

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2002

9:15AM MASS OF THANKSGIVING –
Kathleen Baumer

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2002

7:00AM EDNA HUDSON – Joseph Huss
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2002

9:15AM JOSEPHINE HRUSECKY –
Eileen Frichtel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2002

7:00AM MARK DANIEL SIEWERT –
The Odenbach Family
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2002

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2002

2:00PM WEDDING ~
Danielle LaBue & Dennis Curtin
5:00PM HELEN & FRED PLUNKETT –
Sue & Bob Cook

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2002

7:30AM LUCY & CHUCK EYGABROAD
(50th Wedding Anniversary)
9:00AM GORDON LANG –
Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Quinlan
10:30AM MIKE AMICO – Grace & Tony Vallone

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in celebration of
Mary Jo DiDia's Birthday**



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~ *Wedding Banns* ~

Danielle LaBue & Dennis Curtin

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

A Family Wedding Weekend . . .
Musings from Saratoga

Last weekend our whole family gathered from far and wide at Saratoga, N.Y. for the wedding of my nephew Brian Buffan and his bride Kathy Mosher. I witnessed their marriage at Corpus Christi parish in Ushers, N.Y.

On and off this week . . . between meetings, etc. I've been musing on the many happy experiences shared over those few days. Someone asked me on Saturday evening, if it was different doing a wedding for someone in your own family. I responded yes ~ definitely! For one thing, I think I was probably nearly as nervous as the bride and groom and as close to tears as their folks were!

As we were waiting to begin, I was touched to see my 87 year old Mom escorted down the aisle by the best man, Matt Buffan, and to see my sister and brother-in-law, Barry & Ellen in the role of parents of the Groom.

On Sunday, many of us gathered in a hotel suite for a wonderful and peaceful time to savor and give thanks for all that had gone before on Friday and Saturday. A lunch followed for all before we motored off to the four corners of the land.

My Mom and I rode back with Barry and Ellen and shared lots of stories about the weekend. (plus following the exciting Bills game on the car radio) as I was dropped off here at the rectory – we all noticed a Dad and his 2 sons playing catch in a yard nearby. Barry took it in for a while and then commented that it didn't seem very long ago that he had been doing the same with Brian and Matt. This brought gentle tears to the rest of us as we mused on the journey of all our lives and how we had just experienced one of those special and graced moments along the way.

Peace,

VOCATION VIEW ~ Today's readings encourage us to present our lives to God in the form of prayer and petitions that are full of gratitude. Let us therefore pray for an increase of vocations to priesthood and religious life. If you think you are being called by God, then please call Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

Our parish is growing . . .

# of registered families as of 1/1/2002	2031
# of new families through 8/31/02	86
# of new families registered in September	20
# of families removed from parish list YTD	(61)

of registered families as of 9/30/02 2076

Welcome to all of our new families!

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ALTAR SERVER TRAINING SESSION

For New and Current Servers!

If you are in 5th Grade or older and are interested in becoming an Altar Server or if you are currently an altar server and wish to continue serving our parish, please come to a training / refresher session on:

Wednesday, October 23

7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Church

Current servers are encouraged to attend. If you are unable to make the meeting please call Mrs. King at 671-4930.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A Lector, Leader or Eucharistic Minister?

Anyone who is interested in training to be a Liturgical Minister is asked to call the Parish Office at 671-1100. Training for all new ministers interested in serving at our Weekend Liturgies will take place in October.

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Attention Lectors:

Workbook orders are due on Friday
See your current schedule for details.

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~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~

To **Marie Jones** who turns 100 on October 28. Marie and her husband Irving were charter members of St. Rita's when it originated over 50 years ago. Irving has since passed away but Marie now resides in Florida. If you would like to send her a note, her address is: Regal Palms ~ 300 Lake Ave. NE ~ Largo, FL 33771

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

The point is this: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." *2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

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

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The Diocese is about to launch the 2002-2003 **Thanks Giving Appeal**. All registered parishioners should receive a brochure, letter, pledge card and return envelope in the mail this week. Please read the material carefully and give consideration to your participation. Thank you.

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BINGO Proceeds (first quarter) = \$4,000

Special thanks to **Ray Zimmer, Tom Garney** and **Jim Michels** who spend every Sunday night running St. Rita's Bingo at the Knights of Columbus Hall. We also want to thank all of the volunteers who work at bingo. If you would like to volunteer in some way at St. Rita's, please consider working at Bingo. They would be happy for the help! Call 671-1100 if you are interested.

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We have a **Prayer Line** for anyone in need of spiritual help. To put your intentions on the prayer line, please phone Eileen (671-3163) or

Mary Lou (671-0596). About 40 homes will remember your intentions in prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

Begins on **Tuesday, October 15**

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Place: Convent

Topic: "Forgiveness"

What does it mean to forgive?
by Odyssey Productions

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

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ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!

St. Rita's will be hosting a Pre-Cana marriage Preparation session on Saturday, November 2, 2002. This is a perfect opportunity for couples with winter and spring weddings to spend a fulfilling day preparing to spend their lives together in marriage. Couples may register by calling Steve and Mary Ann Kwiatkowski at 671-1997. You may also register on-line at: <http://www.saintrita.org/committ/chriform/marriageprep/registration.html>

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**CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP
will meet on**

**Monday, October 7
at 7:30pm in Room 3**

This gathering is for anyone who is presently caring for a loved one at home, in the hospital or nursing home. More people are finding themselves taking care of sick relatives . . . a little time out will help you! Come for support, prayer and reassurance.

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**8th Annual ROAST BEEF DINNER
Saturday, October 19**

**Serving begins at 4:30pm
and continues through 7:00pm**

In the Parish Center you can enjoy a delicious meal that will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered carrots, waldorf salad, bread, homemade desserts and coffee. Tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend or at the Parish Office. Price is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10.

