

# EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2003**

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2003**

9:15AM ALPHONSE WERNER –  
Gert & Rita Provost

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2003**

7:00AM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH

7:00PM CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK LITURGY  
For the Intentions of St. Rita School Families  
**Everyone is invited to attend!**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30, 2003**

9:15AM MICKEY KUSMISZ –  
Nephew Joe & Patty Janiak

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003**

9:15AM FRANK GEORGE – The Simmons Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2003**

5:00PM FRANK SMITH – Eileen Nichols

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2003**

7:30AM LORI ROBERTS – Marty Roberts

9:00AM JOSEPH DUNN –  
Mr. & Mrs. Gabe Merola

10:30AM CHARLES SHEVLIN –  
John & Karen Smith & Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light  
will burn in loving memory of  
Cecelia Janack**

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**~ A VOCATION VIEW ~**

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? 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

As we pray for vocations to priesthood, diaconate, religious life ~ we need to begin with our own Baptism and the call that belongs to each one of us to proclaim the Gospel with our lives and to care for all who are in need.

Cardinal Newman, many years ago, reflected on the fact that our God has a plan for each one of us:

*God has created me to do him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.*

*I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do his work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it ~ if I do but keep his commandments.*

*Therefore, I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am. I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what he is about. He may take away my friends; he may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me ~ still he knows what he is about.*

*John Henry Cardinal Newman*

Peace,

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK      JANUARY 26, 2003**

**SUNDAY**

8:00-11:00AM              BREAKFAST CLUB - Gym  
 10:30 AM      Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4  
 11:30AM-1:00PM              F.I.R.E. Meeting – Rm 1  
 7:30PM                      BINGO at the K of C – Team 3

**MONDAY**

4:30-5:30PM              Religious Education Classes  
 6:30-7:30PM              Religious Education Classes  
 7:00PM                      Liturgy Committee – Rm 3  
 7:30PM                      Adult Faith Presentation – Rm 1

**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                      Jr. High Youth Group – Gym

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00PM      St. Rita School Liturgy & Social – Church  
**8:00PM**                      Catholic & Christian – Rm 1  
 8:30PM                      Men's Basketball – Gym

**THURSDAY**

7:00PM      Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church  
 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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<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$12,035	\$12,654	- \$619
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$367,045	\$354,371	+ \$12,674
(The Church's fiscal year begins 7/1/02)		
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!</b>		

**ATTENTION ENVELOPE USERS - ACT NOW!**

**Automatic Contribution Transfer (A.C.T.)**, the new direct deposit option for making your financial contributions to Saint Rita is now available to all parishioners. Please read about the features and benefits of this opportunity in your February-March envelope mailing scheduled to arrive in your home soon. If you do not receive envelopes sign-up sheets will be available in Church next weekend.

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

*Domenica Rocco Sgro  
 Mikayla Rose Ferrara  
 Tyler Reece Levine*

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**BIBLE READINGS:**

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  
 27 Mon      Heb 9:15,24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30  
 28 Tue      **St. Thomas Aquinas**      Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2,4,7-8,10-11 Mk 3:31-35  
 29 Wed      Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20  
 30 Thu      Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-6 Mk 4:21-25  
 31 Fri      **St. John Bosco**      Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24,30-40 Mk 4:26-34  
 1 Sat      Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41  
 2 Sun      **The Presentation of the Lord**      Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND  
 ~ FEBRUARY 1 & 2**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
 Meghan LaVigne, Lily Ciszewski, Caitlin DiRaimo  
**Sunday, 7:30am:**  
 Kayla Chapman, Kyle Chapman, Lauren Kessler  
**Sunday, 9:00am:**  
 John Hohl, Evan Korol, Daniel Padgett  
**Sunday, 10:30am:**  
 Adam Reask, David Savella, Jeremy West

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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. Leonard Hasman**

**Next Week's Special:** Breakfast Pizza made with egg, bacon, sausage and cheese with your choice of mushrooms, peppers or onions and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.00.

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**SACRISTAN:**  
 Week of January 26                      Miriam & Dan Kennelly

**LINENS:**  
 Week of February 2                      Cathy Zellefrow

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

***A Stewardship Prayer***

God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. Mindful of your generosity, we acknowledge that all that we have is from you. Daily, we offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family and our loved ones.

In the dawning of a new day, you are with us. In each dark hour you are here. Blessed by your grace, we show gratitude to you by sharing what we have. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve You.

