

Church of St. Paul

30 Pleasant St. Norwich, NY 13815

May 11, 2025



Mission Statement

"We, the parishioners of the Church of St. Paul, are joined as a Family to live as the Body of Christ by nurturing our relationship with God through prayer, reflection, liturgy and the Sacraments: by embracing all parishioners, visitors and the greater community with a spirit of Christ-like hospitality, by ministering to each other and to those around us, through participation in parish programs and community outreach, and by sharing our God-given blessings of time, talent and treasure."

PASTOR

Rev. Ralph A. Bove

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Fr. Tony Mathew

DEACON

Deacon David H. Kirsch (retired)

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday vigil 4PM April-September

Sunday 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Mass: Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

9:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 10:40 a.m.

Saturday 3:15-3:45pm (Apr-Sept)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents desiring the Sacrament of Baptism for their child(ren) must call the Parish Office and make an appointment with the parish priest.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

To begin sacramental preparation for marriage please contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Parish Registration Forms may be found in the Parish Office and on our website www.stpaulsnorwich.com. Please fill out the form in its entirety. Completed forms may be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

We are most eager to help anyone who is unable to join us at Mass because of illness, handicap, or age. Please inform us of any parishioner with need of sacramental care at home or in the hospital. We want to provide for their spiritual needs. If you know a shut-in who would like to receive a bulletin weekly, call 337-2216.

LISTENING SOUND DEVICES...are available in the foyer of St. Paul.

Address

30 Pleasant Street

Norwich, New York 13815

Office Hours

M-Th: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Telephone

607-336-2222

Parish Office

607-337-2216

Holy Family School

17 Prospect St.

Norwich, New York 13815

607-337-2207

Principal: Mrs. Rachel Ballin

**Saturday Vigil, May 10th**

4:00 PM Mass for Dr. Mark DeBock

by Leo & Denise Kruger.

4th Sunday of Easter, May 11th, Mother's Day11:00 AM Mass for all living and
deceased Mother's.**Monday, May 12th, Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs St. Pancras, Martyr**

No services.

Tuesday, May 13th, Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 AM Mass at St. Bartholomew's.

Wednesday, May 14th, St. Matthias, Apostle

9:00 AM Mass for St. Paul's Parishioner's.

Thursday, May 15th, St. Isidore

9:00 AM Mass at St. Bartholomew's.

Friday, May 16th9:00 AM Mass for the Scanlon, Kilroe, Kelly,
Haggerty & Hickey Families by Agnes Scanlon.**Saturday Vigil, May 17th**

4:00 PM Mass for the Davis Family

by John & Kathy DeSarro.

5th Sunday of Easter, May 18th11:00 AM Mass for Glen & Sharon Pominville
by Chris & Erin Marinelli.

THE SANCTUARY LAMPS are
burning in loving memory of
Julia & Ed O'Reilly and
Josephine & Harry Conklin
from Sewain & Sheila Conklin.

Some parishioners from St. Paul's & St. Bart's
will be reciting the rosary after daily Mass at each
church on Tuesday's through Friday's for our
country and for world peace as requested by Our
Lady of Fatima. We will be meeting in the back
of the church. Please join us!



IN YOUR KINDNESS please remember in your prayers those who
are ill especially Christina Burton Benson, Irene Blake, Che
Cheeseman, Mary Lou Christman, Annette Cook, Gene Craine,
Fr. Douglas Cunningham, Caleb Cutting, Richard Daniels, Ann F.,
Patrick William Ford II, Gordon Gladden, Win Grzibowski, Karen
Halex, Bob Hickling, Carly Kempf, Marianne Kirsch, Dean L., Mar-
tin Marino, Jennifer Misilewich, Noreen Monahan, Clara Murphy,
Karen O'Neil-Trickey, Joy Nichols, Virginia Quinn, Jan Rao, Bar-
bara Schermerhorn, Michaela Valkazich, Rose Ann Vanlaar,
Allison Vaughan, Marilyn Wilhelm, Bill Williams

Our priests, religious & seminarians:

Pope Francis, Bishop Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop Emeritus Robert J.
Cunningham, Fr. Ralph A. Bove, Fr. Tony Mathew, Deacon David
Kirsch, Fr. Paul N. Machira, Deacon Thomas Picciano, Fr. Harry
E. Winter O.M.I., Fr. James Schultz, Fr. Daniel Caughey, CHS,
Sister Bartholomew Biviano

