

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2003

9:15AM HELEN YOUNG –
Fritz & Peper Heunemann

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2003

7:00AM MARY LOU PALERMO –
Eugene & Roxanne Mazzola
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2003

7:00AM SPECIAL INTENTION
9:15AM JOSEPHINE TIBERIO –
Carl & Ann Tiberio

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2003

7:00AM SR. MARY DELORES –
Eleanor & Harold Dill
9:15AM JOHN MANGIONE – Wife, Theresa

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2003

9:15AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI – Angela Palmieri

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2003

5:00PM JOAN GENESKY – John & Marilyn Polle

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2003

7:30AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH
9:00AM DOMENICO BOZZI – The Renna Family
10:30AM HAROLD HESS – Gregg Mintz

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This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Mariano Amico

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~ A VOCATION VIEW ~

A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "SPEAK LORD, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today, and if you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Pat Finnerty, Director of Vocations Awareness at 328-3228 ext. 229 or Fr. Bill Donnelly, Rector Becket Hall at 461-2890.

Pastor's Perspective

When I was small . . . a long, long time ago, I loved snow. I made angels and snow forts and played "king of the mountain" on great piles of snow. I even prayed for snow days. Whenever I would express glee at still more snow coming our way, my Dad would say, "Wait till you're older and have to drive in it every day. You won't be so gleeful then." He was right! But still every now and then there are those brief moments at a bright winter sunset, or with the sun shining across winter fields and orchards that snow is still beautiful.

Robert J. Wicks has a wonderful reflection on Snow called "Snow Falling on Snow". It is found in his book of the same name published by Paulist Press in 2001.

Snow Falling on Snow

In a cozy little corner I sit and pray,
wrapped in a warm sweater
with a candle lit before a mysterious
icon.

Outside, the snow is swirling,
the wind whooshing
and the tree branches scratching
against the house, wanting to come in.

Then, in the spaces in between,
when the wind is forgotten
and all is quiet . . .
I open my heart to listen.

And as I hear the peaceful sound
of snow falling on snow,
my soul slowly softens . . .
and my worries retreat
to the edges of my room.

Finally, I realize with joy
that no matter how uncertain
life may become,
I will always be safe and warm
when I am at home with You.

Amen.

Peace and Yes, Virginia there is still some beauty to be found in snow!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 19, 2003

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 2
 7:30PM Fiesta Volunteer Meeting – Rm 1

MONDAY

No School No Religious Education Classes

7:30PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY

No Religious Education Classes

No Senior High Youth Group

9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S Group – Rms 1 & 3
 10:00-11:30PM Discussion Group – Convent
 1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
 7:15PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 3
 7:30PM St. Rita Society – Gym
 7:30PM Confirmation Prayer Service – Church

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Catholic & Christian – Rm 1
 7:00PM Finance Council – Parish Office
 7:00PM Health Ministry Presentation – Rm 1
 8:30PM Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00PM New School Parent Info. Night – Gym
 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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PARISH SUPPORT		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
* \$16,580	\$12,654	+ \$3,926
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$355,010	\$341,717	+ \$13,293
(The Church’s fiscal year begins 7/1/02)		
* Includes a single year-end donation of \$ 5,300		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		

2002 Parish Contribution Statements

Will be available after all Masses next weekend in the greeting area.

BIBLE READINGS:

19 Sun **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-8,10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42
 20 Mon Heb 5;1-10 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 2:18-22
 21 Tue **St. Agnes** Heb 6:10-20 Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9-10 Mk 2:23-28
 22 Wed Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 3:1-6
 23 Thu Heb 7:25-8:6 Ps 40:7-10,17 Mk 3:7-12
 24 Fri **St. Francis de Sales** Heb 8:6-13 Ps 85:8,10-14 Mk 3:13-19
 25 Sat **Conversion of St. Paul** Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
 26 Sun **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND ~ JANUARY 25 & 26

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Michael Wynne, Dan Marchioli, Michael Harris

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sean McGrath, Kyle McGrath, Patrick Crittenden

Sunday, 9:00am:

Dan Padgett, Jeremy West, Charlie DeGaugh, Sam Piekarczyk

Sunday, 10:30am:

Adam Rall, Ryan Rall, Eric Rall, Alex Verneti

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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. Joseph Ferraro

Next Week’s Special: Ham & Cheese Omelets served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

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SACRISTAN:

Week of January 19 Agnes Kopin

LINENS:

Week of January 26 Debbie Whitehair

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~ PLEASE NOTE ~

The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Holiday.

