

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006

9:15AM ANDREW COTE – Anne Di Felice

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2006

7:00PM BILL P. MYKINS, JR - Helen & Bill Secen
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006

7:00AM ANTHONY HUDSON – Maurie & Arline Durning
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2006

9:15AM CATHERINE EVERSON – The Burkhard Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2006

5:00PM THE SUTERA AND DALU FAMILY – Tony & Maria Sutera

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2006

7:30AM BILL P. MYKINS, JR. – Viola Kurpita
9:00AM FRANK DE STEFANO – Family
10:30AM JOSEPH BELLANCO – The DePape Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for the intentions of The People of St. Rita Parish

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HOSPITAL RULES HAVE CHANGED!
Please have someone let the parish office know if you are admitted to the hospital.

The new US Health Portability Accountability Act affects how St. Rita's Parish is able to obtain patient information. 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 important that you contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 before your scheduled hospitalization or have a family member contact us in the event of an unscheduled admission to the hospital. We regret the change in policy, yet it is a new federal law.

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

Want to go to the Super Bowl next year? How about Mardi Gras? A Romantic Cruise? See the Grand Canyon? Well here's your chance. Buy a ticket for our "Love My Parish...Love to Travel Raffle" for a chance to **Win a \$4,000 "Go Anywhere" Travel Voucher.**

This drawing is just days away. Tickets are available today after Mass and at the Parish Office. **All Raffle Tickets must be in the Parish Office by Noon on Tuesday, February 14.**

Please consider buying and/or selling another ticket to help your parish. 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. 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.

The winning ticket will be announced this Tuesday, February 14 at a special drawing to be held in the Church narthex at 5:00 P.M. Parishioners and friends are welcome.

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Change in Plans . . .

We were looking forward to having Fr. William Maggs C.Ss.R from the Notre Dame Retreat House lead our Parish Lenten Mission. Unfortunately, we were informed this past week that Fr. Maggs is unable to be with us due to acute health issues and will not be able to be with us. Please keep Fr. Maggs in your prayers for his peace and healing at this difficult time.

Our **Parish Lenten Program** has been revised and will be mailed to all registered households by March 1st. Please look for this mailing and take advantage of our upcoming Lenten programs.

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ST. RITA PARISH PRAYER LINE

To place a Prayer Line request please call either one of our coordinators, Eleanor Hanley at 671-3247 or Lee Bartle at 671-6286 and your request will be held in prayer by many.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 12, 2006

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

12:30-2:30pm Young at Heart Seniors – Rm 1
 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
 7:00-9:00pm Social Action Ministry – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Finance Committee – Parish Office
 7:00pm Liturgy Core Group Committee – Rm 1
 7:30pm Companions in Grief Group – Rm 3
 8:30-10:00pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church

FRIDAY

2:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Riley Elizabeth Smith

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 12 Sun **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Lv 13:1-2,44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45
- 13 Mon Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13
- 14 Tue **Sts. Cyril & Methodius** Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21
- 15 Wed Jas 1:19-27 Ps 15:2-5 Mk 8:22-26
- 16 Thu Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33
- 17 Fri Jas 2:14-24,26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1
- 18 Sat Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5,7-8 Mk 9:2-13
- 19 Sun **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 Ps 41:2-5,13-14 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 NEXT WEEKEND ~ February 18 & 19**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Lily Ciszewski, Erin Hasso, Jessica Carges

Sunday, 7:30am:

Susan Loeb, Sandy Loeb, Mary Martellotta

Sunday, 9:00am:

Chris Mauro, Nick D’Ambrose. Brad Chiesa

Sunday, 10:30am:

Evan Korol, Austin Korol, Vincent Waver

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CAN YOU HELP? ~ St. Rita’s will be furnishing the meal for the next Sunday Supper on Sunday, March 26 to be held at the United Methodist Church (169 E. Main St. in the village of Webster). We will need help with cooking, serving and clean up. Please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 if you are able to share your time and talent in this wonderful community project.

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**GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
 March 5 at the 10:30am Mass**

All Girl Scouts in the parish are invited to attend this liturgy and wear their uniforms. Those girls who have earned special religious medals will be receiving them at this liturgy. There will be a reception following Mass. Any questions, please call Pat Vargas at 671- 0434 or Helena Kessler at 381-5561.

