

# EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

**MONDAY, JULY 29, 2002**

9:15AM JAMES STYLES – Mom & Dad

**TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2002**

7:00AM FRANK GOODRICH – Wife  
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2002**

9:15AM CLARICE BAILEY – Doris Stark

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2002**

7:00AM JOSEPHINE HRUSECKY – Bill & Dorothy Hudy  
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2002**

9:15AM MADELINE PAYCOFF – Anita Paycoff

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2002**

2:00PM Wedding:  
Susan Rupprecht & Branton Stewart  
5:00PM PAT ALWARD – Clara Alward

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2002**

7:30AM SHIRLEY LA ROSA – Charles Perri  
9:00AM MARY HUDY – Verna & Phil Mendola  
10:30AM CHARLES MARLETTA – The Rieger Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light  
will burn in loving memory  
of Floyd Gardner**

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**VOCATION VIEW**

Are you willing to sell everything you own and follow the Lord? Once you accept the Lord into your life – as a priest, sister or brother – you will not miss those things you have ‘given up’. Rather, you will rejoice in what you have ‘found’. If God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. John DeSocio at 461-2890 or Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

# FROM FR. BEDEMOORE . . .

“A pure heart create for me Oh God,  
and put a steadfast spirit within me”. Ps 51: 10

I was born into the family of Udechuwku in the South Eastern Anambra State of Nigeria on May 25, 1968. There are nine children in my family and my father and mother are still living. I really miss them for they are so dear to me. Their faith and love, courage and sacrifices encouraged one of my sisters (Christiana) and me to dedicate our lives to the service of God and others in the priestly and religious vocations.

My journey to the Catholic Priesthood began in 1982 at the age of 14. It began at our diocesan seminary, St. John Bosco Minor Seminary. It was here that Fr. Elo taught me. After high school in 1988 I was assigned to teaching apostolate at my alma mater.

I graduated in 1993 with my degree in Philosophy from Bigard Memorial Major Seminary and again taught apostolate at my alma mater. I was ordained to the priesthood for the Catholic Diocese of Awka, on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15, 1998 at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Awka. My 4<sup>th</sup> priestly anniversary is coming up.

After my ordination I worked as an assistant pastor at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Igboekwu until 1999 after which I was appointed the Assistant Diocesan Director of Social Communications and Associate Editor of my Diocesan Newspaper called FIDES.

In December 2000, my Bishop expressed the desire to establish a Diocesan Radio as more effective means to reaching out to the catholic faithful in our diocese. The literacy level in our Diocese is very low; hence, the need for advanced audio-visual (electronic) means of evangelization. I was sent by my Bishop to be trained in Radio for a License (Master) degree in Social Communications at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy. I have just finished my first year there.

My desire to come to the Rochester Diocese and to St. Rita’s to work is simply: to love and to be loved, to share joy, cultural and pastoral experiences that will deepen my faith, widen my knowledge about Catholicism in America and better enable me to appreciate the life and people of this area. It offers me a unique opportunity to offer religious service to the people here and the United States in general.

My mother tongue is the Igbo language. I can speak, read, write and understand English and Italian languages. I can also read and understand French, although I am still learning. I have great passion for soccer, music (guitar) and reading novels. Spiritually, I am a devotee to the Divine Mercy. May I assure you of one thing; Someone up there in Heaven loves you and I love you too!

Thank you for this reading.  
BedeMoore Udechukwu  
e-mail: bedemoore@yahoo.com

# Family Faith News!

## Parents as Primary Religious Educators?

### (Part 1)

Long before your children were old enough for school or any formal religion program, they were already beginning to grow in faith. They had been living and growing in the midst of a community of faith – their family.

What does it say to your children that one of the most important occasions of their lives was the day of their baptism? Even though they have no recollection of that day, they have seen photographs, they have heard the stories, and they know their godparents. When these family stories are told and re-told, your children recognize the importance of those events, and they begin to gather impressions about faith and about religion.

