
[anselm.mesue@dor.org](mailto:anselm.mesue@dor.org)



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](mailto:anslem.mesue@dor.org)

## Blessing for the Fallen of 9-11



*God of mercy,  
in your word of Scripture, you instruct us to  
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."*

*Give us today the courage to assist those around us  
who may need our assistance.*

*Give us patience when we become impatient.*

*Remind us to pray for all those who perished on  
United Airlines 93, American Airlines 11,  
United Airlines 175, American Airlines 77,  
and those in the Twin Towers and Pentagon.*

*Give us a heart  
thankful for those who gave their lives  
as first responders, as did the men and women  
who ran into danger to be of aid.*

*We ask all this in the name of the One  
who first responded to our need for a savior,  
Jesus the Christ.  
Amen!*



## From the John Walsh Library



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**Stark, Rodney**

### **The Rise of Christianity**

How did a tiny and obscure messianic movement from the edge of the Roman Empire dislodge classical paganism and become the dominant faith of Western Civilization? The author, the co-director of the Institute for the Studies of Religion at Baylor University traces the explosive growth of Christianity from an estimated 1,000 members in the year 40 to nearly 34 million in the year 350. In its formative days, It was a movement of the dispossessed, bringing a new concept of humanity to a world saturated with cruelty. No one thing led to the triumph of Christianity. It did not grow only because of miracles seen by many, or because Constantine said it should, or because the martyrs gave it such credibility. It grew because Christians formed an intense, devoted community. The united and motivated efforts of the early Christian believers who invited their friends, relatives and neighbors to share the "good news;" those believers were the primary means of its rapid expansion.

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### Rochester Hope September Wish List



Peanut butter	Toothpaste
Jelly	Single wrapped toothbrushes
Cereal	Soap
Diapers sizes 3,4,5 & 6	Sugar

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## Ministry Schedule for September 13 & 14, 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
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Luca Picca <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Lucy Rynkiewicz <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>EMHC</b>	Sue Dettman Mary Beth Speicher	Jack Black Maggie Milner	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Greeters</b>	Theresa Augsburg Patrice DeAngelis	Linda D'Antonio Jerry Healey	Nancy Willard Anne LaClair
<b>Lectors</b>	Barb Meyer	Chrissy Picca	Jann Armantrout
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Sue Dettman	DA Hutnick	Laure Barr
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Sue Muto	Chris Yuskiw
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Paul Fetter Herb Gauch	Fred Compertore <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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all ages and stages.*

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*Thank You for their experiences,  
wisdom, and insight.*

*Thank You for the gifts they bring the Church.*

*Thank You for the lessons they  
teach the next generations.*

*Amen.*



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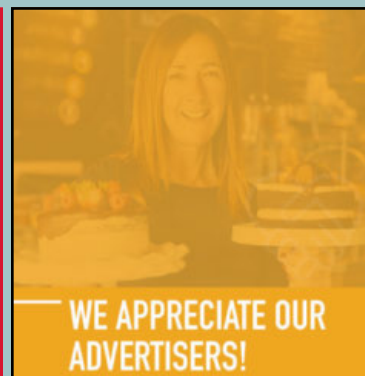
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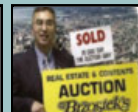
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