

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2002

9:15AM BERT DE LANO – Dottie DeLano

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2002

7:00AM JEAN O’SULLIVAN – Husband

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2002

7:00AM FRANK GEORGE – Rita Simmons

9:15AM LEO FOX & ADRIENNE GRISHABER – Mary Lohmaier

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2002

7:00AM WILLIAM KELLY – Carl & Ann Tiberio

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**Eucharistic Adoration following
9:15am Morning Prayer until 6:00pm**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2002

5:00PM KEVIN COOK – Mom & Dad

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2002

7:30AM ATTILIO DI FELICE – Wife & Children

9:00AM ARMOND BLADASSARE – Family

10:30AM PETER BARTLOTTA –
Kathy & Peter Bartlotta

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Eugene Seiler**

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~ A VOCATION VIEW ~

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could call your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Pat Finnerty, Director of Vocations Awareness at (585) 328-3228 ext. 229 or Fr. Bill Donnelly, Rector Becket Hall at (585) 461-2890.

Advent Prepare . . . Personally

This is a time when we usually emphasize giving. We are all taught that it is more blessed to give than to receive. But is this always true? Perhaps there are some things more blessed to receive than to give. Perhaps we should actually concentrate on what we want to “get” this Christmas.

Do we want to develop a closer relationship with Jesus? We think we would all answer “yes” to this question. We can “get” that relationship through prayer and meditation and by taking part in the *Taize* and reconciliation celebrations offered by our Church. Through these steps we can better come to know and love the Lord.

Do we want to have a greater sense of peace, even despite our hectic schedules? Jesus says that He is our peace and to receive this peace we must strive to develop our relationship with Him. But to have the time to develop that relationship, we must take practical steps. It takes time to get in touch with God. The peace we find in that relationship will also help to ease our everyday lives.

Love and Peace ~ These are the gifts that keep on giving. May you gift yourself with these this Christmas and may your personal relationship with Jesus deepen and grow all year.

St. Rita Liturgy Committee

PLANS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 15, 2002

SUNDAY

8:00-11:00AM BREAKFAST CLUB - Gym
 10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4
 1:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – 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
 7:00PM Finance Committee – Parish Office
 7:30PM Companions in Grief Group – Rm 1
 7:30PM Confirmation Sponsor Meeting – Church

TUESDAY

9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S Group – Rms 1 & 3
 1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
 4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes
 7:00PM Liturgy Committee – Rm 1
 7:30PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 3
 7:30PM St. Rita Society Christmas Party – Gym

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

10:00AM-6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration-Church
 2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

SATURDAY

9:30AM PENANCE SERVICE – Church
 10:30AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 12:30PM Christmas Liturgy Rehearsal – Church

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PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$17,822	\$12,654	+ \$5,168
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$276,146	\$278,447	- \$2,301

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Hunter Steven Kamas

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 15 Sun **Third Sunday of Advent** Is 61:1-2a,10-11
Lk 1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28
- 16 Mon Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27
- 17 Tue Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:1-2,4,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17
- 18 Wed Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25
- 19 Thu Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25
- 20 Fri Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
- 21 Sat Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45
- 22 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND ~ DECEMBER 21 & 22

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Greg Pitts, Meghan LaVigne, Michael Boehm, Lily Ciszewski

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sean McGrath, Kyle McGrath, Taylor Smith

Sunday, 9:00am:

Kevin, Mike & Chris Macikowski, David Piekarczyk

Sunday, 10:30am:

Sam & James Crowell, Coty Brennan, Chris Mauro

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SACRISTAN: Week of December 15

Dorothy Mykins & Marge Gallo

LINENS:

Week of December 22

Eileen Romeo

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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: Betty Lynch

Next Week’s Special: Fritatas served with warm buttered toast and your choice of bacon or sausage and FREE coffee for a donation of \$3.00.

