

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2002

9:15AM JAMES HANLEY –
Nick & Laura Haldoupis

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2002

7:00AM POOR SOULS – Anonymous
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2002

7:00AM KATE KACZALA – Gertrude Provost
9:15AM ROBERT LYNCH – Herb & Irene Kreger

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2002

7:00AM CAROLYN SEWARD –
Louis & Mary Gugino
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2002

9:15AM HELEN ROVNEYKO –
William Ciszewski, Jr. & Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2002

5:00PM VICTOR CARROLL – Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2002

7:30AM GLORIA BUCK –
Sally Merolillo & Family
9:00AM HARRY & REGINA PELCHER – Family
10:30AM SALVATORE LOVETRA –
Ike & Anne Marie Lipari

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Arthur Engel**

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VOCATION VIEW ~ The Lord is the shepherd who calls men and women to minister to serve the Church. As you pray for an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life, also be open to God's call in your life. If you think God is calling you, please call Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

Summary of the Finance Council Presentation to the Parishioners of St. Rita

We have so much to be proud of as members of St. Rita's Parish Family. Our devoted parish staff and faithful volunteers are committed to serving our parishioners in over 100 different ministries and programs. We financially support these programs as well as the capital expenditures not only in maintaining the quality of our facilities but adding to these facilities to serve our growing parish family. We continue to grow in size with over 200 new families joining St. Rita during the last two years alone.

The Finance Council hopes to improve their communication to the parish. We plan to continue to communicate weekly through the bulletin to update the parish on our weekly collections and how they compare to our budgeted goal.

Our operating expenses have increased annually due to the growth of the parish and the many additional programs and ministries we offer.

Collections dropped during the summer months as many people were traveling. We are currently below budget for this fiscal year. Our cash reserves are shrinking and prevent us from making repairs to the parking area. Our Church roof is in need of repair to prevent further water damage. As a result, we are projecting a deficit in this year's budget.

You should be aware that we currently pay almost \$6,000 per month on our parish center mortgage, which has a balance due of over \$600,000. This is a facility that all of us are able to benefit from in some way.

In order to fund our projected deficit and to help reduce our mortgage balance, we are asking parishioners to consider increasing their weekly giving. Just a slight increase on the part of many will allow our parish to flourish.

If you are not giving through the use of envelopes, please consider doing so as it is very helpful in planning for our future rather than relying on a somewhat unpredictable plate collection. Please note that soon we will be offering the option of an "auto withdrawal" from your bank account.

Members of our Finance Council are most willing to speak with you about your concerns and ideas to help make our parish the best it can be. Feel free to contact any one of us. Thank you for your continued support and prayerful consideration.

Finance Council Members:

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| Nancy Meisenzahl 671-3014 | Don Miller 671-4731 |
| Dean Hamingson 671-8517 | Mark Clark 671-7745 |
| Sharon Pucher 671-1100 | Dan Nolan 755-5286 |
| Chris Meagher 671-0460 | Tom Flaherty 872-4072 |

PLANS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 13, 2002

SUNDAY

8:00-11:00AM BREAKFAST CLUB - Gym
 10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4
 7:30PM BINGO at the K of C – Team 3

MONDAY

7:00PM No Religious Education Classes
 Catholic Awakenings – Rm 1

TUESDAY

No Religious Education Classes
 9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S Group – Rms 1 & 3
 10:00-11:30AM Discussion Group – Convent
 1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
 7:00PM Sr. High Youth Group – Barn
 7:15PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 3
 7:30PM St. Rita Society – Gym

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Parish Twinning – Church Library
 7:30PM Stephen Ministry – Rm 1
 7:30PM Buildings & Grounds – Parish Office
 8:30PM Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00PM St. Bernard's Schola – Rm 1
 7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Paul's

FRIDAY

2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

SATURDAY

10:00-10:45AM Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 4:30-7:00PM Roast Beef Dinner – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	
Variance		
\$14,705	\$12,654	+
\$2,051		

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	
Variance		
\$169,582	\$177,155	-\$7,573

(The Church's fiscal year begins 7/1/02)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Did You Know? If you attend Mass at another Church you may put your St. Rita Church envelope in their collection basket and they will in turn send it to us? We do this as a courtesy for other Churches as well.

Please Note ~ The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, October 14 in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.