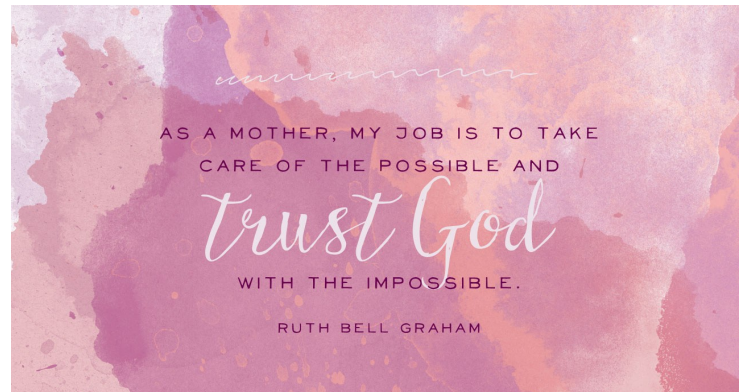
MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS**Saturday & Sunday May 17-18****COMMENTATOR/ EUCHARISTIC
LECTOR MINISTER**Sat. 4:00 PM Frank Revoir Fr., Kathy Revoir
Sun 11:00 AM Rob Converse Fr., Christine Carnrike**GREETER**

Sat. 4:00 PM Christine Carnrike

Sun. 11:00 AM Robert Rourke

ALTAR CARE

May 16 Laureen Clarke



**MEMORIAL DAY MASS AT ST. PAUL'S CEMETERY,
MONDAY MAY 26TH AT 9AM.
BLESSING OF THE CEMETERY AFTER MASS
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

SECOND ENVELOPE/Collection

May 11 Mother's Day

May 18 St. Paul's Cemetery

May 25 Buildings & Grounds

Thank you for being so generous.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Envelopes	\$ 1,177.00
Loose	403.21
Insurance	431.21
Direct Deposit	660.00
Misc	83.00
Total	\$ 2,754.42

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS STEWARDSHIP
Budget Goal (regular envelope): \$ 1,923.07

CALENDAR OF EVENTS**SUNDAY 5.11.25****11:00 AM FIRST COMMUNION****MONDAY 5.12.25**

* 6:00 pm TOPS, church hall

TUESDAY 5.13.25

* 5:15 pm Soup Kitchen

WEDNESDAY 5.14.25

* 10:00 am Finance Meeting, board room

* 4:00 pm Choir @ St. Paul's

FRIDAY 5.16.25

* 9:30-4pm Exposition, Chapel

SATURDAY 5.17.25

* 4:00 pm Vigil Mass, St. Paul's Church



Please keep our First Communion and Confirmation students in your prayers!

First Communion, May 11th

Gianina Cevasco, Katherine Clifton, Matias Miranda Cruz, Dakson Dwyer,

Hudson Hyle, Vincent Rose, Susanna Scaglione, Arthur Utter, Jessa Whorrall



Confirmation May 29th

Emma Colosi, Arabella Dwyer, Addison Marinelli, Zachary Parker, Morina Patterson



The Knights of Columbus meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm in St. Bart's Parish Center, 81 East Main St., Norwich. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, contact Knight Jim Reynolds at 607-316-5731 or jnrenegy526@gmail.com

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE *from the Office of Family Life*
Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear your voice" what message do they hear?

Fourth Sunday of Easter; May 11, 2025

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." Where is the Lord calling you to follow Him? It could be to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? Reach out to Fr. Jason Hage (315) 470-1468 or write; vocations@syrdio.org and follow us on Instagram [vocationsyracuse](https://www.instagram.com/vocationsyracuse).

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Want to get rid of those monthly church envelopes? Consider using the automatic bank payment plan or use your credit card. You can send contributions to the church monthly. Just fill out the authorization form and you can stop receiving those costly church envelopes. **You can find the form on our website stpaulsnorwich.com home page.** Call 337-2216 if you have any questions.

The Third Option Marriage Program; The third Option is an ongoing group program to build better marriages. For some it provides enrichment, for others it helps them move beyond misunderstandings, hurt & difficult issues. This program combines learning new skills with group support and inspiring testimonials, all in a warm and caring environment. **Meetings are held online 7-9:00pm.** Build your marriage from the comfort of your own home—all are welcome! Contact Stephanie Stewart for more info or to join the meeting at ssstewart@syrdio.org or 315-472-6728

Do you have a family member or know of a parishioner in the armed forces who you would like to know that they are in the thoughts and prayers of our parish and that we appreciate their service? If so, please contact Lou or Linda Callea at 336-8307.