DECEMBER 15, 2002

SACRAMENT NEWS

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR MEETING

This Monday, December 16 at 7:30pm in the church, there will be a meeting for all Confirmation sponsors. Sponsors will receive instruction on the various aspects of their role in the Confirmation process.

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ADULT FORMATION NEWS

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

This Tuesday, December 17 at 7:15pm in Room 3, our **SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP** will be exploring and decoding the Book of Revelation. Study books are provided by the Little Rock Scripture Series. Everyone is welcome anytime. We meet every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Re and Tom Scott

SCHOLA RETURNS

This Thursday, December 19 at 7:30pm in Room 1, the Schola Program returns to the parish with the topic, **“How to Connect with God: the Power and Relevance of Prayer.”** Please join us for this discussion on prayer and enhancing our relationship with God.

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Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Christian stewardship is a broad, encompassing teaching, emphasizing that everything we are and everything we have – all our creation, our Church, our own vocation, personal resources, our talent and even our time – comes as gifts freely and lovingly given to God.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

COMMUNAL CELEBRATIONS OF RECONCILIATION

December 18, Wednesday at 7:30 pm

December 21, Saturday at 9:30 am

INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES
For the Celebration of Reconciliation

Every Saturday in Advent 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Monday, December 16 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Monday, December 16 7:30 – 8:30 pm

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF
(Please note the date change)

Monday, December 16
at 7:30pm in Room 1

Topic: Prayer and Share before the Holidays.
Come for a special Holiday Candlelight Service

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

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ARE YOU OR YOUR CHILD
A ST. RITA SCHOOL ALUMNUS?

We are looking for St. Rita School graduates to invite them to a special anniversary celebration in the upcoming years and to also to update our records. Please visit the school’s website at: <http://home.rochester.rr.com/strita> and follow the link for **“50th Anniversary Alumni Search.”** There you may quickly and easily submit your current demographic information and help us to update our database.

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An Interpreter for the hearing impaired will be provided at the 10:30am Mass on Christmas morning. Pass the word!

ST. RITA SOCIETY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

St. Rita Society members are invited to their Annual Christmas Party to be held:

**Tuesday, December 17 at 7:00pm
in the Parish Center Gym**

Entertainment will include the St. Rita 5th & 6th Grade Children's Choir, Mello Wives and Rochester Saenger Chor. Members are asked to bring your favorite plate of cookies or dessert OR an appetizer (cheese & crackers, chips & dip) to share with all.

Special Project: Please bring with you a personal care product gift (skin care, toothpaste, deodorant, hair care) for Mount Carmel Parish.

We hope you can join us for a festive evening filled with wonderful Christmas music!

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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 being sold at a discounted rate of \$5.00 each. **These make great Christmas gifts!**

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RETRouvaille PROGRAM

If you think your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, or if your relationship has grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced but want to try again- then the Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille is designed to provide help and support for married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. It is a three-month program, which includes a weekend experience and six Sunday afternoon sessions. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program but couples of all faiths are welcome. For further information, please call 586-1150 or 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are confidential.

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YOUR WILL ~ Through your Will or Living Trust, you have the power to help the Church in our area to do God's work. As you prepare or update your Will or Living Trust, please think of the good works and programs of the Church you would like to continue to help when your life on earth ends.

WPCC PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS!

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS
will be offered next weekend
December 21 & 22 after all Masses in Room 1

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

The Webster Penfield Parish Health Ministry invites you to save the date – **Wednesday, January 22, 2003** from 7:00-9:00pm in Room 1. The Health Ministry will be hosting a program on:

**Bone and Breast Care presented by
The Elizabeth Wende Breast Clinic.**

Men and woman are encouraged to attend.

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BRASS PLAYERS NEEDED

Experienced trumpet players (high school and up) are needed for the 10:30pm Christmas Eve Mass with carols. Practices will be on Saturday Dec. 21 in Room 1 at 11:00am and 9:15pm Christmas Eve. Please contact Chris Yule at 381-2721, so the music will be ready for you.

