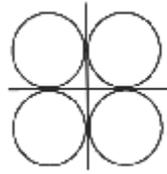


ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



783 Hard Road, Webster, New York

September 5, 2021 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

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confession

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

Weekday Masses

Monday, 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, 11:00 a.m.

Parish Staff



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Office Hours

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday
 (closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.)
 Open for visitors daily 8:30 a.m. to Noon

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

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 6

Weekday
 Parish Office Closed
 8:30A Mass



Tuesday, September 7

Weekday
 8:30A Mass

Wednesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30A Mass
 9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest
 8:30A Mass

Friday, September 10

Weekday
 No Mass

Saturday, September 11

Weekday
Patriot Day
 2:00P Individual Confession
 4:00P Mass

Sunday, September 12

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00A Mass
 11:00A Mass-Baptism after Mass

Financial Snapshot

	July 2021	July 2021-July 2021
Collections	\$36,551	\$36,551
Donations/ other revenue	\$2,349	\$2,349
Expenses	\$62,441	\$62,441
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(23,541)	\$(23,541)

July began a new fiscal year!
 Expenses include quarterly invoices paid.

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military



Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Zach Bartlett	Sean Black
Bryan Gross	Andrew O'Brien
Tom Weisenreder	Cydney Blong
Mason Serrano	Michael J. Desiato
Andrew Zani	Daniel Thomas
Jay Riesenberger	



Seeds for the Journey

Here's what we are working on for the fall:

School of Religion and Sacramental registrations are in full swing as classes begin this month. Some are meeting via Zoom, and some are here in the building. Check out our website for all of the details and to register. We are following Webster Central School guidelines so all students, catechists, and parents in the building must wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.

This upcoming week we will be welcoming Kathleen Van Damme, our new Adult Faith Formation Coordinator. Katie will be developing spiritual enrichment programs for the whole parish, ministering to the homebound, and coordinating RCIA.

An early CMA mailing was sent in August to previous donors. Any who responded by August 18 will not get additional mailings. We will still have our regular CMA kickoff in October.

Pastoral Council and Finance Council begin their meetings again in September. If you have a question or concern (or compliment!) that you would like to share with a Council member, several are usually at each Mass.

Regarding meetings and classes: we love our church but the building is old and has some quirks that are difficult to manage during a pandemic. Most meeting rooms and classrooms are in the basement, below ground. Many have little or no ventilation, some heated only by radiator in the wall. (It wasn't fun meeting down there even before the pandemic.)

The current plan is to use the church for meetings, with the downstairs hall being the second choice. Fun fact: the church was originally designed as a multi-purpose space to be used for meetings etc. That is why we have chairs and not pews with kneelers.

At this point we are continuing to strongly recommend masks for everyone in the building. We know there are opinions on all sides but the priority is to keep everyone safe. From my own perspective, in the weeks before Fr Paul's surgery, I was concerned when the mask guidelines changed and some stopped wearing them that he would get Covid and possibly have to delay his surgery. He wasn't worried but he understood that we were. That's the main reason why we continue to be cautious, because everyone's health situation is different and not always apparent.

Building update: As previously mentioned the building is old and things are starting to break. The Music Room, Library, and Narthex have independent heating and cooling units. The AC in the Music Room has stopped working and repair parts are extremely expensive and hard to find. So we are getting estimates on replacing one or more units; likely over the next few years.

Also we recently had a very bad sewage line backup in the kitchen downstairs. During the cleanout it was discovered that the grease trap was completely rusted away and as a result the lines were completely clogged with the debris that was not held back. The good news is that thanks to Dave and Ben, we now have a new grease trap, cleaned out drainage lines and a sparkling bleached clean kitchen floor. However we are very aware that there are more plumbing issues in our future.

We are continuing to slowly replace any failing exterior parking lot lights with brighter and more energy efficient LED lights. The lights along the driveway by the Narthex door will be done in this last section. We are also having some trees trimmed and a few removed.

As always, thanks for your continuing support of our parish!

Robin

Parish Office Hours

As the leaves on our trees begin to change so does the parish office hours.

The office is now open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and closed for the lunch hour from 12:00-1:00 p.m.



Are you Thinking About the Catholic Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process that consists of learning about the Catholic Faith/Church through instruction and group faith sharing, participation in rites/blessings and reception of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Here at St Paul's, we usually meet once per week from October to May.