We would like to thank
ENLIGHTENED DENTISTRY
this week for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Is pleased to announce we are enrolling students for the 2025-2026 school year. Holy Family School offers a challenging academic program based on strong Catholic principles and traditions. We are very proud to have been awarded Middle States Accreditation for a school of Excellence by Design. Free transportation provided by your local school district for children 4 and older is available. Holy Family School is not only affordable, it may be the best investment you ever make for your children. Please contact the school at 607-337-2207 or go to www.hfsnorwich.com for more information.



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST 11AM-6PM

DOUG'S FISH FRY & BAKE SALE
in the Grand Union Parking Lot.
To Pre-Order Call: 607-753-9184 ext.2



OUR LADY ROSA MYSTICA SHRINE

Join us on a road trip to the Shrine on May 22, 2025. Leaving St. Paul's Church 10AM to the Shrine in Edmeston, NY. There will be Mass in the Chapel with Father Tony at 12 noon.

Rosa Mystica House of Prayer offers a sacred retreat for spiritual renewal. Call Margaret Newell @ 607-336-6688 for more information or sign up after Mass!

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Begins-Fridays after the 9AM Mass in the chapel from 9:30AM to 4PM. (Except Holidays!) Please come and spend some time with Jesus, staying a few minutes or as long as you want at your convenience. This is where you can express your concerns and listen for answers.

PEOPLE NEEDED FOR AN HOUR—FRIDAYS!
Call Marie @ 607-334-4021 for times!

REMEMBER ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Endowment Trust, the St. Paul's Holy Family School Endowment Trust and the Cemetery Trust when making out your will or making a bequest. *A change in beneficiary on a Life Insurance or Retirement account is a simple way to include the Parish in your final wishes. Even 5% to the Parish would make a difference in continuing the fine works of our Parish.*

STAFF

Fr. Tony Mathew, Parochial Vicar 607-337-2201

Trustees: Emily Goehner & Tony Capaccio

Parish Council Pres.: John DeSarro

Parish Business Administrator: Donna Frank 337-2216

Religious Education Dept.: Sister M. Bartholomew Biviano, CSJ 337-2200

Organist: Joanie Gelatt

Church Maintenance & Cemetery Sexton: Jeremy Morgan

The Parish Office, Religious Education Office and Cemetery Office are located in the Church basement.

Bulletin Deadline is Monday @ noon

E-Mail: donnaahfs@hotmail.com

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December 24, 2024 -
December 28, 2025

May 11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

First Reading:
Psalm :
Second Reading:
Gospel:

Building Faith@HOME

Jubilee Year - Faith Facts

Did you know that sheep are mentioned more than 200 times in the Bible, more than any other animal!

Sheep were important as sources of wool, milk, and meat, and throughout the Bible, sheep served as symbols for God's people.

Sheep are followers. Following isn't something sheep have to think about—it's an instinct.

The 4th Sunday of Easter Year C, also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, focuses on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." This beautiful image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd reminds us that He cares for each of us, just like a shepherd cares for their sheep. But what does this mean for us, especially as families? It invites us to think about how we can listen for Jesus' voice in our daily lives and encourage one another to follow Him. Just as a shepherd knows each sheep by name, Jesus knows us personally and loves us deeply. As families, we can create a space where we share our thoughts and feelings, helping each other recognize the ways Jesus is guiding us. We can pray together, talk about our experiences, and look for opportunities to serve others, reflecting the love of the Good Shepherd in our actions. By doing so, we strengthen our bond as a family and deepen our relationship with Jesus, who promises to always be with us, guiding us safely along the right path. This Good Shepherd Sunday, let us celebrate the joy of being part of His flock, knowing that we are cherished and called to share His love with everyone around us.

Jesus said:

**"My sheep hear my voice;
I know them, and they follow me."**

Family Table Talk

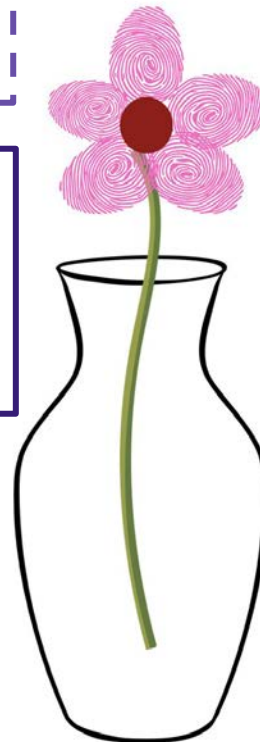
- How can I better listen to Jesus' voice in my daily life?
- What are some ways I can share the Good News with others?

