

# EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003**

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2003**

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2003**

7:00AM HELEN WHALEN – Mary Phelps  
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2003**

9:15AM HELEN YOUNG – Kurt & Mandy

**FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2003**

9:15AM LOUISE PUTMAN – Marge Gallo

**Eucharistic Adoration following the 9:15am Mass for one hour followed by Benediction.**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2003**

5:00PM JOAN GENESKY – Bill & Thelma Benwitz

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2003**

7:30AM ELAINE BRUNETT – Joe Brunett  
9:00AM BERTHA GANDL – Family  
10:30AM RAE & PETER BARTLOTTA – Peter & Kathy Bartlotta

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for the intentions of The Palermo Family**



**~ A VOCATION VIEW ~**

As Mary and Joseph presented their Son to God, parents may identify with this Feast by not only praying faithfully for an increase in religious vocations, but promise God not to stand in the way if God should choose their son or daughter to “follow” Him. 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 at Becket Hall at 461-2890.

# From the Desk of Fr. Joe

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**Burrrr . . . It’s cold.**

I find that at times like this, I just want to stay inside. I don’t go out and I develop cabin fever. Like a bear, I hibernate. Sometimes life can be very cold. Worries, anxiety, and doubts bring bitter cold into our hearts and souls, and we just want to go into a cave and hibernate. But a Christian can never escape into this darkness. Christ is our light. His light not only illuminates our path, it brings us warmth. His light and warmth give us the courage to leave the darkness and the cold to follow Him. It is our faith in Jesus that not only forces us out; it commands us to share our faith with others.

Did you ever notice that the times we feel most alone and most discouraged, we are focusing on our problems and us? The moment we turn our eyes in the direction of Jesus, everything changes. We realize that we are not alone and that He is in charge. We come to profess that he is working out our lives for us, and that there is nothing to fear.

So, let’s get out of the cold and into the warmth of Christ’s love. When we give our lives to Him, the ice melts.

God Bless and . . . Think spring!

Fr. Joe

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 2, 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 4

**MONDAY**

4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes  
 6:30-7:30PM Religious Education Classes  
 7:00PM Parish Twinning – Church Library  
 7:30PM Caregivers Support Group – Rm 3

**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 Sr. High Youth Group – Barn  
 7:15PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY**

7:00PM Catholic & Christian – Rm 1  
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal – Church  
 7:30PM Companions in Grief Group – Rm 3  
 8:30PM Men's Basketball – Gym

**THURSDAY**

7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church  
 7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Paul's

**FRIDAY**

9:45-11:00AM Eucharistic Adoration – Church  
 2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

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<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$11,287	\$12,654	- \$1,367
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$378,332	\$367,025	+ \$11,307
(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 are available at the Parish Office.

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

*Emily Catherine Tytler*

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**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 2 Sun **The Presentation of the Lord** Mal 3:1-4  
Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
- 3 Mon **St. Blase** Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20
- 4 Tue Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 Mk 5:21-43
- 5 Wed **St. Agatha** Heb 12:4-7,11-15 Ps 103:1-2,13-14,17-18 Mk 5:1-6
- 6 Thu **St. Paul Mikki and Companions** Heb 12:18-19,21-24 Ps 48:2-4,9-11 Mk 6:7-13
- 7 Fri Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9 Mk 6:14-29
- 8 Sat Heb 13:15-17,20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34
- 9 Sun **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jb 7:1-4,6-7  
Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23 Mk 1:29-39

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND  
 ~ FEBRUARY 8 & 9**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Josh & Johnathan Formella, Mike Weatherspoon

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Patrick Crittenden, Sean McGrath, Kyle McGrath

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Alex Vernetti, Nick Vernetti, Chris Mauro

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

James Crowell, Sam Crowell, Eric Rall

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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 Mortillaro**

**Next Week's Special:** Delicious Waffles with your choice of toppings from the Toppings Bar along with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.00.

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**SACRISTAN:**

Week of February 2

Shirl Mintz

**LINENS:**

Week of February 9

Thelma Benwitz

## Stepping Stones to Stewardship

When adults practice Christian stewardship, they inspire it — both among other adults and young people. Children, we know, learn what they live. Make authentic Christian stewardship the heart of your family life and you will add heart to your family life. Guaranteed.

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

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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.

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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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### 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!

