

# EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

## MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2003

9:15AM WILLIAM PEARSON – Doris Stark

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2003

7:00AM MR. & MRS. MASSAMO GIOVANNINI and FAMILY – Irene Giovannini

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2003

7:00AM BILL BENWITZ – Lise & Gerry Farnand

9:15AM MICHAEL PETRUCCELLI – Thomas Yaeger

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2003

7:00AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH

9:15AM SR. BERNADETTE McNEIL – Patty & Joe Janiak

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2003

9:15AM THELMA MAGEE – Dean & Patti Hamingson

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2003

5:00PM CHARLES FORSTBAUER – Geraldine Gardner

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2003

7:30AM ELAINE BRUNETT – Joe Brunett

9:00AM NORMA MURPHY – Stan & Joanne Douglas

10:30AM NICHOLAS POMPONIO – Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for Dan Craddock



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**VOCATION VIEW** ~ Jesus teaches us to live optimistically. If it weren't for the peak experiences of love, the small and sometimes big miracles in our lives, we could despair. Thank God our doubts of faith ultimately strengthen our love. And just as true, our doubts that God could call us to His priesthood or religious life also demands an act of faith. If you feel a call to this, call Pat Finnerty, Director of Vocations Awareness at 328-3228 ext. 229 or Fr. Bill Donnelly at 461-2890.

# Pastor's Perspective

One of the joys of Summer Vacation for me is time to read some good books. On this year's list were Walter Isaacson's new book on Ben Franklin and Grisham's most recent novel, King of Torts. One real delight for me was the time to savor Joyce Rupp's latest book of poetry called Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig.

One little poem touched me with the importance of quiet time by the water. As we near the end of Summer, I will share it with you for your enjoyment:

*Time alone  
on the lake of life,  
just floating along,  
waiting, pondering,  
no need to be anywhere,  
no need to do anything.*

*Time alone.*

*Stop the crazy rush,  
I say to myself,  
and sit awhile  
on the lake of life.*

Rest Your Dreams on a Little Twig  
By Joyce Rupp

Peace and Savor this last bit of summer,

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## **SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION is Underway for 2003-2004**

Registration for the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation is underway now. Registration forms are available in the back of Church, Parish Office and Religious Education Office. Sacramental preparation is a parish-based process which means it does not take place in the Catholic School or the Religious Education Program. Once you have registered, you will receive a letter letting you know when the parent meeting takes place. Children who are seven years old are eligible for the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 24, 2003**

**SUNDAY**

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

**TUESDAY**

1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY**

7:30PM Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Paul's

**FRIDAY**

2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

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We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

**Adriana Grace Pecora  
Brandon Joshua Viado**

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**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 24 Sun **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jos 24:1-2a,15-18b Ps 34:2-3,16-23 Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69
- 25 Mon 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Ps 149:1-6,9 Mt 23:13-22
- 26 Tue 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 Mt 23:23-26
- 27 Wed **St. Monica** 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12 Mt 23:27-32
- 28 Thu **St. Augustine** 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5,12-14,17 Mt 24:42-51
- 29 Fri **The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist** 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,10-12 Mk 6:17-29
- 30 Sat 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Mt 25:14-30
- 31 Sun **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 4:1-2,6-8 Ps 15:2-5 Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
NEXT WEEKEND ~ AUGUST 30 & 31**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Marc Cataldi, Michael Wynne, Meghan LaVigne

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Kyle Chapman, Sean McGrath, Kyle McGrath

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Dan Padgett, Lauren Tatanus, Jamie Farris

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

Evan Korol, Adam Reask, David Savella

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**SACRISTAN:**

Week of August 24

Nora Schemp

**LINENS:**

Week of August 31

Maureen Morehouse

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**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

An Introductory class for the Creighton Model of Fertility Care will be held on Friday, September 12 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Guardian Angels Church, 2061 East Henrietta Rd. in Henrietta, Room 6. To register or for more information, please call Anne Olek at 387-9113.

