

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2002

9:15AM DAVID MAIER – Jenny Janowski & Clara Bernunzio

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2002

7:00AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI – Angela Palmieri
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2002

7:00AM IN HONOR OF GENEVIEVE JERZAK'S 80th BIRTHDAY – Bob & Joyce Binggeli
9:15AM ROBERT PHELPS – Wife, Mary

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2002

7:00AM CHARLES SHEVLIN – Bill & Nancy Haelen
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2002

9:15AM IN HONOR OF DICK & MARY MAHANY'S 50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2002

5:00PM ROBERT BECHTOLD – Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2002

7:30AM MARGARET ROSS – Duncan & Carol Harris
9:00AM RUTH FRANK (3rd Anniversary) – Don & Jane Kahler
10:30AM JOHN CASCIANI – The Fantigrossi Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in honor of Carl and Ann Tiberio's 35th Wedding Anniversary

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

In the season when we are so conscious of the many blessings we are given as a nation and as individuals ~ we are also called to share. Clearly that is the message of this week's Gospel ~ our talents are not meant to be clutched, or hoarded, but to be invested and risked remembering the generous God who entrusts us with all we have.

Please take this time to return your pledge. Drop it in the collection or mail it in the envelope sent to you.

We are most grateful for the **558** households who have already given in such a generous fashion.

To reach our goal of \$68,500 we need your gift and the gifts of all 2100 households that make up our parish family.

Large or small, your gift makes a difference ~ every gift is important in meeting our call to care for our sisters and brothers in need over the 12 counties of our diocese.

Gratefully,

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VOCATION VIEW

“To those who have, much will be given!” Are you willing to share your talents and abilities by announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon? If so please call Pat Finnerty at 328-3210.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 17, 2002

SUNDAY

8:00-11:00AM BREAKFAST CLUB - Gym
10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4
11:45AM Liturgical Ministers Workshop – Church
7:30PM BINGO at the K of C – Team 1

MONDAY

4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes
6:30-7:30PM Religious Education Classes
7:30PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY

9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S Group – Rms 1 & 3
10:00-11:30AM Discussion Group – Convent
1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes
6:00PM St. Rita Society Dinner – Gym
7:00PM Sr. High Youth Group – Barn
7:15PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Catholic & Christian – Rm 1
7:30PM Stephen Ministry – Rm 3
8:30PM Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00PM St. Bernard’s Schola – St. Paul’s
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

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SACRISTAN:

Week of November 17 Agnes Kopin

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Week of November 24 Shirli Mintz

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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: Stan & Joanne Douglas

Next Week’s Special: French Toast with your choice of bacon or sausage and free coffee for a donation of \$2.75.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 18 Mon Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 18:35-43
- 19 Tue Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:1-10
- 20 Wed Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1-6 Lk 19:11-28
- 21 Thu Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 19:41-44
- 22 Fri Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Lk 19:45-48
- 23 Sat Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Lk 20:27-40
- 24 Sun **Christ the King** Ez 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23:1-6 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
NEXT WEEKEND ~ NOVEMBER 23 & 24**

Saturday, 5:00pm: Caitlin DiRaimo, Michelle DiRaimo, Michael Harris, Lily Ciszewski

Sunday, 7:30am: Sean McGrath, Kyle McGrath, Taylor Smith

Sunday, 9:00am: Jeff Tatanus, Lauren Tatanus, Susie Loeb, Chris Mauro

Sunday, 10:30am: Aaron Savella, Coty Brennan, Nick Vernetti, David Savella

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PARISH SUPPORT		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,554	\$12,654	+ \$900
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$234,510	\$240,485	- \$5,975
(The Church’s fiscal year begins 7/1/02)		
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!

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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**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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SCRIPTURE STUDY

On Tuesday, November 19 at 7:15 p.m. in Room 3, the scripture study group will meet. They will be exploring and decoding the book of Revelation. Study books are provided by the Little Rock series. Everyone is welcome anytime. The group meets on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Re & Tom Scott

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ST. BERNARD'S SCHOLA

The next session will be at St. Paul's on **Thursday, November 21 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The topic will be: **"How Can I Be A Good Catholic In This Complicated World?"**. Please make every effort to attend this wonderful opportunity for personal growth in your faith.

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!

