

EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MAY 29, 2006

No Masses

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2006

7:00AM LELA HILFIKER – Gertrude Provost

9:15AM HELEN YOUNG – Husband, Joseph Young

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2006

9:15AM JOSEPH BRUNELLE – Russell & Kathy Giunta

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2006

7:00AM BRIAN ENGLERT – Bob & Mary Ann Beikirch

9:15AM MARIAN KING – Joyce Myers

FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2006

9:15AM JOSEPHINE PALMIERI - Angela Palmieri

SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2006

5:00PM JANE DI SANTO – Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006

7:30AM IRENE GLOGOWSKI – Husband, Walter

9:00AM ARTHUR YAEGER – Family

10:30AM HANNAH KELLER – Daughter, Joyce Hollander

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Walker Donovan

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Wedding Banns

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Denise Hachey & Kenneth Kindberg

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Andrea Paul & Alan Mutrie

Stephanie Devoy & Ryan Ehmann

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The parish & school offices will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

We ask God's blessing on all men and women who have served our country, all those currently serving and a special blessing for all of their families. Amen

Pastor's Perspective

The Eucharist is at the very center of our faith ~ when we gather around the altar we are most "the Church". Eucharist gives thanks and calls us in all times and circumstances to be a thankful people. This prayer expresses that fact in a powerful way:

Thank You

Dear God,

I want to thank you for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive awards, **I am thanking you right now.**

I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better, **I am thanking you right now.**

I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me, **I am thanking you right now.**

I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears, **I am thanking you right now.**

I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves, **I am going to thank you right now.**

I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet, **I am going to thank you right now.**

I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job, **I am going to thank you right now.**

I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in life that has caused me pain or grief, **I am going to thank you right now.**

I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or challenges are removed, **I am thanking you right now.**

I am thanking you because I am alive. I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties. I am thanking you because I have walked around the obstacle. I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

I am thanking you because YOU haven't given up on me.

Peace,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MAY 28, 2006

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3 & 4
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir – Rm 3
 7:30pm Lite Choir Rehearsal – Room 3

FRIDAY FIESTA BEGINS 5:00-10:00PM

5:00pm Fish Dinner – Gym
 6:00pm **CIARA LYNN** in Concert
 6:00-10:00pm Casino Games – Gym
 7:00pm **SEAN PATRICK McGRAW** in Concert

SATURDAY FIESTA 2:00-11:00PM

2:00pm **PARADE** (down Old Ridge Rd.)
 4:00pm until ? Chicken Barbecue – Gym
 6:00-10:00pm Casino Games – Gym
 6:30pm **ATLAS** in Concert

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 Next Weekend ~ June 3 & 4

Saturday, 5:00pm:
 Brian Chmiel, Andrew Chmiel, Walter Tarnawskyj
Sunday, 7:30am:
 John Hohl, Dan Hohl, Michael Hohl
Sunday, 9:00am:
 Lauren Tatanus, Candice McCardle, Victoria Ritzel
Sunday, 10:30am:
 Nicole Mendicino, Phil DeMarco, Emily Virgil

<u>PARISH SUPPORT</u>		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$11,665	\$13,770	- \$2,105
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$640,992	\$647,190	- \$6,198
(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		

Thank You ~ to the ladies of our St. Rita Society for their \$500 donation toward the purchase of a new commercial dishwasher for our parish center.

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

Nathan Hardy Chamberlain
Emersyn Elizabeth Mathis
Bridget May McDonald

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 29 Mon Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33
- 30 Tue Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11,20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
- 31 Wed **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Zeph 3:14-18a Is 12:2-6 Lk 1:39-56
- 1 Thu **St. Justin** Acts 22:30;23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 Jn 17:20-26
- 2 Fri Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20 Jn 21:15-19
- 3 Sat **St. Charles Lwanga and Companions** Acts 28:16-20,30-31 Ps 11:4-5,7 Jn 21:20-25
- 4 Sun **Pentecost Sunday** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23

SACRISTAN: Mary Ann Beikirch
 Week of May 28 and Jean Melia

LINENS: Martine Cianciotto
 Week of June 4

Dear St. Rita Parishioners and Staff,
 I wish to thank everyone who sent cards and prayers while I was in the hospital. Knowing that my parish family at St. Rita’s was supporting me every step of the way made my recovery much easier.
 Many thanks,
 Sam DiSalvo

St. Rita’s has a special blessing for expectant parents held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses the weekend of June 3 & 4.

