

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002

9:15AM CHARLES J. SMITH –
Gene & Jenny Bonn

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2002

7:00AM LULU MEYER – St. Rita Society
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2002

9:15AM EVELYN CONNELL –
Barry & Ellen Buffum

Anticipated Mass for the Feast of the Ascension

5:45PM MARIA RICOTTI – Vince Zegarelli

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2002

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

9:15AM SCHOOL LITURGY – (All are welcome)
ROSEMARY HOWARD –
St. Rita School Family

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2002

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2002

5:00PM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI –
Angela Palmieri

SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2002

7:30AM ELAINE BRUNETT – Family
9:00AM ANDREW & NATALIE NEARY –
Family
10:30AM FRANCIS CAULEY –
St. Rita's Men's Club

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

We are in the Easter Season – a joyful celebration that extends for fifty days from the Easter Vigil to Pentecost. In light of the scandals that are rocking the Church, it is hard to feel very joyful or indeed very focused. Yet we believe we are firmly rooted in the "Paschal Mystery", the mystery of dying and rising with Christ.

In reflecting on all the above, I found myself going back to an Easter reflection written by Basil Cardinal Hume almost twenty years ago. Until his death in June of 1999 he was the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster and a monk of Ampleforth Abbey in Great Britain. In a recently published book of some of his reflections (Hume, A Spiritual Companion), he shares this piece, which I found helpful in dealing with our present circumstances:

Death, we are told, has lost its sting; evil has been defeated, and so we sing the kind of refrain throughout this Easter week: "This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad." But we know, do we not, that the struggle between good and evil will go on, and evil, alas, will often prevail. Death remains about the one certain fact in the lives of each one of us, and there will be suffering, sorrow, and sadness next week as there was last week. Yet we have the audacity to sing: "This day was made by the Lord and we rejoice and are glad." Empty words? Tragic escapism? The unreality of religion? Dope to quiet the people? "This day was made by the Lord and we rejoice and are glad."

The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake. Christ shared our experience; he suffered as we suffer; he died as we shall die, and for forty days in the desert he underwent the struggle between good and evil. But now it's all different, and whatever the future holds in store, Christian hope gives us inward peace and inward joy. That's what matters.

Easter Peace,

**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Alfred Franklin**



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PLANS FOR THE WEEK MAY 5, 2002

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00AM Breakfast Club – Gym
 10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4
 7:00PM Fiesta Committee – Rm 1
 7:30PM BINGO at the K of C – Team 1

MONDAY

7:30PM Caregivers Support Group – Rm 3

TUESDAY

9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S. Group – Rms 1 & 3
 1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
 7:00PM Sr. High Youth Group – Barn-up
 7:30PM Scripture Study – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Mercy Center with the Aging – Gym
 7:00PM Stephen Ministry Training – Rm 3
 7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church

THURSDAY

7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Paul's

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PARISH SUPPORT

LAST WEEK	WEEKLY GOAL	VARIANCE
\$	\$12,500	- \$

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Our parish is growing . . .

# of registered families as of 1/1/2002	2031
# of new families through 2/28/02	37
# of new families registered in April	9
# of families removed from parish list YTD	(22)
# of registered families as of 3/31/02	2055

Welcome to all of our new families!

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We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Marissa Jessie Nicastro

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 5 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Easter** Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Ps 66:1-7,16,20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21
- 6 Mon Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6,9 Jn 15:26-27,16:1-4
- 7 Tue Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Jn 16:5-11
- 8 Wed Acts 17:15,22-34,18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15
- 9 Thu **Feast of the Ascension** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
- 10 Fri Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23
- 11 Sat Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3,8-10 Jn 16:23-28
- 12 Sun **Seventh Sunday of Easter** Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1,4,7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 NEXT WEEKEND ~ MAY 11 & 12**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Michael Wynne, Johnathan Formella, Adam Reask

Sunday, 7:30am:

James, Erin & Megan Samuelson

Sunday, 9:00am:

Kaitlyn Wagner, Dan Padgett, Brad Chiesa

Sunday, 10:30am:

Courtney Weatherspoon, Bridget Rank, Coty Brennan

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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. Arthur Kriesen

Next Week's Special: Scrambled Eggs, warm buttered toast, your choice of bacon or sausage, fresh fruit and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.25.

