



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2006

7:00AM CHARLES SCIOLINO –
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Sciolino
9:15AM BERT DE LANO – Dottie DeLano

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006

7:00AM GRACE & BERNARD KANE –
Marita Adin
9:15AM DECEASED PARENTS – Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2006

9:15AM FUNERAL MASS For Charles Baglio
7:00PM Sacrament of First Reconciliation

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2006

7:00AM JOSEPH ISAAC – Mary & Bud Grandpre
9:15AM VERNON & SHIRLEY BELL
60th Wedding Anniversary –
Karen & John Smith

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006

9:15AM ARTHUR CONN – Phyllis Conn

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006

5:00PM ROBERT BECHTOLD – Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2006

7:30AM JAMES PEZZINO – Bill & Ruby Morganti
9:00AM OTTO REISCH – Family
10:30AM LOTTIE BART – Bob & Anne Muir

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

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FIRST RECONCILIATION

We wish to acknowledge our young people who will receive their Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. May the Lord bless them and inspire them to keep a close relationship with Him.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

What is the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)? Formerly known as the TGA, the aim of the CMA is to raise money to support crucial diocesan-wide ministries and outreach. The appeal was renamed to better reflect its intent: helping to support the crucial outreach ministries of the Diocese of Rochester and, both directly and indirectly, the mission of each of our parishes.

Why is it important that I give to the Appeal? The Church has always depended on the faithful to provide their time, energy, skills and gifts in building the Kingdom of God. Without financial support, we could not adequately teach our young, help our elderly, feed our poor, maintain our old churches and other buildings, or provide for our priests.

How is my contribution used? When you give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you are really giving to the eager children hungry to learn about the faith of their parents and generations of Catholics. You are giving to the dedicated young seminarian learning to serve God and the Church, or the older priest who has served faithfully and needs retirement support. You are giving to help the Vatican in its work in the world and to the bishops for ministries that span our nation. Your money goes to help the vital work of Catholic Charities, to families just like yours whose faith sees them through the ever-growing stress of life. More than half of every dollar raised returns to your parish in the form of services and programs.

How much should I give? Each of us is called to reflect the compassion and generosity of Jesus, who gave his very life so that we might have eternity with God. We are called to be good stewards of all the many blessings God has bestowed on us. One thing is certain; our God promises that our generosity will be returned to us many times over in ways that will delight us.

How can I give? Pledge opportunities are available with up to 6 monthly payments and completion by May 31, 2007 - **Cash Gifts** – (made payable to the CMA), **Credit Cards** and **Online giving** are accepted, please go online to www.dor.org Your confidential gift information will be transmitted via a secure server, **Electronic Funds Transfer**- direct debit from your checking account. Refer to back of pledge card. **Gift of Securities** – (please call Dave Kelly in the Office of Stewardship & Communications at 328-3228 x 1326)

This is a time to put things in perspective and wonder what would happen if we indeed gave thanks for all we have **“A Time to Share ~ For Generations to Come.”**

So far 505 of our 2400 households have responded (21% participation to date), but we need your pledge too. Every gift is needed and important. Please take the time this weekend and complete your pledge form. Extra pledge forms are available in the back of the Church. Forms may be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the Diocese of Rochester.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 12, 2006

SUNDAY

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY

4:30-5:30pm Religious Education Classes
6:30-7:30pm Religious Education Classes

TUESDAY

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
4:30-5:30pm Religious Education Classes

WEDNESDAY

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:15pm Contemporary Choir
7:30pm Caregivers Support Group – Rm 1

THURSDAY

7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:30pm Companions in Grief Group at St. Paul's
7:30pm Stewardship Committee – Parish Office

FRIDAY

2:00-3:00pm Jesus Rosary – Church

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$15,454	\$14,330	+ \$1,124
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$258,365	\$272,270	- \$13,905

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/06 - 6/30/07)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

* Monthly Mortgage Payment - \$5,836

Current Parish Center Mortgage Balance – 446,817

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS ~ If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold" please call the parish office (671-1100) and let us know when you will be away.

ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer

Sign-up cards are available in the back of Church to make your financial contributions to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal. For information please call the parish office at 671-1100.

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS

Join us in the parish center every Sunday morning from 8:30-11:00am. We offer full service with a complete breakfast menu and a special of the day!

Next Week's Special: French Toast served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a Free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

Christmas Brass Choir ~ Brass players (high school and older) are invited to play for the Christmas Eve Mass at 10:30 pm. Two practices will be held in December. Contact Teri Bucks, 265-0984, if you can join us.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 12 Sun **32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** | Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44
- 13 Mon **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6
- 14 Tue Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 37:3-4,18-23,27,29 Lk 17:7-10
- 15 Wed Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 17:11-19
- 16 Thu Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25
- 17 Fri **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18 Lk 17:26-37
- 18 Sat 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8
- 19 Sun **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5,8-11 Heb 10:11-14,18 Mk 13:24-32

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ November 18 & 19

- Saturday, 5:00pm:** Mike Weatherspoon, Chris Gilbert Breanna Bernardi, Marisa Bernardi
- Sunday, 7:30am:** Michael Hohl, John Hohl Dan Hohl, Connor McKenna
- Sunday, 9:00am:** Chris Mauro, Alex Verneti Nick Verneti, Joseph Hayes
- Sunday, 10:30am:** David Savella, Steven Fantigrossi Erik Rall, Caprie Romano

SACRISTAN:

Week of November 12 Shirl Mintz

LINENS:

Week of November 19 Frances Montagne

BAKE SALE – To benefit DAYSTAR – Next weekend after the 9:00 Mass.

St. Rita School Jr. Girl Scout Troop 502 is dedicating their year to earning the Bronze Award by helping Daystar, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will allow our girls to purchase fabric to make blankets for the babies and families at Daystar, a Group Family Child Care Home for medically fragile infants in our area that protects our community's most vulnerable infants from birth to three years old by providing foster care, child care, respite care, advocacy, and family support in a safe and stimulating home environment.

They thank everyone for supporting their stewardship as they begin this important Community Service Project.

Festival of Choirs

Sunday, November 19 at 7:00pm

Nine of our Webster Church Choirs will be participating in this wonderful celebration of song and praise, including our own choir. All are invited to the Webster Presbyterian Church, on Route 250 – north of Klem Road.



Stepping Stones to Stewardship

In direct terms, Christian stewardship comes right from the very heart of what it means to be a Christian. Christian stewardship begins with the love at the core of Christ's message. Because of His love for us, God entrusts us with the priceless gift of life – along with our talents, abilities and all our possessions and earthly resources. Therefore we don't own what we perceive to be our holdings. God is their rightful owner, and we, who are their recipients, are managers obliged – not by law but by gratitude and our Christian faith – to use them in accordance with God's plan.

Stewardship Live It!

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP will meet on

**Wednesday, November 15
at 7:30pm in Room 1**

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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"Surviving the Holidays While Grieving"



COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

**Thursday, November 16
at St. Paul's Church**

Billie Harris and Ann McCrossen will be guest speakers. All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are most welcome!

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ST. RITA SOCIETY

All women of the parish are invited to our next gathering in the Parish Center Gym on:

**Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00pm
"Memories of Rochester Past"**

Doris Adamek will lead us in a discussion of the way Rochester was 30-60 years ago. Bring a friend and enjoy this nostalgic evening. All are welcome!

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ST. JOSEPH'S DAY TABLE ~ Planning Meeting Monday, November 13 at 10:00am in Room 1

Anyone interested in helping with this celebration (to be held in March) is invited to attend. For more information please call Elaine King at 671-4930 or Felice Armignacco at 671-5177.

As we have done for many years, this year we will be providing Thanksgiving Food baskets to many families who could really use your help. If you are able to donate **non-perishable food items**, please bring them to the Youth Center (former Rectory) **by Saturday, November 18**. Needed items include:

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| Corn | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Green Beans | Sweet Potatoes/Yams |
| Apple Sauce | White Potatoes |
| Cranberries | Gravy or Gravy mixes |
| Salad dressings | Stuffing |
| Relishes | Desserts or mixes |

Turkeys Needed – Sales are now on at Wegmans and Tops – pick up an extra one for the needy. If you care to donate a turkey, please bring it to the parish office (M-F 9:00-4:00pm or M-Th from 6:30-8:00pm).