As you protect and guide us on our journey, we, your stewards, remain ever-grateful for your constant love. Amen

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**~ Thank You ~**

Dear Frs. Chuck, Joe, Staff and Parishioners,

Words cannot adequately express my gratitude to you for your support when my mother died, last week.

Your prayers, your varied expressions of sympathy, your concern and your presence are much appreciated. My family and I are deeply touched by your kindness and love.

With gratitude and daily prayer,  
Sr. Judy

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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 February 1 & 2.

As a parish, St. Rita's recognizes National Vocation Awareness Week in the month of January. This weekend the theme of our liturgies will center on vocation awareness. Our

"Vocation's Banner" will be visible at all our Masses and we invite you to take a Vocations prayer card after Mass. Not only does this give us an opportunity to renew our own commitment to serve God, it gives us a wonderful opportunity to pray for those who may be discerning a call to the priesthood or religious life.

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**2002 Parish Contribution Statements**

**Will be available after all Masses  
this weekend in Room 1  
or during the week at the parish office.**

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Our St. Rita School children and faculty made a banner for the 104<sup>th</sup> Division at the Armory across the street. "Goodbye and Good Luck" was the theme; signed by every child. The service men and women sent back a certificate of appreciation! The banner is displayed on the wall at the armory. Prayers for all, for peace!

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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.

**ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!**

**“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**  
**At Catering Works - 2501 Browncroft Blvd.**  
(Corner of Browncroft and Creek St.)

**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.

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**PASTA DINNER ~ St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163**  
is hosting a Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 1  
from 4:00 to 7:00pm in our parish center gym. Cost  
is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 12 and children  
under 4 are free. 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 at 9:00am MASS**

All parishioners (youth and adults) who are in Boy  
Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venturing are invited to  
wear their uniforms to this Mass 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.

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**Dear Parishioners and Friends,**  
***I want to extend my sincere gratitude for***  
***all of the prayers and words of encouragement I***  
***received during my recent hospitalization and***  
***recovery. I have been truly blessed!***  
**Christine Cannito**

**ADULT FORMATION NEWS**

**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.

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**OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**SCHEDULE IS CHANGING**

Due to the lack of sufficient support for an entire day  
of Eucharistic Adoration we are adjusting our  
schedule as follows:

**Eucharistic Adoration will be held on the First**  
**Friday of each month immediately following the**  
**9:15am Mass for one hour followed by**  
**Benediction. We will also offer Adoration each**  
**Friday during Lent.**

We wish to remind everyone that Holy Spirit Parish  
has Eucharistic Adoration Monday through Friday  
from 9:30am until 10:00pm, Saturday from 8:30am  
to 3:30pm and Sunday from 2:00pm to 10:00pm.  
This is an opportunity for us to cooperate with our  
neighboring parishes and support their efforts. If you  
would like to commit to a definite time or for more  
information call Joan Poore at 377-3463.

Thanks to all who did "Come Aside and REST  
Awhile" with Jesus in the Eucharist. We hope you  
will continue and encourage others to do so.

Peace,  
Lee Bartle, Lise Farnand and Pat Kaufman.

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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](http://www.saintrita.org/committ/chriform/marriageprep/registration.html).

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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.

## **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 [d-desmarais@dor.org](mailto:d-desmarais@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.

**CATHOLIC COURIER** ~ If you are receiving the Catholic Courier and have not yet paid for this year's subscription you may send your \$20 payment directly to St. Rita Parish Office. If you do not receive the Catholic Courier (The Newspaper of the Diocese of Rochester) and would like to, please contact the parish office. Check it out ~ Free copies are available on the tables in the back of Church.

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The following boys in St. Rita's Cub Scout Pack 163 have received Catholic Medals of Recognition.  
Light of Christ: Breven Bell, Ryan Florack, Andrew Sikkema, Vincent Waver,  
Parvuli Dei: Jesse Ambrose, Ryan Aquilino, Matthew Beikirch, Michael Cook, Christopher D'Ambrose, Nicholas D'Ambrose, Steven Fantigrossi, Daniel Hann, Austin Korol, Mark Lawlor, Nicholas Mastrosimone, Eric Mongeau, Alexander Schum, Raymond Smith, Alex Tanea, Michael Waver, Christopher Weber, Nicholas Wynne.  
Ad Altare Dei: Daniel Hohl, Taylor Smith, Michael Boehm, Joseph Palis, Lee Ferrante