

# EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

**MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003**

9:15AM JOAN KRAMER – Marge Gallo

**TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2003**

7:00AM NORMA MURPHY – Mary Phelps  
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003**

7:00AM JOHN ZEHDER – Elvira Costello  
9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY FOR SCHOOL BENEFACTORS – St. Rita School Faculty & Staff

**THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2003**

7:00AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA CHURCH  
9:15AM JOSEPHINE HRUSECKY – Phil & Verna Mendola

**FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2003**

9:15AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI - Angela Palmieri

**SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2003**

2:00PM **Wedding:** *Marissa Delorey & Mark Kamas*  
5:00PM CAROL MASON – Judy Leone & Jeane Langevin

**SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2003**

7:30AM MARGARET NEARY – Patricia Kaiser  
9:00AM CARRIE MENDOLA – Phil & Verna Mendola  
10:30AM MARGARET YAECKEL and PEARL MINTZ – John & Shirl Mintz

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Don Gallo



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**Wedding Banns**

*Marissa Delorey & Mark Kamas*

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**FAMILY FAITH NEWS**

The May - June 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!

# Pastor's Perspective

This week we celebrate God's affirmation of all creation in and through the Resurrection of his Son. We see this reflected beautifully in May I Have This Dance by Joyce Rupp, OSM

**WATERED GARDENS**

***God of openness, of life and of resurrection, Come into this Easter season and bless me. Look around the tight, dead spaces of my heart That still refuse to give you an entrance.***

***Open, one by one, those places in my life Where I refuse to be overcome by surprise. Open, one by one, those parts in my heart Where I fight the entrance of real growth. Open, one by one, those aspects in my spirit Where my security struggles with the truth.***

***God of Resurrection, God of the living Untomb & uncover all that needs to live in me. Take me to people, events and situations And stretch me into much greater openness.***

***Open me. Open me. Open me. For it is only then that I will grow and change. For it is only then that I will be transformed. For it is only then that I will know how it is To be in the moment of rising from the dead.***

Easter Peace,

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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.

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK** **MAY 4, 2003**

**SUNDAY**

10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4  
7:30PM BINGO at the K of C – Team 1

**MONDAY**

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  
7:00PM Sr. High Youth Group – Barn-up  
7:15PM Scripture Study – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30PM Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
7:30PM Adult Formation Presentation – Rm 1

**THURSDAY**

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

**FRIDAY**

2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

**BIBLE READINGS:**

4 Sun **Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 3:13-15,17-19 Ps 4:2,4,7-9 1 Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48  
5 Mon Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27,29-30 Jn 6:22-29  
6 Tue Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3-4,6-8,17,21 Jn 6:30-35  
7 Wed Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-7 Jn 6:35-40  
8 Thu Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20 Jn 6:44-51  
9 Fri Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59  
10 Sat Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-69  
11 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Easter** Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED NEXT WEEKEND**  
**~ MAY 10 & 11**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Josh Formella, Johnathan Formella, Michael Harris

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Taylor Smith, Kathrena Smith, Lauren Kessler

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Dan Padgett, Chris Mauro, Jeff Tatanus

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

Courtney Weatherspoon, Christina Smith, Lauren Benz

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**SACRISTAN:** Week of May 4 Bev Geier

**LINENS:** Week of May 11 Jacqueline Volo

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**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**

If you haven't been down to the gym after the 7:30 or 9:00am Sunday Mass – Stop By!

**Next Week's Special:** Mexican Omelets made with eggs, ham, cheese and salsa on the side, served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.00.

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**FLOWER SALE!** The **Youth Group** will be selling flowers next weekend (Mother's Day) after all Masses in the greeting area to help fund teens to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Houston, Texas in November, 2003.

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**BAKED FOOD SALE!** St. Rita's 10:30 Choir will be holding a baked food sale next weekend (Mother's Day) after all Masses. The proceeds will go toward fund-raising efforts for the choir's pilgrimage to Austria in October of 2003.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$12,522	\$12,654	- \$132
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$542,604	\$531,527	+ \$11,077

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/02 - 6/30/03)

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**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 this weekend and next 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.

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

This weekend we will take another step in the Stewardship Journey by featuring the **Fiesta Ministry** as part of the Stewardship Center. The Fiesta story will be "spotlighted" for the next month and each month after we will introduce another ministry to be featured at the Center. You are encouraged to stop by the Stewardship Center and learn more about the Fiesta Ministry and how you can help support their needs with your time and talent.

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**Thank You ~** To the many individuals and groups who have been sharing their time and talent with our parish by cleaning up our grounds. As you know the ice storm left us with a significant amount of branches and debris. Your generosity of time is a wonderful witness to us all!

