

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2006 **Feast of St. Rita**

7:00AM LEE M. MITCHELTREE –
Mr. & Mrs. Warren Roe
9:15AM JOSEPH PILATO – Mike & Linda Hendrix

TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2006

7:00AM ALICE O'CONNOR – Rita Becker
9:15AM CHARLES GORDINIER – Joseph Young

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

9:15AM JIM HANLEY – Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2006

Anticipated Mass - Feast of the Ascension

5:45PM HELEN & FRED PLUNKETT –
Sue & Bob Cook

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006

Feast of the Ascension – Holy Day of Obligation

7:00AM JEAN ZEHDER –
Bob & Mary Ellen Mount
9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY
(All are welcome!)
ST. RITA SCHOOL PARENTS –
Faculty, Staff and Students

FRIDAY, MAY 26, 2006

9:15AM MARJORIE WAIEBEL – Ninetta Barbetta

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2006

5:00PM FILOMENA PROVENZALE –
Gina Concordia

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2006

7:30AM HILDEGARDE KLEE –
Pat & Dan Ciepechal
9:00AM ANGELO BARBETTA – Wife, Ninetta
10:30AM SISTER MARIE REGINA –
Ralph & Frances Messura

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn for Paula Law's birthday**

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Wedding Banns

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Denise Hachey & Kenneth Kindberg

Pastor's Perspective

On the Lighter Side . . .

Recently I was diagnosed with AAADD (Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder) This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden.

As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide my car needs washing.

As I start toward the garage, I notice that there is mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mailbox earlier.

I decide to read the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys down on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can and notice that the can is full.

So I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first.

But since I am going to be near the mailbox, when I take out the garbage anyway I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my checkbook off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. I see that the Coke is getting warm, and I decide I should put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold.

As I head toward the kitchen with the Coke, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye – they need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter, and I discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote left on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when I go to watch TV, I will be looking for the remote but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spilled on the floor. So, instead I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill.

Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day . . . the car isn't washed - the bills aren't paid - there is a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter - there is only one check in my checkbook - I can't find the remote - I can't find my glasses and I don't know what I did with the car keys.

Then when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, don't laugh – if this isn't you yet, your day is coming! Growing older is mandatory, growing up is optional, laughing at yourself is therapeutic.
Fr. Chuck

P.S. I just remembered I left the water running in the driveway!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MAY 21, 2006

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group (grades 6-12) – Gym

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3 & 4
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
 7:00pm Buildings and Grounds – Parish Office
 7:00pm St. Clement Meeting – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
 7:00pm Finance Committee – Parish Office

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

2:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church

BIBLE READINGS:

- 21 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Easter** Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 Ps 98:1-4 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17
- 22 Mon **St. Rita** Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6,9 Jn 15:26-16:4a
- 23 Tue Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Jn 16:5-11
- 24 Wed Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15
- 25 Thu **The Ascension of the Lord** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mk 16:15-20
- 26 Fri **St. Philip Neri** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23
- 27 Sat Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3,8-10 Jn 16:23b-28
- 28 Sun **Seventh Sunday of Easter** Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20 1 Jn 4:11-16 Jn 17:11-19

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ May 28 & 29

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
 Meghan LaVigne, Neil LaVigne, Jessica Carges
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
 Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman, Sam Dauria
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
 Lauren Benz, Brianna Gammons, Gianna Gallese
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
 Evan Korol, Austin Korol, David Savella

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Dear St. Rita Parishioners and Staff,

I wish to express my appreciation for the cards, calls, visits and prayers during my 3 month hospitalization. It surely carried me through some trying times. Of course my wife Jean’s support each day was wearing on her but comforting and vitally encouraging in my recovery.

