

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2002

9:15AM Charles Shevlin – Doris Stark

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2002

7:00AM FRANCIS PALMIERI – Angela Palmieri

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002

7:00AM POOR SOULS – Anonymous

9:15AM CIPRIANA OGNIBENE –
Patty & Joe Janiak

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2002

7:00AM ANN AMAN – Nancy & Denis Thomas

9:15AM JAMES HANLEY –
Bernard & Marie Sigouin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2002

9:15AM JOSEPH JANIAC, SR. –
Ann & Frances Tiberio

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2002

5:00PM MEMBERS OF THE ALESSO FAMILY –
Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2002

7:30AM STANLEY POSLUSNY –
Richard & Roberta Gammons

9:00AM OTTO REISCH – Family

10:30AM SALVATORE DIODATO –
The Morrall Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Katy Wright**

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HOW TO RECITE THE ROSARY

A simple outline on reciting the rosary (including the 5 new mysteries added by Pope John Paul II) is available on the tables in the Narthex.

***“As each one has received a gift . . .
use it to serve one another”.***

The Gospel constantly challenges us to use our gifts to make good things possible. The **Thanks Giving Appeal** offers us a concrete way to put into action what we profess. The Thanks Giving Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of countless folks in need, all around our 12 county diocese.

Your gift makes a difference; large or small it is important. Please take time today to return your pledge (you may return it in the envelope sent to you or drop it in the collection basket).

We are most grateful for the **426** households who have already given. We need the help of all 2100 households to reach our goal of \$68,500.

Gratefully,

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THANKS GIVING APPEAL

The active phase of our parish **Thanks Giving Appeal** campaign is coming to a close. Thank you to everyone who has responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please give consideration to your financial participation. During this week, another letter and pledge form will be mailed to everyone who has not yet responded. We need your financial support to reach our potential goal. Thank you and please pray for the success of our efforts.

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VOCATION VIEW

Our first reading tells us that those who look for it find wisdom. Pray for the wisdom to know God’s will in your life. Perhaps it is to serve Him as a priest, sister or brother. If so call Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 10, 2002

SUNDAY

8:00-11:00AM BREAKFAST CLUB - Gym
10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4
12:00-4:00PM Youth Scavenger Hunt - Barn
7:30PM BINGO at the K of C - Team 4

MONDAY No School or Religious Ed. Classes

7:00PM Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Church
7:30PM Catholic Awakenings – Rm 3

TUESDAY No Religious Education Classes

9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S Group – Rms 3 & 4
12:30-2:30PM Young at Heart Senior Group - Rm 1
1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
7:00-8:30PM Jr. High Youth Group – Gym
7:00PM Liturgical Ministers Workshop – Church
7:30PM Social Action Ministry – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Catholic & Christian – Rm 1
7:30PM Companions in Grief Group – Rm 3
8:30PM Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00PM Stewardship Committee – Parish Office
7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church
7:00PM 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

SUNDAY 11/17

11:45AM Liturgical Ministers Workshop – Church

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SACRISTAN:

Week of November 10 Marianne Dunham

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Week of November 17 Evelyn Miller

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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: Mr. & Mrs. Warren Collins

Next Week’s Special: Delicious Eggs Benedict and free coffee for a donation of \$3.00.

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

**VICTORIA LEIGH BLAKE
RILEY RITA TALAVERA**

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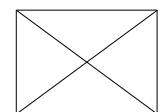
BIBLE READINGS:

- 10 Sun **Thirty-second Sunday of the Year** Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13
- 11 Mon Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6
- 12 Tue Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29 Lk 17:7-10
- 13 Wed Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 17:11-19
- 14 Thu Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25
- 15 Fri 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18 Lk 17:26-37
- 16 Sat 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8
- 17 Sun **Thirty-third Sunday of the Year** Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

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PARISH SUPPORT		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$14,790	\$12,654	+ \$2,136
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$220,956	\$227,831	- \$6,875
<small>(The Church’s fiscal year begins 7/1/02)</small>		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		
Your Will: Please remember St. Rita Parish in your will. Our legal name is St. Rita Church of West Webster, N.Y.		