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

*Chelsea Elizabeth Coon
 Katrina Mary Bellini*

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 13 Sun **Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year** Is 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Mt 22:1-14
- 14 Mon Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 11:29-32
- 15 Tue Gal 5:1-6 Ps 119:41,43-45,47-48 Lk 11:37-41
- 16 Wed Gal 5:18-25 Ps 1;1-4,6 Lk 11:42-46
- 17 Thu Eph 1:1-10 Ps 98:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
- 18 Fri **St. Luke** 2 Tm 4:9-17 Ps 145:10-13,17-18 Lk 10:1-9
- 19 Sat Eph 1:15-23 Ps 8:2-7 Lk 12:8-12
- 20 Sun **Twenty-ninth Sunday of the Year** Is 45:1,4-6 Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10 1 Thes 1:1-5 Mt 22:15-21

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 NEXT WEEKEND ~ OCTOBER 19 & 20**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Christina Smith, Meghan LaVigne, Michelle DiRaimo

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sean McGrath, Kyle McGrath, Kyle Chapman

Sunday, 9:00am:

Lauren Tatanus, Kristin Mannella, Dan Padgett

Sunday, 10:30am:

Ricky Vernetti, Nick Vernetti, Alex Vernetti

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SACRISTAN:

Week of October 13 Miriam & Dan Kennelly

LINENS:

Week of October 20 Martine Cianciotto

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Each week a white contribution envelope is drawn from the collection. The person or family named on the envelope receives a free breakfast.

This week's winner: Dick & Mary Crittenden

Next Week's Special: Waffles with homemade blueberry syrup served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.00.

OCTOBER 13, 2002

**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!

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
October 20, 2002**

Our **Twinning** (Sister Parish) **Committee** is planning next week's Mission weekend liturgies. World Mission Sunday celebrates our Catholic, universal church and remembers our brothers and sisters in the Eucharist, as we celebrate within our own cultures.

We, here at St. Rita Parish focus our attention on our sister parish in Mabughai, Tanzania but next week we pray for the world church and its leaders, missionaries and communities.

After Mass next week we will be collecting donations and selling raffle tickets for a beautiful afghan as we try to complete the building fund for the walls and roof of "our" Parish in Mabughai. Remember them in your prayers.

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PLEASE NOTE ~ As you may have heard, the **401st Civil Affairs Battalion from the Army Reserve**, located on Ridge Rd. (across the street from Church) has been called up to active duty. Our parish has sent a letter of support and prayer to each of those who were called into service. We ask you to continue to remember them and their families in your prayers.

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In the Prayers of the Faithful at our weekend Liturgies we pray for "those who are enrolled in our Book of Prayer". Just so you

know, our **Book of Prayer** is located in the Narthex on the lectern. You are invited to write the name(s) of those people you wish to be remembered in our community prayer each week.

**Stepping Stones to
Stewardship**

Glorify the Lord generously, and do not stint the first fruits of your hands. With every gift show a cheerful face, and dedicate your tithe with gladness. Give to the Most High as he has given, and as generously as your hand has found.

Sirach

35:8-10

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

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Hopefully everyone has received the 2002-2003 **Thanks Giving Appeal** mailing by this time and has had a chance to review the materials. Extra copies of the brochure are available in Church. The theme for this year's campaign is **"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace"**. Your support of the TGA enables the Church to be responsive and caring. Please be generous in your response. Every gift is needed and important. If it is easier, you can pay your pledge off in six installments. Pledge forms, which can be put in the collection basket or mailed directly to the diocese, are available in the back of Church. Please pray for the success of our efforts.

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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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Many Thanks . . . Along with the many bags of nonperishable food items, \$284.01 was collected in the baskets in the Narthex for the Needy in our area. Your generosity is remarkable.

ADULT FORMATION NEWS

From the desk of Drew Desmarais

BIBLE STUDY

Re and Tom Scott invite you to a Bible Study this **Tuesday, October 15 at 7:15pm in Room 3**. You will be exploring and decoding the Book of Revelations. Study books are provided for you and are published by the Little Rock Scripture Series. Everyone is welcome anytime. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:15pm in Room 3.

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

ST. BERNARD'S SCHOLA

The next session at St. Rita will be **Thursday, October 17 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The topic will be: **"Answering The Tough God Questions."** 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.

Save the Date! Tuesday, October 22 at 7:30pm in Room 1. Join Drew for a discussion and video on the Catholic Update pamphlet **"Antioch: The Trailblazer of Christianity."** This pamphlet will be inserted in next weekend's bulletin (October 19/20). Please read the Update before coming to the discussion.

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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.

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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ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Reminder: No classes Monday and Tuesday, October 14 and 15.

Please take a moment to admire our footprints walking around the Greeting Area. Our children are participating in the Diocesan sponsored *Works of Love* campaign by "Walking the Talk" with Jesus as we reach out to others. Our goal is 1,200 Christian acts of kindness before Advent. If you catch our children in the act of "Walking the Talk " in Jesus' footsteps remind them to put it on a footprint. Footprints are available in the Religious Education Office or you can make your own. Adult footprints are also welcome. Get out and enjoy some *heavenly* exercise. Happy walking!

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SACRAMENT NEWS

Sacramental Registration is Underway!

Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is now underway. Registration forms are available in the back of church, 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.**

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BABY GATE RECEIVED ~ We thank Lisa for her donation of a baby gate for use in Room 4 in the Parish Center with our babysitting program during the 10:30am Mass.

ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!

St. Rita's will be hosting a Pre-Cana marriage Preparation session on Saturday, November 2, 2002 for couples who have scheduled wedding dates with their parish. 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/commit/chriform/marriageprep/registration.html>

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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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**The Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection
SINGLES & SINGLE AGAIN**

**New Event!
RPO Casual and Dinner
at the Royal Dynasty**

When: Sunday, November 3
12:30-3:00 followed by dinner

Where: Eastman Theater
Deadline is Saturday, October 26

We will be carpooling from St. Rita's Church parking lot. Any questions call Sr. Judy at 671-1653 or Kathleen at 671-5449

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CRAFT SALE ~ 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.

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!

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**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).

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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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ST. RITA PARISH PASTA DINNER

Date: Sunday, November 3

Time: 2:00-5:00pm

Where: St. Rita's Parish Center

Price of \$6.00 includes pasta dinner, salad or jello, Italian bread, beverage and dessert. Children under 5 are free. Tickets will be sold after Masses the weekends of October 20 and November 3 and at the Parish Office. Walk-ins are welcome. Proceeds will be used to help maintain and improve our facilities. For advanced tickets, see the flyers on the tables in the Narthex in Church.

The **Diocesan Charismatic Mass** will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 16, at 8:00pm St. John Fisher College, Murphy Hall Chapel. Father William Moorby will be the celebrant. Prior to Mass from 7:15 –7:50 there will be a talk on the Holy Spirit. Following the celebration, there will be refreshments and fellowship. **ALL ARE INVITED!** Murphy Hall is across from the main college.

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.

BLESSING OF THE PETS Sunday, October 27 at 3:30pm

Calling all parish dogs, cats, ferrets, bunnies, hamsters, gerbils, birds, fish(?), and other pets. We have planned a special day just for you! Sunday, October 27, at 3:30 p.m. our very own Deacon Stan Douglas will meet you and your owner in the grass circle by the school for prayer and special blessings in honor of St. Francis. Please have your owner place you on a leash, in a kennel, or cage to keep you safe. If you have any questions ask your owner to call Anita Wagner at 671-2079. Come rain or shine!

PARISH BOOKRACK

There is some wonderful reading material on our Bookrack (located in the greeting area) for both children and adults.

Examples:

My Catholic Pray & Play Activity Book.

What Did Jesus Say & Do?

Be Not Afraid: (overcoming the fear of death)

Between People: Communicating one to one.

The prices are located on the back of each book. Your payment can be placed in an envelope in the wooden box on the wall near the books.

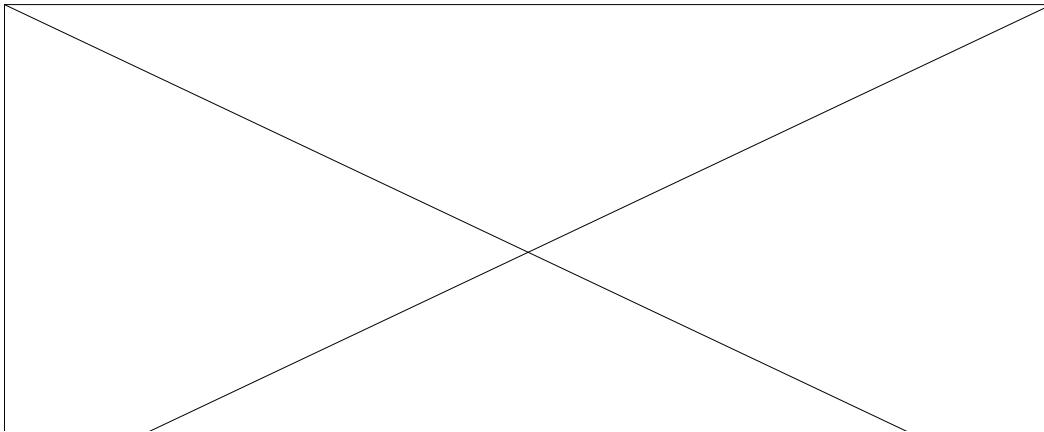
Also, there are a variety of magazines and care notes to choose from!

ST. RITA PASTA DINNER

Date: Sunday, November 3rd, 2002

Time: 2:00 – 5:00

Where: St. Rita's Parish Center



Price of \$6.00 includes pasta dinner,
salad or jello, Italian bread,
beverage and dessert.

Children 5 and under free.

**Tickets will be sold after masses on 10/20,
11/3 AND at the Parish Office.**

Proceeds will be used to help maintain our facility.

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If you wish to reserve your seats today, please send a check with this form to the Parish Office. Your tickets will be held at the door. Thank you.

Name: _____ # of people: _____ x \$6.00 = _____

Phone: _____ # of children 5 & under _____