



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2007

7:00AM VIRGINIA NAMISNAK – The McGrath Family
9:15AM PATALWARD – Wife, Clara

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2008

9:15AM THERESA COUSINEAU – Dennis & Ruth Ann Batt

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2008

7:00AM SOPHIE KACZALA – The 7:00 Mass Group
9:15AM ST. RITASCHOOL LITURGY (All are welcome)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2008

9:15AM JANOS MATHE – Geo & Thelma Lynicks

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2008

9:15AM GERALDINE KICERA – Elmer & Pat Platten

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2008

5:00PM BLANCHE BOURDON – Erin & Cory Cyrkin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2008

7:30AM LULU MEYER – Jenny Janowski
9:00AM STANLEY H. MARTIN – Ray & Murlyn Zimmer
10:30AM ANTHONY GIORDANO – Rose Macera & Christine Koston

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for the intentions of The People of St. Rita Parish

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, January 16 at 7:30pm in Room 1

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

PARISH SUPPORT For last weekend - December 29 & 30

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$17,537	\$13,700	+\$3,837
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$388,244	\$369,900	+\$18,344

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/07 – 6/30/08)

The surplus in the weekly collection is allocated to reduce the overall budget deficit of the parish.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Pastor's Perspective

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

One of the blessings of the Second Vatican Council was the interaction of all the bishops of the world with each other. They came to know each other, learn about the many and varied cultures and challenges they each faced and came to a new awareness of the rich diversity of our worldwide Church.



I am reminded of that by this feast of the "Epiphany" ~ the word itself means manifestation. The Magi have come to represent all the different people and races of our world and the feast reminds us that the "People of God" embrace all the nations. Through Jesus, all are "coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise".

Prayer

*God has called you out of darkness,
into his wonderful light.
May you experience his kindness and blessings,
and be strong in faith, in hope, and in love.
Because you are followers of Christ,
who appeared on this day as a light shining in
darkness, may he make you a light to all your
sisters and brothers.
The wise men followed the star,
and found Christ who is light from light.
May you too find the Lord
when your pilgrimage is ended.*

Blessing on the Feast of the Epiphany, Roman Missal

Peace and Happy New Year,

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 6 Sun **The Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12
- 7 Mon 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-12 Mt 4:12-17,23-25
- 8 Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44
- 9 Wed 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 Mk 6:45-52
- 10 Thu 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17 Lk 4:14-22a
- 11 Fri 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16
- 12 Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6,9 Jn 3:22-30
- 13 Sun **The Baptism of the Lord** Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

**Per Diocesan Guidelines
all 2007 Parish Contributions Statements
will be mailed to each household by
Thursday, January 31.**

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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 at 671-1100 and let us know when you will be away.

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LOST AND FOUND BOX IN CHURCH – Our Lost and Found Box is located in the crying room in church. Please stop and see if you may have misplaced anything.

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SACRAMENTAL REGISTRATION 2007- 2008

**We are currently accepting registrations
for First Eucharist**

Sacramental preparation is a parish-based process and does not take place in the Catholic School or Faith Formation Program. Eligible candidates must be registered parishioners of St. Rita Church and a minimum of seven (7) years old. Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office, the Parish Office and on our website, saintrita.org (Committees Icon).

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PARISH VISITATION

Do you have a loved one at home, in a nursing home, or hospital that is in need of a visit? Our pastoral staff is here for you. Please call Rose Leisenring at 671-1100 ext. 17 or Drew Desmarais at 671-1100 ext. 15.



**ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!
ROAST PORK DINNER**

**Saturday, February 9
4:30-7:00pm**

Join us for delicious roast pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, vegetables, homemade applesauce, bread, homemade desserts and a beverage. The cost is \$8.00 for adults; children under 8 are free. Tickets are available at the parish office and in church after Mass.

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OLD BARN CAFÉ – In the Parish Center
JANUARY SPECIALS
SERVING ON SUNDAYS 8:30-11:00am
 Sharon Pucher & Jane Kunzog,
 Coordinators



WELCOME BACK from our two week “vacation”. A very Happy New Year to you and your family and friends!

- January 6** Team 1 - Dick Source and team will be featuring **Ham and Cheese Omelets** served with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.50.
- January 13** Team 2 - John O'Connor and team will be offering **Chicago Eggs** served with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.50.
- January 20** Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will serve their favorite **Eggs Benedict** ~ a popular special. This includes a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.75.
- January 27** Team 4 - The Clemens team will offer their special **Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$3.50.

A parishioner was cleaning out a drawer at home and came across a bulletin from 1978 (30 years ago). One of our Breakfast Specials was Blueberry Pancakes and coffee for .99 cents. Those were the days. We also had 7 Masses on a weekend with many more priests available. (Pray for vocations!)

Great accomplishments often have humble starts . . . Henry Ford forgot to include a reverse gear in his first car.

Love, Jane

ST. RITASOCIETY NEWS!

Our next St. Rita Society meeting will be held on:

Monday, January 21 at Noon
Join us for ‘Arranging with Michael’
from Kittleberger Florist.

Learn to design a beautiful flower basket arrangement. A lasagna lunch will be served at noon which includes salad, Italian bread and dessert. Please call Elaine at 671-4930 before Tuesday, January 15 to reserve your spot. St. Rita Society members only please.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ January 12 & 13

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Erin Hasso, Lauren Navarro, Jessica Carges

Sunday, 7:30am:

Susan Loeb, Sandy Loeb, Jack Samuelson

Sunday, 9:00am:

Juliana Cruz, Brianna Gammons, Victoria Gammons

Sunday, 10:30am:

Lauren Benz, Rachael Benz, Juliana Baratta

SACRISTAN: Week of Jan. 6 Jane & Dick Casper

LINENS: Week of January 13 Thelma Benwitz

2008 CHURCH CALENDARS – Now Available!

Calendars are located in the back of church. We thank our Stewardship Committee who has worked hard on education us that Stewardship is “An Every Day Way of Life”. Thank you also to Profetta Funeral Chapel for underwriting the cost of our calendars again this year.

From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
 671-1100 ext. 18 or mdinoto@dor.org



Youth News

We have so many wonderful things happening this season in Youth Group. All event dates are also listed here in the bulletin and on the website at www.saintrita.org. Make sure you stay informed and mark your calendar.

Sunday, January 6 from 12:00-1:00pm

Jr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

Sunday, January 6 from 1:30-3:00pm

Sr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!

Sunday, January 6 from 3:30-5:00pm

Retreat Planning Meeting in the Youth Center

Sunday, January 13 from 3:30-5:00pm

Leadership Team Meeting in the Youth Center

Sunday, January 13 from 5:30-7:30pm

Combined Jr./Sr. High Youth Group gathering. All youth in grades 6-12 are most welcome to attend. Meet in the Parish Center Gym.

PLEASE SEE THE FLYER IN TODAY'S BULLETIN WITH INFORMATION REGARDING OUR HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT IN TWO WEEKS!