

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2003

9:15AM MARISA FANARA – Renee Piccirillo

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2003

7:00AM JOHN SLACK – Eleanor Slack
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2003

7:00AM HELEN WHALEN – Mary & Don Brown
9:15AM JOAN GENESKY – Pat & Lonnie Pugliese

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2003

7:00AM EDWARD WAHL – Jeanne Hill
9:15AM MARGUERITE MC CORMICK – Elaine & Jim Wemple

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2003

9:15AM JOSEPH COSTELLO – Wife & Family

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2003

5:00PM OLGA BOZZA – Judy Leone

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2003

7:30AM BETTY BLEIER – Bill Bleier
9:00AM MARY LIZZIO – Paula & Bob Johnson & Family
10:30AM GEORGE GLASSER – David & Carole Werth

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Joseph Cannito**

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~ A VOCATION VIEW ~

Jesus cleaned out the temple of moneychangers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what he had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Pat Finnerty, Dir. of Vocation Awareness at 328-3228 x 229 or Fr. Bill Donnelly, Rector at Becket Hall at 461-2890.

ST. RITA'S PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Directed by: Charlotte Bruney

**Monday & Tuesday, March 24 & 25
7:00-8:30pm in Church**

The Parish Lenten Mission will begin on **Sunday, March 23** with our mission director, Charlotte Bruney, preaching at our weekend liturgies.

Monday, March 24 Charlotte will speak on:
Finding a Safe Harbor, Our Lived Experience.

Tuesday, March 25 the topic will be:
Finding a Safe Harbor, The Paschal Mystery.

Charlotte Bruney is a Pastoral Administrator at St. Vincent De Paul Church in Churchville and is a noted speaker and lecturer. Two years ago, Charlotte came and led us in an Advent reflection evening. Her presentation was very thought provoking and moved all of us who listened that night to heartfelt contemplation. We are excited to have Charlotte back for a more intense period of time where she can challenge all of us to a conversion of heart and mind. Please take the time this Lent to come to the Lenten Mission and reflect on the work of the Spirit in your life and how that work can be made more fruitful with continuing conversion to God's redeeming love.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL (LENTEN FOLDERS)

Today's readings offer us guidelines for living a moral and just life. God presents Moses and the Israelites with the Ten Commandments and Jesus raises his voice against the desecration of the temple, God's holy dwelling. Around the world men and women are violated by unjust political, economic, and social systems.

This week: Pray for the victims of violence around the world, especially those who are most vulnerable because of their religion, race, or gender. Learn about unjust policies and practices that affect the global community through careful reading of and listening to the news. Consider raising your voice against an injustice. Through your help by giving in the Lenten Folders, Catholic Relief Services is able to help develop projects that include: agricultural enrichment, water and sanitation, maternal/child health, micro-finance and job training. All of these projects help to promote human dignity and encourage self-reliance.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 23, 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 LENTEN MISSION – Church

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 LENTEN MISSION – Church

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM Finance Council – Parish Office
 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

SATURDAY

10:00-10:45AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

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PARISH SUPPORT		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,203	\$12,654	+ \$549
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$467,095	\$455,603	+ \$11,492
(The Church’s fiscal year begins 7/1/02)		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		

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SACRISTAN:

Week of March 23 Agnes Kopin

LINENS:

Week of March 30 Evelyn Miller

BIBLE READINGS:

23 Sun **Third Sunday of Lent** Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
 24 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15 Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
 25 Tue **The Annunciation** Is 7:10-14 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
 26 Wed Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
 27 Thu Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23
 28 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6-11,14,17 Mk 12:28-34
 29 Sat Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21 Lk 18:9-14
 30 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Lent** 2 Chr 36:14-17,19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND ~ MARCH 29 & 30

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Matt Duncan, Eric Duncan, Marc Cataldi

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle McGrath, Sean McGrath, John Hohl

Sunday, 9:00am:

Greg Pitts, Sam Piekarczyk, Kevin Macikowski

Sunday, 10:30am:

Ricky Verneti, Nick Verneti, Alex Verneti

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

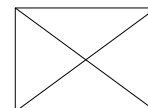
Each week a white contribution envelope is drawn from the collection. The person or family named on the envelope receives a free breakfast.

This week’s winner: Susan Murphy

Next Week’s Special: Waffles topped with strawberries and whipped cream served with your choice of bacon or sausage plus coffee for \$3.00.

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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!

MARCH 23, 2003

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Don't store up your treasures here on earth where they can erode away or may be stolen. Store them in heaven where they will never lose their value, and are safe from thieves. If your profits are in heaven your heart will be there too.

Matthew 6:19-22

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**CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP
will meet on**

**Monday, April 7
at 7:30pm in Room 3**

Speaker: Theresa Frederick, CSW

Topic: "Caregivers & All it involves:
Practical tips to help you through it"

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.

UPCOMING LENTEN PRESENTATIONS:

TAIZE LENTEN PRAYER

Wednesday, April 2 at 7:30pm in Church

Come for one hour of quiet reflection, with song and prayer in our church filled with only candlelight. We will take this time to "Focus on the Cross of Jesus".

**ISRAEL: Sacred Land for Jews, Christians & Muslims Tuesday, April 8
at 7:30pm in Room 1**

Presented by Dr. Joseph Kelly, professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth College. The presentation will highlight the important places, which are revered by these three great faith traditions. Slides will be included. Refreshments will follow.

