

# EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003**

9:15AM THOMAS DUNN –  
Daughter Patty & Joe Janiak

**TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2003**

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2003**

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2003**

9:15AM PAUL BOUDREZ, SR. –  
Albert & Bernice Schum

**FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2003**

9:15AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA CHURCH

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2003**

9:00AM FIRST EUCHARIST

11:00AM FIRST EUCHARIST

5:00PM JAMES HANLEY –

Bill & Thelma Benwitz

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2003**

7:30AM FRANK SMITH – Don, Linda and Family

9:00AM ALFRED FRANKLIN – Wife, Pat

10:30AM MR. & MRS. ALBERT BRUST –  
Bob & Liz Brust

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This week the Tabernacle Light  
will burn in loving memory of  
Frank Stark



**VOCATION VIEW** ~ Easter! Resurrection and new life; a new life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest or religious. Call Pat Finnerty, Director of Vocations Awareness at (585) 328-3228 ext. 229 or Fr. Bill Donnelly, Rector Becket Hall at (585) 461-2890.

# Pastor's Perspective

If you ever wondered which is the greatest celebration of the Church Year ~ look at how we celebrate Easter. The celebration continues for fifty days, from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. We mark these days in joyful exultation as one feast day, or better, as one "great Sunday". Indeed every other Sunday all year long is viewed as "a little Easter".

The joy of the Easter Season has carried us all through the ages. It is seen in this wonderful Easter carol dating from the Fourteenth Century:

*Now glad of heart be ev'ry one!  
The fight is fought, the day is won,  
The Christ is set upon the throne.*

*Who on the rood was crucified,  
Who rose again, as at this tide,  
In glory to the Father's side.*

*Who baffled death and harrowed hell  
And led the souls that love him well  
All in the light of lights to dwell.*

*To him we lift our heart and voice  
And in his paradise rejoice  
With harp and pipe and happy noise.*

*Then rise, all Christian folk, with me  
And carol forth the One-in-Three  
That was and is and is to be.*

May the Lord fill you with the Joy and Peace that is ours in the Risen Christ. . . . Alleluia!

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## *Easter Blessings*

As we savor the power and joy of the Easter Season, we need to express heartfelt thanks for all those who made our wonderful Triduum and Easter Liturgies so special. Thanks to our Liturgy Committee, to all who those who planned the art and environment of our Church, to our servers, lectors, ushers, leaders, Eucharistic Ministers, to our wonderful choirs and musicians, to the entire parish staff and to all of you who gathered in such great numbers to celebrate the powerful mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Easter Peace,  
Fr. Chuck



**APRIL 27, 2003**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
NOMINATIONS**

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

The point is this: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." 2  
*Corinthians 9:6-8*

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

Next weekend we will be asking you to submit names of registered parishioners you feel would serve well on our Parish Pastoral Council.

When submitting names please consider parishioners you think would be willing to share their motivation, spirituality and are able to give of their Time and Talent for the good of our parish.

Your nomination of a person is not a commitment for them. It is simply an invitation for them to consider pursuing the selection process.

This year we will be selecting 2 women, 2 men to serve for a three year term & 2 youth (over 15 years of age) to serve a one-year term.

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**SACRAMENT NEWS**

**FIRST EUCHARIST REHEARSALS** for this week are as follows:

**Rehearsal on Monday, April 28** from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Church is for the children receiving First Eucharist on May 3 at 9:00am Mass. (These are the children in Mrs. Doerner's, Mrs. Gruttadauria's and Mrs. Martella's classes)

**Rehearsal on Tuesday, April 29** from 6:30 to 7:30pm in Church is for the children receiving First Eucharist on May 3 at 11:00am Mass. (These are the children in Mrs. Campisi's and Mrs. Venniro's classes)

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**HOSPITAL RULES HAVE CHANGED!**

The US Government has passed the Health Portability Accountability Act, which affects how St. Rita's Parish is able to obtain patient information. Effective immediately ~ the hospital will not release the **NAMES** of patients who are parishioners to our staff over the phone. **How does this affect you?** It is imperative that parishioners contact the Parish Office before your scheduled hospitalization or have a family member contact us in the event of an unscheduled admission to the hospital. Please call the office at 671-1100. We regret the change in policy, yet it is a new federal law.

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**CAREGIVERS  
SUPPORT GROUP**  
will meet on

**Monday, May 5  
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. If you have questions call Sr. Judy at 671-1653.

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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!

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 Sunday, May 5.

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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS FOR FAMILIES!

Spend more quality time with your family!! Share your faith, and learn together!! "F.I.R.E.": A Way of Being Church is a religious education program for the whole family. Learn and grow together in your faith – plus spend more time together as a family.

**Registration forms are available in the narthex!** If you have any questions, or are interested in taking part in the **F.I.R.E** program for the 2003-2004 school year (as an alternative to traditional religious education), please call Eileen Hasso, Family Faith Coordinator, at 671-1100 ext. 13.

