

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2006

7:00AM GORDON JOHNSON – Bill & Betty Belec
9:15AM ROSE DUNN – The Janiak Family

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2006

7:00AM ARTHUR J. CONNORTON – Family
9:15AM EILEEN BAREIS – Bob & Janet Thies

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2006

9:15AM WALKER DONOVAN – Family

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2006

7:00AM PHILIP KANE – Michaela Siebert
9:15AM ALBERT MC COY – Anita Paycoff

FRIDAY, MAY 12, 2006

9:15AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI - Angela Palmieri

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2006

9:00AM CELEBRATION OF FIRST EUCHARIST

5:00PM JULIE WARMUTH & ETHEL CONN – Phyllis Conn

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2006

7:30AM BILL P. MYKINS, JR. – Jean White
9:00AM HELEN YOUNG – Debra Eddy
10:30AM DONALD GALLO – Wife

Pastor's Perspective

Convocation 2006

As many of you know Fr. Bob and I spent the better part of three days last week at the Annual Convocation of all priests and Pastoral Administrators from our Diocese. It is mandated by our bishop but it is always a time for growth, prayer and socializing. Apart from this gathering there are some of our brothers and sisters in ministry spread out over our 12 counties whom we would rarely see. One interesting side note – we now have with us 17 Pastoral Administrators – Deacons, Religious Sisters and lay folks who are leaders of parishes where there is no priest pastor. This represents more than 10% of all parishes. Also, 50% of our parishes are now in some form of clustering – and less than 50% of our parishes are “stand alone” parishes like ours. This speaks volumes about changes and challenges we face – along with the church all across our country.

The focus of our convocation this year was End of Life and Stem Cell Issues. I'd have to say that it was one of the very best gatherings we've had and most informative.

Our speakers included: Dr. Robert McCann, M.D., Professor of Medicine at the U of R and chief of Medicine at Highland Hospital, Dr. Thomas A. Shannon, Ph.D., Bio-ethicist and Goodwin-Philpott Eminent scholar at Auburn University, Fr. Richard Fragomeni, Professor of Liturgy and Preaching at Catholic Theological University in Chicago.

Pastoral responses to some of these biomedical ethics were highlighted recently by the Terry Schiavo case and by the debate over stem cell research. Our speakers gave a very balanced approach relying on both good science and solid Catholic Theology. I really believe that some events in recent years have tended to distort our long and balanced theology around death and dying. We always taught that extraordinary means were not necessary simply to prolong biological functions. We champion the sacredness of life but we also believe in life eternal. In one of our Prefaces at the Funeral Mass we pray – “Life is changed not ended.” Acknowledging the limits of even the most sophisticated medical advances a wise physician once said that “we care always and cure sometimes”.

Peace,



This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Elmer Mauer

COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, May 16 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!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MAY 7, 2006

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY

6:30-7:30pm Eucharist Rehearsal in church
for those children scheduled on May 13

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3 & 4
10:00-Noon Stephen Ministry – Rm 1
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
7:00-9:00pm Social Ministry – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3

THURSDAY

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Contemporary Choir Rehearsal – Church

FRIDAY

10:15am School May Day Celebration – Church
2:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church

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

Anna Marie Francesca Riedl
Joseph Michael Montinarelli
Joseph Robert French
Julia Lauren French

BIBLE READINGS:

- 7 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Easter** Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18
- 8 Mon Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10
- 9 Tue Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30
- 10 Wed Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50
- 11 Thu Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20
- 12 Fri Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6
- 13 Sat Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14
- 14 Sun **Fifth Sunday of Easter** Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ May 13 & 14

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Christina Smith, Lily Ciszewski, Breanna Bernardi

Sunday, 7:30am:

Patrick Crittenden, Sam Dauria, Josh Kwiatkowski

Sunday, 9:00am:

Zach Barbeau, Brad Chiesa, Mike Sullivan

Sunday, 10:30am:

Peter Commisso, Vincent Waver, Indy Diumano

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Breakfast is served every Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu. Come on down for a great meal to start your day!

Next week’s special: There will be a free plant for all Moms attending breakfast this morning. Team 2 will feature their delicious **Egg Bake** with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

Do you have a Will or Living Trust?

