

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2003

9:15AM FRANK GERLACK – Karen & Steve Olas

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2003

7:00AM ANDREW CEGLINSKI – Family
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003

9:15AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003

7:00AM RUSSEL GIOVINE – Wife & Children
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**Stations of the Cross at 8:50am
Eucharistic Adoration following Morning Prayer for one hour followed by Benediction.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2003

5:00PM CLAUDIA SANTORO –
The Weidman Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2003

7:30AM MARIE PEIFFER – Husband, Red
9:00AM MICHAEL SIDOTI – Frank & Joan Ferland
10:30AM CHARLES CONROSE – Louis Joy & Family

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



~ A VOCATION VIEW ~

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Pat Finnerty, Director of Vocation Awareness at 328-3228 x 229 or Fr. Bill Donnelly, Rector at Becket Hall at 461-2890.

Pastor's Perspective

Last week we experienced God's grace at work in our parish in wonderful ways . . .

Bishop Clark and Fr. Joseph Hart, our Vicar General, joined us on February 24 and February 26 to confirm 150 of our young people. It was a wonderful moment in their own faith journeys and that of our parish. I look forward to welcoming their many talents as they continue to grow in their participation within the life of our Church. My thanks to Drew Desmarais and all of our Religious Education staff for their hard work in preparing for these celebrations and my special thanks to Chris Yule and Judy Leone and all of our musicians for the superb music at these liturgies.

On last Sunday about 70 of our folks motored off to St. Ann's in Hornell where we witnessed Mark Brewer's ordination as Deacon.

It was a grand celebration and we are all so proud to have been a part of Mark's preparation when he served his Pastoral Year here with us last year. Mark is now back at University Theological College in Washington, D.C. where he will complete his studies. We all look forward to June 14, 2003 when Mark will be ordained a priest at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

We here at St. Rita's have so much to give thanks for - so many wonderful signs of God's grace.

Happy Lent,

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Please Note ~

Fr. Joe will be away until March 14.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 9, 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 1

MONDAY

4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes
 6:30-7:30PM Religious Education Classes
 7:30PM Parish Pastoral Council – 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
 7:30PM Companions in Grief Group – Rm 3
 7:30PM Social Action Ministry – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:30PM Lenten “Soul Meal” – Gym
 7:00PM Stewardship Committee – Rm 3
 8:30PM Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

8:50AM Stations of the Cross – Church
 9:45-11:00AM Eucharistic Adoration – Church
 2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church
5:00-7:00PM Fish Dinner – Gym

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<u>PARISH SUPPORT</u>		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,947	\$12,654	+ \$1,293
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$440,602	\$430,295	+ \$10,307
<small>(The Church’s fiscal year begins 7/1/02)</small>		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		

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SACRISTAN: Week of March 9 Beverly Geier
LINENS: Week of March 16 Jean Fauth

BIBLE READINGS:

9 Sun **First Sunday of Lent** Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
 10 Mon Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46
 11 Tue Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
 12 Wed Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32
 13 Thu Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps138:1-3,7-8 Mt 7:7-12
 14 Fri Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
 15 Sat Dt 26:16-19 Ps:119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
 16 Sun **Second Sunday of Lent** Gn 22:1-2,9a-13,15-18 Ps 116:10,15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND
 ~ MARCH 15 & 16**

Saturday, 5:00pm:
 Courtney Weatherspoon, Christina Smith, Marisa Vargas
Sunday, 7:30am:
 Erin and Megan Samuelson, Kayla Chapman
Sunday, 9:00am:
 Charlie DeGaugh, Dan Padgett, Chris Mauro
Sunday, 10:30am:
 Evan Korol, Luke Casselbury, Matt Casselbury

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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 Pilato

Next Week’s Special: Eggs served any way you want, scones and home fries, served with your choice of bacon or sausage plus coffee for \$3.00.

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INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

General ~ That each one of us, the people of God and our pastors, may grow in the realization of the importance of God’s merciful gift of love, the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Mission ~ That Africa’s local Churches, in the midst of their current difficult situations, may feel the urgency of announcing the Gospel coherently and courageously.

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Too often we think of our stewardship of time and talent only in terms of what we do specifically for our parish – being a lector, eucharistic minister, alter server or a member of the choir. Also doing well the work God called us to in our homes and/or workplace is good stewardship, too.