I’m now home the past couple of weeks, getting therapy at home, and making good progress.
 With my thanks and prayers,
 Paul Fauth

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PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,145	\$13,770	- \$625

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$629,327	\$633,420	- \$4,093

(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 -\$465,534

SACRISTAN: Week of May 21 Shirl Mintz

LINENS: Week of May 28 Clara Bernunzio

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ATTENTION:

YOUNG AT HEART SENIORS

“Dutch Treat / Bring a Friend to Lunch”

On Tuesday, June 13 join us at Marie’s Ristorante (2245 Empire Blvd.) for great food and fellowship! The cost is \$10 for non-members and \$7 for members. All seniors are welcome! Please see the flyer in the back of church for menu choices or sign up at the parish office. The deadline for reservations is Monday, June 5.

Items needed: The Youth Group is in need of a **DVD player and a portable basketball net.** If anyone has one or both of these items and would like to make a donation, the Youth Group would be very appreciative. Please remember, your donation is tax deductible.

MAY 21, 2006

WE NEED YOU !

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Christian Stewardship is a broad, encompassing teaching, emphasizing that everything we are and everything we have – all our creation, our Church, our own vocation, personal resources, our talent and even our time – comes as gifts freely and lovingly given to God.

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.

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. Introduce yourself or your family to someone at St. Clement and let them know that we care and are praying for them. We will package all of our greetings and send them down to St. Clement. 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 4. 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 all of our lives. Here's your chance to be an instrument of healing and a representative of God's love.

Please place your note or greeting card in the collection box located in the back of church no later than May 28.

There is so much more going on in the New Orleans area than is being reported. The following is an excerpt of a letter sent by a parishioner at St. Clement of Rome.

"We are all worried about the levees. The Times-Picayune published an article yesterday about the timeline of Katrina's destruction of the levees - very sobering! There were 30 confirmed breaches of the levees during the storm, most of which were never publicized. The article is titled "How New Orleans Flooded" and there's a graphic map as well. You can access it online at www.nola.com. There are other good articles on the site also, especially a series on Katrina, found at www.nola.com/katrina."

At our church we still need carpet and pews...but our first priority is to finish the school by August...

We have a mayoral election on Saturday, May 20th so we'll have to wait and see what changes this brings. Hurricane season starts June 1st. Many people you talk to are leaving the area for good. Thank you for your prayers and encouragement."

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



**Sunday, May 21 from 5:30-7:00pm
COMBINED YOUTH GATHERING**

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

**Friday, June 2 from 5:00-10:00pm
Saturday, June 3 from 3:00 – 11:00pm
ST. RITA'S FIESTA**

The Youth Group will be running the inflatable Pedestal Jousting Booth. The sign up schedule was sent out through e-mail. Please let me know if you can help out.

Thank you to all those who purchased carnations and/or discount cards on Mother's Day weekend. Your support of our Youth Group is greatly appreciated.

Discount Cards ~ The Youth Group is selling discount cards for use at area businesses. The cards are \$10.00 each. The proceeds will help fund our Youth Retreats and Programs. **See the flyer in today's bulletin.** Please stop by the parish office to purchase a card. Cards may be used over and over for each business - 1 visit per day until May of 2007.

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St. Rita Church **Wednesday,**
June 7th from 7:00 – 8:30pm in Room 1

Holy Trinity Church **Monday, June**
19th from 7:00 – 8:30pm at Holy Trinity's
parish center

If you have attended this workshop in the past, **you do not need to attend this workshop again.** If you have any questions about this issue, please call Drew at 671-1100 (ext 15).

**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.

TAX RELIEF FOR PARENTS

Finally all our letter writing and trips to Albany have paid off. This year's NY state budget includes the "Empire State Child Credit". This program is a compromise between public school teachers' unions who fiercely opposed education tax credits and those seeking a choice in their children's education.