FAMILY FAITH NEWS



The November-December issue of the Family Faith Newsletter is now available in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy to take home with you to read and enjoy for the holidays!

THANK YOU to Joan Ferland for the donation of the beautiful tapestry, which will soon be on display behind the Holy Family Statue in the greeting area!

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

How We Can Become Better Stewards

Take your "discipleship temperature" by asking yourself, "Of all the things I do, where does being a disciple rank in importance?" If being a disciple of our Lord is near the top of your list, then stewardship should be, too.

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

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~ NEW PROGRAM ~ CATHOLIC & CHRISTIAN

Has anyone ever asked you, "Are you Catholic or Christian?" **Fr. Joe Catanise** will be teaching a 10-week course entitled *Catholic AND Christian*. Cost of the text is \$12. To Register please call the parish office at 671-1100 and leave your name. Come and discover what our church believes and teaches. Our first class will begin on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:00pm and continue on Wednesday nights.

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AN EVENING OF REMINISCING

Women of **St. Rita's Society** come for SUPPER and an EVENING OF REMINISCING. We have invited members of our former Staff, Priests and Sisters to join us!

When: Tuesday,
November 19 at 6:00pm
Where: Parish Center
Bring: Either a salad, vegetable or dessert

Roast beef and mashed potatoes will be provided. If you have any questions or need transportation, please call Ann Steinkamp at 671-3278. Looking forward to seeing you!

FOOD COLLECTION FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS

As we have done for many years, this year we will be providing Thanksgiving Food baskets to many families who could really use your help. If you are able to donate **non-perishable food items**, please bring them to the Parish Office by Friday, November 22. Some items we need:

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| Corn | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Green Beans | Potatoes |
| Apple Sauce | Stuffing |
| Cranberries | Gravy or Gravy mixes |
| Salad dressing | Olives |
| Soup | Desserts or mixes |

If you have any questions, please contact Celeste Kier at the Parish Office. Thank you.

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THANKSGIVING BREAD SALE! After All Masses

Saturday, November 23 & Sunday, November 24

Our **PARISH TWINNING COMMITTEE** is holding a Bread Sale to be held after all Masses the weekend of November 23 & 24. All proceeds from this sale will benefit our Sister Church in Mabughai, Tanzania. Let us share our bounty with them! If you would like to donate a loaf of your favorite baked bread for the sale please bring it with you to church that weekend. If you would like more information about our Parish Twinning Program please call Al Pecora at 787-9624.

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF

**Wednesday, November 13
at 7:30pm in Room 3**

All who have lost a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

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YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR GROUP!

**Tuesday, November 12
12:30-2:30pm in Room 1**

Come join us as we welcome a member of the West Webster Fire Department who will share with us the many ways we can prevent an emergency situation and what we need to do if there is one. Coffee and refreshments will be provided.

“CATHOLIC AWAKENINGS”

In the past few years monthly **Catholic Updates** were held at St. Rita’s parish center to get a sense of how well and how much of the Second Vatican Council permeated our lives.

This year via **Catholic Awakenings**, we will pursue a more formal series of programs guided by Loyola Press to sort out our Catholic experiences with what has come about through Vatican II.

**Monday, November 11
at 7:00pm in Room 3**

Join Deacon Stan for the “Awakenings” series. It will continue to be held on the 2nd Monday of each month and will feature Catholic Basics related to Sacramental Theology.

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SACRAMENT NEWS

Sacramental Registration is Underway!

Children who are seven years old are eligible for the Sacraments of **First Eucharist and Confirmation**. 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 register, you will receive a letter letting you know when the parent meeting takes place.

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ADULT FORMATION NEWS

From the desk of Drew Desmarais

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, 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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Clothing Drive – November 16 from 10:00am until 2:00pm at Hegedorn’s on Hard & Ridge Roads to benefit the House of Mercy. Tax receipts are available. Coordinated by Nic Milton for his Eagle Scout Project. Questions? Call Nic at 671-2069.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, November 19

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Place: St. Rita’s Convent

Topic: “Miracles:
Do They Happen?”
by Odyssey Productions

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

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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!