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**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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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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ST. RITA'S 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 Thanksgiving or Christmas gifts!

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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**OUR LADY OF VICTORY / FATIMA SHRINE TRIP
WITH FR. JOE CATANISE**

Friday, December 13 ~ leave St. Rita's parking lot at 7:45am ~ Our Lady of Victory tour at 10:00am ~ Lunch at Victoria Square ~ Fatima Shrine with Mass celebrated by Fr. Joe at 2:00pm ~ Christmas Light Show begins at 5:00pm ~ Fish dinner at 6:30pm. Back to St. Rita's by 9:00pm.

All are welcome. Cost is \$45 per person. Includes bus ride and all meals. Please send a check payable to *Hear and There Travel, Inc.* to the Parish Office. Deadline is Monday, November 25. A minimum of 30 people are needed for this trip.

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SINGLE AND SINGLE AGAIN!

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
AND SHARING**

Topic: "Dealing with the Holidays"
Speaker: Mary Clare, CSW
When: Friday, December 6 at 7:00pm
Where: St. Paul's Parish Hall
783 Hard Road

Please bring a pair of new mittens for the children at Holy Rosary School. Come for refreshments and renewal! For reservations please call Rosemary at 671-2100 x 59 or St. Rita's at 671-1100 (days) or 671-5449 (eve).

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Julie O'Brien Schillaci and Lara Mandile are hosting a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** to benefit the American Stroke Association at the Webster Community Center, 985 Ebner Drive on Sunday, November 17 from 4:00-7:00pm. \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. Funds raised will go towards stroke research and advocacy programs.

A PARISH ADVENT TRADITION

As we approach the beginning of Advent ~ A time of waiting and reflection upon the meaning of the Birth of Jesus, we again celebrate with an annual tradition.

Between Sunday, December 2 and Sunday, December 16 gifts for children and adults will be collected under the banner in the greeting area of church.

To participate, please take an ornament from the banner, purchase a gift, wrap it and return it with the ornament tag attached to the gift. (No bows please). Please indicate on the reverse side of the ornament tag the contents of the package. Family involvement in all aspects of the project can be very rewarding and satisfying and a learning experience for our children. Say a prayer each day during Advent for the person(s) who will be receiving your gift.

Sunday, December 16 is the last day to return your gifts to the greeting area. They will be sorted and delivered on Monday, December 17. Gifts this year will be distributed to: The House of Mercy, Peter Castle Resource Center, Williamson Come-Unity Center, Dimitri House, Mount Carmel Church, Problem Pregnancy Center, Rochester Psychiatric Center and Birthright of Rochester.

Our Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you in advance for your generous support of this project.

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Note of Thanks ~

Dear Fr. Latus and parishioners,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$1,278.32 in support of Catholic Family Center's "Do Lunch for the Homeless" Drive. We are most grateful for your generous concern for the homeless men, women and children we serve.

Know that your kind gift helps us to provide vital services to all those seeking temporary housing. With your help we are able to give them more than just food and lodging. We give them hope and respect, two precious commodities that often enkindle renewed purpose and a sense of dignity.

Together we are making a difference in their lives, often in small but important ways.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Portanova
President/CEO of Catholic Family Center

St. Rita's Parish Twinning Committee presents

THANKSGIVING BREAD SALE

**When: Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24
(After all Masses)**

Where: The greeting area at St. Rita Church

**All proceeds from this sale will benefit
our Sister Parish in Mabughai, Tanzania.**

Please stop in the greeting area next weekend and purchase a loaf of delicious baked bread. If you are able to help by baking a loaf of bread it would be greatly appreciated! Just bring your favorite kind of bread (pumpkin, cranberry, raisin, banana, etc.) with you when you come to church next weekend.

Mission Statement of the Twinning Committee

Our goal is a commitment of St. Rita parishioners to help support the parishioners in Mabughai, Tanzania and Fr. Damien, spiritually and financially. Fr. Damien (originally from Elmira, N.Y.) has been a Benedictine missionary in Tanzania for the last 40 years.

The parishioners in Mabughai form and bake their own bricks and are building the walls for their new church. Money is needed to put a roof on their church. We hope our parish will be supportive of their endeavor.

For more information please call Al Pecora at 787-9624 or Martine at 671-6134.

Let us share our bounty with our Sister Parish!