What does it say to children that your family prays at mealtime or at bedtime? While you may not think of this as “teaching”, your children are learning much about faith lived in the care of a God who loves them and hears their prayers. And, when a loved one is ill and your family prays for recovery, your children learn that God is with us even in the most sad and frightening moments of our lives.

From their earliest experiences children come to know God through creation. And gradually even the youngest child is introduced to the stories of Jesus. This is the beginning of their readiness to hear and embrace the gospel.

As your children attend Mass throughout early childhood, they come to know that there is something special about this place, the church. Even as little children they recognize that special actions and events happen there. Soon, they want to participate in Holy Communion.

Faith-filled moments permeate all of family life. It is true, faith happens in families first. And, you as parents are blessed with the love and grace to foster your children’s spiritual growth. Indeed, as parents you are uniquely able to teach your children – first because you yourselves are persons of faith – and secondly because you are parents.

**Look for Part 2 of this message in next weekend’s bulletin.**

## ADULT FORMATION NEWS

From the desk of Drew Desmarais

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](mailto:ddesmarais@dor.org)

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The **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** will be meeting Tuesday, August 6 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.

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK**                      **JULY 28, 2002**

**SUNDAY**

10:30 AM      Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4  
7:30PM                      BINGO at the K of C – Team 1

**TUESDAY**

1:00PM                                      Recovery – Rm 3

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

2:00PM                                      Jesus Rosary – Church

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**PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>LAST WEEK</b>	<b>WEEKLY GOAL</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
\$11,648	\$12,500	- \$852

**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 28      Dorothy Mykins & Marge Gallo

**LINENS:**

Week of August 4                                      Eileen Romeo

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**FOOD COLLECTION  
NEXT WEEKEND**

On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners are asked to bring in food for the needy in our area. Food may be left in the greeting area of Church. Please remember to bring your nonperishable foods to church with you next weekend. Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

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**FIESTA EXTRA'S ~ We have available . . .**

**Fresh Frozen Haddock**  
Breaded (8-10oz pieces)  
\$2.25 per piece.

Call the Parish Office at 671-1100

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

**Madison Isabella Trenkler**  
**Marissa Marie Aratari**

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**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 28 Sun      **Seventeenth Sunday of the Year** 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52
- 29 Mon      Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-21 Jn 11:19-27
- 30 Tue      Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Mt 13:36-43
- 31 Wed      Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18 Mt 13:44-46
- 1 Thu      Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
- 2 Fri      Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5,8-10,14 Mt 13:54-58
- 3 Sat      Jer 26:11-16,24 Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34 Mt 14:1-12
- 4 Sun      **Eighteenth Sunday of the Year** Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9,15-18 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
NEXT WEEKEND ~ AUGUST 3 & 4**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Danielle Boehm, Michael Boehm, Christina Smith

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Elizabeth Hohl, John Hohl, Dan Hohl

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Kaitlyn Wagner, Kristin Mannella, Susie Loeb

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

Adam Rall, Ryan Rall, Jeff Tatanus

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**EXPECTANT PARENT BLESSING**

St. Rita Parish has a special blessing for expectant parents, which is held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses on Sunday, August 4.

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**~ ST. RITA SCHOOL CLASS OPENINGS ~**

We have openings in our Pre-K 3 year old afternoon program at St. Rita School for this coming year. This program is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00-2:30pm. For more information please call the school at 671-3132.

**JULY 28, 2002**

**ST. RITA'S WOMEN'S RETREAT**

**September 6 through 8, 2002  
at the Notre Dame Retreat House**

## **Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

By financially supporting the parish, we are all visiting the parish sick; we all teach religious education programs; we all share in the administering of the sacraments; we all counsel the bereaved; we all celebrate the joy of the return of prodigal sons and daughters. Through our financial support, we participate indirectly by making it possible for our priests, the parish staff and lay ministers to carry out these important ministries and apostolates.

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### **WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**

Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years on Sunday, September 22, 2:00pm, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. A reception will follow the Mass.

If you would like to receive an invitation, please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, New York 14624 or call Sylvia at 1-800-388-7177, x295 or 716-328-3210, x295, or e-mail: smancuso@dor.org. You will receive an invitation to the Jubilee Mass and a response card. Responses for the Mass need to be received by Tuesday, September 3.

