

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2002

9:15AM JOSEPHINE HRUSECKY –
Eileen Frichtel

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2002

7:00AM PAULINE JANSSEN – The Hickey Family

**Anticipated Mass for the Holy Day
Solemnity of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary:
Tuesday, December 31, 2002**
5:45PM WALTER BEISHEIM – Jean Beisheim

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2003
Solemnity of our Blessed Virgin Mother Mary
9:15AM VASAL & MADELINE PAYCOFF –
Anita Paycoff

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2003

7:00AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH
9:15AM GENEVIEVE KUNZER – Howard Kunzer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2003

9:15AM VERONICA KUHN –
Dr. Daniel Mack Sr. & Jr. & Linda

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2003

5:00PM KEN CARR – Lisa Hendershot

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2003

7:30AM THEODORE JANOWSKI –
Jenny Janowski
9:00AM MARGARET BAKER –
Estelle Sheffield
10:30AM ELSA & CHARLES QUATELLA –
Their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory
of the deceased members of the
Thomas & DeVogelaere Families**

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Pastor's Perspective

New Years Day honors Mary, Mother of God and it is also World Day of Prayer for Peace. With so much talk of war these days we need to pray and work all the more for peace.

In his January 1, 2003 World Day of Peace Message, Pope John Paul II focuses on the encyclical letter of John XXIII, "Pacem in Terris." In this epic document, four precise requirements of the human spirit are identified as essential conditions for peace: truth, justice, love and freedom.

- ♦ **Truth** will build peace if every individual sincerely acknowledges not only his rights, but also his own duties toward others.
- ♦ **Justice** will build peace if in practice everyone respects the rights of others and actually fulfills his duties toward them.
- ♦ **Love** will build peace if people feel the needs of others as their own and share what they have with others, especially the values of mind and spirit which they possess.
- ♦ **Freedom** will build peace and make it thrive if, in the choice of the means to that end, people act according to reason and assume responsibility for their own actions.

May the New Year bring peace for our hearts and our world.

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~ A VOCATION VIEW ~

By Baptism, we have become God's holy family in today's world. Some are called as priests, deacons, religious or lay ministers to minister to and serve the holy families of God in the world. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Pat Finnerty, Dir., Vocation Awareness at 328-3228 ext. 229 or Fr. Bill Donnelly, Rector Becket Hall at (585) 461-2890.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 29, 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

WEDNESDAY

8:30PM Men's Basketball - Gym

THURSDAY

7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church
 7:30PM Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

FRIDAY

2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

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BIBLE READINGS:

29 Sun **Holy Family Sunday** Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40
 30 Mon 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
 31 Tue 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18
 1 Wed **Mary Mother of God** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
 2 Thu **Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
 3 Fri 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1,3-6 Jn 1:29-34
 4 Sat **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42
 5 Sun **The Epiphany of Our Lord** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND ~ JANUARY 4 & 5

Saturday, 5:00pm:
 Dan Marchioli, Michael Harris, Michael Wynne
Sunday, 7:30am:
 Megan Samuelson, Kayle Chapman, Laura Casper
Sunday, 9:00am:
 Andy Episcopo, Kevin Episcopo, John Hohl
Sunday, 10:30am:
 Courtney Weatherspoon, Mike Weatherspoon, Bridget Rank, Emily Moore

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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. Alan Stabinsky
Next Week's Special: Ham and Cheese Omelets with warm buttered toast and free coffee for a donation of \$3.00.

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SACRISTAN:

Week of December 29 Jean Melia

LINENS:

Week of January 5 Cindy Wahl

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Please Note ~

**The Parish Offices will be closed
 On Wednesday, January 1
 for the New Years Holiday.**

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$20,841	\$12,654	+ \$8,187
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$309,705	\$303,755	+ \$5,950

This includes a family's one-time donation of \$6,650
 (The Church's fiscal year begins 7/1/02)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Year End Giving Opportunity!

Have you been especially blessed this year?

Through your generosity of time, talent and treasure, Saint Rita Parish is able to provide for the needs of our people through our many ministries. If you feel you have been especially blessed this past year, please consider sharing some of your gifts with Saint Rita Church so we may continue serving God's people and meet the needs of our parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

To Fr. Chuck and Members of St. Rita Parish in Webster, "Where Life is Worth Living",

Peace ~ Love ~ Joy

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Love, Fr. Bede
 Rome, Italy*

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mt 2:11)

The Magi offered gifts to the Lord. If I were to give a gift to the Lord, what would I give him? The truth is, I ought to give him everything. When the bread and wine are placed on the altar at Mass, they are meant to be *my* gift – the gift of my whole self, everything I am, and everything I have. The money too, the "collection" at Mass, this represents me. It is what I live on. It is my living, my life. I place it all in God's hands.