**PARISH SUPPORT**

<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$11,002	\$13,160	- \$2,158

<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$98,839	\$105,280	- \$6,441

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/03 - 6/30/04)

**Thank you for making up your contribution for the time you were away this summer!**

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*Notes of Thanks . . .*

Dear Friends,

I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards and support during my recent illness. I am improving every day. Our Good Lord truly answers prayers!

Thanks again,  
Shirl Mintz

Dear Staff, Parishioners and Friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all of you for your prayers, support and messages of encouragement! I am so very well and have every expectation of a fine recovery. I remember all of you in my daily prayer and I ask you to continue your prayers for me.

Gratefully,  
Sr. Jane Hasbrouck

**AUGUST 24, 2003**

## **Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

**“Stewardship . . . Live It!” Newsletter**

The second issue of the “Stewardship . . . Live It!” Newsletter will be mailed to the homes of all registered parishioners this week. This issue will feature Sister Judy Whalen, articles about the Liturgy Committee and Stephen Ministry and an update on the work of the Stewardship Committee. Be on the lookout, as you won't want to miss out on this information. Enjoy!

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### **ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

It's not too late to register for the upcoming school year. If you are new to the parish, have a child entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade, or have a returning student to our program please submit your registration forms as soon as possible. Forms are available in the Elementary Religious Education Office in the school, the Parish Office, or on the table in the Narthex of the Church. If you have any questions please contact Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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### **“RITUAL SONG HYMNAL”**

Thank you for your great response for donations to help offset the cost of our new parish hymnal. The new hymnal is on display in the back of church. Please feel free to look through the books before you make your decision. There are cards available for you to fill out and either return to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket. If you have any questions please contact Chrisanne Yule at 381-2721 or Judy Leone at 482-4440.

**Thank you** to everyone who has made donations thus far. A special thank you to the St. Rita Society who donated \$150.00 in memory of their deceased members.

**SISTER JUDY WHALEN  
CELEBRATES 50 YEARS  
AS A SISTER OF ST. JOSEPH!**

**Please join Sr. Judy in a Celebration  
of Joy and Gratitude for Fifty Years  
as a Sister of St. Joseph of  
Rochester**

**Eucharistic Liturgy to be celebrated  
on Saturday, September 13  
at 5:00pm at St. Rita's Church**

**A reception will follow  
in the Parish Center after Mass.**

**P.S. FROM SR. JUDY ~** So many people have already generously given in honor of my jubilee, in lieu of gifts; I would ask that you bring in a nonperishable food item for the Needy. Thank You.

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**LADIES OF ST. RITA  
OUR RETREAT IS GETTING CLOSE!  
September 5-7, 2003**

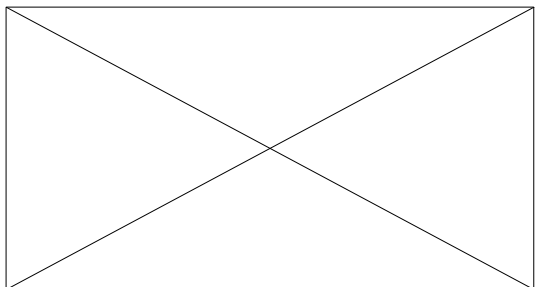
Our **ANNUAL LADIES RETREAT** will be held from Friday, September 5 to Sunday, September 7 at the Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. Please join us for a weekend of prayer and reflection on friendship. This is a great opportunity to get away from the stress of your every day life and spend some time with Jesus and enrich your spiritual life. The Donation is \$120 or whatever you can afford. Carpooling is available. Be at St. Rita's Church at 5:30pm on September 5. To make a reservation or for information please call Thelma at 872-0642. Looking forward to hearing from you!

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**GENTLEMEN ~ SAVE THE DATE!  
September 26-28, 2003**

Would you like to give your spiritual life a boost? The perfect way to do that is to attend the St. Rita's annual Men's Retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. This year's theme is “Who do you say that I am?” For more information call Tom Marton at 787-0474.

