

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006

7:00AM ELAINE NUFRYK – Louise McDonald
9:15AM HELEN CUGLE – Ron Meyer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006

7:00AM PAUL GEFELL – Bob & Ann Muir
9:15AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI – Angela Palmieri

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006

9:15AM JEAN DAYTON – Mary Kay Lemen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006

7:00AM TONY GALIOTTI – Mark & Kathi Peterson
9:15AM SISTER MARY FINN-BAR, RSM – Patty & Joe Janiak

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2006

9:15AM THE WELCH & DE LANO FAMILIES – Dottie

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2006

5:00PM BRIDGET KLINGLER – Aunt Connie

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2006

7:30AM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH
9:00AM JOHN BONSIGNORE – Family
10:30AM SPECIAL INTENTION – Marie & Sam Soprano

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn for
a Special Intention**

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SACRAMENT NEWS

CONFIRMATION PRAYER SERVICE

**Tuesday, January 24
at 7:30pm in Church**

This prayer service is for all Confirmation candidates, sponsors, siblings and parents. This is in preparation for the candidates receiving Confirmation on January 31.

Pastor's Perspective

As I shared in last week's homily – January is Vocation Awareness Month. Today, I'd like to share a few more thoughts about the nature of "Vocation" as well as the reflection I used last week from a Pastoral letter of the Irish Bishops.

WHAT IS A VOCATION?

In speaking about vocations, Pope John Paul II said that God has given each of us a heart open to great horizons.

The gifts that each of us has been given by our Creator are unique to us and designed to help us carry out the specific plan that God has in mind for our happiness.

God promises to reveal that divine plan to us, if we keep our hearts open. It will be made known to us through prayerfully asking for God's will and through our relationships with the people around us. That way of life, which makes us happy and follows God's will, is our **vocation**.

Think of the gifts God has given you. How can you use those gifts to best serve God and God's people? Finding that out will bring you happiness.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"What can I do?"

Trust that one man, one woman can do for God what otherwise would not be done.

Trust that some people will hear the gospel of Jesus.

That some who are in need will find the touch of human love.

That others will find a listening ear or a voice in their poverty, only because you have chosen to give God a central place in your life.

It is not just your work, your choice, your decision. You choose because you are chosen, you choose because in the heart of your desire to love, you have found the heart of God searching for you.

(Come follow me, Pastoral of the Irish Bishops, 1987)

Peace and please pray for our young people to celebrate their gifts and listen to God's call and the needs of His people.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 22, 2006

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 5:30-7:30pm Youth Group Meeting – Gym

MONDAY

4:30-5:30pm Religious Education – School
 6:30-7:30pm Religious Education – School

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3 & 4
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir – Rm 3
 4:30-5:30pm Religious Education – School
 7:30pm Confirmation Prayer Service – Church

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir – Rm 3
 7:00pm Contemporary Choir – Church
 7:00-9:00pm Finance Committee – Parish Office

THURSDAY

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

FRIDAY

2:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church

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

**Hayden Thomas Levine
 Shane Joseph Talbot
 Nathan Luca Tata**

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 22 Sun **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jon 3:1-5,10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20
- 23 Mon 2 Sm 5:1-7,10 Ps 89:20-22,25-26 Mk 3:22-30
- 24 Tue **St. Francis de Sales** 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35
- 25 Wed **The Conversion of St. Paul** Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
- 26 Thu **Sts. Timothy and Titus** 2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mk 4:21-25
- 27 Fri 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17 Ps 51:3-7,10-11 Mk 4:26-34
- 28 Sat **St. Thomas Aquinas** 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41
- 29 Sun **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 NEXT WEEKEND ~ January 28 & 29**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
 Erin Hasso, Kaitlyn Krolik, Andrew & Brian Chmiel
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
 M. Samuelson, L. Casper, S. Loeb, M. Martellotta
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
 J. Cruz, C. McCardle, B. Gammons, J. Marton
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
 A. Reask, D. Savella, S. Fantigrossi, V. Waver

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL NIGHT

Holy Trinity Catholic School will offer a **Parent Information Night** to explain the Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 and Day Care programs and registration process for the 2006-2007 school year.