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### **MASS TIMES WHILE ON VACATION**

***As you travel this summer, you can check for Church locations and Mass times by calling 1-800-627-7846 or on the Internet at [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).***

Our theme this year is:

**“Christ Calls, Come to Me! Be Refreshed!”**

Ladies, would you please consider taking Christ up on His invitation to come and be refreshed at our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Retreat at beautiful Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking Canandaigua Lake.

Our Retreat focuses on the spiritual reality of *Conversion*. Conversion is a fundamental part of every person's life. We should be ready and willing to renew our souls during this time of crisis.

The Conference will address such issues as:

- I. How human beings strive to enter the Door of God.
- II. How reconciliation brings us into union with God who forgives.
- III. Our personal destiny of union with God is our choice.
- IV. How we should respond to a world in which good and evil exist together.

Along with our discussions, you will enjoy the companionship of women from our parish and other parishes, four delicious meals, a comfortable room with air conditioning, some quiet time by yourself walking the beautiful grounds or in the chapel.

We meet at St. Rita's parking lot at 5:30pm on Friday, September 6 for carpooling. Registration is at 7:00pm at Notre Dame.

To make a reservation, please call Thelma at 872-0642 or Anita at 671-7036. Suggested donation is \$120.00 but please don't let that be the reason for not attending. Hope to hear from you!

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Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection  
Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Paul's, St. Rita's

### **Companions in Grief Group 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

For all those who have lost a loved one!  
All are welcome!

**Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection**  
**Holy Spirit ~ Holy Trinity ~ St. Paul ~ St. Rita**

**August 2002 Calendar**

**Everyone from every parish is welcome to every event!!**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b><u>Daily</u></b>	<u>Eucharistic Adoration</u>	<u>Holy Spirit</u>	M-F 9:30AM – 10 PM Sat. 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM No Adoration on Sunday during August.
<b><u>Mondays</u></b>	<u>Intercessory Prayer</u>	<u>Holy Trinity</u>	7:30 PM
<b><u>Tuesdays</u></b>	<u>Mom's Scripture Group</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u>	1:00 PM
<b><u>Thursdays</u></b>	<u>Charismatic Prayer Group</u> <u>Eucharistic Adoration</u>	<u>St. Paul's</u> <u>Holy Trinity</u>	7:30 PM 8 – 9 PM
<b>Sat. August 3</b>	Marian Cenacle	Holy Trinity	9:00 AM
<b>Tues. August 6</b>	Scripture Study	St. Rita's – Rm 3	7:30 PM
<b>Thurs. August 8</b>	Companions in Grief	Holy Spirit	7:30 PM
<b><u>Wed. August 14</u></b>	Seniors Bingo <b><u>Mass of anticipation for the Feast Day</u></b>	Holy Spirit Holy Spirit St. Rita's	1:30-3:00 PM 5:30 PM 5:45 PM
<b>Thurs. August 15</b>	Feast of the Assumption – Mass Times  Cursillo Ultreya	St. Paul's Holy Trinity  Holy Spirit  St. Rita's  Holy Trinity	8:30 AM & 7 PM 6:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM MASS <b>6:30 &amp; 9:00 AM</b> <b>5:30 &amp; 7:30 PM</b> 7 AM & 9:15 AM  7:00 - 8:30 PM
<b>Sun., August 18</b>	Apologetics	Holy Trinity	6:30 - 8:30 PM
<b>Tues. August 20</b>	Scripture Study	St. Rita's – Rm 3	7:30 PM

**Church of the Holy Spirit**  
(585) 671-5520

**Holy Trinity Church**  
(585) 265-1616

**St. Paul's Church**  
(585) 671-2100

**St. Rita's**  
(585) 671-1100

If you are interested in including your event in the Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection (WPCC) Calendar, please contact Jolene DeHond at (585) 265-1616 or at [jrdehond@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jrdehond@rochester.rr.com). All items for the calendar need to be submitted by the fifteenth of each month.