The Youth Group is in need of a **DVD player**. If anyone would like to make a tax-deductible donation, the Youth Group would be very appreciative. Thanks to Sharon Dudinski and Al and Carol Montante for giving us a portable basketball hoop.

MAY 28, 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!

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.

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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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Memorial Weekend Clergy Exchange!

Our thanks to Fr. Bill Amann one of our retired priests for celebrating our Saturday 5:00pm Mass this weekend. Fr. Chuck was asked by the Bishop's office to cover the three Masses at Sodus and Sodus Point as they have no priest this weekend and Fr. Bob is covering the three Sunday Masses here.

St. Rita Fiesta Baked Food Sale

Wanted:

Donations of pies, cakes, cookies, bread, etc. . .

to sell during the Fiesta

Please bring your baked goods to the Parish Center on Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3 after 12:00 Noon

Thanks for helping make this a success! Any questions please call Marie 671-6726.

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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 a 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, send an 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.

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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ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT (CASE) WORKSHOP!

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:

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

**Monday, June 19 from 7:00 – 8:30pm
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).

From the desk of Mary Jo DiDia, Youth Minister

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

Discount Cards For Sale ~ 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. Please stop by the parish office to purchase a card. Cards may be used over and over for each business - 1 visit per day – good through May of 2007.

Our 2005-2006 year was a great success thanks to the faith and commitment of so many of our Youth. **Our next formal Youth Group gathering will be in September 2006.** I will keep in touch through the summer through e-mails and watch the website at saintrita.org to let you know of any social events that come up. If you would like to receive e-mail notices please e-mail me at mdidia@dor.org.

Sunday, June 11 at 10:30am 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._

Upcoming Graduations Ceremonies:

Sunday, June 11	McQuaid Jesuit
Saturday, June 17	Aquinas Institute
Sunday, June 18	Bishop Kearney
Wednesday, June 21	Our Lady of Mercy
Sunday, June 25	Webster Schroeder
Sunday, June 25	Webster Thomas
Monday, June 26	Nazareth Academy

PLEASE JOIN ME IN WISHING ALL OUR SENIORS THE BEST OF LUCK!!!!

FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners are asked to bring in food for the needy in our area. Food may be left in the greeting area of Church. Please remember to bring your nonperishable foods to church with you next weekend. Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!



Dear Brothers and Sisters ~ Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ,

The Parish Pastoral Council met earlier this month and reviewed the 2006 – 2007 budget with Kathy Johnson of the Finance Council. Currently the budget is not balanced for next year, and Kathy described a number of factors contributing to this situation that are outside of our control. As budgetary issues continue to be worked on, we asked the Finance Council to come back to us in the Fall with a balanced budget. We also suggested that regular communications will need to be shared with the parish about ongoing expenses and how they may impact parish life unless additional revenue is identified.

The Parish Council also heard updates on many of the wonderful ministries at our parish. You can read more details about the good work being done at St. Rita Church in our meeting minutes located in the back of the church or available online at the parish website. A lot of good will continues to be directed toward our sister parish St. Clement of Rome, and there will be a booth at this year's Fiesta with information about outreach activities taking place at the four Webster-Penfield parishes.

