

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JULY 15, 2002

9:15AM BERT DE LANO – Dottie DeLano

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2002

7:00AM VICTOR CARROLL – Mike Doohan
9:15AM JACK MAHANY – Dick Mahany

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2002

7:00AM MAUREEN KOHLMEIER – Anita Paycoff
9:15AM ELVIRA GIUSTINO – Mr. & Mrs. Sam Zarcone

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2002

7:00AM GIL JUSTICE – Dick & Jan Seils
9:15AM ANGELINA SORRENTI – Josephine Menzel

FRIDAY, JULY 19, 2002

9:15AM EMILIA & WACLAW BUDZYNSKY and
CARLOS & VIRGINIA RAIMONDI – Mr. & Mrs. Budzynski

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2002

5:00PM JOHN SCOTT – Tom & Fran O'Connor

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2002

7:30AM BETTY BLEIER – Bill Bleier
9:00AM SR. MARY ALACOQUE – John & Norma Murphy
10:30AM LUIGGI PICCIRILLO – Mary Fanara

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Clara Patterson**

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VOCATION VIEW

The Lord is the sower of seeds of vocations to priesthood and religious life. By prayer and a spirit of generosity, be encouraged to offer your talents and abilities if you feel God may be calling you to a Church vocation. If so, please call Fr. John DeSocio at 461-2890 or Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

In the year ahead our Social Action Ministry Committee has chosen to focus primarily on two areas of need. The one is International ~ our Twinning Parish in Tanzania, Africa. The other is Local, our neighbors ~ the Migrant Farmworkers in nearby Wayne County.

Recently our Parish Outreach Fund made a donation toward this latter effort to assist in establishing a "Safe House". Sr. Janet Korn acknowledge that gift and I am sharing her note:

Dear Fr. Chuck & All the Good People of St. Rita's,

Thank you so much for the very generous gift of \$1,000 for the needs of the Migrant Farmworkers.

We are in the midst of establishing a "Safe House" in Wayne County for the migrants who find themselves in need of housing. It is evident that new needs continues to arise; women are traveling North by themselves without the security of having a place to stay; families come believing they have work in a certain place and arrive only to find out that there is no work or a worker becomes ill and is unable to recuperate in a trailer. These needs, among others, have demonstrated the necessity of providing a temporary safe place for the workers. It is our belief that the staffing and maintenance of such a house will cost approximately \$50,000 a year.

It is only through the caring and awareness of people like yourselves that such a ministry will be able to be sustained. The Parishioners of St. Rita's have been strong supporters of so many ministries around the Diocese and we are deeply grateful that you have added the migrant "Safe House" to your list.

We will keep you informed as to the progress of this project and please know that we hold you in our prayers as the Church of Rochester continues to provide for the needs of all its members.

*Sincerely,
S. Janet Korn, RSM
Catholic Charities, Project Unity*

P.S. If any of you are interested in assisting our Social Action Ministry Committee with either of these projects please call Celeste Kier at 787-1211

Peace,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JULY 14, 2002

SUNDAY

10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4
7:30PM BINGO at the K of C – Team 3

MONDAY

7:00PM Stephen Ministry – Gym

TUESDAY

1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
7:00PM Planned Giving Committee – Rm 1
7:30PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 3

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

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PARISH SUPPORT

LAST WEEK	WEEKLY GOAL	VARIANCE
\$11,765	\$12,500	-\$735

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

It is summertime and we count on your generosity and dedication to make up the envelopes for any weeks that you are away.

Thank You!

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SACRISTAN:

Week of July 14 Shirl Mintz

LINENS:

Week of July 21 Maureen Morehouse

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Wedding Banns

Erin McDonald & Raymond Martucci
Susan Rupprecht & Branton Stewart

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YOUTH NEWS!

SUMMER SOFTBALL "FUN LEAGUE"

Anyone in Grades 8-12 come on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at St. Rita's. All are welcome! Friends too! Questions? Call Melissa at 671-1100 ext. 18 or just come!