Did you know that over 50% of all people at the time of their death do not have a will or living trust? Good stewardship requires us to think of the future. Have your estate plan prepared now and express your good stewardship in ways that will bless your family and your church.

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$12,175	\$13,770	- \$1,595
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$600,020	\$605,880	- \$5,860

(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 -\$468,545

HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY ?

The Post Office returned contribution envelopes to the parish office for St. Rita parishioners who have been away. We are holding the envelopes at the Parish Office. If you have returned from your time away and would like your envelopes please call the Parish Office at 671-1100.

Wedding Banns

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Jennifer Evans & Fred Adjei

SACRISTAN: Week of May 7 Diane Cocilova

LINENS: Week of May 14 Catherine Zellefrow

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

When adults practice Christian stewardship, they inspire it — both among other adults and young people. Children, we know, learn what they live. Make authentic Christian stewardship the heart of your family life and you will add heart to your family life. Guaranteed.

Stewardship Live It!

ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration 2006-2007

Registration forms for all new students are available in:

- Church (on the right side table by the Chapel)
- Parish Office
- Religious Education Office (located in School)

A pilot Kindergarten program will be offered on Mondays and Tuesdays at the 4:30 class time only. Kindergarten will be open to the first 15 registrants per day.

Also, please note, 6th grade will be taught on Mondays at 4:30pm and 6:30pm only. If this time frame is inconvenient for you please consider having your 6th grader participate in our Youth Group which is open to students in grades 6-12.

Parish registration is required prior to registering for Religious Education and Sacrament Preparation Programs. If you have not registered with the Parish please meet Betsy McDermott on any Sunday morning before or after the 9:00 or 10:30 Masses in the Church library.

We have openings for catechists in several grade levels. Please consider joining our fabulous team of teachers.

If you have any questions about our Elementary Religious Education Program please contact Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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**MOTHER'S DAY
CARNATION SALE!
MAY 13 & 14
(after all Masses)**

Our Youth Group will be selling carnations on Mother's Day Weekend after all the Masses. Carnations are \$1 each and proceeds will help to fund our Youth programs and activities. They thank you for your support.

First Eucharist Rehearsal

There will be a First Eucharist rehearsal this Monday, May 8, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the church. Children who are in the following classes are asked to attend this rehearsal: Mrs. Doerner, Mrs. Nicolay. First Eucharist will be celebrated for these families on Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m. in St. Rita Church.

Sacramental Registration For 2006-2007

Registration for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is underway now. Registration forms are available in the back of church, parish office and Religious Education Office. Sacramental preparation is a parish-based process which means it does not take place in the Catholic School or the Religious Education Program. Once you have registered, you will receive a letter letting you know when the parent meeting will take place. Children who are seven years old are eligible for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

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**HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BECOMING
A LECTOR, LEADER
OR MINISTER OF COMMUNION?**

We all are called to different vocations within the Church. If this is something you feel called to, please contact Teri Bucks at 265-0984. We will be holding training sessions in May.

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**47th Annual St. Rita Society
Evening with Mary
Tuesday, May 16**

**Mass in Church at 6:00pm
Dinner at Glendoveers at 7:30pm
(Old Browncroft Blvd.)**

All women of the parish are most welcome to attend. \$16 for members and \$21 for non-members. Choice of NY Strip, Chicken Marsala or Stuffed Filet of Sole.

Reservations are needed by Tuesday, May 9. We will have tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend and next, or at the parish office. Need transportation? Call Carol at 671-7832.

PS – Remember to bake goodies for our Baked Food Sale at the Fiesta (June 2 & 3)

From the desk of Mary Jo DiDia, Youth Minister

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

Sunday, May 7 from 4:30-6:00pm

JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING

(all youth in grades 6-8) meet in the Youth Center

Sunday, May 7 from 6:30-8:00pm

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GATHERING

(all youth in grades 9-12) meet in the Youth Center

Saturday & Sunday, May 13 & 14

(Mother's Day weekend) - after all Masses

CARNATION SALE - The Youth will be selling carnations for \$1.00 each as a fundraiser for youth events and projects.

