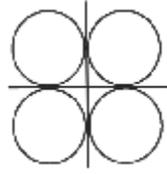


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

February 14, 2021 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.

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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

- Mk 1:40-41

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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 or by appointment

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday &
 Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

Visit our website, stpaulsrcc.org for the link to YouTube

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Office Contact Info

The parish office is still closed to visitors, however we are in the office to answer phone calls on Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday & Friday from 8:30 a.m. to Noon.

Phone: 671- 2100
Emergency Number: 369-9687
Website: www.stpaulsrcc.org
Diocese of Rochester: www.dor.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, February 15
Weekday
 President's Day
 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 16
Weekday
 8:30A Mass
 7:00P Parish Pastoral Council Zoom meeting

Wednesday, February 17
Ash Wednesday
 Fasting & Abstinence
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 12:00P Mass
 7:00P Mass

Thursday, February 18
Thursday after Ash Wednesday
 8:30A Mass

Saturday, February 20
Saturday after Ash Wednesday
 2:00-3:00P Individual confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, February 21
First Sunday of Lent
 10:00A Mass

Financial Snapshot

	January 2021	July 2020-January 2021
Collections	\$42,977	\$304,631
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,979	\$26,787
Expenses	\$52,796	\$329,856
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(6,840)	\$1,562

Expenses include quarterly invoices paid in July, October & January. St. Paul Church relies on the generous contributions of our parishioners to continue providing the programs and ministries of the parish.

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military



Jason Aman
 Zach Bartlett
 Bryan Gross
 Tom Weisenreder
 Mason Serrano
 Andrew Zani
 Jay Riesenberger

Josh Bartlett
 Sean Black
 Andrew O'Brien
 Cydney Blong
 Michael J. Desiato
 Daniel Thomas

This week the
 Sanctuary Lamp burns for
 Mary Alice Rieger
 From
 Joseph Rieger

Seeds for the Journey

This weekend is Public Policy Advocacy Weekend in the Diocese of Rochester. And, since you've been faithfully reading your bulletins, you've seen that we have been providing background information about this year's petition, "Nourish New York," a program designed to help address the needs of families suffering from food insecurity.

Food insecurity, as I'm sure you are aware, is a global problem, affecting the lives of almost a billion people, including millions of people in the U.S. By definition food insecurity refers to a family's lack of access to the nutritionally adequate food necessary for an active, healthy life. In New York State alone over two million people suffer from food insecurity, including over ninety three thousand in Monroe County. Unfortunately, this crisis has been greatly exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic, impacting the lives of farmers as well as thousands of families that did not struggle to access food prior to the pandemic.

To address the issue of food insecurity Governor Cuomo established the Nourish New York initiative, a program designed to "help people who are food insecure to access the nourishment that they need, while providing a market for farmers to sell their products" (<https://agriculture.ny.gov/NourishNY>). According to the 2021 Diocesan Public Policy agenda "the initiative provides funding to Food Banks to purchase New York State-produced farm products. This accomplishes two goals: it offers market support to farmers, the fishing community, and food processors who have been impacted by the economic effects of the pandemic, while getting high-quality food to individuals and families in communities across the state through the regional Food Banks and local food pantries."

To date, the Nourish New York initiative has provided ~ \$35 million in funding, and 4,152 New York farms have provided millions of pounds of food to New Yorkers in-need.

While the Nourish New York initiative ended December 31, 2020, the Church believes it is imperative that the program continues, especially as the COVID crisis continues to cause economic hardship. To that end, the Bishops of the Archdiocese of New York are requesting that state leaders provide \$50 million for state fiscal year 2021-22 to make Nourish New York an ongoing program to meet the needs of farmers and those suffering from food insecurity.

What can *we* do? How can *we* reach out in love to farmers and families in need? By signing the Diocese of Rochester Public Policy petition! You can learn more about the Nourish New York initiative and sign the petition at the following website: <https://www.dor.org/petition>. This initiative is an investment whose return benefits all of us, not only financially but emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually as well. We ask you to prayerfully consider adding your name to the petition.

For more state-wide Catholic action, visit the New York State Catholic Conference's Catholic Action Network at www.nyscatholic.org/action-center.

Make us worthy Lord, to serve those throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through your hands, this day their daily bread; and by our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen!

~St. Teresa of Calcutta

Deacon Mark

**Next weekend, February 20 and 21 is
the first collection date of our
Lenten Food Drive!**



First week; **Sister Regis Food Pantry.**
They have requested the following:

- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti sauce
- Cereal
- Pancake flour/mix
- Canned fruit and vegetables
(especially green beans)
- Tuna
- Canned pasta (ravioli, spaghettios)

Please drop your donations off in bags before Mass at the Food Drive area in the Narthex. If you are not attending in person on the weekend, the Narthex doors are also open Tuesday and Thursdays from 8:00 to 8:30 am (prior to morning Mass) and 9:00 to 9:30 am (after Mass) on Tuesdays and Thursdays for Food Drop off as well.

A reminder each week we will have a new recipient and wish list in the bulletin for the following weekend. This info is also on our web site: next week's requests as well as a flyer with all the Lenten Food Drive info. Check out the Good Sam Outreach Page; it is under the "Social Justice" tab for additional info on all our outreach to help the needy! Thank you!

Second Collection

Next weekend, February 20/21 there will be a second collection for the Black, Native American and Hispanic.

