

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2002

9:15AM ROBERT SPALLINA – Family

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2002

7:00AM LILLIAN HERBST – Margaret Cook

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

6:00PM EVENING WITH MARY LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2002

7:00PM SPECIAL INTENTION

9:15AM MARIE PEIFFER – Bill & Thelma Benwitz

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2002

7:00AM ANTHONY HUDSON – Maurie & Arline Durning

9:15AM ANN AMAN – Bill & Thelma Benwitz

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2002

9:15AM ANGELO BARBETTA – Wife

6:30PM Wedding: Richard Seils & Janet Guildbeck

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2002

5:00PM HELEN KESTER (Living Intention) – Judy Leone

SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2002

7:30AM ROSEMARIE LINNAMEN – Alice Bower, Martha Brady & Judy Tannascoli

9:00AM FRANK FRICANO – The Carosa Family

10:30AM JOSEPH FINN – Wife, Anna

* * * * *

This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in honor of Paula Law's Birthday

* * * * *  * * * * *

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Pentecost has always been very special to me. It is the birthday of the Church ~ it's celebration of the many gifts of the Spirit given to all of us. I believe that from that first Pentecost until this day, with all of its pain, still there are everywhere around us signs of the Spirit's presence.

Thirty-four years ago, I celebrated the Eucharist for the first time, on Pentecost Sunday. I prayed then and I believe just as firmly today:

"The spirit works in turmoil, in driving winds, in tongues of fire, in turbulent waters. Everywhere in the Church today there are astounding outpourings of the Spirit."

Come Holy Spirit
enkindle in us all
the fire of your love.

Peace,

P.S. Fr. Eloo and I are like a tag team this week. He returns from vacation in San Diego and I am off to Richmond, Virginia. This weekend I have the joy of baptizing my newest grandniece Olivia Katherine Grandpre at St. Bridget's Church in Richmond. Olivia's middle name was chosen to honor her great-grandmother – my Mom – Marie Katherine Latus.

I look forward to spending time with the family and being with Olivia's two big brothers, Nicholas and Harrison.

Pentecost Sunday

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MAY 19, 2002

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00AM Last 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 3

MONDAY

7:00PM Liturgy Committee – Rm 3
7:30PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY

9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S. Group – Rms 1 & 3
10:00-11:30AM Discussion Group – Convent
1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
6:00PM Evening with Mary Mass – Church
7:00PM Sr. High Youth Group – Barn-up
7:00PM Planned Giving - Rm 3
7:30PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 1

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Mercy Center with the Aging – Gym
7:00PM Stephen Ministry Training – Rm 1
7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church
7:00PM Finance Council – Parish Office
7:30PM Companions in Grief Group – Rm 3

THURSDAY

7:30PM Fr. Eloo's Presentation – Church
7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Paul's
7:30PM Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

* * * * *

PARISH SUPPORT

LAST WEEK	WEEKLY GOAL	VARIANCE
\$14,155	\$12,500	+ \$1,655

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

* * * * *

MAJOR CHURCH CLEANING!
Monday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Help make our Church sparkle! Join us on Monday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. (after the 9:15 a.m. Mass). Bring your cleaning cloths and supplies and your energy! Many hands make light the work! If you have any questions, please call Sally at 787-2851 or Dorothy at 671-5673.

BIBLE READINGS:

19 Sun **Pentecost Sunday** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23
20 Mon Jas 3:13-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 9:14-29
21 Tue Jas 4:1-10 Ps 55:7-11,23 Mk 9:30-37
22 Wed Jas 4:13-17 Ps 49:2-3,6-11 Mk 9:38-40
23 Thu Jas 5:1-6 Ps 49:14-20 Mk 9:41-50
24 Fri Jas 5:9-12 Ps 103:1-4,8-9,11-12 Mk 10:1-12
25 Sat Jas 5:13-20 Ps 141:1-3,8 Mk 10:13-16
26 Sun **Trinity Sunday** Ex 34:4-6,8-9 Dn 3:52-56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

* * * * *

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
NEXT WEEKEND ~ MAY 25 & 26

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Arthur Knapp, Michael Harris, Christina Smith

Sunday, 7:30am:

Andrew McGrath, Kyle McGrath, Sean McGrath

Sunday, 9:00am:

Kevin, Chris and Mike Macikowski

Sunday, 10:30am:

Sean Connell, Sam Crowell, James Crowell

* * * * *

SACRISTAN:

Week of May 19 Dorothy Mykins & Marge Gallo

LINENS:

Week of May 26 Loretta Berthold

* * * * *

Dear St. Rita Parishioners,

Thank you for your donation of \$1,597.34 for Operation Rice Bowl (Lenten coin folders). Your generosity will help ease hunger around the globe and in our own neighborhood ~ giving peace a better chance.