Are you:

- A person who has not been baptized and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith with the possibility of becoming Catholic?
- A baptized Christian of another denomination who would like to learn more about and possibly join the Catholic Church?
- A baptized Roman Catholic who has never received Eucharist or Confirmation and would like to become a full participant in the life of the Church?

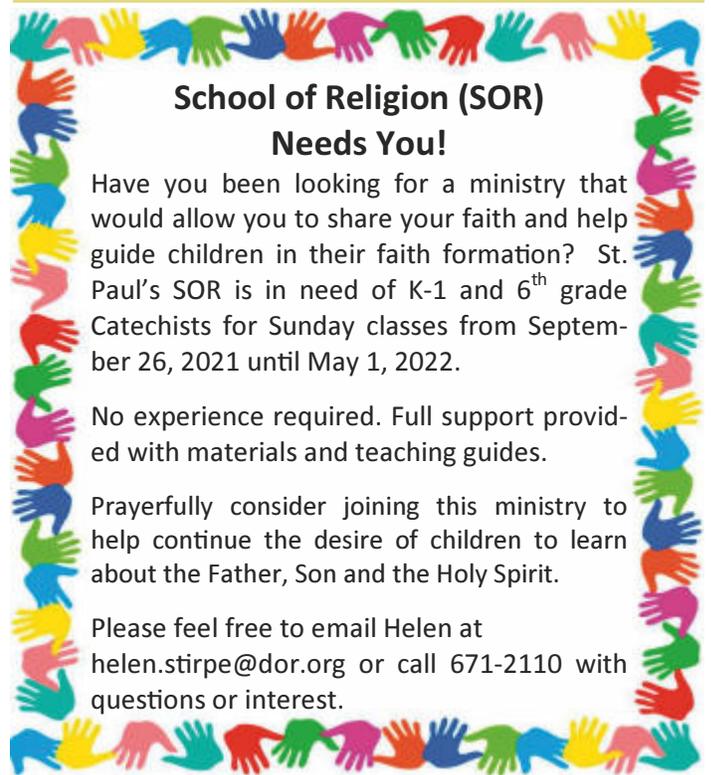
The Christian Initiation process offers an environment of support and guidance as you discover how God is working in your life. Is this process for you? Do you have a friend or neighbor who may be interested? For more information, call the office @ 671-2100 or contact Deacon Mark via email, mark.robbyns@dor.org.



Mass Honoring First Responders On the 20th Anniversary of 9/11

Please join Bishop Salvatore Matano for Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Saturday, September 11th at 4:00 p.m.

We pray to God for the safety of all First Responders who so selflessly serve our community, and for all who served with courage in the tragic events of September 11, 2001, especially those who gave their lives or were injured.



School of Religion (SOR) Needs You!

Have you been looking for a ministry that would allow you to share your faith and help guide children in their faith formation? St. Paul's SOR is in need of K-1 and 6th grade Catechists for Sunday classes from September 26, 2021 until May 1, 2022.

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, Son and the Holy Spirit.

Please feel free to email Helen at helen.stirpe@dor.org or call 671-2110 with questions or interest.

Bethany House Wish List for September

Shampoo	Jelly
Conditioner	Pasta
Body wash	Mac & cheese
Razors	Detergent
Toothpaste	

Please place your donations (in a paper bag) in the collection box in the Narthex during Mass. The Good Sam Outreach Committee will deliver our donations to Bethany House at the end of the month.

Giving Options

Drop your offering in the donation box or slot as you leave church.

Send us a check through your own Bank's BILL PAY feature.



Go to our website (stpaulsrcc.org) and click on the GIVING tab

Mail your envelope to:
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Questions?
Call Robin in the office
at 671-2100 X30

Thank you!