If you know of a parishioner or local Webster family who could use a Thanksgiving Basket, call Rose at 671-1100 x 17, or Gene Wicks at 671-6961. Confidentiality will be respected.

Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

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CYO Basketball 3rd & 4th Grade House League

Please join us for the St. Rita 3rd & 4th Grade Co-ed Basketball House League. The House League is on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30pm (December-March). It is a great opportunity to learn the game of basketball and have fun with your friends. To sign up, go to the St. Rita web site located at www.saintrita.org and follow the drop down menu to CYO. Fill out an application and drop it off at the parish office – deadline is December 1.

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A Tridium to Blessed Grimaldi will be held at Holy Cross Church on Lake Ave. in Charlotte. Though he lived in Italy, Blessed Grimaldi's aunt lives in Webster. Fr. John Reif went to Rome with his family from here when he was declared Blessed. All are invited to attend:

- Friday, November 17 for Mass at 5:20pm
- Saturday, November 18 for Mass at 8:00am
- Sunday, November 19 for Mass at 3:00pm

Rev. Dominic Papa who is in charge of Blessed Grimaldi's canonization will be speaking at all Masses.

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RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

If you were baptized in another faith or have never been baptized and are discerning what God is calling you to do in your journey of faith, this process is for you. It involves attending Sunday scripture sessions, parish education programs and meeting periodically with a mentor to discuss a specific RCIA text. For more information please call Drew at 671-1100 x 15.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS

- **2007 Entertainment Books – ON SALE NOW!**
Great discounts on all types of restaurants and entertainment. Cost is \$25.00.
- **Niagara Chocolate Candy Bars** are \$1.00 each. Flavors are Chocolate Almond, Peanut Butter, Caramel, and Milk Chocolate.

The above are available at the parish office or call Mary Jo. The youth thank you for your support.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR – Sunday, December 3 at 4:00pm in Church, come and hear Handel’s *Messiah, Part I*, presented by the St. Rita Adult Choir and friends with outside chamber orchestra. Don’t miss a chance to hear this great music live in your own church.

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HOSPITAL RULES HAVE CHANGED!

Please have someone let the parish office know if you are admitted to the hospital.

The new federal privacy regulations make it much more difficult for the parish to be notified by the hospital when parishioners have been admitted. We would like to visit them but depend on you to let us know when a parishioner or relative is in the hospital. Please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.

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ADULT FORMATION E-MAIL NEWSLETTER

Once a month Drew puts together a newsletter with a summary of articles from Catholic publications such as America, Origins, St. Anthony Messenger, and Theology Today. The summary of the article in the newsletter is concise and therefore this is an advantage for very busy people to keep up on current developments in the Catholic faith through the convenience of e-mail.

If you are interested in receiving this monthly newsletter from Drew, write him at his e-mail address: ddesmarais@dor.org. If you have any questions about this newsletter, call Drew at 671-1100, ext 15.

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**Sharing God’s Word & Soup and Salad
Saturdays from 12:30-2:30pm**

December 2, January 6, February 3,
March 3, March 31, May 5, June 2

Soup and Scripture is an opportunity for women to gather with the Sisters of Mercy for prayer and reflection on the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings. Bring your Bible, an open heart and your appetite and join us at the Sisters of Mercy Motherhouse – 1437 Blossom Road. For more information please call 288-2710 (Sr. Kathleen Wayne at x 109 or Sr. Sheila Stevenson at x 112).

Family Bowling League ~ Calling all Webster Church members. Looking for a fun night out with other church members and friends. We will meet every Sunday at 6:00pm beginning January 7 and ending on April 1 (12 weeks) at AMF Empire Lanes 2400 Empire Blvd. Teams are 4 people (men, women or mixed teams). Minimum age is 14. Cost is \$11 per week and includes all bowling, trophies and banquet. You don’t need to have a complete team to sign up. Call Judy at 671-2566 if interested.