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There is a parent support group for parents of children receiving I.E.P.'s (individual educational program). This group meets once a month at Thomas High School library:

Time: 7:30pm

Dates: January 15 ~ February 26 ~ March 19
April 23 ~ June 18

For further information please call Colleen at 872-1315. All are welcome to attend!

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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. These make great Christmas gifts!

ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS

CD SALE TO BENEFIT ST. RITA SCHOOL

Dawn Marie Chmiel is the mother of Andrew and Brian Chmiel, students at St. Rita School. Dawn has recently released her first recording For His Glory: Hymns of Faith and Inspiration. Dawn is well known in the Rochester area for her work at area churches as a soloist and organist. The CD is a collection of traditional and contemporary hymns including Ave Maria, Pie Jesu, Amazing Grace and 9 other hymns with vocals and piano accompaniment. Dawn would like to help St. Rita School through the sale of the CD and will donate \$5 of the purchase price of each CD to the school. To listen to For His Glory and for more information on how to order, please visit her website at www.dawnchmiel.com. When ordering online, simply type in St. Rita School in the enter Referral Code. This code must be entered in order for the proceeds to be designated for St. Rita School. You may also call Dawn directly at 787-2009.

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RETURNABLE BOTTLE AND CAN COLLECTION

St. Rita School can save you that messy job of returning your bottles and cans! Just drop off your returnables in the Gray Bins next to the Rectory garage. We will return the bottles and St. Rita School will benefit from your donation. Thank You!

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GENERAL MILLS BOXTOPS AND TOPS TAPES

It's the little things that add up! Please save your **Tops Market** store receipts (grocery and pharmacy) for St. Rita School. Also, **General Mills** box tops with the "**Box Tops for Education**" coupons on them. Cut and save! Our school purchases many needed supplies through these programs. You will find a box on the table in the Narthex in Church for your receipts and coupons or you can send them in to school. Your continued support of our school is greatly appreciated!

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

At Sacred Heart Cathedral

Sunday, December 15 at 3:00pm

Presented in song and word, featuring the Sacred Heart Choir, Children's Choir, St. Paul's Hand Bell Choir, Guest readers, Instrumental, vocal soloists and Jerald Egger as organist.

WEBSTER COMFORT CARE GIFTS

Is your family asking what you'd like for Christmas this year? Do you have everything you need and most of what you want? If this is your situation, perhaps you'd consider asking that a gift be given in your name to help the Webster Comfort Care Home get up and running.

Now that the house is built, it needs kitchen utensils, sheets, blankets, all the things you have in your home.

To help you know what's needed, the home is registered at Target in its wedding registry. The bride's first name is "Webster", her last name is "Comfort Care", the groom's name is the same, and the wedding date is January 1, 2003! Please ask for a gift receipt to facilitate exchanges if necessary.

Gifts can be delivered at the Home (700 Holt Rd.) in mid-January, or call 872-5290 to arrange pick-up. Please be sure to include the name and address of both the giver and the person in whose honor it's given so they can be thanked. Money is also a welcome gift for those things that can't be purchased at Target. Checks can be made payable to: Webster Comfort Care, Inc. and mailed to 700 Holt Rd., Webster. Our thanks to you for considering this.

Please call Dave or Kathy Whitlock at 265-9849 with any questions.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, December 18

Knights of Columbus Hall ~ 70 Barrett Drive
and

Thursday, December 19

at the Damascus Temple ~ 979 Bay Road
1:00-7:00pm both days.

Please consider donating – it could save a life!

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ANGELS ON SALE 2002 ~ Ceramic angels and snowflakes made by the School of the Holy Childhood and the Veterans will be sold at Holy Trinity Church. They may be purchased at Holy Trinity parish office. Cost is \$6.00 and proceeds benefit Our Little Brothers and Sisters Orphanage in Haiti and Trinity House of H.O.P.E. The angels are also available at Cranberry Cottage, Hill's Jewelry, Warren's Decorating, Wee Keepsakes. Thank you for your support.