

# EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be:

## MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002

9:15AM PAULINE JANSSEN – St. Rita Society

## TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2002

9:15AM LOUIS PECORA – Family

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002

9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY –  
IN THANKSGIVING FOR  
MRS. DEWEY'S HEALING –  
St. Rita School Family

## THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2002

9:15AM JOSEPH VOLLO – Wife

## FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2002

9:15AM MARY DI SALVO – Family

**Eucharistic Adoration in Church  
10:00am until 6:00pm**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2002

5:00PM PHIL & CATHERINE SUTERA –  
Tony & Maria Sutera & Family

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2002

7:30AM MADELINE PAYCOFF –  
Anita Paycoff

9:00AM EUGENE POWERS – Wife

10:30AM MARK BELLAVE –  
Mr. & Mrs. Chuck DiBaudo

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**This week the Tabernacle Light  
will burn in loving memory of  
Sam Tuchrello**

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# PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Very early in the morning, as soon as the sun came out and they dared to go outside, they hastened to the tomb.

The first ones who came were the women, those who had loved him so very much. They were loaded with linen, oil, and perfumes, because they came to bury him properly.

The men only came afterwards, when the news about the empty grave reached them. They were running very fast, as fast as they could. John, being the younger, overtook Peter, but, being the younger, he waited for Peter to enter the tomb. They all gazed into the tomb before entering it, full of hesitation. They were all surprised, very surprised.

The story is, of course, about what happened to Jesus, and yet when you read it, it is all about them.

First it happened to Mary; then it happened to the other women; then it happened to John and Peter; then to the others; and finally to Thomas. They believed; something happened in them.

Certainly, something had happened to Jesus. That is what we are celebrating today. No doubt, he rose from the dead. Yes, he overcame darkness and evil. But the story is really about what happened to them when they saw the empty tomb, when he appeared to them, a first time, a second time, in the house where they met, outside at the lake, seeing him walking over the sea, eating bread and the fish he fried for them.

The story is about them; they believed.

That is how we should celebrate this feast. What happened to Jesus is, of, course, the main thing. It is the beginning and the end, the foundation and the pinnacle. But what we are asked to celebrate is what overcame them and what should overcome us.

We are indeed an "Easter People". Alleluia!

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 31, 2002**

**SUNDAY** No Breakfast Club ~ No Bingo  
10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4

**MONDAY**  
4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes  
6:30-7:30PM Religious Education Classes  
7:30PM Caregivers Support Group – Rm 3

**TUESDAY** No Sr. High Youth Group  
9:45-11:00AM M.O.M.S. Group – Rms 1 & 3  
1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3  
4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes  
7:00PM Finance Council – Parish Office

**WEDNESDAY**  
7:00PM Stephen Ministry Training - Parish Office  
7:30PM Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
8:30PM Men’s Basketball – Gym

**THURSDAY**  
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**FIRST FRIDAY**  
10:00AM-6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration

**SATURDAY**  
9:30AM-12:00PM First Eucharist Retreat  
12:30-3:00PM First Eucharist Retreat  
6:30PM Euchre Tournament – Gym

**SUNDAY 4/7**  
3:30-6:00PM Boy Scout Pasta Dinner – Gym

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

| LAST WEEK | WEEKLY GOAL | VARIANCE |
|-----------|-------------|----------|
| \$13,461  | \$12,500    | + \$960  |

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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**PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS**

Thank you to those who have been using their blue envelopes contributing to our parking lot improvements. We have three remaining payments due from the work done last summer:

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| March | \$2,500 |
| April | \$5,000 |
| May   | \$2,905 |

If you would like to make a donation please indicate so on an envelope marked “parking lot”. Your continued generosity is appreciated!