Sunday, May 21 at 9:00am

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, May 21 from 5:30-7:30pm

COMBINED YOUTH GATHERING

(all youth in grades 6-12) meet in the Parish Center Gym. Please come early so we can begin on time._

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

"Senior Scene" with Bishop Clark and Tony Melendez! Friday, May 19 from 9:45am – 2:15pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral. This daylong retreat is just for you - with fun, music, prayer and lunch! See your youth minister or high school campus minister for details. Registration deadline is May 10, so do it soon! For more information, check out www.dor.org/vocations (Programs and Events) or call Carol Dady at 585-461-2890.

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**Notre Dame Retreat Center – Day of Prayer
The DaVinci Code – A Catholic Response
Wednesday, May 17**

The DaVinci code has sold close to 30 million copies and the movie version directed by Ron Howard is set to open on May 19. We will separate historical facts from deliberate falsehoods. Join Fr. Paul Miller for this Day of Prayer beginning at 9:00, includes lunch, and concludes with Mass at 2:00pm. For reservations please call the Retreat House at 394-5700. The offering is \$15.

**LA CASA – (Home for migrant workers)
NOW HAS FULL OCCUPANCY**

There is a family in unit #3. The guest's name is Martha and she has three children named Maria, Estela and Leonardo. In unit #4 the guest's name is Angel. In Unit #1 there is a husband Roberto, wife Aracely and brother Delfino. We have enough beds and just purchased 12 new pillows. As you can imagine there will always be need for items at La Casa. Currently I would like to let you know that there is a need for mechanics tools for a future La Casa work in progress. These are tools for general auto mechanic repair. For donations please call Peter Mares, La Casa Coordinator 315-483-9034, or e-mail PMares@dor.org.

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We have a **HEARING LOOP** system in Church for those who wear hearing aids. You need to set your hearing aid to the "T" setting.

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**AN INVITATION:
TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS
(STEWARDS)**

**In appreciation for all you do
in sharing your gifts of
time and talent,**

**the St. Rita Parish Staff is inviting
you and your spouse & family to
an**

**Open House Reception
in your honor
on Saturday, May 20
from 6:15-7:30pm
in the Parish Center.**

**Light refreshments and
soft beverages will be offered.**

**Please R.S.V.P. to the parish office
at 671-1100 by Monday, May 15**

Hope to see you there!

PERSONAL OUTREACH TO ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

In order to strengthen personal connections with our brothers and sisters at St. Clement of Rome parish in Metairie, LA we would like to initiate a letter writing campaign. We invite all parishioners at St. Rita Church to consider writing a brief "open" note intended for someone at St. Clement of Rome. You can use your note as an opportunity to introduce yourself or your family to someone at St. Clement and let them know that we care and are praying for them. The idea is that we would package all of our greetings and send them down to St. Clement. Then parishioners there could pick up a note after Mass from one of their friends at St. Rita. If you choose, it might be nice to include a way for them to contact you if they would like (e.g., mailing address, email address, or phone number), which could facilitate a kind of a "pen pal" relationship.

We would like to send our greetings to them in time for the Feast of Pentecost on June 4th. At Pentecost we celebrate the birth of the Church through God sending the Holy Spirit. Our cards and greetings would be sent in a similar spirit of love as a sign of God's presence in our lives. Here's your chance to be an instrument of healing and a representative of God's love.

Please enclose your note or greeting card in an envelope, and leave it in the collection box located in the back of church no later than May 28.

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Volunteer and Employment Opportunities at St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center

St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center provides primary health care, mental health counseling and other services to those who are uninsured and underinsured in Monroe County. A small paid staff delivers these services along with over 150 dedicated lay and professional volunteers. The Center is located at 417 South Avenue. Please call Sr. Christine Wagner or Deb Swift at 325-5260 to talk about the options, have a tour or to ask your questions. We are looking for help in these areas:

Direct service ~ Clinical Coordinator (RN, NP or PA's invited to apply) *full time paid position* ~ Mental Health providers (on site or at your own practice) ~ *volunteer* ~ Health providers, including dental care *volunteer*.