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$15,976	\$13,770	+ \$2,206
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$439,117	\$440,640	- \$1,523

(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 -\$474,770

SACRISTAN:

Week of February 12 Marge Gallo

LINENS:

Week of February 19 Mary Jane Macikowski

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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: Kartoffl Pfannkuchen (German Potato Pancakes) served with homemade applesauce, your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.00.

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Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Everyone has a different capacity to give. But we shouldn't concern ourselves with comparing our stewardship effort to those of others. Instead, measure your gift by the sacrifice you are making.

Stewardship Live It!

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Summer's Coming . . . and so is our

ANNUAL ST. RITA'S FIESTA **Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3**

Like the summer, the 52nd annual St. Rita's Fiesta will soon be here. Mark your calendar for June 2nd and 3rd so you and your family won't miss the fun, excitement, and the camaraderie that makes up the St. Rita's Fiesta.

This year's Fiesta features a range of activities and games for children and adults, a variety of tantalizing food, and top-caliber entertainment, including *Reporter* on Friday and *The Dinner Dogs* and *Atlas* on Saturday. Those golfers who just missed 'that putt' can take another shot at being the *Last Golfer Standing*®. Additional details about all the activities will be coming over the next few weeks.

Proceeds from the Fiesta help fund many things at the Parish, including repairs, enhancements, debt reduction, and assistance to needy organizations.

Going once, going twice – Auctioneer needed

Have you ever been or wanted to be an auctioneer? We are looking for someone who has experience as an auctioneer. If you know someone who could help, or if you are interested, call Virginia or Gary Nicastro at 872-5564.

Volunteering is good for the soul

The Fiesta always needs volunteers.

Call Tom Cali at 671-0428 or Ed Ritzel at 787-1937

COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, February 15
at 7:30pm in Room 3

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are most welcome!

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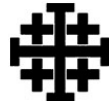
YOUNG AT HEART SENIOR NEWS!

Featured Speaker:
SR. JUDY WHALEN

Topic: "Where Your Heart Is"

Join us on **Monday, February 13 from 12:30-2:30pm in Room 1.** We welcome Sr. Judy back with us to share a special time of reflection. All Seniors are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. (Please note the day change to a Monday!)

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



Sunday, February 12 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. Please call and let me know you are coming so I have enough pizza for all.

Sunday, 2/26/06 from Noon until 1:30
Leadership Meeting at the Youth Center
(Leadership Team only please)

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, March 4, 2006 for grades 6-12 at Holy Trinity Church in Webster from 1:00 - 9:00pm the **Catholic Webster Youth Connection ~ Youth Rally**. Please watch for an upcoming flyer with more information. Make sure to sign up to come.

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.

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Webster - Penfield Health Ministry Survey

The Webster-Penfield Health Ministry, sponsored by the four WPCC parishes, focuses on issues of health and wellness. In addition to offering monthly blood pressure screenings in each of the four parishes, the Health Ministry sponsors 2-3 educational/informational programs each year.

On the back of the February WPCC Activities Calendar is a survey to help the Health Ministry determine what topics are of the greatest interest to parishioners in our community. Please take a few moments to fill out the survey; and, to possibly consider volunteering with the Health Ministry on occasional projects. We ask that you return the surveys to us by bringing them into the parish office, or by dropping them in the collection basket at weekend Mass. Extra copies are available in Church. *Thank you for your time and effort!*

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HOPE HOUSE NEWS . . .

Two Way Radios Needed ~ HOPE Ministry and the House of Mercy cooperate in a furniture ministry of picking up furniture and delivering to those in need. To enhance the efficiency of this endeavor a two way radio (one base and two handheld units) is needed. If anyone has access to these items or knowledge of how we can obtain them cost effectively please call Jackie at the HOPE House, 265-6694.

FLAHERTY'S Preferred Diner's Cards are available at the Holy Trinity Church Office and HOPE House. It includes \$350 worth of coupons, 8 free dinners, 8 free beverages, plus other values - all for \$25.00 (of which \$10 goes directly to HOPE House). Stop in or call Holy Trinity at 265-1616 or HOPE House 265-6694.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL DOCTRINE
“CARE FOR GOD’S CREATION”**

Reflections by Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Ogdensburg

When we read about creation in the Book of Genesis, it is God himself who works with the land so that it could sustain the pinnacle of creation, human life. When he creates human life, it is in his image and likeness that he does so. He then entrusts the earth and all that it produces to man and woman to cultivate. God hands his work over to them and he does so, not as individuals, but as man and woman, as a family.