The generosity of the good people of God allows the Commission to give helpful grants to dioceses across the country to operate schools, parishes, and other missionary services that build the Body of Christ in Catholic communities.

If you wish to support this collection, please make your check payable to St. Paul's, adding "Black, Native American & Hispanic" in the memo. Please drop your check in the collection box or slot with your regular offertory donation. Thank you for your support.

How long does it take to figure out a light bulb?

You may have heard a joke about how many people it takes to replace a light bulb. Our experience with our votives has a similar tone.

We received the votive stands last March and introduced them and our statue of Mary to the parish when we reopened in June. Many have visited the corner to say a prayer and light a candle.

The candles were gently used when we got them; there was no user manual. We were told they were "electric" and to turn them off to reset them, at whatever interval we wanted. We chose a week and were resetting each Friday.

As the weeks went by, we started noticing that the candles were turning off on their own. At first we accused each other of resetting them. Only one person should do it!

The next reaction was, they are broken! We spent money on used items that are not working properly. Oh no!

But then, we started to wonder if they were actually "electronic" - a higher end model with a timer built in. Ah ha!

After more research was done, we are now realizing that our candles are not broken and are indeed electronic with a five day timer! So we are not resetting them each Friday any more. You may light a candle any day and it will be on for 5 days!

Please stop by when you get a chance to visit our prayer corner with Mary and our electronic candles.

Ash Wednesday Masses Wednesday, February 17th

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & Noon

Distribution of Ashes

Due to COVID-19, the distribution of ashes will change this year. The sprinkling of dry ashes with an Aspergillum are imposed by making a sign of the cross above the crown of the head as ashes fall upon the hair. This is in accord with the ancient practice of the Church, and remains the practice at the Vatican.

Fasting & Abstinence:

Catholics from age 18-59 are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Friday's during Lent. Have one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. Abstinence means Catholics of age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays during Lent.



Invitation to Study the Gospel of John

I'm looking for some folks who would like to study the Gospel of John with me. This would be via a Zoom format once a week, beginning in Lent and continuing through the Easter Season.

As you know, we journey through the three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) during our Sunday readings over a three-year period, while readings from the Gospel of John are reserved for solemnities, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. We are currently in the B Cycle of readings, which pulls from the Gospel of Mark—and, conveniently for this study, John, Chapter 6. So, this year we will get John's perspective on the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, Jesus walking on water, and the Bread of Life Discourse.

Additionally, some of our most beloved Biblical passages are found *only* in the Gospel of John—the marriage at Cana; Jesus' encounters with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, and the woman being stoned for adultery; the raising of Lazarus; and Jesus' Farewell Discourses.

I can't think of a better time to meditate on the Jesus of John's Gospel than during the deeper liturgical experiences of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Although I will facilitate our meetings, I'm really thinking of this as a group of disciples gathered together "in His name" to study the person and teachings of Jesus. Please know that you do not need to have any particular background or experience with Sacred Scripture. Other than reading the chapters to be discussed, there would not be any homework involved. If you would like to join me, or if you would just like a little more information, please contact me at susan.ward@dor.org or 671-2110.

Looking forward to studying with you...
Sue Ward

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements for 2020 donations were mailed in January. If you did not receive yours, or have any questions, please contact Robin in the office at 671-2100 x30 or via email at robin.martz@dor.org.



Join our faith community—and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl as you leave Mass next weekend. Please note that we have included an envelope to use when returning your alms at the end of Lent. (We will be asking you to please convert any coins to check or cash.)

If you aren't attending in person, make your own Rice Bowl! The link to the CRS Rice Bowl website with a template and other Lenten resources is on the front page of our website: stpaulsrcc.org. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice.

Bethany House Wish List for February

- ◆ Dish & Laundry detergent
- ◆ Aluminum foil
- ◆ Garbage bags
- ◆ Gallon freezer bags
- ◆ Cleaning products

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. **(Enter the narthex via the door on the left and remember to wear your mask and to social distance!!!)** The Good Samaritan Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month.

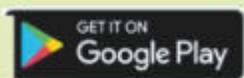
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Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities. To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah Housel

585-328-3228 x1555

Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177 x 1555

Or by email, victimassistance@dor.org

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Any concerns related to financial fraud can be reported anonymously:

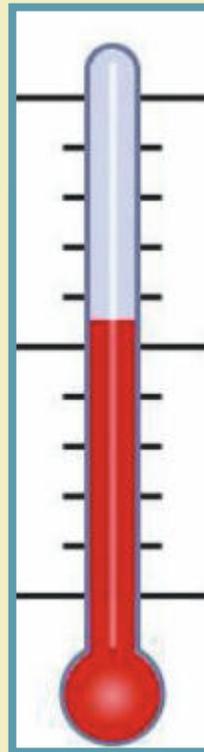
Financial Fraud Hotline

1-800-388-7177 x1266

Reports may also be made in writing to:

Internal Audit Department—Diocese of Rochester
1150 Buffalo Road—Rochester, NY 14624

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\$109,477 Goal

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56% of our goal

If you haven't yet made your CMA pledge, we need you! We will receive a discount if we increase our participation rate so each gift is a great help!

If you didn't receive your CMA materials and envelope call the office and we can send you one. Or visit the DOR CMA website to make a gift online:

www.DOR.org/CMA

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