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 31 Sun **Easter Sunday** Acts 10:34,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
- 1 Mon Acts 2:14,22-32 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15
- 2 Tue Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18
- 3 Wed Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35
- 4 Thu Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
- 5 Fri Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27 Jn 21:1-14
- 6 Sat Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-21 Mk 16:9-15
- 7 Sun **Second Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 1Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
NEXT WEEKEND ~ APRIL 6 & 7**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
Michael Wynne, Luke Casselbury, Dan Marchioli
- Sunday, 7:30am:**  
Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman, Patrick Crittenden
- Sunday, 9:00am:**  
Steve Pelcher, Mark Pelcher, Kevin Episcopo
- Sunday, 10:30am:**  
Marc Cataldi, Coty Brennan, Laura Casper

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**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS**

Each week a white contribution envelope is drawn from the collection. The person(s) whose name is on the envelope receives a free breakfast.

**This week’s winner: Mr. & Mrs. James Becker**

**Next Week’s Special:** Cinnamon-Raisin French Toast with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$2.75.

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**SACRISTAN:**

Week of March 31 Beverly Geier

**LINENS:**

Week of April 7 Cindy Wahl

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**A VOCATION VIEW**

**The Lord is risen; let us rejoice!**

Could Jesus be calling you to help proclaim this Good News to the world through the priesthood or religious life? If so, please call Fr. John DeSocio at 461-2890 or Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

**MARCH 31, 2002**

**OPERATION RICE BOWL  
Lenten Folder Update**

Alleluia! Rejoice in the glory of the Risen Christ! This joyful occasion also marks the completion of our journey with Catholic Relief Services' *Operation Rice Bowl* program. Through your **prayer, fasting, learning, and giving**, you have walked in solidarity with those in need all around the world. Continue to walk in solidarity and prayer with your brothers and sisters as you journey to Pentecost.

Please place your folders in the baskets at church next weekend. Thank you again for your generous support of Operation Rice Bowl.

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**MANY THANKS!**

To the many volunteers (adults and children) of our school and parish community who cooked, served and waited tables for our Lenten Fish Dinners each Friday this Lent. Your dedication and commitment is appreciated. Special thanks all those who took lead roles in keeping this tradition alive and doing it with such pride!

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**THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER**

- Red** is for the blood He gave.
- Green** is for the grass He made.
- Yellow** is for the sun so bright.
- Orange** is for the edge of night.
- Black** is for the sins we made.
- White** is for the grace He gave.
- Purple** is for His hour of sorrow.
- Pink** is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jelly beans colorful and sweet, is a Prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

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**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT  
GROUP**

**Monday, April 1  
at 7:30pm in Room 3**

This gathering is for anyone who is presently caring for a loved one at home, hospital or nursing home. Come for support, prayer and reassurance.

**RCIA NEWS**

Congratulations to the newly initiated members of St. Rita faith community who at the Easter Vigil became full members of our spirit filled and alive community. The newly baptized are: **Brandon Barron, Trisha Folwell, Hunter Folwell, Alyssa Lockwood, Tracy Prizzi, and Ashley Russell**; the newly initiated brought into full communion are: **Timothy Bour, Amy Earnest, and David Earnest.**

We welcome the newly initiated into our community with open arms and we pray that their love for the Lord Jesus will grow in knowledge through the experience of becoming an active member of St. Rita Church.

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**YOUNG AT HEART ~ SENIOR GROUP**

**Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30 a.m.  
in Room 1**

Do you have a hard time figuring out your phone bill? Bernie Warren from Frontier will update us on changes and what is being offered as subscribers. Coffee, tea and dessert are provided, along with your own brown bag lunch.

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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**July 8 through July 12  
Sign up Now !**

Registrations are now being accepted for St. Rita Church 2002 Vacation Bible School. We will meet on Monday, July 8 through Friday, July 12, from 9:30am until noon each day. Registration forms are available in the greeting area in Church. Enrollment is on a first- come basis and is limited to 150 children. **Adult and teen volunteers are needed** to make this program a success.

If you are able to volunteer to help or if you have questions, please contact Sandy Rotolo at 671-2719, or Joan Sullivan at 872-9503.

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The four Webster Catholic Parish  
**Bereavement Ministries** present

**Guest Speaker:** Deacon Bob Burke  
**Topic:** "Grieving as We Look  
for Peace"  
**Thursday, April 18 at 7:30pm**  
**at Holy Trinity Church**

**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Registration forms for the 2002-2003 school year were mailed home this week to all currently registered students in grades 1-5. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the fall registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office, the Parish Office and the back of the Church.

