

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

7:00AM RICHARD POWERS - The Hickey Family

9:15AM JOSEPH HOGAN – The O'Brien Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006

7:00AM ANNA & JOE FINN – Estate

9:15AM ARTHUR YAEGER – Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2004

9:15AM JOSEPH T. DI PRIMA – Salvatore DiNoto

THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006

7:00AM ANDREW CEGLINSKI –

The Ceglinski Family

9:15AM ARTHUR CONN – Wife

FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2006

Stations of the Cross at 8:50am

9:15AM ANN MC CREARY – Edward Weaver

**Eucharistic Adoration following
9:15am Mass until 11:00am**

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2006

5:00PM WALTER DIXON – Sheron Dixon

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2006

7:30AM FRITZ MUELLER – St. Rita Society

9:00AM GENNARO ADARETA –
Madeline & Al Inlema

10:30AM RUSSELL GIOVINE – Wife & Children

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in
loving memory of Dominic Capezzuto**

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OPERATION RICE BOWL (Lenten Coin Folders)

As part of our faith community's Lenten observance, we will participate in Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, Operation Rice Bowl. For thirty-one years, Operation Rice Bowl has inspired Catholics in the United States to **pray, fast, learn and give** as we increase our understanding of our global community and connect that with the principles of Catholic Social Teaching throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home and with your loved ones. Coin folders were included in last week's bulletin. Extras are available in the back of church.

Pastor's Perspective

Last week we spoke of being witnesses of Gospel joy. By our words and by the way we live we can touch the hearts of others with God's love. It begins by really accepting the fact of how much God loves me.

This reflection by Deacon David Reising of Peoria, Illinois in "Connect" helps us with more insight into his love for us:

Do we really know how much God loves us? I believe that when we fully understand this promise, we are well on our way to the path of peace.

Are we willing to empty ourselves and be filled with God? As we deny ourselves, we gain wisdom, insight and the courage Jesus demonstrated in his encounter with temptation.

As we see in the miracles Jesus performed while he walked this earth, often times he simply reached inside a person and drew out of them all they needed to be whole by drawing out of them what the father god had already provided them at their creation.

The same can be said of us. When we let Jesus reach down inside of us, just as the couple who lived in a home filled with untapped treasure, we can discover within ourselves all that we need to make the journey back to our Father.

As we enter into this Lenten season, may we make the extra effort to face the reality of who we are in Christ, and, as he demonstrated to us in the desert, take the stand that will hold us in God's favor until we are with him in eternity. May this lent give us the opportunity to make a real discovery about what lies inside each of us, and, by his grace, bring it to the surface.

Peace and Happy Lent,

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

Stewardship Live It!

LENTEN PRAYER GROUPS

Are you interested in joining a prayer group during the season of Lent? There are three different opportunities to do this here at St. Rita's. You may join us on Monday evenings, from 7:00-8:00 pm in the parish office, Thursday mornings from 11:00 to Noon (check bulletin for location), Thursday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm in the parish office. Please bring your Lenten black book to the Monday evening sessions. Thursday sessions will be using the readings of the weekend. The prayer groups will begin the week of March 13. Sign up sheets are available on the bulletin board in church. Please sign up so we will know how many to expect. However, please feel free to drop in on any of these sessions if you find yourself available and haven't had a chance to sign up.

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LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

All are invited to come together for a Soup Supper, Presentation and Evening Prayer on:

Wednesday, March 15 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, Spiritual Care Assistant 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!**

This Sunday afternoon, March 5 at 2:00pm at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, our catechumens will celebrate the Rite of Election with Bishop Clark. For our catechumens **Fred Adjei, Stephen Edgett, Nicholas Gaglio, Gabrielle McGrogan, Tyler Miller and Ralph Orr**, this election is about God's choice of the catechumens to embrace the mission of Jesus. For our catechumens, we ritually celebrate this commitment in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. After Bishop Clark's homily, the catechumens are presented to the bishop for election. As their names are read, the catechumens and godparents come forward. The godparents give testimony to the worthiness of the catechumens to the bishop. The bishop asks the catechumens to publicly state their intention. Then they go forward to inscribe their name in the Book of the Elect. The bishop then acknowledges that they are the elect of God and chosen by God.

After the bishop ritually recognizes the catechumens, he personally gives a sign of peace to all the catechumens. At this point, the catechumens are ready to enter the final period of purification before the Easter Vigil. This final period is called the scrutines which is the final, intense period of preparation for the catechumens. They study scripture which helps them to examine their faith in depth and leads them to confirm their decision for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

This Sunday afternoon, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Cathedral, our candidates will celebrate the Call To Continuing Conversion with Bishop Clark. Our candidates are: **Lindsay Blodgett, Michelle Cardella, Jesseca Doherty, Tiffany Duncan, Laura Farnung**. Candidates are people who need to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. At this liturgy, the sponsors of the candidates give testimony to the readiness of the candidates to complete their initiation. The gathered assembly affirms this testimony and prays for the candidates as they complete their final preparation.