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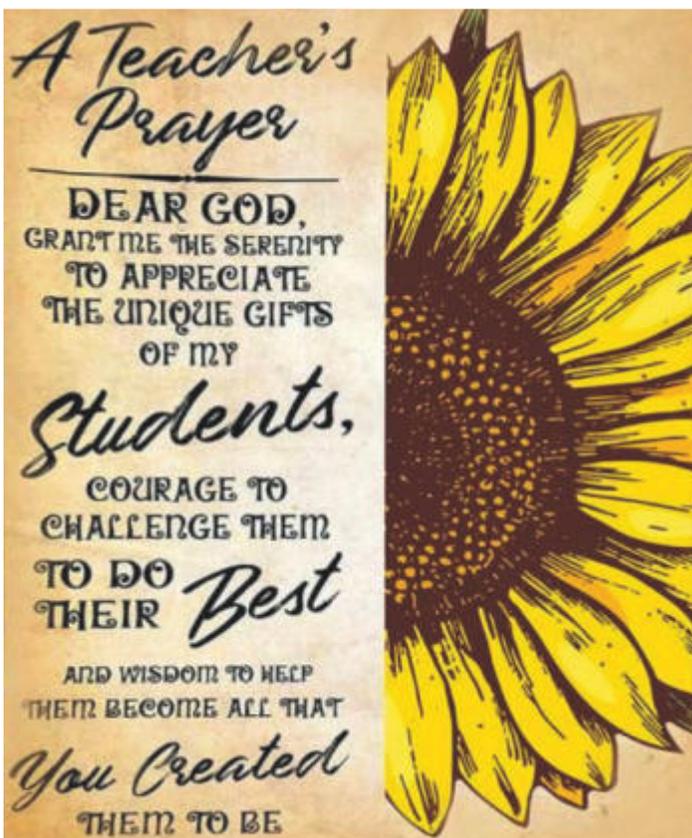
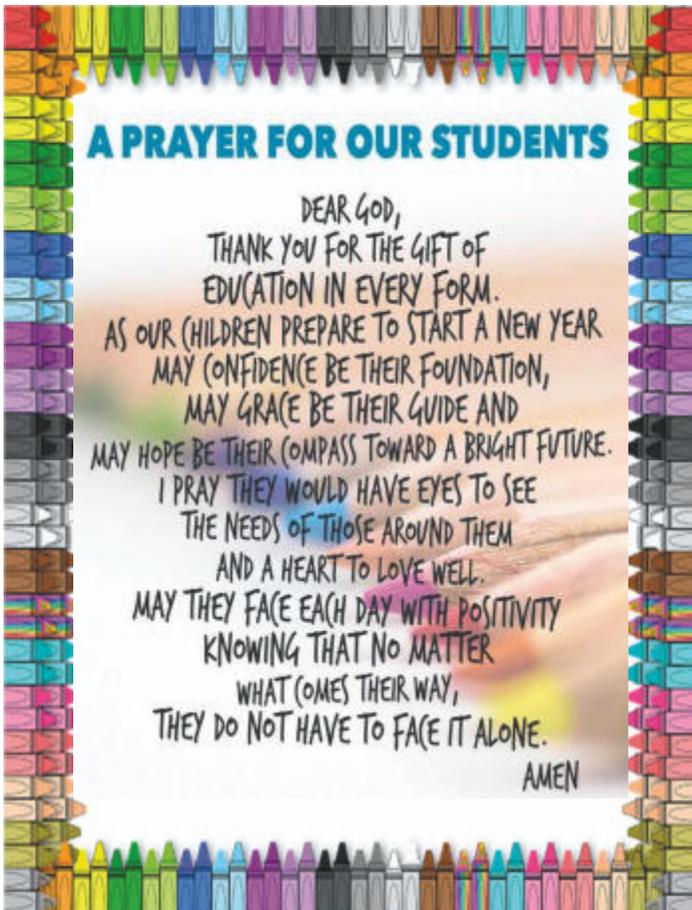
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As many of you know, in 2011 I visited Haiti with CRS and witnessed the devastation caused by the 2010 earthquake that took over 300,000 lives and left millions homeless. Since that visit I have continued to share the work CRS is doing in Haiti to help the nation recover from that calamity. Unfortunately, on August 14 of this year, Haiti was the victim of another major (7.2 magnitude) earthquake. Adding to the disaster, tropical storm Grace swept across the island two days later. Thus far over 2,000 people are known to have died, with thousands more injured and/or missing. The earthquake destroyed major infrastructure facilities, including roads and bridges, complicating the transport of critical relief supplies, i.e., food and medical support. Over 37,000 homes have been destroyed, while dozens of public buildings, including hospitals, schools, churches, and businesses have been significantly damaged or destroyed.

CRS has worked in Haiti since 1954 supporting various relief and development programs. Currently, CRS is providing emergency food and housing relief; household, sanitation, hygiene, and medical supplies; along with financial, livelihood, and psychosocial support, especially for woman and children. In all of these efforts, CRS is using local Haitian suppliers, vendors, materials, and labor to assist in the recovery of local economies.

CRS is grateful for your ongoing support. Please continue to pray for the people of Haiti, and should you desire to support the relief efforts in Haiti donations can be made online at: crs.org/support/Haiti. Also, please keep in your prayers the CRS staff currently sheltered in Afghanistan.

Peace,
 Deacon Mark



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