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The parish recently purchased 10 new books for our Church Library. Eight of these books pertain to helping us through difficult times in our lives. Please stop in the Church Library near the entrance of Church and see them on display.

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WPCC NEWS!

The deadline for submitting items for the **Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection** December Calendar of activities is coming soon. Items must be *received* by Tuesday, 12 November. Please submit calendar items to your parish office, or email them directly to Wpcc14580@cs.com; fax them to 265-1627; or mail them to WPCC Calendar c/o Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road.

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Catholic Gay and Lesbian Family Ministry (CGLFM), serving the Diocese of Rochester for ten years, is sponsoring a meeting for parents of gay sons and lesbian daughters on Thursday, November 14 from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Paul’s Church. Basis for discussion will be the American Bishops’ publication, “*Always Our Children.*” If you wish to attend please contact CGLFM at 271-7363.

HOW THE LITURGY CAME TO BE

From the desk of Drew Desmarais

FROM CONSTANTINE (4TH CENTURY) TO CLASSICAL ROMAN ERA (6-7 CENTURIES)

With the conversion of Constantine to Christianity, in the early fourth century, the Church took on a new look, as it was flooded with new converts. The house-churches could no longer hold the massive numbers of new Christians that proclaimed allegiance to the new state sponsored religion. Therefore, the era of the basilica came into being. We gain insight into the structure of a basilica when we consider St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The basilica has a roof structure that is rectangular in shape and divided inside into 3 or 5 naves marked by rows of columns. At the far end was the apse where the emperor had his throne. The numerous converts could then fit into this hall, which was enormous in comparison to the house-church.

As the Christian Church became the religion of the empire, it branched out in many directions that included the east. In the east, there were four centers of culture and learning that stand out at this time. Alexandria in Egypt, Antioch in Syria, Constantinople in Turkey and Jerusalem in Palestine, these centers embraced the Byzantine rite, which was different than the emerging Roman rite. The Church at this point acknowledged cultural diversity in liturgy. Also, the evolution of liturgical life in the east is primarily known through the writings of the Church Fathers in the 4th and 5th centuries; Cyril of Jerusalem, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan. Through their written sermons, we find the primary liturgical teaching centered on instruction to the catechumens preparing for Baptism. The prayers and formulas of the liturgy focused on making the community aware that they had a crucial role in praying for and embracing the newly baptized.

With Constantine in the West, we begin to see the Romanization of the Church and liturgy. In 318, the role of bishop changed because Constantine gave civil jurisdiction to the bishops in court litigation. The present day miter, crozier, gold ring were elements derived from the bishops court rule. In 321, it was decreed that observance of Sunday as a day of rest throughout the empire was law.

As we move away from Constantine's era to the 5th and 6th centuries, the Church saw the need to begin the process of codifying the many diverse liturgies that had evolved throughout the empire. From Pope Leo the Great (440-461) to Pope Gregory the Great (590-604), we see the codification of sacramentaries and lectionaries being used. At this same time, Latin gradually became the language in the Roman liturgy. The liturgists call this period the Classical era of Roman Liturgy. The prayers (collects, prayers over the gifts, prayers after communion, prayers over the assembly) all exhibited balance, simplicity, orderliness and solemnity. Prior to this era, celebrants in many cases created the prayers as they went along.

Next month's installment will discuss the Franco-German influence of the 8th century and how it led to the liturgical theater of the Middle Ages.

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QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT (First Quarter ending September 30, 2002)

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1st Quarter (2001 Actual)</u>
Revenue	\$202,604	\$196,233	\$219,366
Net Income	-\$12,510	-\$14,345	\$19,202
Capital Expenditures	\$3,315	\$20,128	\$28,052
Mortgage Payments (Principal Only)	\$6,431	\$6,431	\$5,969
Change in Cash Savings	-\$22,256	-\$40,913	-\$14,546
Mortgage balance due ~ \$614,817			