***You can give your child a gift for life –
A CATHOLIC EDUCATION!***

You can afford to send your child to a Catholic School!!!! These funds are available:

- **\$330 tax credit**
- **PSAA funds through the Catholic Schools of Monroe County**
- **Endowment funds and Fair Share funds (available at St. Rita School)**

Be a part of the St. Rita School Community ***Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!***

**ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS
CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CASE)
COURSE!**

It is a policy of the Diocese of Rochester that **all volunteers (in a parish or school) who work with children, teens and vulnerable adults need to attend a mandatory workshop entitled, "Creating a Safe Environment."** In the month of June, the Webster/Penfield parishes are hosting this workshop on the following two dates:

A CATHOLIC RESPONSE TO THE *DAVINCI CODE*
Friday, June 2 from 1:00-2:30pm
at St. Bernard's School of Theology & Ministry
120 French Road, Pittsford

Coming soon to a theater near everyone will be the big screen interpretation of the mega-selling novel, *The DaVinci Code*. This spellbinding work of fiction has captivated the minds of more than 30 million readers. Author Dan Brown's engaging conspiracy fantasy has Jesus Christ married to Mary Magdalene and the father of children; the Bible being doctored by church leaders in 325 A.D. in order to control the Roman Empire. Once the movie hits theater screens on May 19, Catholics will be surrounded by people who want to challenge their Catholic beliefs based on the new "facts" raised in the movie. Be prepared to respond.

This workshop will be conducted by Sr. Nancy Hawkins, Associate Professor of Theology and Deacon Tom Driscoll, Adjunct Professor on Ministry Studies. There is a \$10 registration fee. Information can be found on-line at www.stbernards.edu and click on "upcoming events" or you may register at the door.

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .

CUSTOMS AND RITUALS
By Emilie Griffin (America Magazine, March 10, 2003)

The Angelus

The Angelus is an ancient prayer in honor of the Incarnation. It is repeated three times a day-ideally at the sound of a bell. There are three versicles, three Hail Marys and a concluding prayer. Originally the Angelus was properly said kneeling, except on Saturdays and Sundays, when a standing posture was required. But in the 20th century the rules were relaxed somewhat. Still, the prayers need to be said at more or less the proper times: morning, noon and evening. The praying thus becomes part of the rhythm of the day. The whole Angelus as commonly printed should be recited. But if you don't have the text, you can say five Hail Marys instead.

The first line of the Angelus is, "The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary." In Scripture, the angel who declared unto Mary was the Archangel Gabriel. The angelic name, Gabriel, has proven a clue for scholars who want to trace the history of the Angelus. In an attempt to document the ringing of the Angelus in England and Europe in the 13th and 14th centuries, studies were made of inscriptions on church bells surviving that era. In England, especially, a large number of church bells of that period bear Gabriel's name. The scholars concluded that these must have been Angelus bells, for though the archangel Michael was far and away the more popular patron in England, many more bells are inscribed for Gabriel.

It seems that the practice of ringing and reciting the Angelus grew out of an earlier practice of saying three Hail Marys at sunset, which became general throughout Europe in the first half of the 14th century. The recitation of Hail Marys at the Compline bell was recorded much earlier than this in Europe and the British Isles, apparently tied to a belief that this was the very hour when the Angel spoke to Mary. Some historians trace the Angelus to prayers said at the tolling of the curfew bell, first recorded in Normandy in 1061. The full Angelus, corresponding to our modern prayer, is first found in printed form in 1612. Variations occur in different locales; in Italy a De Profundis was recited for the holy souls immediately after the evening Angelus. Another variation adds three Glorias to the Angelus in thanksgiving for Mary's privileges.

Only last year a church near us in Alexandria, La., installed a new bell tower. And yes, among the many peals it plays in its electronic circuit, the Angelus sounds three times daily as it did in former times and places far away. One recent book, *Prayers at Midday*, a small collection of timeless prayers, recommends praying the Angelus with non-Catholics and presents a formula for doing so.

However we pray it, whenever we do, the wonder of the Incarnation becomes present to us as it did to our ancestors in faith. When I was on retreat several years ago, I placed a long distance call to my husband just as the Angelus bell began to ring. When my husband answered, I said, "Oh, my timing is off, they're ringing the Angelus." "No, your timing is perfect," he answered. And we said the Angelus together: "The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee..... What century is it? I found myself thinking. But then I decided the Incarnation (Jesus becoming human) belongs to all places and times.