

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2003

9:15AM BILL BENWITZ – Ray & Murlyn Zimmer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003

7:00AM IN THANKSGIVING

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2003

7:00AM JEAN O'SULLIVAN – Husband, Bernard

9:15AM MARY C. ALLEN – Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2003

7:00AM ROBERT PHELPS – Mary Phelps

9:15AM IN THANKSGIVING – Mamie Reitano

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2003

9:15AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI – Angela Palmieri

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2003

9:15AM ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

5:00PM ELAINE BRUNETT – Joe Brunett

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2003

7:30AM DONALD CLARK – Virginia & Gary Nicasro

9:00AM CARL & ANN TIBERIO – 36th Wedding Anniversary

10:30AM JACK AQUILINA – Wife & Daughters

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Elaine Brunett**



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VOCATION VIEW

Rejoice in the power and love of God our Father. Be thankful for the vocation God has entrusted you with. Whether you live your life's vocation as a married or single person, ordained or religious, know that God is traveling the road with you. If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation, call Fr. Bill Donnelly, Rector at Becket Hall at 461-2890.

OUR ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

For all who have lost a loved one
will be held on

Saturday, November 22 at 9:15am

All are welcome to attend!

**FOOD COLLECTION
FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

As we have done for many years, this year we will be providing Thanksgiving Food baskets to many families who could really use your help. If you are able to donate **non-perishable food items**, please bring them to the Parish Office by Friday, November 21. Some items we need:

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| Corn | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Green Beans | Potatoes |
| Apple Sauce | Stuffing |
| Cranberries | Gravy or Gravy mixes |
| Salad dressing | Desserts or mixes |

Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

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FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS ~ The Webster area Festival of Choirs takes place this fall on **Sunday, November 16 at Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road at 7:00pm**. Chrisanne Yule, our music director will be directing the mass choir of 200 voices. You are all invited to come and enjoy this fine evening of choral presentations.

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SACRAMENT NEWS

On Wednesday, November 19 there will be a celebration of First Reconciliation for the children and families enrolled in the preparation process to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. We ask the St. Rita faith community to pray for these children and their families as they come to the Lord to receive the gift of forgiveness and the blessings that come with the sacrament.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 16, 2003

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00AM Breakfast Club – Gym
 8:45-10:15AM F.I.R.E. Meeting – Parish Office
 10:30 AM Babysitting during 10:30 Mass - Rm 4
 11:45AM Eucharistic Minister Training – Church
 7:00PM Festival of Choirs – Holy Trinity
 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
 7:00PM Lector/Leader Training – Church
 7:30PM Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY

9:30-11:00AM M.O.M.S Group – Rms 1 & 3
 10:00AM Discussion Group - Convent
 1:00PM Recovery – Rm 3
 4:30-5:30PM Religious Education Classes
 7:00PM Partners In Faith – Rm 1
 7:00PM Sr. High Youth Group – Barn
 7:15PM Scripture Study Group – Rm 3
 7:30PM St. Rita Society – Gym

WEDNESDAY

7:00PM First Reconciliation – Church
 7:00PM Stephen Ministry – Rm 3
 7:00PM Finance Committee – Parish Office
 7:30PM Charismatic Mass at St. John Fisher
 8:30-10:00PM Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00PM Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church

FRIDAY

2:00PM Jesus Rosary – Church

SATURDAY

9:15AM Bereavement Mass – Church

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PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
* \$14,644	\$13,160	+
\$1,484		
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$267,075	\$263,200	+ \$3,875

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

* Includes a \$1,000 donation

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

Gregory William Creary
Heath Hugh Hartgrove
Dana Carlisle Witte

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 16 Sun **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dn 12:1-3
Ps 16:5,8-11 Heb 10:11-14,18 Mk 13:24-32
- 17 Mon **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Ps 119:53,61,134,150,155,158 Lk 18:35-43
- 18 Tue 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-8 Lk 19:1-10
- 19 Wed 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15 Lk 19:11-28
- 20 Thu 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15 Lk 19:41-44
- 21 Fri **Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48
- 22 Sat **St. Cecelia** 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19 Lk 20:27-40
- 23 Sun **Christ the King** Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2,5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
NEXT WEEKEND ~ November 22 & 23

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Michael Boehm, Josh Formella, Johnathan Formella, Brian Burns
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
Elizabeth Hohl, Lauren Kessler, Kayla Chapman
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Mike, Kevin & Chris Macikowski, Brian Chmiel
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Mike Weatherspoon, Kevin Connell, Lauren Benz, Kyle Swovick

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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 free breakfast for two.

This week's winner: Barbara Ceglinski

Next Week's Special: Apple Cinnamon Pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.00.

SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUP

Scripture Study will take place this Tuesday, November 18 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 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:15pm in Room 3.

Re and Tom Scott

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ADULT FAITH E-MAIL BULLETIN

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

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TUESDAY MORNING DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, November 18

Topic: "The Birth of Jesus"

When: 10:00-11:30am

Place: Convent

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For information please call Sr. Judy at 671-1653.

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ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!

All women of the parish are invited to the next St. Rita Society gathering:

Tuesday, November 18

At 7:30pm in the Parish Center Gym

Zylphia Suidara, a 90 year young lady, will share with us some hand crafted quilts and speak about The Art of Quilt Making. If you need a ride please call Jane at 671-3871.

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Our Parish Health Ministry Team will be offering FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

next weekend after all Masses in Room 1.

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, altar server, a member of the choir or serving as a sponsor for RCIA. But doing well the work God called us to in our homes and/or workplaces is good stewardship, too.

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

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

Operation Christmas Child 2003

Think *Inside* the Box!