Using our gifts in love and service to support our co-workers, neighbors and friends, is good stewardship and a powerful way to express our gratitude to God for those gifts.

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

**Webster/Penfield Catholic Connection News!
(Holy Spirit - Holy Trinity - St. Paul's - St. Rita's)**

COMPANIONS IN GRIEF

Will gather on
Tuesday, March 11
at 7:30pm in Room 3

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one, you are most welcome to come. All are welcome!

Our Lenten Theme is:

***“Harbor of my heart,
I take refuge in You.”***

Below are the words and music to the psalm response we will use during Lent.

This weekend our parish community will be celebrating the **Rite of Sending at the 10:30am Mass for James Allis and Joan Close**

They are candidates in our RCIA process. (The candidate who has already been baptized receives the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.)

The Rite of Sending provides an opportunity for our community to celebrate the pivotal moment in the lives of our RCIA candidates. It is today that they are welcomed by Bishop Clark to enter the final period of preparation for their completion of initiation. The candidates are sent to the cathedral with the prayers and support of the St. Rita faith community. The sponsors give testimony to the readiness of these candidates. After this step, the presider in our name summarizes the testimony given and gives the support of the community to the candidates.

This afternoon at 2:00pm in Sacred Heart Cathedral, our candidates will experience the **Call To Continuing Conversion** with Bishop Clark. This conversion is about God's choice of them to embrace the mission of Jesus. We ritually celebrate this commitment in the sacraments of initiation. At the cathedral after the homily, the candidates are presented to the bishop for the Call To Continuing Conversion. As the names are read, the sponsors give testimony before the bishop and community. The bishop then asks the candidates to publicly state their intention about their faith. The bishop then acknowledges that they have embraced the mission of Jesus and are chosen by God. He encourages them to remain faithful to their call.

Please pray for our candidates today as they embark on their final step toward full initiation into our faith community.

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**PARISH LENTEN “SOUL” MEALS
at 6:00pm in the Parish Center Gym**

Wednesday, March 12 ~ “African Connection” presented by Rev. George Okugh, Pastor at St. Theodore's Church.

Please consider coming to our parish's Wednesday Soup Supper. We will join together for a delicious bowl of homemade soup and bread. Admission is free. We would ask that you bring one can of soup as a donation for the needy. Please RSVP to the Parish Office (671-1100).

Families and Walk-ins are Welcome!

**OPERATION RICE BOWL
(LENTEN FOLDERS)**

Jesus begins his public ministry proclaiming, "The Reign of God is at hand. Reform your lives and believe in the gospel." Lent provides all of us the opportunity to reflect upon our lives and return Christ to the center of all that we do. This week: **Pray** for the wisdom and strength needed to re-orient your life towards God. Pray for our brothers and sisters from Burkina Faso, India, Uganda, Brazil and Vietnam who are working with their communities to improve their own sustainability and quality of life. The donations you make through the Lenten folders will enable Catholic Relief Services to fund development projects in 40 countries throughout the world as well as our own Diocese.

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PARISH OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Last week we mentioned that due to your generosity, the Needy Fund was able to provide \$1000 to the HOPE Ministry of Holy Trinity Church. We were also able to provide \$1000 in financial assistance to Webster Comfort Care. Webster Comfort Care provides a much needed comfort care home for the terminally ill in Webster. It is the goal of Webster Comfort Care to allow residents to live in a warm, loving, home-like atmosphere of support and encouragement during their final months of life. They believe in the hospice philosophy of care: all persons have the right to die with dignity, to have an enhanced quality of life for the remainder of their days, and to be as comfortable and as pain-free as possible. (If you have internet access, learn about Webster Comfort Care at www.webstercomfortcare.org). We thank you for your support in enabling our Parish to be sensitive to the needs of the poor. Your donations to the Needy Fund jars in the back of church, or through the Needy Fund envelopes has enabled us to continue to help these ministries. THANK you for your continued support.

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TUESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, March 18

Time: 10:00-11:30am
Place: Convent
Topic: "Who Moved My Cheese"
by Dr. Spencer Johnson, M.D.

All are most welcome.