This way of thinking goes back to our Jewish roots. The Jewish people returned the first part of the harvest to God to acknowledge that all of it came from God in the first place.

Stewardship is the deep-down realization that "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." This has to do with more than money. It includes our time, our abilities, and our possessions. Everything we have belongs to God.

O God, everything I have is yours. Everything. I am a steward, a manager of all that you have entrusted to me. Help me to use it that way. Today. Always.

An excerpt from "The Little Blue Book"

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**CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP
will meet on
Monday, January 6
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.

At this time we recommit ourselves to these family promises:

Father, we gather today as members of the family of God, and as members of a family with a past history and a future hope. We celebrate and proclaim the sacredness of our families, even in its imperfections and brokenness. We recommit ourselves to be a family which is willing to pray, love, forgive and to share with one another and with all your people.

I promise to do my best:

- to pray with and for my family.
- to share with my family through word and example.
- to celebrate and preserve the rituals and traditions of my family. to show love and affection through word and touch. to forgive and to reconcile.
- to communicate honestly and openly
- to freely share my time and treasures. to do my share of the work.
- to be hospitable to all who enter into our home.
- to always show respect for each family member.

God our Creator, you brought us into this world in the midst of a community that we call family. We affirm that it is in this household of faith that we come to know you, your presence with us, your love and mercy. We give thanks to you for the many joys and blessings that come to us through our family. We ask you to bless our household, through Jesus Christ our Brother and Lord. Amen.

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YOUNG AT HEART ~ SENIOR NEWS!

Did You Know ~ St. Rita Parish has a "Young at Heart" Senior Group that meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 12:30-2:30pm in the Parish Center. All seniors are welcome to attend! Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, January 14 at which time we welcome Club 24! Stay tuned for more details.

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A Special Thank You ~ to Fr. Joe Catanise for organizing and leading the tour to Our Lady of Victory and celebrating Mass at the Fatima Shrine. It was a wonderful experience for everyone!

COMPANIONS IN GRIEF

**Wednesday, January 15 at
7:30pm at Holy Trinity Church**

Topic: "Sharing Your Grief, Easing Your Loss"
Presenter: Judy Trenholm,
Director at Matt Talbot Ministries

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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FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners are asked to bring in food for the needy in our area. Food may be left in the greeting area of Church. Please remember to bring your nonperishable foods to church with you next weekend. Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

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St. Rita's has a special blessing for expectant parents held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses the weekend of January 4 & 5.

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BUS TRIP TO DIVINE MERCY CENTER

May 1-2, 2003 ~ Stop at the National Shrine of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville, NY: one night accommodation in Lenox, MA, dinner on arrival, tour of National Shrine of Divine Mercy on May 2, lunch at Divine Mercy Center. Price is \$129 per person, double occupancy. Includes all taxes and services charges. Single and triple prices available on request. Deposit of \$35 required by January 11, 2003. Call Hear & There, Inc. for more information at 719-9433 or see Fr. Joe.

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WPCC PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS!

~ 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 women are encouraged to attend.

SINGLE AND SINGLE AGAIN!

POPCORN and a MOVIE!

When: Thursday, January 16
at 7:00pm
Where: Holy Spirit Church
1355 Hatch Road

Come and enjoy the evening. For reservations lease call 671-1100 (days) or 671-5449 (eve). Walk-ins are most welcome!

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CATHOLIC GAY & LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY:

Catholic Gay & 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, January 9 from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Paul's Church, 783 Hard Road. Basis for discussion will be the American Catholic Bishops' publication, *"Always Our Children"*. If you wish to attend please contact CGLFM at 271-7363 or John & Mary Ann O'Brien at 671-6796.

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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. Or please mail the following information to the parish office ~ name (maiden name), address, phone number, year graduated and any children past or currently enrolled at St. Rita School. This will help us to update our database.

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Youth News ~ The K of C Ladies Auxiliary donated \$100 for 5 youth to attend the "March for Life" in Washington, D.C. on January 22, 2003. The members of the Youth Groups from the Webster/Penfield parishes are invited to participate in an essay contest to determine the winners of the five free bus tickets. The essay should be 150 words and submitted to our Youth Leader, Melissa Julian by January 15. You may choose one of the following themes: "How would you counsel a friend who came to you and was considering having an abortion?" or "Why is it important to respect and protect all life, especially the unborn?". If you have any questions please call Julie at 265-1085.