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### Elementary Religious Education News

Elementary Religious Education registration for the 2003-2004 school year is underway. Registration forms were mailed home for currently enrolled students. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the fall, registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office, the Parish Office and the back of the Church.

Religious Education is available to all children of registered parishioners in St. Rita Parish in grades 1-6. Classes meet one hour each week from September – April. Class times are:

Monday: 4:30-5:30 pm and 6:30-7:30 pm

Tuesday: 4:30-5:30 pm

**The deadline for registration is June 26, 2003.** If you have any questions contact Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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**Catholic Gay & Lesbian Families Ministry** ~ A support group for parents of lesbian daughters and gay sons meets every month. This month's meeting will be Thursday, May 8 at Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road, at 7:00pm. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter, *Always Our Children*, will be discussed at the meeting. Copies of the publication will be available at the meeting. For information, call 271-7363.

### ST. RITA SOCIETY ~ EVENING WITH MARY ~ Tuesday, May 20

The St. Rita Society invites all the women of the parish to join in celebrating our "Evening with Mary". **Mass will begin at 6:00pm** followed by Dinner at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Blvd. at 7:00pm.

Dinner choices are:

Stuffed Chicken Breast	\$11.00
Veal Parmesan	\$12.00
Prime Rib	\$13.00

Tickets will be on Sale after Masses the next two weekends May 3 & 4 and May 10 & 11 and also at the Parish Office. All women of the parish are invited. Please consider joining us for this beautiful evening! Hope to see you there.

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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dive into God's Love at St. Rita Church 2003 Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **S.C.U.B.A.**, **Super Cool Undersea Bible Adventure**. Each day the children will be introduced to a fishy friend

who will help them remember the day's Bible point. At **S.C.U.B.A.** the children will explore lessons from God's Word through Bible stories, music, games, and crafts.

We will meet on July 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. Registration forms are available in the greeting area. Enrollment is on a first-come basis and is limited to 150 children.

**Adult and teen volunteers are needed to make this program a success.**

Please contact Sandy Rotolo at 671-2719, or Joan Sullivan at 872-9503 with any questions and/or to volunteer.

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### "Continuing the Journey" presents Fr. Joe Catanise "Being Catholic and Christian"

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line  
New York ~ Halifax ~ New York  
September 11-15, 2003

Cruise on the brand new ship "Serenade"  
\$649 per person, dbl. occ. Interior cabin  
\$749 per person dbl. occ. Outside cabin

Includes roundtrip motor coach Rochester to NY and back to Rochester. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in Church for more information or call Hear & There, Inc. at 719-9433.

# ST. RITA'S 49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FIESTA

## SAVE THE DATES!

Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7

**ENTERTAINMENT ~ GAMES ~ CONCESSIONS ~ FOOD BOOTHS ~ GREAT COMPANY!**

Our Fiesta Committees have been hard at work to make our 2003 Fiesta a great success! Our annual Fiesta is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to come together in the spirit of fun, and fellowship.

Some of the events scheduled are:

The "**Skycoaster's**" in concert and Webster's own **Ciara Lynn** will be performing. We will have a Chicken Barbeque, Fish Dinner, and food booths featuring Hots, Italian Sausage, burgers and many other goodies! Baked Food Sale, Book Sale, Plant Sale, Casino Games, Game Booths and Activities for folks of all ages! Special activities and crafts for the children! Our Fiesta Raffle grand prize this year is a 42" plasma TV or \$5,000 cash.

If you would like to join in helping - there are a wide variety of ways you can contribute! If you are interested in sharing some of your time and talent in the spirit of community and fun call one of our chairmen, Dave Mauro (671-2383) or Tom Cali (671-0428).

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**USED BOOK SALE ~** It is time to clean our your bookshelves once again! Once again we will be holding a Used Book Sale at the Fiesta. Currently we are accepting donations of used books, videotapes and CD's. So clean out your bookshelves now and bring in your donations to the box in the greeting area in Church – or for pick-up please call 671-2722.

**PLANT SALE ~** Once again we will be having a Plant Sale at the Fiesta. Last year because of your generous donations of potted perennials, annuals, houseplants, shrubs and tubers, there was a delightful variety of plants. This made our plant sale a wonderful success. For more information please call Joyce Hollander at 671-3281.

**FIESTA SPONSORSHIP ~** Attention businesses and organizations ~ reach over 2000 households in St. Rita Parish and thousands of neighbors in the Webster/Penfield area by helping to sponsor this years Fiesta. Get your message out to a target audience and support the good work of the St. Rita faith community and at the same time promote your cause. A range of a sponsorship levels are available. For information please call the parish office at 671-1100 or call one of our chairmen, Dave Mauro (671-2383) or Tom Cali (671-0428).

If you are interested in helping out in any way or if you would like more information please do not hesitate to give us a call. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dave Mauro (671-2383)  
Tom Cali (671-0428)  
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