

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006

7:00AM LOUIS GUGINO – Don & Mary Brown

9:15AM ALBERT MC COY – Tom & Elaine Pastor

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

7:00AM ANNA & JOE FINN – Estate

9:15AM MARION KING – Wanda Baron

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2004

9:15AM ROBERT HICKEY – Frank & Mary Caye LaForce

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006

7:00AM WALKER DONOVAN – Ray & Igia Diehl

9:15AM ANGELO BARBETTA – Wife, Ninetta

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2006

Stations of the Cross at 8:50am

9:15AM BILL P. MYKINS, JR. – The Murphy & Bowman Families

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006

5:00PM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI – Angela Palmieri

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2006

7:30AM ESTHER SEITZ – John & Shirl Mintz

9:00AM OLGA NAVIRY – Mr. & Mrs. William Mandzy

10:30AM SISTER MARY REGINA – Ralph & Frances Messura

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Lee Mitcheltree

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Fr. Bill Maggs, CSSR, Rector of Notre Dame Retreat Center Dies

As many of you know, we had planned to have a Lenten Mission this past week led by Fr. William Maggs, CSSR, Rector of the Notre Dame Retreat Center in Canandaigua. In February we had to cancel the Mission due to his sudden illness. We learned on Tuesday that Fr. Bill died in a Philadelphia hospital. His funeral Mass was celebrated Thursday at St. Peter's in Philadelphia. Please pray for Fr. Bill, his family, the Redemptorist community and his many friends.

Pastor's Perspective

On Friday we celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. Legends abound about his life and work.

This Apostle of Ireland tells his own story in his Confessions, written near the end of his life. What a story! He was kidnapped by pirates at 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave, worked as a shepherd in the mountains, escaped and returned to Britain and eventually became a priest, was sent back to Ireland as a missionary by Pope Celestine, constantly at risk from hostile pagans, yet, by the time of his death, a native clergy was in place and Christianity had reached nearly all of Ireland.

Our own country too has been blessed by the Irish Catholics who immigrated to our shores in great numbers, bringing with them the faith and a grand sense of humor too. . . . like this little piece:

*May the lilt of Irish laughter
Lighten every load,
May the mist of Irish magic
Shorten every road,
May you taste the sweetest pleasures
That fortune e're bestowed,
And may all your friends remember
All the favors you are owed.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day,
Fr. Chuck

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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.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL (Lenten Coin Folders)

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in **prayer** that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Each person is precious and the welfare of all people are a priority. May our **fasting** keep us mindful of the hunger of people around the world. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK **MARCH 12, 2006**

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY

4:30-5:30pm Religious Education – School
 6:30-7:30pm Religious Education – School
 7:30pm Caregivers Support Group – Rm 3

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3 & 4
 12:30-2:30pm Young at Heart Seniors – Rm 1
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
 4:30-5:30pm Religious Education – School
 7:00pm HOPE House Information Mtg. – Rm 1
 7:30pm Companions in Grief Group – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
6:00-7:30pm **Lenten Soup Supper – Gym**
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 8:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY

7:00pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church

FRIDAY

8:50am Stations of the Cross – Church
 9:45-11:00am Eucharistic Adoration – Church
 2:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church
5:00-7:00pm **FISH FRY – Gym**

SATURDAY

6:00pm **St. Joseph’s Table – Gym**

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$17,045	\$13,770	+3,275

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$491,905	\$495,720	-\$3,815

(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 -\$471,812

Thank you for writing the amount of your donation on the outside of your envelope.

SACRISTAN:

Week of March 12 Diane Cocilova

LINENS:

Week of March 19 Rosemary Novick

BIBLE READINGS:

12 Sun **2nd Sunday of Lent** Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Ps 116:10,15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
 13 Mon Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38
 14 Tue Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12
 15 Wed Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28
 16 Thu Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
 17 Fri Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
 18 Sat Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103,1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
 19 Sun **3rd Sunday of Lent** Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

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

Saturday, 5:00pm:
 Kaitlyn Kroluk, Jessica Carges, Erin Hasso
Sunday, 7:30am:
 Sean McGrath, Kyle McGrath, Sam Dauria
Sunday, 9:00am:
 Juliana Cruz, Jimmy Marton, Chris D’Ambrose
Sunday, 10:30am:
 Chris and Mike Macikowski, Vincent Waver

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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 your choice of bacon or sausage, fresh fruit, and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

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ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!

Our St. Rita Society invites you to our next gathering on **Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00pm** in the parish center gym for a special presentation:

AGE-ING AS A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE
Speaker: Rosalee Muschal Reinhardt

Aging in our culture is rarely imagined as an adventure, let alone a spiritual one! Rosalee will share ideas on how to make our golden years a truly fulfilling experience. Rosalee has 72 years of life experience, has a Masters of Divinity degree and is certified age-ing leader with the spiritual elder-ing institute.