## Our parish is growing . . .

# of registered families as of 1/1/2003	2082
# of new families registered in January	13
# of families removed from parish list YTD	(16)
# of registered families as of 1/30/03	2079

## Welcome to all of our new families!

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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.

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### ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!

#### COMMUNION BREAKFAST

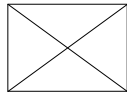
**Sunday, February 16 after the 9:00am Mass  
At Catering Works - 2501 Browncroft Blvd.  
(Corner of Browncroft and Creek St.)**

**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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### NURSING HOME VISITATION

If anyone feels that he or she (or a couple) would be interested in visiting our parishioners who reside at Hill Haven Nursing Home, please call Dorothy at 671-5673 or Sr. Judy at 671-1653 for more information. Thank you for your consideration, we would appreciate your help!



**FAMILY FAITH NEWS**

From Pope John Paul II, addressing the Fourth World Meeting of Families (January 25, 2003):

“...if you wish to be "good news for the third millennium", do not forget that *family prayer* is a sure way to remain united in a way of life in harmony with God’s will...As I now impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing, I leave you with a final charge: with God’s help, *make the Gospel the guiding principle of your families, and make your families a page of the Gospel written for our time!*

You can find the complete Address of Pope John Paul II at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

**FAMILY FAITH NEWSLETTER**

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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**CATHOLIC YOUTH BIBLE**

New American Bible Translation  
(from St. Mary’s Press)

The Catholic Youth Bible is a WONDERFUL Bible for ANYONE!! The paperback copies are \$27.95, but we have copies available at the discounted price of \$20.00. If you are interested in ordering one of these Bibles, or if you would like to see the many wonderful features of this bible that is of value to youth AND adults, please call Eileen Hasso, Family Faith Coordinator, at 671-1100 x 13.

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**Please Note** ~ Anyone who has not gotten their picture from the Breakfast with Santa should call Marti Mauro @ 671-2383 or email her at [dammauro@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dammauro@rochester.rr.com). We apologize for any inconvenience or delay.

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**YOUNG AT HEART  
SENIOR NEWS!**

Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, February 11** from **12:30-2:30pm** in Room 1 at which time we welcome back by popular demand the musical group “**The P.J.’s**”. All seniors are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

**ADULT FORMATION NEWS**

**SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP**

**This Tuesday, February 4 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
Re and Tom Scott

**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](mailto: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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**TUESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP**

**Tuesday, February 18**  
**Time:** 10:00-11:30am  
**Place:** Room 1  
**Topic:** “Living From the Center”  
by Richard Rohr

All are most welcome.  
Any questions please call Sr. Judy at 671-1653.

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**The following boys in St. Rita's Cub Scout Pack 163 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 Mastro Simone, 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

**POPE JOHN PAUL II URGES AN EMPHATIC  
"NO, TO WAR!" IN IRAQ**

*"War is never just another means that one can choose to employ for settling differences between nations . . . As the charter of the United Nations organization and international laws itself remind us, war cannot be decided upon, even when it is a matter of ensuring the common good, except as the very last option and in accordance with very strict conditions, without ignoring the consequences for the civilian population both during and after the military operations . . . [War] is always a defeat for humanity."*

He urged world leaders to try to resolve disputes with Iraq through diplomatic means: *"...international law, honest dialogue, solidarity between states, the noble exercise of diplomacy: these are methods worthy of individuals and nations in resolving their differences."*

Annual Address to World Ambassadors to the Vatican - January 13, 2003.

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**HOPE Ministry Information Meeting & Training**

Last year, HOPE Ministry served nearly 300 low-income households in Webster, including 116 new families. We are a ministry rooted in Catholic Social Justice Teachings, and in the ministry of Jesus. If you'd like to minister with us, come to a HOPE MINISTRY INFORMATION MEETING, Tuesday, March 4 at 7:00 PM at Hope House, 1450 Ridge Road or call 265-6694 and leave your name and number and we will call you with information.

**PARISH TWINNING**

If anyone is interested in joining the Parish Twinning Committee our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 3 at 7:00pm** in the Library in Church. All are welcome. Come and learn more about our relationship with our Sister Parish in Mabughai, Tanzania, Africa. For more information you can call Al Pecora at 787-9624.

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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.

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**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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**Catholic Gay and 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, February 13 from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Paul's Church. Basis for discussion will be the American 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.