**Wednesday, January 25
 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity School
 1456 Ridge Rd. (265-2002)**

Baby-sitting will be available.

NOTE: Tours of the Monroe County Catholic Schools will be held on Wednesday, February 8 (9:00am - 2:00pm). You will be able to enjoy part of a typical day at St. Rita and Holy Trinity schools.

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$11,998	\$13,770	-\$1,772
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$395,300	\$399,330	-\$4,030

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/05 - 6/30/06)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

* Monthly Mortgage Payment - \$5,836
 Current Parish Center Mortgage Balance -\$480,211

2005 Parish Contribution Statements

Will be available in Room 1 after all Masses the weekend of January 28 & 29 and at the Parish Office beginning Monday, January 30.

SACRISTAN: Week of January 22 Agnes Kopin

LINENS: Week of January 29 Linda Erck

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Breakfast is served every Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu.

Next week's special: **French Toast** served with a side of compote, your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.00.

JANUARY 22, 2006

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Living stewardship as a Christian disciple reflects the solidarity between our Lord and His apostles. It's a very powerful approach to life. Not always an easy approach, mind you, but the approach that gives life meaning, intent, and integrity.

"Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great."

Luke 6:35

Stewardship Live It!

ST. RITA SOCIETY

ANNUAL PIE SALE

Weekend of February 4 & 5

The St. Rita Society will be holding their annual **PIE SALE** after all Masses the weekend of February 4 & 5. There will be a wonderful assortment of flavors. Each pie will sell for \$7.00. Anyone wishing to donate a pie is encouraged to do so. Just drop it off before Mass. Pick up a pie to enjoy during the Super Bowl! All proceeds will be used for St. Rita Society projects.

ATTENTION: ALL WOMEN OF OUR PARISH

ST. RITA SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

**Sunday, February 12,
following the 9:00am Mass**

Ladies please join us in Church for 9:00am Mass on February 12 followed by breakfast in the parish center. The meal will be prepared by Creative Caterers at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Liz Gilges who teaches doctrine classes in Canandaigua will be our guest speaker and share with us her personal experiences of faith and her respect for life. Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of January 28/29 and February 4/5 and at the parish office. Deadline for reservations is Monday, February 6. Questions? Please call Kathy Foster at 671-4347.

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Our Parish Health Ministry Committee will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses next weekend near Room 1.

"LOVE MY PARISH . . . LOVE TO TRAVEL RAFFLE"

Your chance to **Win a \$4,000 "Go Anywhere"** (*well almost anywhere*) **Travel Voucher**. This is a great opportunity to help support the parish you love, while getting the chance at the trip of a lifetime. All proceeds will go directly to support our parish needs.

Only 2,400 tickets are being sold - that's one ticket for every family/household in our Saint Rita Faith Community. **This gives you a great chance to WIN!** Tickets were mailed to every household. The donation is \$20 per ticket. Place your raffle tickets in the collection basket on the weekend or mail it to the parish office by February 2.

Beginning February 2, the public sale of all remaining tickets not purchased by Parish family and friends, up to 2,400 total tickets will begin. **All Official Raffle Tickets must be received by February 14 at 12:00pm**, for the special event drawing at Saint Rita.

If you Love Your Parish, and Love to Travel, this raffle is the best of both worlds; helping our Parish needs and ministries AND a chance to win a \$4,000 Travel Voucher. **Questions?** Please call the Parish Office at 671-1100. Thanks for your continued stewardship of Saint Rita Parish.

Extra tickets are available on the tables in the Narthex.

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MARRIAGE AND MEYERS BRIGGS:

What does personality bring to Marriage?