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, March 14 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!

LENTEN FISH DINNERS
Served every Friday in 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. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for seniors and \$4.00 for children.

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!

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

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

Saturday, March 11 at 5:00pm
MASS celebrated with the YOUTH

Needed: 2 Lectors, 1 Leader, 8 Eucharistic Ministers and greeters and all youth members to attend. Please call me to sign up for a part in this celebration.

Sunday, March 19 from 7:00-9:00pm
COMBINED YOUTH GATHERING
(all youth in grades 6-12) meet in the Parish Center Gym. Please come early so we can begin right at 5:30. Please call and let me know if you are coming so I can order enough pizza.

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.

Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection – NEWS!
Holy Trinity ~ Holy Spirit ~ St. Paul ~ St. Rita

St. Clement of Rome (Katrina)
Information Meeting

Would you like to VOLUNTEER your time to help members of our New Orleans sister parish, St. Clement of Rome in Metairie, Louisiana recover from Hurricane Katrina damage?

There will be an **information meeting Thursday, March 16 at 7:00pm at St. Paul Church** (downstairs meeting rooms) for those interested in spending a week in New Orleans helping with rebuilding efforts. This volunteer opportunity is open to men and women 18 years of age and over. Come... find out how you can help our sisters and brothers rebuild their lives! If you can't make the meeting, but you're interested in finding out more information, call Larry Winter at 872-2711.

Fund Raiser for St. Clement of Rome Parish
in the Archdiocese of New Orleans:

Chili & Soup Supper
Sunday, April 2 from 5:30 to 7:00pm
at St. Paul's Church Hall.

Proceeds will benefit St. Clement of Rome parish which suffered extensive damage during hurricane Katrina. Advance reservations appreciated; for more information please call Rosemary Pavia at 671-2100 X 59.

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LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. All persons fourteen years of age and up are obliged to abstain.

Fasting refers to eating one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meal times. Adults eighteen years of age up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast.

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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Have you considered joining HOPE Ministry
HOPE Ministry will be conducting its annual training within the next few weeks. Please give some thought whether this may be an area you wish to become involved in. Please call Jackie Harrison at 265-2124 if you are interested or would like to discuss what opportunities are available.

Women's Faith Formation is starting Jeff Cavin's Great Adventure Bible series. We meet Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 at Holy Spirit Church in the parish center. Please join us or call Sue Monczynski at 586-0933 for more information.

Lenten Reflection ~ Beatitudes: Wednesdays at 7:00pm on March 15, 22, & 29 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 1355 Hatch Road. Holy Spirit Pastoral Associate Mike Struble leads a series of reflections on the gospel passage known as The Beatitudes: "*And they lived happily ever after... What did the Beatitudes mean to the people of Jesus' time? And what do they mean to us, today?*"

Widowed, Divorced or Separated? If you are looking for peer ministry support that can help you on your journey of healing from your loss, Beginning Experience of Rochester will be offering a healing weekend, April 28,29 & 30 at Rotary Sunshine Camp in Rush. For information or to register for the weekend call (585) 987-1750.

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation ~ Recognizing the cultural traditions surrounding St. Patrick's Day, March 17, which this year occurs on a Friday in Lent, Bishop Matthew H. Clark is dispensing the faithful of the Diocese of Rochester from the Lenten obligation to abstain from meat on that day. Some other form of penitential act, such as abstaining from meat another day of that week, is encouraged, the Bishop noted.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which this year falls on March 1. Roman Catholics and other Christian denominations traditionally observe the 40-day Lenten season of by fasting, almsgiving and prayer. For Roman Catholics, Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat, but a diocesan bishop may dispense the faithful of his diocese from that obligation.

BAKED FOOD SALE ~ The St. Rita's CYO Cheerleaders will be hosting a bake sale to benefit our CYO Basketball program on **Saturday March 18 after the 5:00 Mass**. Treat yourself to some delicious deserts and support a great program.

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

Career Transition Workshop Offers New Perspectives on Career Decisions

Rochester, NY – On Saturday, May 20th, 2006, St. Helen's Catholic Church (210 Hinchey Road, Rochester, NY 14624) will host a Rochester community event. - a 4-hour, nationally presented workshop entitled, **Careers Through Faith**.