**We are a Parish Family  
so please join us for our Annual  
ST. RITA PARISH FAMILY PICNIC**



**WHEN:** Sunday, September 21 from 1:00-4:00pm  
**WHERE:** Soccer field (or the gym if it rains)  
**COST:** Adults: \$3.50 and a dish to pass ~  
 Children 8 and older \$2.50 ~ Under 8 *FREE*

~ Family Max. \$12.00 ~

**What is it?** A time for families of all shapes and sizes to join together for community, relaxation, good food and good fun.

**What will we do?** We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks and the staples (paper products and plastic wear, condiments). There will be games and lots of room for you to bring your own favorites to enjoy.

**What do you need to do?** Please bring a dish-to-pass (for example, one of your own favorite picnic dishes or a desert). Bring blanket or chairs to sit on, if desired. Most importantly you need to **make reservations!!**

**RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Please call Eileen Hasso at 671-1100 ext. 13  
to make a reservation.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

Volunteers are needed to help make the St. Rita Family Picnic a great success. Can you help:  
 Cook? Clean up? Face paint?  
 Run a booth for a fun event?  
 Run games for children?

**Thank you! YOU make the difference!!  
YOU EACH make this parish event a success!!**

**Please call Eileen Hasso at 671-1100 x 13  
if you are able to help**

**ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS!**

**St. Rita School  
A School  
Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!**

**NEWSLETTER** ~ All St. Rita School parents should have received a newsletter in the mail this past week. If you did not receive one please call school at 671-3132. Each student will receive a letter from his/her teacher this coming week.

**OPEN HOUSE** ~ On September 6 & 7 the school will be open before and after all weekend liturgies. All are invited to tour the school and barn that weekend. Since 1954, this parish has built and supported a wonderful educational facility that we all can be proud of. Please stop in and reminisce about your school days.

**Our whole school community thanks you  
for your support of our educational ministry.**

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**ADOPT – A – STUDENT**

To offset the pressures of today's secular society, many parents seek a Catholic School Education for their children where the teachings and standards of home are upheld and where children receive an excellent religious and academic education in a Christ-centered environment. With tuition of \$2,840 for 1 child, \$4,110 for 2 children and \$5,400 for 3 or more children, many parents are forced to compromise. Our St. Rita School Endowment fund was originally started by parishioner Art Yaeger. Please consider adding to that fund and helping children obtain a Catholic School Education – a choice our government denies them. A sincere "Thank You" to those who have made donations in the past. Donations are also accepted in memory of loved ones. Please send donations or refer questions to Sr. Katherine Ann at 671-3132.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check your commitment:

_____ full tuition	(\$2,840)
_____ half tuition	(\$1,420)
_____ partial tuition	(\$_____)

Please return this form to the School Office or the Parish Office. Thank You!

**DIOCESAN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**

**Sunday, September 28 at 2:00pm**  
St. John of Rochester Church in Fairport

Bishop Matthew Clark will preside at a Wedding Jubilee Mass to honor couples who have been married 25, 30, 40, 50 or more years on Sunday, September 28, 2:00 pm, at St. John of Rochester in Fairport. A reception will follow the Mass. If you would like to receive an invitation, please send your name and address to Sylvia Mancuso, 1150 Buffalo Rd., Rochester, New York 14624 or call Sylvia at 328-3210 x 1295, or e-mail: smancuso@dor.org. You will receive an invitation to the Jubilee Mass and a response card. Responses for the Mass need to be received by Wednesday, September 3.

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**~ 2003-2004 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ~**

Entertainment Books are valid from August 2003 through November 2004. They are filled with terrific discounts on all types of restaurants (formal and informal) and entertainment. Profits this year will benefit the House of Mercy and St. Rita's Social Action Ministry. The cost per book is \$22.00. If you are interested please call Ed and Diane Langen at 217-9386. They will deliver if needed.