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

MONDAY, MARCH 17

at 6:00PM

in the Parish Center

This adult dinner will offer delicious corned beef and cabbage, carrots, potatoes, Irish soda bread, ice cream and cookies along with Irish coffee and our Irish sing-a-long. Irish Dancers will grace the stage (Boland School of Dance). The cost is \$12.00 per adult and tickets may be purchased at Masses this weekend and next, at the Parish Office or call Deidre (727-5404). **Paid reservations only!** Deadline is Friday, March 14.

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Holy Trinity's HOPE Ministry benefits from a NY State Health Dept. grant thru Foodlink, the regional Foodbank serving the Rochester area. Because of the present NY State Budget situation, this grant runs out in March, and won't be renewed until July. In order to maintain our current level of emergency food support to needy families in the Webster community, HOPE Ministry must pay an additional \$5,000.00 to make up for the shortfall in State funding. If you can help us to help our neighbors keep food on their tables? Donations may be sent to HOPE, 1450 Ridge Road, Webster 14580.

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"Think Spring"

The **CROP WALK** will be held on Sunday, May 4. If you would like to help recruit walkers from St. Rita Parish or are interested in walking please call Carol at 671-7832.

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**FRIDAY LENTEN
FISH DINNERS**

5:00-7:00 PM

Each Friday during Lent

Each Friday during Lent Fish Dinners are served from 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym. Fried or Baked Fish is available as well as Cheese Pizza! Adult fish dinners are \$7.00 and include coleslaw, French fries and a roll. Children's portions are available for \$3.50. Come in for a great meal! Take out is available, just stop in!

ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!

All women are invited to our next meeting

**Tuesday, March 18 at 7:30pm
in the Parish Center Gym**

**TOPIC: Plan to Celebrate the Life
of a Loved One**

A representative from Scott Funeral Home will share with us decisions and paperwork and Sister Judy will offer thoughts on the Liturgy.

OUR ANNUAL EASTER CANDY SALE IS HERE!

Easter is coming and so are the bunnies . . . chocolate bunnies that is. Those delicious Chocolate Rabbits and Mint Melt Aways will be sold after Masses beginning March 8 & 9 and at the Parish Office. The cost remains the same at \$3.00 each. The St. Rita Society now sponsors this ongoing fundraiser and proceeds will be used for parish projects. Thanks for your continued support!

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St. Rita School will be celebrating it's **50th Anniversary.** A planning meeting will be held on Monday, March 10 at 7:00pm in the School Faculty Room. Anyone interested in helping is invited to attend!

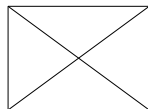
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CARNATION SALE ~ Next weekend after all Masses green carnations will be sold to help benefit the Irish Children's Program - \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

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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, March 13 from 7:00-9:00pm. Our basis for discussion will be "Always Our Children." The location of the meeting has changed. Please call CGLFM at 271-7363 or 265-9667 if you wish to attend.

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FAMILY FAITH NEWS

The March ~ April issue of the Family Faith Newsletter is now available in the Narthex. It contains prayers and reflections for Lent as well as other interesting stories. Everyone is welcome to take a copy home to enjoy!

ST. RITA'S CHOIR NEWS!

Thank You ~ The Choir would like to thank everyone who baked and purchased goodies at their Bake Sale last weekend in support of their fundraising efforts for their pilgrimage to Austria in the Fall. Your support is greatly appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE ~ There are a few extra spots open for anyone who is interested in going along with St. Rita's Choir on their pilgrimage to Austria from October 15-23, 2003. If interested please contact Chris Yule at 381-2721 for more information.

Instrumentalists Needed ~ We are in need of two clarinetists for the 10:30am Mass on Palm Sunday, April 13. Must be capable musicians. Will be paid. Please call Chris Yule at 381-2721.

St. Rita's VOCE Ensemble will be singing as part of a Monday evening Lenten series of concerts at St. Louis Church in Pittsford on Monday, March 10 at 7:30pm. The ensemble will be singing a capella Lenten repertoire, and there will also be anointing of the sick. Everyone is invited.

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ESTATE PLANNING ~

Did you know that the laws of the state where you are living at the time of your death will determine how your estate is settled if you have no will of your own? These laws might not leave your property to the people you want to receive it. And, these laws definitely do not leave any gift to your church or other charity. Would you not rather make these decisions yourself?

Giving to your church through your will is a good way to continue your support of your church beyond your lifetime. When your estate plan is prepared, consider including plans for a gift to your church. Our legal name is "St. Rita Church of West Webster".

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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>.