In the area of hospitality (*all volunteer*) ~ Front/Main Office support ~ Tues. & Thurs. hospitality (5:30-7:30pm) ~ Gopher and errand runner (on-call) ~ Tutors in literacy, math and GED preparation.

Seniors Group Trip – Sponsored by Holy Trinity

Fiddler on the Roof ~ Friday, June 16 in Endicott, NY. \$77 per person includes bus trip, sit-down lunch at Russell Steak and Seafood, show and tour. Leave Holy Trinity at 8:15am and return around 8:00pm. Reservations and payment due by Monday, May 15. Please see the flyer in church or for more information call Lori at 872-5903.

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WELCOME TO ST. RITA PARISH COMMUNITY!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us and hope that your time with us will be prayerful. Here at St. Rita we encourage everyone to participate as fully as possible in our Liturgical celebrations as well as in the ministries of our parish. If you would like more information about St. Rita Church please go to our website at www.saintrita.org. If you would like to register with us as new parishioners please meet with Betsy McDermott (Deacon John's wife). Betsy will be available each Sunday after the 9:00 Mass and before and after the 10:30 Mass in the library in Church. New parishioner packets are also available in the parish office. Please Feel free to call the parish office 671-1100 at any time if you have questions. We are happy to have you with us!

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Some of our newer parishioners may wonder why we kneel after the recessional hymn at the end of Mass. It is a tradition at St. Rita Church to take a moment to say three Hail Mary's for the next person from our parish who will join the Lord in heaven.

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WEST SIDE REUNION ~ Sponsored by the Women's Club of Webster and the Webster Columbus Center are sponsoring a not-so-ordinary interactive Dinner Theatre Show featuring the people who brought Joey & Maria's Wedding and the Soprano's. The show will be at the Webster Columbus Center on Saturday, May 20. The cost of \$40.00 per person and includes a delicious Prime Rib buffet dinner and the show. There will be a cash bar starting a 6:00pm followed by the dinner and show. Reservations are required – please call Dan at 671-4391.

St. Rita School News !

**May Day Prayer Service
Friday, May 12 at 10:15am
In Church**

All are invited to join our school children
in this special prayer service
to honor Mary and to crown her
as our queen of heaven and earth.

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**You are invited to a celebration
of 50 years of J.O.Y. for Saint Rita School**

Saturday, June 10, 2006

**Celebration of Mass by Bishop Matthew Clark
at 5:00pm in Saint Rita Church**

**Followed by . . .
Reception at 6:15pm in Saint Rita Parish Center**

**Ticket price: \$30/person or \$50/couple
\$25 for Alumni and Graduates ages 12-18**

Grazing stations catered by Keenan's Restaurant, include:

Hors D'oeuvres	Roast Beef
Chicken French	Quiche
Pasta	Beverage

And much more . . .

To reserve your spot, e-mail StRitaSchool50th@hotmail.com or mail the names, number of tickets needed and check (payable to St. Rita School) to: Stephen Cataldi, 288 Maidstone Drive, Webster, NY 14580

Please Note – We are in the planning stages for this special Mass with Bishop Clark. If you are an Alumni and would like to take part in this Liturgy as a Lector, Leader or Communion Minister please call Teri Bucks at 265-0984. If you would like to be part of our Music Ministry that evening please call Judy Leone at 482-4440.

Annual Fiesta
Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3

Fiesta Coming Closer; More Entertainment Secured
Unique Auction Items Being Offered
St. Clement of Rome to Benefit from Fiesta

The 52nd annual St. Rita's Fiesta is just weeks away and it promises to be an event not to be missed. This year we are happy to announce that St. Clement of Rome, our sister parish near New Orleans, will be the sole recipient of our Fiesta-related tithe.

The Fiesta, scheduled for Friday June 2nd and Saturday June 3rd features a range of activities and games for children and adults, and a variety of tantalizing food. There is also the plant sale, the book sale, the bake sale, and the auction. Those golfers who just missed 'that putt' last year can take another shot at being the *Last Golfer Standing*©.