Youth News

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!
Check out www.saintrita.org for more information.

Sunday, November 12 2:00-4:00pm Annual Scavenger Hunt for Food. Meet in the gym where we will divide into teams and hit the road. We will need parents who have attended CASE to be drivers. The Scavenger Hunt is to collect food for our Thanksgiving Baskets for the needy and the Webster Food Cupboard.

Sunday, November 12 4:30-6:00pm Jr. High Youth Group - Anyone in grades 6-8 are most welcome to attend. Meet at the Youth Center.

Sunday, November 12 6:30-8:00pm High School Youth Group - Anyone in grades 9-12 are most welcome to attend. Meet at the Youth Center.

Thursday, November 16 Registrations and money are due for the Dec. Jr. High Boys & Girls Retreats at Holy Trinity

Sunday, November 19 1:00-3:00pm Sorting Food and packing the boxes for Thanksgiving baskets for the needy in the Youth Center garage. These two hours are a Community Service activity, so please sign up to participate.

Sunday, November 19 3:30-5:00pm . The Youth Group Leadership Team will be meeting in the Youth Center.

Sunday, November 19 5:30-7:00pm Combined Youth Group gathering for both Jr. High and Sr. High. Please come early so we can begin right at 5:30 in the Parish Center gym.

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM By William J. Bausch

We look to the Acts of the Apostles to find the historical foundation for the Sacrament of Baptism. In Acts 2:38, we hear Peter state, "You must repent and every one of you must be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Peter's words echo the role of John the Baptist as he baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. John's baptisms were all about repentance and Jesus' baptism signaled that the new messianic era had begun in his water purification. As the Church grew and developed in the late first century and half of the second century, the Sacrament of Baptism had its own period of growth and change. In 150 A.D., we see Justin Martyr's document entitled "First Apology." This manuscript gives us the first written look at the way the Sacrament of Baptism had evolved in the second century of the Church. He stated, "The converts are led to a place where there is water, and are then washed in the water in the name of the Father, of Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit. They are then led back to the assembled brethren, where they share Eucharist.

In the early third century, the "Apostolic Tradition," written by St. Hippolytus, gives us a glimpse at further changes in the sacrament. The period of instruction for Baptism grew to three years. The emphasis was on moral development and not on intellectual growth. In the final phase, candidates were brought before the entire assembly to be examined on their moral integrity. We also received an in-depth look at the steps involved in the actual liturgy of the Baptism of the Catechumen. The community first prayed and fasted for the Catechumens. The candidates then entered the baptismal water. They then were immersed three times in the water with the Trinitarian formula. The catechumens were then introduced to the assembly and common prayers were said. The kiss of peace followed by Eucharist concluded the Baptismal ceremony. Baptism at this time in the Church consisted of receiving all three sacraments of initiation at once: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

As time went on, infant baptism began to appear in Church documents, namely written by Hippolytus. He acknowledged that some children were being baptized, even though adult baptism was the norm. This occurred because of the very high infant mortality rate at this period in history. Then in the fifth century, infant baptism became the norm, because of the work of St. Augustine. He responded to the heresy of Pelagius, who stated that man was saved because of his own merit. Augustine argued that it was because of God's grace that we were saved. He added that man's human condition was tainted at birth (original sin) and that Baptism erased that original sin. Thus infants needed to be baptized early to receive God's grace and wash away original sin, in case of early death. The practice of infant baptism wasn't codified in Church law until the Council of Florence. (1438-45) Parents were then required to have their infants baptized. In 1972, the Code of Canon law was revised and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was brought back to life. The catechumenate was restored and adults were once again baptized in accord with the rites of the early Church. The emphasis became growth in the Christian spiritual life and not just on purification of original sin. The RCIA helped the catechumen realize that Baptism gave them new life, a life converted to the salvific action of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. The Fathers of the Church are responsible for planting the seeds of change where Baptism was seen not as a final act before entry into heaven but a beginning act in the candidate's life.