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**ST. RITA SCHOOL MARATHON! 2003**

The Saint Rita School annual fundraiser-Marathon 2003 is coming soon. Our students will walk up to 6 times around North Ponds Park, Saturday October 4, 2003. St. Rita School uses 100% of the funds raised. Recent enhancements such as the passport club, accelerated reading and BOCES science kits have been funded by the Marathon. The Marathon is also supporting the new playground equipment at St. Rita School. How can you help?? Would you like to support a student to walk or donate a prize for a top fund raiser? Please call Terry Bruno, 787-0026 or Sister Katherine Ann, 671-3132 if you are interested.

Many thanks, St. Rita School students

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**ATTENTION ENGAGED COUPLES!**

St. Rita's is hosting a Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation session on Saturday, September 13. This is a perfect opportunity for couples with winter and spring 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](http://www.saintrita.org/committ/chriform/marriageprep/registration.html).

**CAREGIVERS  
SUPPORT GROUP**  
will meet on

**Monday, September 8  
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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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF**  
Will gather on

**Thursday, September 11  
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.

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**The Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection**  
**SINGLES & SINGLE AGAIN**

Invites you to the "Kick-Off Evening"  
Icebreakers ~ Equinox Band  
Refreshments ~ Music Fellowship

**When: Friday, September 12 at 7:00pm**

**Where: St. Rita Parish Center Gym**

For reservations please call 671-1100 (M-F days) or 671-5449 (evenings & weekends). Walk-ins are most welcome.

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**RETROUVAILLE** - If you think your marriage has become unloving and uncaring or grown cold and distant; if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or if you are already separated or divorced, but want to try again, then the Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille is designed to provide help and support to married couples who are undergoing difficulties in their relationship. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program, but couples of all faiths are welcome. It is a three month program which includes a weekend experience and six Sunday afternoon sessions. The next program in the Rochester diocese will begin weekend of September 12-14. For registration or for further information, please call 586-1150.

**EUCHRE TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, September 27  
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 great prizes! Proceeds from this social event will benefit our Parish & School Community projects. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Registration forms are available on the table in back of Church or at the Parish Office. For more information please call Dave or Marti Mauro at 671-2383.

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**ADULT FORMATION NEWS**

From the desk of Drew Desmarais

***ADULT FAITH E-MAIL BULLETIN***

This month, I will be putting together a bulletin for adults, to be sent out periodically through e-mail. This bulletin will consist of reviews of current books, 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)

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**SACRAMENT NEWS**

**RCIA**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

This is a process that begins in the fall and is designed for people who have an interest in the Catholic Church. If you were baptized in another faith and are questioning whether you want to become a full member of the Catholic Church, this process is for you. If you have never been baptized and are questioning whether you want to be baptized into the Catholic Church, this process is for you. The process itself involves attending Sunday scripture sessions, attending special parish education programs and meeting with a mentor periodically to discuss a specific RCIA text. The process helps you discern what God is calling you to in your journey of faith. If you are interested or have questions about the RCIA process please call Drew at 671-1100, ext 15.

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**REPORT FROM HOPE HOUSE  
A Ministry of Holy Trinity Church**

HOPE House has seen a 25% increase in the number of people who come regularly for emergency food and other assistance. We have seen 109 new families so far this year. During the first half of 2003, we have distributed nearly 6,000 bags of food and grocery store items; we have been asked for emergency help meeting rental payments 45 times, but have only had sufficient funds to meet 30 of these requests. Over 200 people have visited our clothing ministry, and received a total of more than 300 bags of gently used clothing. These figures reflect the continuing deterioration of our local economy. Your neighbors here in Webster urgently need your help. We will gratefully accept donations by calling HOPE Ministry at 265-6694, or send contributions to 1450 Ridge Road, Webster, 14580. In the spirit of Christ, thank you for your continuing generosity.

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