Judy Taylor
Diocesan Liaison
Catholic Relief Services

* * * * *

WEBSTER/PENFIELD
PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Free blood pressure screenings will be offered next weekend after all Masses in Room 1.

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Christian Stewardship is a broad, encompassing teaching, emphasizing that everything we are and everything we have ~ all our creation, our Church, our own vocation, our personal resources, our talents and even our time ~ come as gifts freely and lovingly given to God.

An excerpt from *Catholic Stewardship – Sharing God's Gifts* by Colleen Smith, Our Sunday Visitor, Inc.

* * * * *

FAMILY CHOIR NEWS

The "Family Choir" takes part in the 9:00am Mass on the 4th Sunday of each month. Chris Yule, St. Rita's Music Director, will lead us. Please join us on **Sunday, May 26 at 9:00am Mass**. We will meet at 8:30am in Room 3 for rehearsal.

* * * * *

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

This **Tuesday, May 21 at 7:30pm in Room 1**, come and join Re and Tom as they journey with the group through the Books of Samuel.

* * * * *

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.

Did you ever talk to someone but felt as if that person just wasn't listening? Stephen Ministers are trained to listen well. They will hear what you have to share and respond lovingly and non-judgmentally – rather than telling you what you should or shouldn't have done. If you need someone who will really listen to you as you work through a problem in your life, consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Call Rose Leisenring at 671-1100, x14.

* * * * *

Tell Me About Your Mother . . .

At the request of the M.O.M.S. Group, Father Eloo has agreed to share with us about the women in Nigeria and his perspective on the important role of womanhood, motherhood and the nurturing outreach of every woman. He will offer personal reflections, which cross all cultural and geographic lines and speak on a woman's profound influence in families, as well as their culture. It should be a very interesting time. All are most welcome and we hope many of you will join in attending on

Thursday, May 23 at 7:30pm in Church

* * * * *

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!

* * * * *

BOY SCOUTS TO THE RESCUE

It's time again for the St Rita's Fiesta!!
I, Taylor Smith have been asked to organize a group of scouts to set-up on Thursday, May 30 after school and breakdown booths and fencing on Sunday, June 2 after the 10:30 Mass. All Scouts in any Troop or Pack are encouraged to come out and help your Church Community. If you and your adult leaders are able to help in any way please contact me at 671-9637 or smithdande@netzero.net

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.
- Monday: 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.

* * * * *

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FOR FAMILIES!**

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

"F.I.R.E.": Is a religious education program for the whole family. Learn and grow together in your faith while spending quality 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.

* * * * *

FAMILY FAITH NEWSLETTER

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!

* * * * *

VOCATION VIEW ~ May the fire of the Holy Spirit touch the hearts of those men and women who are being called. May they be both generous and trusting in their response. If God may be calling to a Church vocation, call Fr. John DeSocio at 461-2890 or Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

**YOUNG AT HEART
~ SENIOR GROUP ~**

**Tuesday, June 11
at 1:00 p.m.
at Antonio's Restaurant (Empire Blvd.)**

This will be our final gathering until September. Join us for a delicious lunch and great fellowship. Cost is \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members for your choice of chicken parmesan or beef. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend or at the parish office until Wednesday, June 5. All are most welcome to come!

* * * * *

**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.

* * * * *

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
DURING THE FIESTA!**

We will be holding a Blood Drive in the Gym on Saturday, June 1 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. There are sign up sheets on the tables in the Narthex of Church. If you know you would be able to donate blood that day – please sign up on the sheets provided. Help save a life!

* * * * *

~ WE NEED YOUR HELP ~

Some of the blue covered missalette/hymnbooks have been disappearing on a regular basis. Please try not to remove any of the blue covered from church. Our hope is to keep two hymnbooks in each slot of the pew so that everyone will be able to follow along and sing at our liturgies. Thank you for your assistance.