There are NO Religious Education Classes Monday, January 20 or Tuesday, January 21

**Stepping Stones to
Stewardship**

A Stewardship Prayer

Dear Lord,

I thank you for everything you have given me. My gifts of time and talents are precious gifts, enable me to use them to do your will.

I offer you this day all my words, actions and good intentions to reflect my love for you and my neighbor.

Please help me to realize that I need to share these gifts and all my gifts with the Church and others, help me to be generous, patient, forgiving and holy. Amen

At St. Rita Parish we recognize National Vocation Awareness Week each January. Next weekend January 25 & 26 we will be celebrating vocations. This will be a theme at our weekend liturgies. Look for the Vocations banner and prayer cards in the greeting area this coming week. Please take a prayer card for your personal use. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our common vocation of Baptism and also to pray for all those who have chosen a religious vocation and those who are discerning the possibility.

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SACRAMENT NEWS

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30pm in Church.

Candidates, their families and sponsors are invited to celebrate the meaningful symbols of this initiation sacrament in prayer and song.

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WPCC PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS!

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.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS will be offered next weekend after all Masses in Room 1.

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TUESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, January 21

Time: 10:00-11:30am

Place: Convent

Topic: "Guilt: Unbinding the Soul"
by Odyssey Productions

All are most welcome.

Any questions please call Sr. Judy
at 671-1653.

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ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!

ST. RITA SOCIETY MEETING

Tuesday, January 21 at 7:30pm

In the Parish Center Gym

Come for an Evening of Reflection with Spiritual Music and Meditation presented by Patty Lorenzia from St. Peter's Kitchen, also, "Our Mother, Mary" presented by Lucy Eygabroad. This promises to be a sweet for your soul and also your body.

"APPLE ~ PEACHES ~ PUMPKIN PIE"

You can get them all

at **St. Rita Society's Annual Pie Sale**

after all Masses February 1 & February 2

Make a pie - Bake a pie - Bring a pie - Buy a pie!

COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 16 after the 9:00am Mass

in the Parish Center Gym

All women of the parish are invited to attend. Breakfast will be catered by Catering Works. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available at the Parish Office and after Masses the weekend of February 1/2 & 8/9. Our guest speaker will be from the Webster Comfort Care Home.

FIESTA VOLUNTEER MEETING

Sunday, January 19 at 7:30pm in Room 1

Everyone is welcome to come and share their ideas with the committee and to find out more ways to get involved! **Our 2003 Fiesta will be held Friday, June 6 and Saturday June 7 ~ Save the dates!**

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The Webster Catholic Schools will have **New Parent Information Nights** to explain their Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 and Day Care Programs for the 2003-2004 school year.

Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00pm

at Holy Trinity School

1456 Ridge Road (265-2002)

AND

Thursday, January 23 at 7:00pm

at St. Rita School

1008 Maple Drive (671-3132)

Babysitting will be available both evenings.

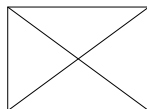
APPLICATIONS for all programs will be accepted during school hours (8:30am to 2:00pm) beginning March 3.

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PASTA DINNER ~ St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163 is hosting a Pasta Dinner on Feb 1, 2003 from 4:00 to 7:00pm in our parish center gym. Cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and under and free for children under 4. Dinner includes pasta with choice of 2 sauces, bread, salad, and beverage. Desserts are available. Tickets available at the door or call Nadine Knapp 671-7206 for details.

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FAMILY FAITH NEWS



The January-February issue of the Family Faith Newsletter is now available in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome to take a copy home to enjoy!