We also learned that Mrs. Cohn – a 5th grade teacher at St. Rita School – was chosen as the WAL*MART Teacher of the Year by the Baytowne WAL*MART after having been nominated by one of her students. (Photo: Debbie from Wal-Mart with 5th grader John Kaczynski and Mrs. Cohn). Thanks be to God for such wonderful teachers at our school and the sustained leadership provided by Sister Katherine Ann Rapp. You can find more information about Mrs. Cohn's award at <http://schools.dor.org/strita/>

Finally, we received names of approximately 130 people who were nominated by their fellow parishioners for the Parish Council. There was an information meeting for interested candidates on May 16, and new members of the Parish Council will be chosen after the Saturday Mass during Pentecost weekend. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us and strengthen those who are called to serve St. Rita Church.

With love in the Lord,
Your Parish Pastoral Council

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50th St. Rita School May Day . . . the tradition continues

MAY COURT

Michelle Mattuzzi, Brianna Gammons, Andrew Washburn, Matthew Darcy) along with 2 representatives from each homeroom surrounds the crowned statue of Mary.

Each student brought a flower to help make a classroom bouquet. This statue was in our former church.

These were sent from friends in Metairie, Louisiana to Linda Schoepfel a parishioner here at St. Rita who made the trip to New Orleans with a group from our Webster/Penfield churches to offer support.

Dear Linda,

What a joy to hear from you. I have told so many people about our friends in New York. As I've said before, you are the most powerful experience of "being church" that our parish family has ever had. It reminds me of the small communities of the early church that shared life with one another, supporting, encouraging, and loving each another. It was that experience that Paul undoubtedly drew upon when he described the church as the "Body of Christ." It is more than a metaphor; it is a reality that you have made unmistakable visible today. "Thank you," seems inadequate, but genuinely sincere.

You asked how we are doing. For the most part okay. Reconstruction has begun on the church, school, parish center and two of the other buildings. We expect that they will begin working on the rectory soon. The money you have sent is very helpful and most appreciated. As you know the debt is staggering and the interest rate is even higher than we expected. However, eventually, it will be paid off. We take one step at a time.

Our most immediate challenge is meeting the day-to-day expenses. Because so many of our parishioners remain displaced, mass attendance is down 15% to 17%. Many of those who are here are trying to rebuild their own homes and need to supplement insurance money with their disposable income. As a result stewardship is down 22%.

As you may have seen on our website, St. Clement was named as one of 100 top parishes in the country. Our parish family was extremely active with over 100 parish ministries meeting the needs of parishioners and beyond. We are unable to continue most of these now because of loss of the people who ran these programs and/or loss of facilities. As a result we've lost some of the momentum and enthusiasm which is engendered by these ministries.

Some ministries are still functioning and God is blessing and providing! I work with RCIA and we have drawn our team back together and found others to fill vacancies of those who left. We currently have eleven adults in the pre-catechumenate period of initiation who will enter the Catechumenate through the Rite of Acceptance on August 6th. Parishioners are making time to journey with them as sponsors.

Perhaps one of the things hardest to describe is how it feels to be so immersed in the struggle. Every day the headlines of the paper tells about FEMA or insurance companies not paying what is needed, or the Army Corps of Engineers saying they won't have the levees ready for hurricane season or someone is Washington questioning if we should receive money to recover. Every local TV newscast brings similar news. Deacon Frank leaves the challenges of architects and contractors, the archdiocese's requirements and running the parish office to come home to a 400 sq. ft. trailer. There's little place for clothes, no place for food, stuff everywhere. The clutter makes order impossible. It becomes hard to maintain a positive attitude. But then we hear of the love and generosity of people and we take a deep breath and look for the good. Recently someone said " the pain of death and the pangs of birth giving feel the same." It is our hope that new life is coming from this journey and we see glimpses of it regularly.

We will be out of town when the next group comes at the end of May. I'm so sorry I won't get to meet them. If the house on the parish grounds is not ready in time, they can stay in our home.