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

This weekend at Mass you were asked you to submit names of registered parishioners you feel would share their motivation, talent and spirituality to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council. Your nomination form may be returned to the Parish Office or in the collection basket in Church. Your nomination of a person is not a commitment for them. It is simply an invitation for them to consider pursuing the selection process.

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**The EASTER SEASON  
lasts 50 Joyful Days!**

During these days of Easter you are invited to bring a container to receive **Easter holy water** for your home. The holy water urn is located near the Reconciliation Room and Crying Room on the south side of Church.

**ADULT FAITH PRESENTATION**

On Wednesday evening, May 7 at 7:30pm in Room 1, there will be an adult discussion on the topic, "**The Bible From Square One.**" It would be helpful to read the Catholic Update in this week's bulletin prior to coming to this session. We will view a video on how the Bible was formed from Elizabeth McNamer and we will explore fact and fiction about the Bible. All are welcome!

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

**Bible Study will take place this Tuesday, May 6 at 7:15pm in Room 3.** We will be exploring and decoding the Book of Revelation. Study books are provided by the Little Rock Series. Everyone is welcome anytime. We meet every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:15 pm in Room 3.

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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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**YOUNG AT HEART  
SENIOR NEWS!**

Our next gathering will be on **Tuesday, May 13** from 12:30-2:30pm in Room 1. This will be our last "business" meeting of the year. We hope to gather everyone's input in planning our schedule for 2003-2004. Come and be a part of a great time of fellowship and learn more about our Spring Luncheon. Coffee and refreshments will be provided. All seniors are welcome to attend.

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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF**

**Wednesday, May 21  
7:30pm in Room 3**

All who have lost a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome! Any questions please call Sr. Judy at 671-1653.

## 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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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ~ 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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## TUESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, May 20

**Time:** 10:00-11:30am

**Place:** Convent

**Topic:** **"Everyday Creativity"**  
National Geographic  
Series Stories of Faith!

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

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**Catholic Gay & Lesbian Families Ministry ~** A support group for parents of lesbian daughters and gay sons meets monthly. The next 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.

## 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 through 18, from 9:30am 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.

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## EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

**Out of Work??** Several neighboring Churches have combined resources and offer the Employment Network to help. Staffed by Human Resource and Staffing Professionals, the next series starts May 7th, in the Adult Learning Center at Transfiguration Church in Pittsford.

Sessions will meet for seven consecutive Wednesdays from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Topics Covered will be: How to Jump Start Your Job Search, Resume Writing Workshop, Interviewing, Getting the Interview, Marketing Yourself and More.

This program has been helping people in our Community for over 10 years. It has even attracted a contingent from Japan to start an international version. Join us! For more information please call Rose Leisenring at 671-1100 ext. 14.

# FIESTA TIME!!!

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

June 6th and June 7th

Friday 6pm – 10pm; Saturday 3pm – 11pm

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### Great Raffle Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize            Sony 42" WEGA™ Plasma TV!!! or \$5,000 cash  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize            \$1,500 cash  
3<sup>rd</sup> Prize            Sony PlayStation2  
Five 4<sup>th</sup> Prizes    \$100 Gift Certificate (donated by Wegman's Eastway)

Sell 4 books or more: receive a free Fish Fry or \$6 in Booth Bucks  
Sell 5 books or more: you are entered in a weekly drawing for \$100.00  
(see reverse side for eligibility details)

Tickets are \$1.00 each, \$10.00 per book of 12. Please try to sell as many as you can, and take advantage of our seller's prizes. Please return tickets in the collection basket or at the Parish Office.

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All parking will be located across the street at the Armory.  
Handicapped parking is available in the St. Rita Church parking lot.

Stop by the Fiesta and enjoy some of the best food in town!

**The St. Rita's Food Booth is cookin' up burgers, dogs, and sausage all evening, at easy-to-swallow prices!**

Friday night our **FISH FRY** begins at 4:30 pm for take out service.  
Seating begins at 5:00. The cost is \$7.00 for Adults - \$3.00 for children 5-12.

Saturday night Chicken Barbecue catered by Mike Brown's Catering Works.  
The cost is \$7.00.

Check out our annual **Baked Food Sale, Pre-enjoyed book sale, and Games of Chance.**

### **Entertainment nightly, starting at 6pm!!!**

Friday night, come out to see St. Rita's own Steve Cataldi and *Gone Fishin'*, opening for Nashville recording artist, Webster's own, *Ciara Lynn!*

Saturday night, start the evening with St. Rita's own Bob Ehmann and *Group Therapy*, then, back by popular demand, *The Skycoasters!!!*

Please come out, have fun, and help make our Annual Fiesta a great success!

**Sincerely, St. Rita Fiesta Co-Chairmen, Tom Cali and Dave Mauro**