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SACRISTAN:

Week of May 5

Shirl Mintz

LINENS:

Week of May 12 Thelma Benwitz

MAY 5, 2002

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
FOR FAMILIES!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JOIN US FOR BUG SAFARI!**

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

Space is still available and registrations are 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 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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**CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP**

**Monday, May 6
at 7:30pm in Room 3**

Are you caring for a loved one at home, in a nursing home or hospital? Come and share prayer and receive support! Any questions call Sr. Judy 671-1653.

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CATHOLIC UPDATE

**Monday, May 13
at 7:00pm in Room 3**

We hear many comments on homilies, sermons, and spiritual reflections. Why are they as they are? Length? Jokes? Who selects and determines what goes into them. At the last meeting we delved ever so lightly into the subject matter and one of the attendees volunteered to have a go at writing one. At our next gathering we'll hear the fruits of the efforts, critique it and then unlock some of the questions thought or expressed. All we need is you to participate and join in the discussion. We look forward to seeing you then.

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SCRIPTURE STUDY

The scripture study group will be meeting **this Tuesday , May 7 in Room 3 at 7:30 p.m.** Come and join Re and Tom as they journey with the group through the **Books of Samuel.**

Spend more quality time with your family! Come, share your faith, and learn together!!

"F.I.R.E.": A Way of Being Church is a religious education program for the whole family. Learn and grow together in your faith – plus it affords you additional time together as a family.

Registration forms are available in the narthex! If you have any questions, or are interested in taking part in the **F.I.R.E** program for the 2002-2003 school year (as an alternative to traditional religious education), please call Eileen Hasso, Family Faith Coordinator, at 671-1100 ext. 13.

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The May-June issue of the **Family Faith Newsletter** is now available in the Narthex. This issue has ideas for family activities, prayer and much more. Remember a "family" comes in many shapes and sizes. All are welcome to take a copy home to enjoy!

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ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for Elementary Religious Education is underway. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering 1st 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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The Honeoye Falls Community Chorus, directed by Chrisanne Yule, will present **"An Evening of Remembrance"** in memory of those who died on September 11, 2001. The concert is free and will be held at the United Methodist Church in Honeoye Falls on Thursday, May 9 and at St. Rose Church in Lima on Saturday, May 11. Both performances are at 7:30pm.

**YOUNG AT HEART ~
SENIOR GROUP**

**Tuesday, May 14
at 11:30 a.m.
in Room 1**

Sr. Judy will be joining us this meeting. She will be speaking to us about her trip to Rome, the Vatican and Assisi. It should be a wonderful time! We will also talk about occasionally collaborating with the other 4 Webster parishes for next year. Coffee, tea and dessert are provided. Bring your own brown bag lunch.

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**Scouting News!
~ Congratulations ~**

At Sunday's Diocesan Catholic Scouter's Recognition Dinner two of our parishioners who have been involved in Girl Scouting and Boy Scouting for many years here at St. Rita Church were honored. They were:

Helena Kessler received the St. Anne Medal. This is the highest award that can be bestowed on a Girl Scout leader by the National Catholic Committee on Scouting.

Justin Tubiolo was honored with the St. George Emblem. For those of you who don't know, this is the highest level of recognition that the Catholic Committee on Scouting has for its members. Justin was cited for 20 years of service as a scout leader, 11 of them as a unit leader. This is indeed a very rare and prestigious recognition.

Our **Boy Scout troop 163** was presented with the "Pope Paul VI" and also the "Golden Bow" Unit Awards, the first and only unit in the area to receive this relatively new, national level award.

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**SINGLE PARENT FAMILY CAMP
August 25-31
at Camp Stella Maris (Conesus Lake)**

This is a place where single parents and their children can work at strengthening the family unit, find a place to heal, and receive support from other single parents who have also suffered the pain of divorce or death of a spouse. For further information please call Camp Stella Maris at 346-2243 or Liz Wascak at 492-5558.

**ST. RITA SOCIETY
~ EVENING WITH MARY ~
Tuesday, May 21**

The St. Rita Society invites all the women of the parish to join in celebrating our "Evening with Mary". Fr. Chuck will preside at **Mass at 6:00pm** followed by dinner at the Nutcracker Restaurant at 7:00pm.

Dinner choices are:

Stuffed Chicken Breast	\$11.00
Veal Parmesan	\$12.00
Prime Rib	\$13.00

Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next and at the Parish Office. Deadline is Wednesday, May 15. Please consider joining us for this beautiful evening!