Thanks again, dear friend.
Take care and God bless,

Yvonne

Hi Linda,

It was wonderful to hear from you! When you talk to your church members, first of all, thank them for their generosity and thoughts and prayers. Let them know how much our parish appreciated what your parish has done and continues to do for us. Tell them that their signed banner was posted in the back of the church where everyone could see it, and we were very touched by all the signatures and good wishes. Please remind them that what they see on TV is not all the damage done to this area by the storm. Yes, the Ninth Ward was devastated, but so was 80% of the entire city of New Orleans and 60% of Jefferson Parish (approximately 300,000 homes), as well as the entire Gulf Coast area of Mississippi. So many people lost everything and have no insurance to get them back on their feet. Please have them keep this entire area and its people in their prayers as we try to recover from this horrible natural disaster. Thanks for showing your film to everyone, although as you know, pictures don't show the whole story. Yet your film will show more areas than the news does, so it may help explain our problems down here. Thanks for your encouragement to get more people to come down here to help -- we need all the help we can get. Many church groups and other volunteers are still coming down to help out and we welcome them all. I'm sure that more will be able to come once summer gets here.

Updates ...

My family: We now have a contractor who is doing his best to get things coordinated for us. It's difficult because there are so many people who need contractors and they are in short supply, as are the supplies we need. We now know that we had some pretty severe roof damage from the storm. It wasn't apparent right away because we haven't had a whole lot of rain since then, plus our adjuster wasn't competent at all. However, we have had some bad weather recently and had more water inside the house on ceilings, walls, and floors, both upstairs and downstairs. The roofer who came out last week told us we need a new roof on both the house and the workshop in the backyard. Once we get the roof fixed, things should move along (slowly!).

St. Clement: We still don't have carpet or pews in the church, but we hear that a contractor has been hired and that work will start soon. They are concentrating on getting the school back up and running first before they start work on the church, so it will probably be awhile. They need the school done before August, so that's first on the agenda.

General news of the area: They have started tearing down the condemned houses in Chalmette. In all, I think about 8000 homes there will be destroyed. Many houses in Lakeview are also being torn down to make room for new construction. FEMA finally published the new guidelines for rebuilding but the city hasn't adopted them yet. The gist of it all is that they want all new construction on homes damaged over 50% to be elevated at least 3 feet or no flood insurance. Raising the homes will help for our regular torrential rainstorms that flood many areas, yet it won't help if the levees break again. *No* house can withstand 10 feet of lake water, elevated or not! 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 about 30 confirmed breaches/overtoppings of the levees during the storm, most of which were never publicized. We also found out recently that the levee on the Metairie side of the 17th Street Canal was *inches* from breaking. If it hadn't broken on the Lakeview side first, it would have broken on *our* side. *Very* scary! And who's to say that it won't happen this time? The Army Corps is working on the levees, but the new floodgates won't be ready until the beginning of July.

Hurricane season starts June 1st. So many people you talk to are leaving the area for good. They're tired of having to leave home every summer, and are really worried about another storm hitting us. People are not yet recovered from the last storm -- how will we *ever* recover if we get hit again? There is so much debris still lying around; if we get even a tropical storm, that debris will become missiles and cause a lot of damage. Also, so many people are living in FEMA trailers which are not rated for winds above 40 miles an hour. We had a bad windstorm here a couple of weeks ago, and the local news told people they would be safer in their gutted homes than in their trailers. If we get even a strong tropical storm (like Cindy last year), those trailers will be destroyed. I hate to see what will happen to them in a Cat 2 or higher hurricane! I know most people will be on the road if a storm even *looks* like it will come here -- we sure will! Anything Cat 2 or above and we're gone.

Please share our concerns with your parish. Linda, thanks so much for writing and asking about all of this. Give my greetings to everyone else who came down. Hope you and yours stay well, and I look forward to talking to you soon.

Love,
Robin

For more information or to be part of our Webster/Penfield Catholic Connection Katrina Committee please contact Deacon John McDermott 406-5283 / jmcdermott@dor.org or Michael Lynch 671-6233 / mlynch@geneseo.edu