Don't forget the new \$10,000 raffle. Only 5,000 tickets will be sold. All parish families should have received a mailing with entry forms. If you did not receive the mailing or need more tickets, you will find more in the back of Church or you can call the Parish Office at 671-1100 or visit our website at www.saintrita.org and choose Fiesta in the site box.

Country Comes to the Fiesta - Friday night is sure to be a favorite for fans of country music. Webster Thomas graduate Ciara Lynn will be performing an acoustic set with her guitar player at 6 p.m. You can get more info on her at www.ciaralynn.com.

The hot sounds of today's country music continue when Nashville recording artist Sean Patrick McGraw takes the stage at 7 p.m. McGraw's latest album, "Songs for Saturday Night," has won widespread acclaim from the country music establishment. The *Country Music News* said "McGraw's third album is a winner." For more information please visit <http://www.seanpatrickmcgraw.com/>. Get a seat early by coming for the 5 p.m. fish fry.

Sound of Tromping Feet -- Saturday, the popular Webster Marching Band, and the Bishop Kearney Alumni Band – along with floats and antique cars – kicks off the activities with a parade starting at 2 p.m. The Reptile Guy, clowns and magicians are on hand Saturday afternoon. *The Dinner Dogs* (www.dinnerdogs.com) provide "hot tunes for cool kids" during Saturday afternoon's festivities.

The night may cool off, but the music continues to be hot with *Atlas* performing Saturday at 6:30 p.m. *Atlas* is a nine-member soul/r&b/funk band based in Rochester. Together for 25 years, Atlas is the #1 Party Band in New York State having performed at corporate parties, weddings, festivals, and night clubs (www.atlasband.com).

Mobility Scooter Leads the Auction – A generous parishioner has donated a 2005 Pride Legend three-wheel mobility scooter. The champagne-colored unit is less than a year old. It includes a deluxe foldable leather adjustable seat with headrest, solid non-puncture tires, head and taillights, front and rear baskets, cup and cane holders, and heavy-duty protective cover. See the photo in the back of church. Not your speed? Delta Sonic has donated services, as has an orthodontist. Don't forget to bid on a pew for Christmas Eve (2006) and Easter Sunday Mass (2007).

This year's auction will feature an auctioneer and will be held both nights. You can help by donating new items with a minimum value of \$50. To donate call Gary and Virginia Nicastro at 872-5564 or Carol Montante 217-8629.

Games, Games and More Games – If you're not into music, there's plenty of game booths to keep you and yours interested. Here's the list: The Duck Pond, Candy Wheel, Bank Shot, Live Fish Pond, Lazy Peg, Dart Game, Bowling, Twin Hoops, Teddy Bear, Toss, Color Block Toss, Animal Fair, Golf,

Plush Toy Wheel, Plinko, Dunk Tank, Jungle Island, Pedestal Joust, Fire Truck Pumper Slide, and the Tiger Bounce.

Plant Sale Puts Down Roots ~ We are preparing for the Fiesta Plant sale. When you are digging and dividing your plants and shrubs for the Fiesta Plant sale please mark their names and flower colors with each pot. Last year's success was built on our customers being able to find the plant they wanted and knowing the flower color. We are willing to divide and dig your donated plants. We are looking for different varieties of Hostas, flowering shrubs and perennials, and any other plant you would like to donate. We are still in need of containers. Please call Carol Van Atta, 671-7832, to schedule a dig time. Or for more information, call Joyce Hollander, 671-3281. Volunteers are needed to set up and work the booth.

Got Books? Donate Them ~ Once again, it's time to clean out your bookshelves. Let's make this another big success by donating your used books, CD's and videos. We have great selection and bargains; so don't forget to pick up your summer reading at a fraction of the price of new material! A collection box is in the narthex. For pick-up, call 671-2722.

Sponsorships and volunteering are good for the soul. The Fiesta always needs sponsors and volunteers. If you are interested, please call Tom Cali, 671-0428 or Ed Ritzel, 787-1937. **Setting Up/Tearing Down** – A little manual labor is good for you. Volunteers are needed for setting up and tearing down the Fiesta. Call Tony Mendicino, 216-9648. For sponsorship information, contact Gary and Virginia Nicastro, 872-5564.