From the Old Testament, it is obvious that the care of the land and the family, as God’s stewards, are the foundation of human existence. God placed his creation in the hands of the human family to cooperate with him in giving and sustaining life that would be happy and fulfilling as he intended it to be. Divine revelation clearly shows us that farming and the care of the land are sacred work which is intended to sustain God’s family. In carrying out this call every human person expresses his or her dignity and liberty and reflects the very image of the Creator. Pope John Paul II puts it clearly when he states in his encyclical, *On Human Labor* (*Laborem Exercens*): “Man ought to imitate God, his Creator, in working, because man above all has the unique characteristic of likeness to God.

In particular, the farmer participates in a distinctive way in God’s creating activity. His or her life is intimately bound with the earth, the seasons, and the produce of the labor. In a society that is so centered on technology and material prosperity, it is easy to forget the essentials. It is also easy to forget where the essentials come from, God and those who cooperate in the work of his creation. The Catechism of the Catholic Church asserts, “The dominion granted by God over the mineral, vegetable, and animal resources of the universe cannot be separated from respect for moral obligations, including those toward generations to come” (n. 2456). “On a planet conflicted over environmental issues, the Catholic tradition insists that we show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan; it is a requirement of our faith.” (*Sharing Catholic Social Teaching*, p. 6)

In addition to difficulties faced by our farmers today, including exorbitant costs and stagnant prices for commodities, there are other issues of an exploitative nature affecting not only the well-being of God’s creation, but that of the entire global community as well. These include: How to preserve waterways, concerns over acid rain, use of chemicals and pesticides in agriculture, caring for wildlife and forests. All of these concerns do not have simple or easy answers, but they remind us of the moral obligation that we have toward God’s creation. Moreover, the example of the farmer reminds us that, if our efforts at conservation are to bear fruit, hard work and a long-term commitment are necessary. Speaking in his 1967 encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* (*On the Development of Peoples*), Pope Paul VI states, “Some would regard these hopes as vain flights of fancy... This struggle toward a more human way of life calls for hard work and imposes difficult sacrifices. But even adversity, when endured for the sake of one’s brothers and out of love for them, can contribute to human progress. The Christian knows full well that when he unites himself with the sacrifice of the savior, he helps greatly to build up the Body of Christ.” May we, with the help of God’s grace, embrace the responsibility and charge that has been given to us, as stewards of God’s creation, so that all of creation may continue to proclaim “the glory of God.”

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The **Monthly Diocesan Charismatic Mass** will be celebrated on February 15, 2006 at 7:30 PM. Our celebrant is Father Mickey McGrath. The Mass will be celebrated at St. John Fisher’s Murphy Hall Coleman Chapel. This is located across the street from the main campus. Following the Mass there will be prayers for healing and fellowship. For further information please call Deacon Don Germano at 223-3843.

**Festive Music for the Celebration of Marriage
Sunday February 19 at 2:00pm**
Sacred Heart Cathedral ~ 296 Flower City Park
When Love Is Found ~ Listen to musical options, processions, recessions, preludes, hymns, psalms, vocal solos and more! Refreshments to follow. Co-sponsored by Sacred Heart Cathedral and The Diocese of Rochester Office of Liturgy. For information, contact: Ginny Miller, DOR Office of Liturgy, 585-328-3228, ext. 1345, miller@dor.org

SPECIAL AWARD

At our Catholic Schools Week Family Eucharistic Liturgy, Sr. Katherine Ann presented **Patrick Bates**, St. Rita School class of 1971 with the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) Distinguished Graduate Award. Patrick exemplifies the highest qualities of Catholic education and has rendered distinguished service to the Catholic Church and the United States. As part of Patrick's remarks upon accepting the award was, *"I credit my 12 years of Catholic education, which began at St. Rita's in the fall of 1963, with all that is right with my life; a vibrant marriage, supportive and loving children, a moral compass, and most of all the knowledge that Jesus walks with, and sometimes carries, us through life's journey."*

Congratulations Patrick! We are proud of you!