All are most welcome to attend this program.

MARCH 12, 2006

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!

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 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.

Please sign up on the sheets 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

Join us at 6:00pm for 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 at 671-1100.

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

REACHING OUT ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI ST. RITA ~ ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

Parishioners will have a unique opportunity to hear from those affected by Hurricane Katrina at all masses next weekend March 18-19. Deacon Frank Minor and his wife, Dottie, will visit from our sister parish, St. Clement of Rome. St. Clement Parish is located in Metairie, Louisiana, just outside the city of New Orleans.

Deacon Frank will describe the parish's experiences during the hurricane and the ongoing efforts to restore the church's facilities and services. He will also reinforce for us the central role the church serves in a community that is struggling to rebuild. In spite of extensive damage to the church and school, the parish continues to provide strength and hope for those working so hard to put their lives back together.

There will be several opportunities for St. Rita parishioners to show their support of our neighbors in Louisiana. A second collection will be taken at all masses for contributions to St. Clement's reconstruction efforts. Please send along your warm words of encouragement and faith by signing the banner at the back of the church. You'll also have an opportunity to meet the Minors at a reception after Saturday evening mass, which will be held in conjunction with the St. Joseph's table.

Members of the Parish Twinning Project continue to meet to develop our partnership with St. Clement of Rome. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Michael Lynch at mlynch@geneseo.edu or 671-6233.

Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection
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.

**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!

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**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. Eat in or take-out is available. Come in for a great meal!

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**YOUNG AT HEART
SENIOR NEWS!**

**Tuesday, March 14
12:30-2:30pm in Room 1**

All seniors are invited to join us for our next gathering. We are happy to have Rusty Smith join us. She will be showing us how to do a craft. Refreshments will be served.

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Consider joining HOPE Ministry

HOPE Ministry will host an informational meeting here at St. Rita Church on **Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00pm in Room 1**. If you are unable to attend the meeting but interested in helping, please call Jackie Harrison at 265-2124.

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**LENTEN ~ EVENING PRAYER
Wednesday, March 22 at 7:30pm in Church**

Join us for this special evening to help us enter ever more deeply into the mystery of Christ's own suffering, death and resurrection. Fr. Bob will lead Evening Prayer followed by Eucharistic Adoration.

**CAREGIVERS
SUPPORT GROUP**

will meet on

**Monday, March 13
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.

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**From the desk of Mary Jo DiDia, Youth
Minister**

671-1100 ext. 18 ~ mdidia@dor.org

**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.

**Saturday, March 25 from 11:00am to 6:00pm
CATHOLIC WEBSTER YOUTH RALLY**

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to Holy Trinity Church for the Catholic Webster Youth Connection Youth Rally. Please fill out a registration form from the back of church and return it to Mary Jo.

**Friday, March 31 at 7:15pm
ROCHESTER AMERKS YOUTH GROUP NIGHT**

The Amerks vs. Syracuse Crunch at the Blue Cross Arena; tickets cost \$10 each. If you are interested in going, please contact Mary Jo with your name, number of tickets needed and phone number. The deadline to order tickets is Friday, March 24.

**Sunday, April 9 from 12:30-4:00 p.m.
PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT**

The Youth Group is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the parish (see bulletin article on pg. 1). Members of the Youth Group are needed to help with this event – please call Mary Jo as soon as possible to let her know you are able to help.

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.

**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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**PARISH EASTER EGG HUNT
Sunday, April 9 from 12:30-4:00 p.m.**

The Youth Group is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the parish ages 1-11. Please pick up a registration form in the back of church. The "entrance fee" is 12 small plastic eggs and one (1) small bag of candy along with your registration form. Please return your form and "fee" to the parish office no later than Friday, March 31.

EASTER CANDY SALE

Hippity Hop, Hippity 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.

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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.

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NEW PARISH REGISTRATION PROCESS

We are delighted to have new folks join our parish family. Anyone wishing to join St. Rita Parish is asked to meet with Betsy McDermott (Deacon John's wife) to complete a census card and have any questions answered. Betsy will be available every Sunday after the 9:00 Mass and before the 10:30 Mass in the library in Church. If you would like to pick up a new parishioner packet in advance to review, you will find them in the library in Church or at the parish office. If you do this, please remember to stop and see Betsy on Sunday to submit your registration. Thank you and Welcome!

**51st Annual
ST. RITA'S FIESTA**

**Friday, June 2
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.

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 and provides opportunities for women to foster a lively faith in God and His action in their lives. Join us at our 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. The deadline is 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.

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.

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.

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.

DON'T MISS MY FAIR LADY - Performed by students of McQuaid, Mercy and others at McQuaid Jesuit High School Auditorium, March 16-18 & 23-25. Curtain at 7:30pm. Call 473-1130, ext. 100, for tickets. General admission: Adults \$12, students \$10, seniors \$8.