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**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 2**

All parishioners (youth and adults) who are in Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venturing are invited to wear their uniforms to 9:00 Mass on February 2 and be part of our Scout Sunday procession. Scouting Religious emblems will also be presented during the liturgy. If you are in another unit and have received a religious emblem you are welcome. Please contact Justin Tubiolo at 671-7886 for more information.

ADULT FORMATION NEWS

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Tuesday, January 21 at 7:15pm in Room 3

Our Bible Study 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

Save The Date!

Monday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1

“Stem Cell Research: What is the Church’s Position” Come and join Drew for a discussion on this topic. Please read the Catholic Update that is inserted in this week’s bulletin on this topic. Your preparatory reading will ensure a lively discussion.

ADULT E-MAIL BULLETIN

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 If you don’t have an e-mail address, contact me at 671-1100 and I’ll put it out on the table in the Narthex.

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF

Wednesday, February 5

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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**CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP**

will meet on

Monday, February 3

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.

You are invited to pray this prayer at Noon on January 22 in solidarity with others throughout our Diocese and in Washington, D.C who are "Witnessing for Life".

PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY FOR LIFE

Author of All Life,

We pray for the eyes to recognize all creation as a gift from You. We pray for the mind that remembers we are co-creators of human life with You. We pray for the conviction to respect and honor the sanctity of every life. Give us a love so great that we recognize your Presence in every human being. Grant us the grace to care for the unborn and born and to forgive those who do not. Let us make decisions in accordance with the will of the Holy Spirit, who continues to breathe Life into each one of us. And use us to be Your witness to Life all the days of our lives. Amen

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ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!

St. Rita's will be hosting a Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation session on Saturday, March 29, 2003. This is a perfect opportunity for couples with summer and fall 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/committ/chriform/marriageprep/registration.html>.

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K of C Free Throw Contest

Boys and girls ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the **K of C Annual International Free Throw Championship** Saturday, Jan. 25, starting promptly at 1:30 PM in the Spry Middle School Gymnasium. Boys will shoot against boys and girls against girls in each age group. All participants will be recognized for their participation. Winners will get special awards and will qualify to move on to the Division level. All contestants must register using the K of C Free Throw Championship Entry form/score Sheet which must include a parent's signature. Proof of age must accompany all registration forms. For entry forms and/or additional information contact Al Balcaen (261-9982) or Mark Ludington (218-6380).

CONTINUE THE CALL FOR PEACE IN IRAQ

Speak out for those who cannot speak, for the rights of all the destitute. Speak out; judge righteously. Defend the rights of the poor and the needy. (Proverbs 31:8-9)

As the question of whether the United States will go to war with Iraq hangs in the balance, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services(CRS) are continuing to urge President Bush to pursue other means of addressing Iraq's threats and achieving prompt disarmament of weapons of mass destruction.

Catholic Relief Services remains gravely concerned about the humanitarian effects of a war on a population that is already suffering from malnutrition, water-borne diseases, high infant mortality and decline in education that followed the Gulf War and the ensuing decade of economic sanctions. The USCCB has released a new statement reiterating its belief that war with Iraq is difficult to justify using traditional Catholic moral norms.

In November, the USCCB and the CRS released a second joint alert urging Catholics to take action. It is essential that U.S. Catholics continue to voice their concerns about the impending war.

For more information on how CRS is responding to the crisis in Iraq: http://www.catholicrelief.org/where_we_work/middle_east_and_north_Africa/iraq/index.cfm.

Links are provided to the joint USCCB/CRS action alert. For the bishop's latest statement on Iraq: <http://www.nccbuscc.org/bishops/iraq.htm>

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HOPE House Volunteer Food Pantry Coordinator Needed: HOPE HOUSE, a ministry of Holy Trinity parish is supported by the other three Webster-Penfield Catholic parishes and is in need of a volunteer who can work 4-8 hours per week to coordinate our Food Pantry and to be in charge of ordering food from Food Link, the regional food bank. Involves at least one afternoon per week (currently, that's Monday afternoon). For information call HOPE House at 265-6694 and leave a message for Ted Bertot, HOPE Coordinator

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BULLETIN ADVERTISING ~ We currently have spaces open for advertising in our weekly parish bulletin. Please call the Parish Office at 671-1100 if you are interested.