At this evening session, couples will have a chance to learn something new about each other through the use of the Meyers Briggs Personality Inventory. They will then learn how personality affects our views of each other in the intimate area of marriage and family.

Join **Deacon John and Betsy McDermott** at the Mercy Prayer Center on Saturday, February 11 from 7:00-9:00pm. Betsy is Assistant Director of Career Counseling at St John Fisher College and a certified instructor in Meyers Briggs Personality Inventory. To register, please call the Mercy Prayer Center at 473-6893.

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SENIORS – YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA!

Courtesy of the St. Rita School Children
Wednesday, February 1 from 10:00-11:30am
Come for tea, cookies, entertainment and fun!
RSVP to school at 671-3132 by January 30

From the desk of Mary Jo DiDia, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 ~ mdidia@dor.org



Sunday, January 22 from 5:30-7:30pm
YOUTH GROUP GATHERING

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the Parish Center gym for our next Youth Group gathering. Please come early so we can begin right at 5:30.

Both the Jr. High and High School Youth Group Gatherings originally set for **February 5** have **been cancelled** due to the Super Bowl.

Sunday, February 12 at 10:30am - Youth Mass

Needed: 2 Lectors, 1 Leader, 8 Eucharistic Ministers and greeters. Please call me to sign up for a part in this celebration – call if you play an instrument or sing and you would like to participate.

High School Youth Retreat ~ January 13-15 was our first annual Sr. High Retreat at the Salvation Army Camp at Long Point in Penn Yan. We had 21 youth in grades 9-12 attend. What a great, spirit-filled weekend we had. I would like to give a special thank you to all those who prayed for this retreat, to the kids and their families and an extra special thank you goes out to Fr. Chuck who came and celebrated Mass for us, to John Serio who drove just to play his guitar for Mass and to Kim Serio, Dick and Anita Wagner, Paul Anastasi and Kim Potter. Without these people, the retreat would not have been so successful and special.

Go to St. Rita Parish Website www.saintrita.org and click on Youth Group for a list of events or for more information about St. Rita Youth Group please call Mary Jo our Youth Minister at 671-1100 x 18.

La Casa the Transitional house for the migrant workers at 16 Maple Ave, Village of Sodus needs help in finishing up some projects. There is trim painting, light carpentry and odd jobs that need to be done. Men, women and teens are welcome. All workers are covered by insurance. Work days are 8-5 Tues. - Sat. The foreman can be reached at 315-573-9938 (cell) or Joyce Hollander at 671-3281 for information. To get to La Casa take route 104 East; the second signal light after Williamson turn right on Maple Ave. La Casa is 1 mile down on the left (across from Verizon) and shares the driveway with the Reform Church. Please park in the back.



BOY SCOUT MASS
Sunday, February 5
at our 9:00am Liturgy

Our annual Boy Scout Mass will be celebrated during the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, February 5. All parishioners who are involved in the Boy Scout movement are invited to wear their uniforms and be part of our entrance procession. Religious emblems will also be presented during this Mass. Scouts or Cubs who participate in units outside St. Rita Church and wish to receive their medals at this time should contact Justin Tubiolo at 671-7886 to have their names included.

PASTA DINNER

Saturday, February 4

4:00-7:00pm in the parish center

St. Rita Troop Boy Scout Troop 163 is hosting their annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, February 4. This is our biggest fund raiser for the Troop. With this dinner our boys are able to participate in activities such as camping, outdoor activities, community services, and Council-wide activities such as the Klondike Derby.

Tickets are: \$6.50 for adults and children over 12 \$4.00 for children 6-11 - Children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or call Terry Bruno, 787-0026. Hope to see you there!

P.S. We will have a dessert bar too!

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GLOBAL ETHICS IN AN AGE OF WAL-MART

- Is it right for corporations to send more and more jobs to China?
- Should the government try to protect US industries at the expense of helping emerging countries with their own development?
- Should consumers join boycotts against retailers like Wal-Mart for their employment practices?