Please deliver all shoeboxes and donated items to the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office by Tuesday, November 18.

Did you Know?

- Operation Christmas Child generates about 48 miles of ☺s for each of the one million children who receive shoebox gifts (based on three inches per ☺).
- Every U.S. President since Ronald Reagan has packed a shoebox gift for Operation Christmas Child.
- Operation Christmas Child has delivered shoebox gifts to some of the world's most remote regions. In Panama, helicopters have been used to reach children in isolated regions. In Jordan and Afghanistan, cartons of gifts have been carried by camels. In the Solomon Island, thousands of shoebox gifts have been delivered by small boats. In Honduras, donkeys have been used to reach children in isolated regions not accessible by trucks.

**CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP**
will meet on
**Monday, December 1
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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FAMILY FAITH NEWSLETTER!

The November-December issue of the Family Faith Newsletter is now available in the Narthex. This issue has ideas for family activities, prayer and much more. Remember a "family" comes in many shapes and sizes. All are welcome to take a copy home to enjoy!

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SACRISTAN:

Week of November 16 MaryAnn Beikirch
& Jean Melia

LINENS:

Week of November 23 Martine Cianciotto

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A Note of Thanks . . .

Dear Fr. Chuck,

Thanks so much to you and your parish for opening your beautiful sanctuary to the fine music of Dr. Robb and the choirs in the benefit concert last weekend. The gift of electricity, wear and tear on the building, plus the feeling of welcome was very important and much appreciated. So many of the St. Rita's parishioners have been so supportive in many ways to this community ministry, whose goal is to provide loving, compassionate care to those in the last 3 months of terminal illness.

In Christ's service,
Dave Whitlock
Chair of Board of Directors
Webster Comfort Care Home, Inc.

P.S. The free-will offering taken up at the concert realized \$1,800 for the Webster Comfort Care Home.

A PARISH ADVENT TRADITION

As we approach the beginning of Advent ~ A time of waiting and reflection upon the meaning of the Birth of Jesus, we again celebrate with an annual tradition.

Between Sunday, November 30 and Sunday, December 14 gifts for children and adults will be collected under the banner in the greeting area of church.

Please take an ornament from the banner, purchase a gift, wrap it and return it with the ornament tag attached to the gift - no bows please. Indicate on the ornament tag the contents of the package. Family involvement can be rewarding and satisfying and a learning experience for our children. Say a prayer each day during Advent for the person(s) who will be receiving your gift.

Sunday, December 14 is the last day to return your gifts to the greeting area. They will be sorted and delivered on Monday, December 15. Gifts this year will be distributed to: The House of Mercy, Peter Castle Resource Center, Williamson Come-Unity Center, Dimitri House, Mount Carmel Church, Problem Pregnancy Center, St. Martin's Place, Rochester Psychiatric Center and Birthright of Rochester.

Our Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you in advance for your generous support of this project.

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**MITTEN SUNDAY!
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7**

During the Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am and 10:30 am Masses all children are invited to bring mittens to be given to the needy whether they attend Children's Liturgy or not. Baskets will be put in Church to collect the mittens at all Masses during the weekend.

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Angels on Sale 2003 ~ Ceramic angels made by the School of the Holy Childhood are now available for sale in the parish office. These beautiful angels are \$6.00 and the proceeds will be shared between Our Little Brothers and Sisters Orphanage in Haiti and Trinity House of H.O.P.E.

***Let's Talk About
Advance Care Planning***

Advance Care Planning is a process of planning for future medical care in case you are unable to make your own decisions. It is a continual process and not merely a document or isolated event. Advance Care Planning assists you in preparing for a sudden unexpected illness from which you expect to recover, as well as the dying process and ultimately death. Advance Care Planning is a gift to you and your family by identifying your wishes for end-of-life care. It allows you to maintain control over how you are treated and to ensure that you experience the type of care you want as you approach death. www.Compassionandsupport.org and www.dor.org for additional information.

Wanted: Your Fiesta Remembrances ~ Our St. Rita Fiesta will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in June 2004. We would like to collect stories and photos of the first 49 fiestas for a special presentation next summer. If you have stories or photos to share please contact Rick Meier (787-9145) or Gary and Virginia Nicastro, (872-5648). Photos will be cataloged and returned.

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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS are now available. They are filled with terrific discounts on many restaurants (formal and informal) & entertainment. Profits this year will benefit the House of Mercy and St. Rita's Social Action Ministry. The cost per book is \$22. They are available only until December 10 at the Parish Office or call Ed & Diane Langen at 217-9386. They will deliver if needed.

St. Rita's Parish Twinning Committee presents_

THANKSGIVING BREAD SALE

**When: Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24
(After all Masses)**

Where: The greeting area at St. Rita Church

**All proceeds from this sale will benefit
our Sister Parish in Mabughai, Tanzania.**

Please stop in the greeting area next weekend and purchase a loaf of delicious baked bread. If you are able to help by baking a loaf of bread it would be greatly appreciated! Just bring your favorite kind of bread (pumpkin, cranberry, raisin, banana, etc.) with you when you come to church next weekend.

Mission Statement of the Twinning Committee

Our goal is a commitment of St. Rita parishioners to help support the parishioners in Mabughai, Tanzania and Fr. Damien, spiritually and financially. Fr. Damien (originally from Elmira, N.Y.) has been a Benedictine missionary in Tanzania for the last 40 years.

The parishioners in Mabughai form and bake their own bricks and are building the walls for their new church. Money is needed to put a roof on their church. We hope our parish will be supportive of their endeavor.

For more information please call Al Pecora at 787-9624 or Martine at 671-6134.

Let us share our bounty with our Sister Parish!