This year's proceeds will help defray the cost of parish projects. We invite you to join us for a great meal!

Our next "CATHOLIC AWAKENINGS"
will take place on:

**Monday, October 14
at 7:00pm in Room 1**

At our last gathering we had a brief overview of Pope John XXIII and his dream, and we delved into Liturgy. Next, we will use the Pastoral Ministry Series on Sacramental Theology to open up the Church's visible words and the sacraments out of Vatican II. We will share all that goes into the celebration of those signs. You may have learned about them through the Baltimore Catechism. Now let's revisit them via Vatican II. You are invited!

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**MARRIAGE PREPARATION TEAM
Would you like to join us?**

We have one of the best Marriage Preparation Teams in the diocese and the Team would like you to consider sharing your married love with couples who are contemplating marriage.

An informational session will be held on **Sunday, October 27 at 2:00pm in the Church** for those couples interested in joining us.

Or you could attend our next Marriage Preparation Session on **Saturday, November 2 at 8:30am** (Parish Center). Please come to observe and discern your willingness to join us. Babysitting will be provided for the November 2 session.

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF
Will gather on
**Wednesday, October 9
at 7:30pm in Room 3**

All who have lost a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome! Any questions, call Sr. Judy at 671-1653

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ST. RITA SOCIETY presents

**"How To Part With Your Treasures"
by "ALL THAT JAZZ" Antique Co-op**

**Tuesday, October 15
At 7:30pm in the Parish Center Gym**

Bring ONE item you would like appraised. Those who are thinking about downsizing would benefit from this program.

ALL WOMEN AND MEN ARE INVITED!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Craft Sale is Saturday, October 26

We would appreciate donations for the **Bake Sale** held during the St. Rita Craft Sale on October 26. If you love to bake, we'd love your help. Please drop off donations of your specialties on Friday, October 25 from 12:00 to 6:00pm or early Saturday morning near the school library. Any questions call Rosemary Darcy at 872-1274.

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CHILDREN'S HOLY HALF-HOUR

Come and bring your family for a half hour of Eucharistic Adoration. There will be prayers, Scripture readings, and quiet time. Saturdays from 3:00-3:30pm at Holy Spirit Church on Hatch Road. For more information contact Cristine at 671-5186.

YOUNG AT HEART ~ SENIOR GROUP

**Tuesday, October 8
at 12:30 p.m. in Room 1
(Note the time change!)**

Our social gathering is changing it's time! We will be meeting from 12:30-2:30pm. (no brown bag lunch). We welcome all seniors ~ men and women to join us in hearing our guest speaker and enjoy coffee, refreshments and fellowship.

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BABY GATE NEEDED ~ Do you have a baby gate you are no longer using? We are in need of a baby gate for Room 4 in the Parish Center for use with our babysitting program during the 10:30am Mass. If you have one you would like to donate – please call the Parish Office at 671-1100.

**CYO BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION BEGINS!**

ADULT FORMATION NEWS

From the desk of Drew Desmarais

St. Bernard's **Schola** will be coming to Webster this fall. **St. Bernard's Schola** is an adult learning opportunity focused on the basics of Catholicism. There will be six sessions available: **Being Catholic, Living Catholic, Celebrating Catholic.** St. Rita will be hosting the next session on **Thursday, October 17.** The session will take place in **Room 1 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The 1993 synod in the Diocese of Rochester raised life-long faith development as a major need for our people. Registration forms can be picked up on the tables in the back of Church. A free will offering can be made at the door. Please make every effort to attend this wonderful opportunity for personal growth in your faith.

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ADULT E-MAIL BULLETIN

This month, I will be putting together a bulletin for adults sent out periodically through e-mail. This bulletin will consist of reviews of current books and articles and 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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**WEBSTER/PENFIELD
PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS**

The Webster/Penfield Health Ministry and St. Paul's John Walsh Library Forum Present:

Timeless Gifts in the Autumn of Life

The physical, emotional and spiritual changes that take place as death nears

Sunday, October 20 at St. Paul's Church

Speaker is Deborah Sigrist, BSN,RN from Genesee Region Home Care.

Light supper at 5:00pm ~ Lecture begins at 6:00pm

Reservations requested.
Please call Fran (872-1592) or Betty (671-3782).

Registration forms are available on the tables in the Church Narthex and also at the Parish Office, for grade levels 5 through 12. Parent Information Meetings have been scheduled for Sunday, October 6th. Please refer to the form for the times and for more details about the registration process.

Registration for the 3rd/4th teams will begin at the end of October.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Tom Cali at 671-0428.

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ADULT MEN'S BASKETBALL

Adult men of St. Rita's Parish are invited to play recreational basketball in the parish center gym again this year, each Wednesday from 8:30 to 10:00pm. Come ready to play. Play begins on Wednesday, October 2. If you need more information, call Mic Arsit at 787-1443.

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VOCATION PRAYER

Loving God, you gave us hope and new life through the resurrection of your Son. Send your Spirit to make us your enthusiastic and effective witnesses. Strengthen our families. Call from among us priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers. May the Risen Christ help us to know your will and live it joyfully. Amen

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**ST. RITA'S 50th ANNIVERSARY
COOKBOOKS ON SALE**

Stop by the Parish Office and pick up your copy of our St. Rita's Cookbook filled with over 500 recipes from fellow parishioners. The hardcover books are \$8.00 each and make great Christmas gifts!

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2002-2003 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are now available and are valid now through November 2003. They are filled with terrific discounts on all types of restaurants (formal & informal) and entertainment. Profits benefit the House of Mercy. The cost per book is \$22.00. If you are interested please call Ed and Diane Langen at 217-9386. They will deliver if needed.