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

NATALIE CATHERINE ROBERTS

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 14 Sun **Fifteenth Sunday of the Year** Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23
- 15 Mon Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mt 10:34-42,11:1
- 16 Tue Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24
- 17 Wed Is 10:5-7,13-16 Ps 94:5-10,14-15 Mt 11:25-27
- 18 Thu Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 102:13-21 Mt 11:28-30
- 19 Fri Is 38:1-8,21-22 Is 38:10-12,16 Mt 12:1-8
- 20 Sat Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14 Mt 12:14-21
- 21 Sun **Sixteenth Sunday of the Year** Wis 12:13,16-19 Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
NEXT WEEKEND ~ JULY 20 & 21**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Meghan LaVigne, Michelle and Caitlin DiRaimo

Sunday, 7:30am:

James, Erin and Megan Samuelson

Sunday, 9:00am:

Charlie DeGaugh, Lauren Benz, Laura Casper

Sunday, 10:30am:

Lia Beauchemin, Kara Beauchemin, Andrea Young

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A Note of Thanks ~

To everyone at St. Rita Parish,

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to you all for making me feel so at home during my stay at St. Rita's. The kindness and generosity shown to me while I was with you will remain with me for years to come. I will always cherish the many friends and memories I made during my time with you. Thank you also for the great sendoff reception and for the many gifts I received.

**May God continue to bless you,
Fr. Eloo**

JULY 14, 2002

ADULT FORMATION NEWS

From the desk of Drew Desmarais

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

If you aren't aware of your talents, you can't decide how best to share them in service to the parish and the world. Thus one of the early steps in stewardship ~ if you haven't already done so ~ is to discover your talents. Talents are gifts from God. They should be cherished, and we should be quick to proclaim our God-given gifts as such!

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

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~ ST. RITA SCHOOL CLASS OPENINGS ~

Due to unforeseen job changes and families on the move, we have openings in several grades for next year including Kindergarten and Pre-K. For more information please call the school at 671-3132.

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**LADIES ~ SAVE THE DATE!
September 6 – 8, 2002 for**

St. Rita's Annual Women's Retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. The theme this year is "**Christ Calls: Come to Me / Be Refreshed.**" There will be more information to follow or call Thelma Benwitz at 872-0642 in the meantime.

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The July-August 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!

In **September of 2002**, I will be putting together a bulletin for adults sent out periodically through e-mail. This bulletin will consist of reviews of current books, articles; will include reminders about upcoming adult formation opportunities in the parish and in the neighboring Webster-Penfield Parishes. The purpose of the bulletin is to present up to date information quickly and direct to you through e-mail. In order for me to send you this information, I will need your e-mail address. You can send your address to me at ddesmarais@dor.org

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The **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** will be meeting this Tuesday, July 16 at 7:30pm in Room 3. Join Re and Tom Scott as they journey with the prophet Samuel.

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SACRAMENT NEWS

RCIA NEWS!

Having thoughts about becoming Catholic?

The Catholic Church offers a process called RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for people who are considering becoming Catholic. This welcoming process is for people who haven't been baptized or for people who were baptized in another faith but want to pursue Catholicism. The group begins meeting at the end of September and continues through to the Easter Vigil. The first two months are designed to help the person discern whether they really want to embrace the Catholic Faith. Call Drew Desmarais at 671-1100 if you have any interest or questions about the RCIA process.

SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION

Is Now Underway For 2002-2003

Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is now underway. Registration forms are available in the back of church, the parish office and Religious Education Office. Sacramental preparation is a parish-based process, which means it does not take place in the Catholic School or the Religious Education Program. Once you have registered, you will receive a letter letting you know when the parent meeting takes place. Children who are seven years old are eligible for the **Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.**

Companions in Grief presents ...

"Embracing the Journey"

**Presenter: Tracey Jagla, RN, BSN
Director of Journey Home, Inc.**

When: Thursday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Holy Spirit Church
1355 Hatch Road

Hosted by Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection
(Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Paul's, St. Rita's)

All are welcome!

If you have lost a loved one, please join us

**Do you feel called
to serve God's people as a Deacon?**

Following the Second Vatican Council, the Permanent Diaconate was restored as an ordained ministry in the Church. In the United States, the Diaconate was restored in 1968 and has now grown to almost 13,000 deacons. In our Diocese, we currently have 90 ordained deacons serving in a variety of important ministerial roles.

If you'd like to learn more about the order of deacon, including what's involved in this special ministry and what the requirements are for becoming a permanent deacon, you are invited to attend an informational session on Sunday, July 24, 2002 at St. Bernard's School, 1100 South Goodman from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Deacon David Palma, Director of Deacon Personnel for the Diocese will be on hand with a short presentation and to answer questions. We invite you to bring your wife (if married).

If you know of someone who you think has a vocation to the Diaconate, please invite them to join us.