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**Webster/Penfield Catholic Connection News!
(Holy Spirit - Holy Trinity - St. Paul's - St. Rita's)**

COMPANIONS IN GRIEF

Will gather on

**Wednesday, May 22
at 7:30pm in Room 3**

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you are most welcome to come. All are welcome!

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**SINGLE AND SINGLE AGAIN
Our next event is
An Evening at the Lilac Festival**

Tuesday, May 14

at 6:00pm

Meet at the picnic tables by the big food tent next to the Veteran's Memorial. We will have dinner and then walk around to enjoy the lilacs.

Come join the fun! (Rain or shine)

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**DISCUSSION GROUP
Tuesday, May 21**

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Place: Convent

Topic: "Being on the Way"

by Wilkie Au, S.J.

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

48th ANNUAL ST. RITA PARISH FIESTA

Friday, May 31 from 5:00 – 11:00pm
Saturday, June 1 from Noon – 11:00pm

All parking will be located across the street at the Armory.
Handicapped parking is available in the St. Rita Church parking lot.

This week in the mail all registered parishioners should have received a flyer including all the Fiesta details along with their raffle ticket books. If you did not receive one there are extra flyers available on the tables in Church and extra raffle ticket books are available at the Parish Office.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Don't Forget:

If you sell four (4) books or more, you will receive either a free Fish Fry (\$7.00 value) or \$6.00 worth of Booth Bucks. Booth Bucks can be used like cash at any Fiesta booth. To be eligible, your tickets must be turned in to the Parish Office by May 30th (if the office is closed, drop them in the mail slot in the door). Your Fish Fry coupon or Booth Bucks must be picked up at the Parish Office on or before 5:00 pm Thursday, May 30th. Limit one prize per family.

If you sell five (5) books or more, your name will be entered into a weekly drawing for a **\$100 cash prize**. You will receive one entry starting with book five and one entry for every book thereafter. The drawings will be held on Saturday afternoons (5/11, 5/18, 5/25) and Friday, 5/31. Winners will be announced at all Masses. Tickets must be dropped off at the Parish Office by 5:00 pm the day before each drawing to be eligible for that week's drawing. All tickets (except the winning ticket) remain in the drawing pool throughout the contest. So, sell your first five books early to enjoy the best odds of winning \$100, or more!!

FIESTA PLANT BOOTH SALE: Now is the time to consider dividing or thinning your inside and outside plants to donate to our Fiesta Plant Sale booth. Last year the donations ranged from houseplants to perennials, annuals, tubers and shrubs. This is an opportunity to share the plants that you have nurtured and grown with others and support the plant sale. Please call Joyce Hollander, 671-3281 about any donations of plants or containers.

BOOK SALE: Once again we will be holding a Used Book Sale at the Fiesta. Currently we are accepting donations of used books, video tapes and CD's. (No encyclopedias, Readers Digest or textbooks please). So clean out your bookshelves now and bring in your donations to the box in the greeting area in Church – or for pick-up please call 671-2722.

BAKED FOOD SALE: The St. Rita Society would appreciate your support in continuing to make the Fiesta Baked Food Sale a great success. If you are able to donate a baked food item, please bring it to the Parish Center Gym on Friday, May 31 after Noon or Saturday, June 1 after 11:00am. Pies, cakes, and cookies are just a few suggestions. St. Rita's 50th Anniversary Cookbooks will also be available for \$8.00 each. Stop by their table as they will have some prizes to raffle off as well. Please call Julie Chirdon at 671-1451 if you want to help or bake.

FIESTA SPONSORSHIPS: Attention: Businesses and Organizations Reach over 2,000 families of the Saint Rita Parish and thousands of neighbors in the Webster-Penfield area by helping to sponsor this year's FIESTA. Get your message out to a targeted audience and support the good work of the Saint Rita faith community at the same time. A range of sponsorship levels is available. For more information please call the parish office or contact any member of the fund-raising committee - Bill Burns, Mark Bender, Tim Mason, Dan Nolan or Mark Clark (671-7745). THANK YOU for helping to make this year's FIESTA the best ever!

YOUTH GROUP – SILENT AUCTION: The Youth of St. Rita's will be holding their Annual Silent Auction during the Fiesta. There will be many items to bid on all donated by local businesses. Teens are needed to help staff our Auction. If you are able to volunteer a few hours please call Mel at 671-1100 ext. 18.

There are a wide variety of ways you can help! If you are interested in sharing some of your time in the spirit of community and fun call one of our chairmen, Dave Mauro (671-2383) or Tom Cali (671-0428).