The Rite of Election for our RCIA Candidates was celebrated at the Cathedral on March 9 and begins the period of purification and enlightenment for the catechumens and candidates being brought into the Church. However, the entire community is being challenged to renew itself along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery. In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of Lent the reminder of Baptism already received as well as the theme of repentance renew the entire community. For the elect and the local community, the Lenten Season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the paschal mystery.

On the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent, the Church celebrates rites called **Scrutinies**. These rites are for self-searching and repentance and have a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover and then heal all that is defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. They deliver the elect from the power of sin and give them strength for the Christian life. They help with the conversion of the elect and their decision to love God above all.

In order to help the entire community be renewed in this process, the Church offers special readings for the scrutinies. **These readings are from Cycle A and are considered optional.** This year, we will be using Cycle A readings at our weekend liturgies for the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent. They are meant to draw all the faithful into this period of intense renewal with a focus on repentance and conversion to God's love. Our spiritual journey lasts a lifetime. The scrutinies remind us that our conversion is a process and life's temptations never take a holiday. It is only through serious examination and true repentance that the Season of Lent can inspire true continuing conversion.

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

**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF
Will gather on**

Date: Thursday, April 10
Place: Holy Spirit Church
1355 Hatch Road
Time: 7:30pm

Speaker: Sr. Kathleen O'Connell, RSM
Pastoral Associate at Holy Cross Church

Topic: "Good Grief" You Can't Get Around It!

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

CONGRATULATIONS

ST. RITA PARISH CYO CHEERLEADERS!

Our St. Rita Parish CYO Cheerleaders competed in the **48th Annual CYO Cheerleading Competition** this past Sunday at Brockport State College.

St. Rita 5th & 6th grade squad won **FIRST PLACE**
Coached by Donna Bour

The girls also won First Place in the Bishop Kearney Competition on February 9.

Congratulations to all!

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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 March 22/23 and March 29/30 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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FAMILY EASTER BRUNCH

Sunday, March 30 from 11:30am until 1:00pm

Come join us for a delicious brunch. A special guest with long ears, a puffy tail and big feet will be there with a Christian message to share with all. Join your St. Rita friends and family for a yummy meal served by friendly Girl Scouts. The cost is \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/children under 12 and senior citizens, \$15.00 per family. Sponsored by Girl Scout Troops 654 & 669.

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EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

**Saturday, April 26
at 6:30pm**

in the Parish Center gym

All adults are invited to our Euchre Tournament. Singles and couples are welcome. Come for food, fun and prizes! Proceeds from this social event will benefit our Parish & School Community projects. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Registrations are available on the table in back of Church or in the Parish Office. For more information please call Dave or Marti Mauro at 671-2383.

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

WPCC Health Ministry Presents . . .

A Special Program in the month of April on

Organ and Tissue Donation

Please join us for an informative, insightful, and inspiring afternoon discussion on the giving of life:

WHEN: Sunday, April 6
from 4:00-6:00pm

WHERE: Holy Spirit Church
1355 Hatch Road

FEATURED SPEAKER: Carol Rutigliano, R.N., director of Professional Services at Rochester Eye and Tissue Bank and parishioner at Holy Spirit.

There are very few decisions people make in their lifetime that are as personal and as important as donation organs and tissues to help another human being. Come and get your questions answered to make an informed decision. Find out all there is to know about donating:

- * How donations happen in our local community
- * The Catholic perspective on donation
- * Who can be a donor
- * How to become a donor
- * Answers about cost, funeral arrangements, recipients, and more!
- * Refreshments and great information will be provided

To make reservations please call:

Sheila Lucey at 265-3693
Felice Armignacco at 671-5177

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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!

Bethany House Golf Fundraiser

Please join us for the Bethany House golf fundraiser on Sunday, May 18th at 1:00 PM at Shadow Pines Golf Club. Bethany House is a Catholic Worker house of hospitality serving the needs of homeless women and their children by sheltering, feeding and clothing those who come from experiences of eviction, rape, abuse, imprisonment and abandonment. The fee is \$75 per person to enter. Please register by May 2nd by calling or e-mailing Laura Ribas: (585) 454-1740 or Laura@thehartmangroup.com

Diocesan Festival Choir CD

The Office of Liturgy has announced production of the Diocesan Festival Choir CD, "Singing in the Light of God." Recorded at Sacred Heart Cathedral in the fall of 2002, the CD features several compositions of Dr. H. Ricardo Ramirez and favorites from diocesan celebrations such as Halle Halle, Marching in the Light of God, Bread to Share and The Summons. The choir, composed of singers from various parishes around the diocese, is directed by Ginny Miller and features soloists: Fr. Daniel McMullin, Maura Slon, Gabriele Pellegrino, Laura Osgood, Mario Encino and Johanna Brown. For information contact Yvonne Moss at the Office of Liturgy 328-3210 ex. 1328 or moss@dor.org Cost is \$15 per CD, \$20 if mailed. Checks should be made out to Diocese of Rochester.

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WHAT TO DO WITH LAST YEAR'S PALMS?

It is often assumed that the parish needs these palms for next year's ashes. At this time we have a sufficient supply of ashes to last us a while. Do you know that you can dispose of your palms from last year? They need to be burned (in a fireplace or grill for example) or bury them in the ground.

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