"The *Careers Through Faith* seminar I recently attended, lit a fire inside me. The workshop gave me hope, confidence, purpose and clarity with regard to my career transition," commented Bill L. IT manager with a Fortune 50 company. "In addition, I learned practical skills that I can use today in discerning my next career move."

Careers Through Faith is designed for individuals who are in the midst of a job or career change, feel underemployed, underutilized or unfulfilled. **Careers Through Faith** combines purpose-driven decision-making with street-smart, highly competitive job-search skills.

Careers Through Faith is presented by Teresa Tomeo and Nick Synko. Teresa is a Nationally Syndicated Radio Talk-Show Host and Motivational Speaker. She will share how and why she re-focused her priorities and made a life-changing career transition from the secular-media to the Christian-media and consequently found even more fulfillment and career success.

Nick Synko, **Careers Through Faith** Founder, author of *Future@Work* and Principal Partner, Synko Associates, LLC a career-coaching and organizational development firm, will share practical, down-to-earth steps you can take to align who you are with what you do. The tips and techniques in this seminar will provide those who attend a competitive advantage in today's challenging employment market.

Register for the **Careers Through Faith** workshop by calling St. Helen's Parish Office at 585.235.1210. Seating for the program is limited. Cost is \$95.00 per person and is open to the surrounding Rochester community. www.CareersThroughFaith.com

EASTER CANDY SALE ~ Hippy Hop, Hippy Hop ~ Here come those delicious chocolate Easter bunnies. Our St. Rita Society will hold their annual candy sale in the greeting area after Masses beginning the weekend of March 11 & 12 and continuing until we're sold out! Chocolate bunnies and delicious Mint-Melt-Aways will be sold for \$3.00 each. Proceeds will be used for Society Projects.

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

Fiesta Means Family Fun! 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.

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, 671-0428 or Ed Ritzel, 787-1937.

Got Books? Donate Them ~ During your spring-cleaning as you dust off books you no longer read, videos/DVDs you no longer watch, or music CDs/cassettes that you don't listen to, don't toss them. Instead donate them to the St. Rita's Fiesta's Book Sale. Watch for further details.

Silent Auction Looking for Items ~ Last year's Silent Auction raised nearly \$1,000. If anyone would like to donate a new item to the auction, it would be greatly appreciated. Some of our past business donors are Delta Sonic Car Wash, Golden Tans, Kittleberger's, Earth Tone's, Marie's Restaurant and Salads, etc.

Fiesta Thanks 2005 Sponsors. Seeks Additional Sponsors for 2006. Without sponsors, the Fiesta would not be as successful as it has been for the last 51 years. As we prepare for the next Fiesta, we again thank our sponsors for their generous gifts that made last year's Fiesta a triumph.

We look forward to our sponsors continued support and others to become sponsors for this year's Fiesta, scheduled for June 2nd and 3rd. For more information about being a sponsor, contact Virginia or Gary Nicastro, at 872-5564. See last year's sponsorships list below.

Thanks to our St. Rita's Fiesta 2005 Sponsors ~ Title Sponsor: Vision Auto Group. Raffle Sponsor: Flaherty Funding, Children's Activities Sponsor: Isaac Heating & Cooling. Gold Sponsors: Taylor Rentals, Marina Dodge, Q Dental, CCRG/Marty Quinn, Flaherty Funding, Delta Sonic Car Wash and Isaac Heating & Cooling. Silver Sponsors: Burns Family, Customized Lender's Services, Nutcracker Restaurant, Spoon Exhibit Services, Steele Communications, and TAK. Bronze Sponsors: Dr. Daniel Squilla, Connors Haas, Inc., Dejoy, Knauf & Blood, LLP, Esquier Family, Family Eyecare Associates, Felluca Garage Doors, Guadagnino Family, Mason Selkowitz, Monroe Title Insurance, and Odenbach Family. Copper Sponsors: Adrian Jules, LTD, Alberta Crowe Letter Service, Premier Properties Century 21, LeChase Construction, Maplewood Nursing Home, REMAX-Antetomaso, Upstate Physical Therapy, Gerard P. Smith Agency, Doolittle's, and Dibella's.

Magnificat ~ A Ministry to Catholic Women

Magnificat is a woman-to-woman ministry that seeks to encourage Catholic women to open up to the Holy Spirit. Magnificat provides opportunities and encouragement for women to foster a lively faith in God and His action in their lives. Please join us at our upcoming breakfast on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30am-12:30pm at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta. Roy Schoeman, a Jewish convert, will talk about his journey to Catholicism. Men and women are invited. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased by March 19. Please send your name, address, phone# and check to Rochester Magnificat, PO Box 24787, Rochester 14624. For information call Kathy Murty 436-1284.