Five Finger Prayer

For a Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet

Create the Spiritual bouquet as seen here. By drawing a simple vase and add a "fingerprint" flower. With each fingerprint petal, children can pray for their mom's.

Give this a try! If you and your child created this, let us know! Send a picture or blurb to us! Send to:
buildingfaithathome@syrдио.org



Thumb – A Prayer of Love

"Jesus, I love my mom so much. Thank You for giving her to me."



Pointer Finger – A Prayer for Her Heart

"Dear God, fill my mom's heart with peace, joy, and Your love today."



Middle Finger – A Prayer for Her Day

"Lord, please bless everything my mom does today and everyday."



Ring Finger – A Prayer for Her Soul

"Holy Spirit, help my mom grow close to Jesus and feel His love always."



Pinky Finger – A Prayer from Me

"Mary, Mother of Jesus, help me be kind and loving to my mom, just like you were to Jesus."

"Dear God, thank You for moms—please bless mine with Your love today and always." Hail Mary, full of grace...



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More Faith Builders!



Statue of the Blessed Mother, Mary

Where is the Statue of Mary in your parish? Do you have one outside? Inside?

During the Month of May, in devotion to our Blessed Mother, bring a flower to lay at her feet. Some parishes keep a vase near her. This would especially be symbolic on Mother's Day.



Add to Your Mary Garden!

Last week's issue described how to create a Mary Garden with popular Marian Flowers. You can also build a Mary Garden with herbs.

Here are 12 Popular Marian Herbs

Sage (Mary's Shawl)

Parsley (Our Lady's Little Vine)

Basil (Holy Communion Plant)

Rosemary (Mary's Bouquet) "Mary's Rose."

Legend says the flowers turned blue when Mary laid her cloak on the bush.

Lavender (Mary's Drying Plant)

Lavender (Lavandula spp.) –

Chamomile (Matricaria chamomilla) –

Sometimes called "Mary's flower" or "ground apple," connected with rest and peace.

Marjoram (Origanum majorana) – Symbol of joy and sometimes used in bridal wreaths in Marian devotion.

Thyme (Thymus vulgaris) – Symbolizes courage and humility, virtues seen in Mary.

Mint (Mentha spp.) – Freshness and hospitality; legend says it lined the manger where Jesus lay.

Good Shepherd Sunday & The Role of the Pope



On Good Shepherd Sunday, we remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd—He knows His sheep (that's us!) and lays down His life for them. In the Catholic Church, the Pope is called to be a shepherd too—he follows Jesus and helps lead the Church with love, wisdom, and care.

Who Is the Pope?

The Pope is the leader of the Catholic Church all around the world. He's also called:

- The **Bishop of Rome** - The pope is the local bishop of Rome and the universal leader of the Catholic Church.
- The **Vicar of Christ** - The Pope acts in the person of Christ on Earth, representing Him to the Church.
- The **Holy Father** - This title reflects the Pope's spiritual fatherhood over the Catholic faithful.

Just like a shepherd looks after sheep, the Pope helps care for the whole Church and keeps us united in faith. He prays for all of us and teaches us how to follow Jesus.

What the Pope Wears and Why

Here are some interesting things the Pope uses that show his role as a shepherd and a teacher:



The Crozier (Shepherd's Staff) Sometimes the Pope carries a staff called a **crozier**, shaped like a shepherd's crook. It reminds us that, like a shepherd, he guides and protects the people of God. The crozier symbolizes the Pope's pastoral role and his duty to guide and protect the faithful. Some popes have a cross at the top.



The Mitre (Pope's Hat) The tall pointed hat the Pope wears is called a **mitre**. It is worn during special Masses and shows he is a leader and teacher in the Church, symbolizing the Pope's authority and teaching role within the Church.



The Fisherman's Ring The Pope wears a special ring called the **Fisherman's Ring**, because Saint Peter (the first Pope) was a fisherman. This ring is a symbol of the Pope's connection to Saint Peter, whom Jesus called to "feed my sheep" and represents apostolic authority.

Pilgrims of Hope - Diocese Pilgrimage Sites



Now that spring has sprung, there are three dedicated pilgrimage sites in Syracuse that you may visit during this Jubilee Year of Hope:

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse, NY

Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Syracuse, NY

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish & Shrine, Oswego, NY

For more information, visit

<https://www.syracusediocese.org/jubilee-2025>