

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2006

7:00PM JAMES MENDZEF – Bob & Anne Muir
9:15AM MARION KING – Wanda Baron

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2006

7:00PM
9:15AM BERT DE LANO – Dottie

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2006

Distribution of Ashes at all Masses

9:15AM DONALD GALLO – Wife
1:00PM JACK LYONS – St. Rita School Family
St. Rita School Mass – All are welcome!
7:00PM THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006

7:00AM ANNA & JOE FINN – Estate
9:15AM THANKSGIVING FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2006

9:15AM

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2006

5:00PM SALEMME FAMILY MEMBERS –
Tony & Maria Sutera & Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006

7:30AM THERESA DLUGOLENSKI – Family
9:00AM EARL GOSLEE – Joanne Carr
10:30AM LIBBY & DOMINIC SOPRANO –
Marie & Sam Soprano

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Joseph Pilato

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ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGIES AT OUR AREA CHURCHES:

Holy Spirit (1355 Hatch Road):
Mass & Ashes at 6:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm, 7:45pm

Holy Trinity (1460 Ridge Road):
Liturgy of the Word & Ashes at 6:30am
Mass & Ashes at 9:15am, 5:30pm

St. Paul (783 Hard Road):
Mass ?

Pastor's Perspective

Lent is a call to remember we are a people on a journey - a people already baptized but not yet fully alive - not yet fully open to the power of God's grace and power working in our lives and in our world.

Lent reminds us that the conversion is not yet complete - indeed it is a lifelong process.

So what could be left, sister lent - we stand with eyes open and heart in hand - what could be left?

May our Lenten journeys help us to struggle with that question and listen to the Lord's response.

Peace,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 26, 2006

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – 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

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – 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 members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

**Jonathan Stephen Gaglio
Anabella Sophia Ritchie
Jagger Michael Altieri**

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BIBLE READINGS:

26 Sun **8th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Hos 2:16b,17b,21-22 Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13 2 Cor 3:1b-6 Mk 2:18-22

27 Mon 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2,5-6,9-10 Mk 10:17-27

28 Tue 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1-4 Mk 10:28-31

1 Wed **Ash Wednesday** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

2 Thu Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25

3 Fri Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6,18-19 Mt 9:14-15

4 Sat Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

5 Sun **1st Sunday of Lent** Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
NEXT WEEKEND ~ March 4 & 5**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Neil LaVigne, Megan LaVigne, Breanna Bernardi

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kayla Chapman, Megan Samuelson, Laura Casper

Sunday, 9:00am:

Lauren Tatanus, Gianna Gallese, Lauren Benz

Sunday, 10:30am:

Girl Scout Sunday Mass

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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.

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SACRISTAN:

Week of February 26

Elaine Doriguzzi

LINENS:

Week of March 5

Frances Montagne

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,088	\$13,770	- \$682

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$452,205	\$454,410	- \$2,205

(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

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: Blueberry Pancakes with your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

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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.

FEBRUARY 26, 2006

LENT 2006

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Our gifts have a special part to play in God's plan; one person plants the seed, another waters it, and God makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters are stewards working toward the same end – God's co-workers. We are gifted and called.

Stewardship Live It!

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday, March 3 at Noon
at St. Rita Church**

World Day of Prayer is an international event that unites all Christian women and men from over 170 countries in prayer. Throughout the day, all of our prayers around the world are spoken in hundreds of languages. In the USA, World Day of Prayer is promoted as an ecumenical movement working to bring about peace and justice. Join us in church at Noon for our service then over to the parish center for refreshments.

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**Wrapped In Love & Prayer:
Introducing, Prayer Shawl Ministry**

In connection with the other churches in the Webster area, we are hoping to spark interest in creating a group of women to gather regularly to knit or crochet prayer shawls. This is a wonderful ministry that has been 'catching on' throughout the area over the last few years. Groups of women gather in homes, restaurants or cafes (over a cup of tea), prayer centers, and church rooms to pray and share and create beautiful knit shawls to be given to people facing difficult times in their lives, or to residents of various places (nursing homes, etc). The frequency of meeting is up to each group – most of the time the women work on their own.

A contemporary adaptation of a lovely and very meaningful Hebrew tradition, the gift of a prayer shawl enfolds the recipient in the loving care and promised prayers of the one who crafted it, as conveyed on a little note card that accompanies the gift.

**You're invited to attend a workshop about this
on Saturday, March 3 from 10:00am to Noon
at St. Paul's Church.**

Days of Abstinence ~ Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday for those who are 14 years of age or older – no meat may be taken.

Days of Fast ~ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, for all those ages 18 through 60 – a limit of one full meatless meal.

Weekdays of Lent ~ No obligation to fast; however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

BAPTISMS ~ Official instructions that accompany the Rite of Baptism state that Baptisms are not to be celebrated during the Lenten Season. To remember the Paschal character of this Sacrament, we will resume Baptisms at Easter time.

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LENTEN FISH DINNERS
Start again on Friday, March 3
And every Friday during Lent

**5:00-7:00 PM
in the Parish Center**

Each Friday during Lent Fish Dinners will be served from 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym. It is once again being staffed by the team of volunteers from the school and parish who took it over from the St. Rita's Men's Club a few years ago.

Fried or Baked Haddock are available as well as **Cheese Pizza** for those who do not care for fish! Adult fish dinners include coleslaw, French fries and a roll. Children's portions are available. Soft Drinks, Milk, Coffee, Tea, and Ice Cream cups will also be available.

The doors will be open from 5:00-7:00pm and everything is available for sit down table service or take out. Come in for a great meal!

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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 opportunities.

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



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

Friday, March 3 ~ The March Coffee House
has been cancelled due to the
Youth Rally on Saturday, March 4 at Holy Trinity

Saturday, March 4 from 1:00-9:00pm
YOUTH RALLY at Holy Trinity Church

The **Catholic Webster Youth Connection** will
be holding a **YOUTH RALLY** for all youth in
grades 6-12. Please pick up a registration form
in the back of church.

Sunday, March 5 from 4:30-6:00pm
JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING
(all youth in grades 6-8) meet in the Youth Center

Sunday, March 5 from 7:00-9:00pm
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING
(all youth in grades 9-12) meet in the Youth
Center

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.



Summer's Coming . . . and so is our

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

Mark your calendar 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

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

**All are invited to come together for a Soup Supper, Presentation and Evening Prayer on:
Wednesday, March 15
from 6:00-7:30pm in the Parish Center**

The evening begins at 6:00pm with a bowl of homemade soup and bread.
A brief presentation will follow. Evening Prayer is at 7:15pm ~ Adjourn by 7:30pm.

**We welcome Diane Sturmer, (title – Spiritual) from Heritage Christian Services
who will share a presentation on “Aid for the Developmentally Challenged”**

Admission is 1 can of soup for the needy
Please RSVP by Monday, March 13 to the Parish Office 671-1100.

**All are welcome to attend – Families and friends!
Walk-Ins are Welcome!**