Religious Education is available for children of registered parishioners in St. Rita Parish in grades 1-6. Classes meet one hour each week from September – April. Class times are:

- Monday: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday: 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

The deadline for registration is June 30, 2002. If you have any questions contact Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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**DISCUSSION GROUP**  
**Tuesday, April 16**

**Time:** 10:00-11:30am

**Place:** Parish Center Room 1  
**Topic:** "Blessed are the Poor"  
by Wilkie Au, S.J.

All are most welcome – any questions please call Sr. Judy at 671-1653.

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**BOY SCOUT PASTA DINNER**  
**Sunday, April 7 from 3:30-6:30pm**

Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12 and children under 5 are free. Desserts are available. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a trailer for the troop to transport equipment for outings. Advance sale tickets are available by calling Nadine Knapp @ 671-7206. Tickets are available at the door – Walk-ins welcome!

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**MEN'S CLUB NEWS!**

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Thanks to everyone who supported their annual Easter Candy sale. The sale was a great success, which will benefit our parish. St. Rita's Parishioners are the greatest. Thank you very much!

**Our next Men's Club meeting will be on**  
**Monday, April 8 at 7:30pm in the Barn.**

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

All adults are invited to our Euchre Tournament to be held on **Saturday, April 6** at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center gym. Singles and couples are welcome. Come for food, fun and prizes! Proceeds from this social event will benefit our Parish & School Community projects. Registrations are available on the tables in Church or in the Parish Office. For more information please call Dave Mauro at 671-2383.

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# I. FIESTA UPDATE

## Friday, May 31 ~ Saturday, June 1

When last you heard from us, we were trying to entice some of you to help us plan this year's Fiesta. Well, our pleading and begging worked!! We have setup the committees as follows:

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| <b>Food</b>                  | Mike Brown, Dave McCoy, Greg & Debbie Pelcher |
| <b>Booths</b>                | Elaine & Brian King                           |
| <b>Children's Activities</b> | Linda Barbeau, Marti Mauro                    |
| <b>Entertainment</b>         | Anne Cali, Judy Bender, Barb Ritzel           |
| <b>Facilities/Security</b>   | Rick Carosa, Ed Ritzel, Ken Corpus            |
| <b>Casino Games</b>          | Pat Iulianello                                |
| <b>Raffle</b>                | Tim Young, Ray Zimmer                         |
| <b>Publicity</b>             | Rick Meier, John Pilato, Norma Recchia        |
| <b>Fund Raising</b>          | Bill Burns, Mark Clark, Tim Mason             |
| <b>Accounting</b>            | Carol Iulianello, Kim Corpus, Steve Terrigino |

They are a fantastic group of people to work with and they look forward to having **YOU** on their committee.

**Currently, the agenda for the Fiesta looks like this:**

### **FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 31**

- ~ Webster's own **Ciara Lynn** will perform along with the band "**Brass Taxi**" in Concert
- ~ Fish Dinner (Baked & Fried fish available)
- ~ Our food booth featuring Hots, Italian Sausage, burgers and lots of other food!
- ~ Game Booths and Activities for all ages!

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 1**

**Afternoon:** Clowns, Magician, Children's Activities, Crafts, Sports events

- Evening:**
- ~ The "**Skycoaster's**" in Concert
  - ~ Chicken Barbeque with all the fixins!
  - ~ Our food booth featuring Hots, Italian Sausage, burgers and lots of other food!
  - ~ Game Booths and Activities for all ages!

Next weekend after all Masses you will have an opportunity to sign-up and help with any of the designated committees. If you have a skill that pertains to any of the committees or work for a company that can donate prizes or services to us, please sign-up next week or contact the Parish Office and leave your name and number where you can be reached.

We are on our way to a very fun and successful weekend and we look forward to seeing you there!!

Fiesta Chairmen  
Dave Mauro and Tom Cali  
A. (671-0428)