How do we as Catholic Christians respond to these questions? Deacon John McDermott and Marv Mich will lead an evening seminar on January 24 from 7:30-9:00pm at Transfiguration Church, 45 West Bloomfield Rd., in Pittsford. Come and learn more about Catholic Social Teaching in this complex and challenging area. To register, call Damian Zynda at 248-2427, or just come!

John McDermott is Deacon at St. Rita Church and has over 20 years experience in international business. **Marv Mich** is Director of the Office of Social Policy and Research at Catholic Family Center in Rochester.

CUSTOMS AND RITUALS

By Kevin White (America Magazine, March 24, 2003)

LITANIES

A house bell was rung at 8:55 p.m. for the litanies at 9:00 p.m. Two hundred of us assembled in the chapel, and the designated priest walked to the front and began to recite the litany, and we responded after every invocation. Now during a liturgy the chanting of a litany was always slow, stately, gorgeous. But as a private devotion it could become fast, scattered, riotous. The night the designated priest broke the 10 minute barrier for a prayer that was normally 20 minutes inspired awe. The Litaniae have disappeared from the Jesuits' daily community devotions but for some reason they have remained a firm part of mine. My point is that you needn't just listen to the chanting of a litany in church or its recitation in a chapel. You may read it by yourself or with others. On each successive reading, you and your partners in prayer will find an easy cadence; perhaps a more down to earth, skip-rope-jingle movement of invocation and response. As for the words of the Litany, the invocations move from hierarchy to lowerarchy. From the Trinity, Mary, angels, apostles, evangelists, disciples, martyrs, doctors of the church, popes, confessors, founders of religious orders, right down to the crazies in the desert in the 4th century, and an assortment of women who were some of the above.

All the Trinity and Apostles are invoked individually, but of the other groupings only a few popes, a few confessors, a few martyrs and so on are named. Respectfully, at the end of each grouping there is an invocation to the group as a whole. Hence, no saint can be said to have escaped our notice or our invocation. The Litany of the Saints as well as many subsequent litanies – Loretto (1587) Marian (1297) Holy Name (1862) have been approved and indulgenced for public recitation in churches. But when said privately by you or with others, a litany is a prayer that can be customized. Here are some suggestions with regard to the Litany of Saints. First, favorite saints can be added since there are so few mentioned by name. Second, leave in the references to the pontiffs, even if they were a bit odd. Church history is church history, for better or worse. Third, it seems right and just to include in any ecumenical litany the Protestant Reformers as well as the Catholic Reformers. Hence, Loyola, Bellarmine, Canisius, and Borromeo could be followed by Calvin, Knox, Luther and the Wesleys.

Fourth, the Roman Catholic Church prefers its saints to be dead for several centuries before proclaiming a man or woman as a saint to the world at large. On the other hand, the Apostle Paul, when dictating his letters, often used as a synonym for "Christians" or "believers" the word "saints." For him saints were the living human beings who had to survive in a pagan world that often was unjust, unrighteous, and unsympathetic. And, as in Romans 1: 6-7, he used "saints" to address the Christian residents in a certain place. So include the living in your litany, but only at your own risk.

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HOPE Ministry News!

- HOPE Ministry has a recipient who is a single Mom with three children undergoing extensive chemotherapy and radiation. Would anyone be able to prepare a cooked meal or provide any activity for children (boys ages 3, 10, 15)?
- We have a need for an electric typewriter in good working condition. HOPE needs one to facilitate submitting forms in particular for grant applications.

Thank you for all for your generosity. Please contact Jackie Harrison at HOPE House 265-6694.

Free Tax Preparation

Who: Anyone who needs help filing their taxes
Where: HOPE House, 1450 Ridge Road
When: February 9 from 5-9 pm, and March 16 if necessary
How: Make appointment with Jackie Harrison, by calling 265-6694.
Service provided by Rural Opportunities Inc. in association with St. John Fisher College