



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2007

9:15AM MARY MAHANY – Joyce & Gary Diamond

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2008

7:00AM BEVERLY COLLINS – Ann D'Aurelio

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008

9:15AM For the intentions of DOTTIE DE LANO – Clara Alward

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2008

9:15AM MIRIAM TRIPI – Jean Magrin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2008

5:00PM DENNIS MURTAUGH – Patty & Joe Janiak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

7:30AM ART YAEGER – Family

9:00AM CARL TRUINI – Tom & Ann Kubus

10:30AM JENNIE SPERANZO – Ruby & Bill Morganti

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



2008 CHURCH CALENDARS – Are Available!

Calendars are located in the back of church. We thank our Stewardship Committee who has worked hard on educating 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.

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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!

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Thank You, Thank You!

Your response to the parish wish list for vestments, altar server robes, choir microphone, a new stove for the convent, a baby-changing table for church, and a coat rack for the parish center, was simply overwhelming. All those items were paid for and will be appearing soon. Thanks so much to all the donors who were so very generous.

Pastor's Perspective

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2008

"Pray Without Ceasing"

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins in five days, on Friday, January 18, and continues through Friday, January 25. The theme for 2008 is "Pray Without Ceasing". Use the Daily Scripture to join with Christians around the world praying "that all may be one... that the world may believe" (John 17:21).

The observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2008 is a special one as it marks the 100th anniversary of the inception of a prayer octave (eight days) for the unity of Christians. Father Paul Wattson, Episcopal priest and co-founder of the Society of the Atonement at Graymoor (Garrison, New York), introduced the Church Unity Octave from January 18-25, 1908. Since that time, the cooperation between Anglican, Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches, parishes and communities in preparing for and celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has become a familiar practice. This in itself is strong evidence for the effectiveness of prayer for unity. It gives us every right to speak about the history of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity as a history of success, and it is a reason for great joy and gratitude.

Prayer for Christian unity is a challenging prayer. It requires a change of heart among all of us. Ultimately it means that we will give up our personal and perhaps biased ways of seeing unity in favor of discerning what God wants for God's people. Together we are on the Spirit-led journey, calling us and our churches to recommit ourselves to pray and strive with our whole being for the unity and peace willed by God. In this 100th anniversary year, and every year, may all Christians take to heart the admonition "Pray Without Ceasing", making real our quest for Christian unity.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

With the generous gift of 804 households we have now passed 98% of our goal, with about \$1,000 to go. If you have not yet made your gift, won't you please consider joining those who have contributed so generously? Every gift is important.

If we fall short of the goal those dollars, along with any unpaid pledges are taken out of our parish budget which already began in a deficit position.

Please join me in sharing our blessings with those most in need.

Gratefully,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 13, 2008

SUNDAY 1/13

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 1/14

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes
 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY 1/15

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 Faith Formation Classes

WEDNESDAY 1/16

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
6:30pm First Eucharist Kick-Off – Parish Ctr. Gym
 7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Bible Study – Church Chapel
 7:30pm Companions in Grief – Rm 1
 8:30-10:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend – January 5 & 6

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$21,231	\$13,700	+\$7,531
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$409,475	\$383,600	+\$25,875

(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!

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

SACRISTAN:

Week of January 13 Miriam & Dan Kennelly

LINENS:

Week of January 20 Martine Cianciotto

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Breakfast is served from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu with items such as eggs (any way you like), bacon, sausage, pancakes . . .



Next Week’s Special is: Eggs Benedict served with a bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.75.

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:



Giovanni Capello

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 14 Mon 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20
- 15 Tue 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28
- 16 Wed 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39
- 17 Thu **St. Anthony, abbot** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26 Mk 1:40-45
- 18 Fri 1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
- 19 Sat 1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
- 20 Sun **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 49:3,5-6 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ January 19 & 20

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Chris Gilbert, Neil LaVigne, Nick Wynne

Sunday, 7:30am:

Dan Hohl, Michael Hohl, Josh Kwiatkowski

Sunday, 9:00am:

Vicky Ritzel, Ashley Sousa, Noah Ritzel

Sunday, 10:30am:

Erik Rall, Jimmy Marton, Kyle Swovick

ST. RITA SOCIETY 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.

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 on the website at www.saintrita.org.

Youth Group Meetings for Sunday, January 13
have been cancelled.

JANUARY 13, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

We need to lead by example. When we live a life built around Christian stewardship, we inspire it among adults and children alike. Children tend to follow the example of others. Being a true and present witness to Christian stewardship is a powerful way to foster stewardship in our young people and add joy to our family life.

Stewardship . . . Live It!

Thank You to everyone who donated hand knitted and crocheted items for the needy this Christmas. We collected over 600 pieces of warm wear for needy families in our area. They were greatly appreciated. Please keep our annual Christmas collection in mind while you are knitting during these winter months. It's never too early to get started! Thanks again!

ATTENTION ALL GIRL SCOUT LEADERS

Girl Scout Sunday will be held at St. Rita Church on Sunday, March 2 during 10:30am Mass. If girls are receiving religious recognitions, please be sure to have all parish signatures before paperwork is submitted to the Diocese of Rochester, Mary Greenblatt at 328-3228, ext. 1279. Booklets must be received by January 31. The presentation ceremony with Bishop Clark will be held on Saturday March 1 at St. John of Rochester in Fairport. Any questions call Pat Vargas at 671-0434.

BIBLE STUDY

Our next bible study meeting is Wednesday, January 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel in Church. Please join us as we study the Gospel of Matthew. We will be exploring the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies as well as scriptural support for certain catholic doctrine. All are welcome!

For those experiencing grief and for those who support them:

**"WE WILL REMEMBER "
A New Year Evening Around the Fireplace
Thursday, January 17 from 7:30-9:00pm**

St. Joseph's Church Lounge (43 Gebhardt Road, Penfield)
Open to the public ~ Free of Charge
For information contact: Nancy Gullen 381-3359

Facing a New Year for those who are experiencing the grief of letting go of a loved one and the year gone by can be a lonely feeling. This is a special evening where we will remember those who have touched and continue to enrich our lives even after death. Dessert will be served – bring a favorite dessert to share if you wish.

FIRST EUCHARIST KICK-OFF!

The kick-off meeting for First Eucharist is Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Gym. If you are planning to have your child receive this Sacrament and have not yet registered please send in your form as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office and on our website at www.saintrita.org, Committees – Faith Formation. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.



**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.

ATTENTION SENIORS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA!

Courtesy of the St. Rita School Children



**Wednesday, January 30
from 10:00-11:30am in the Parish Center**

Please join us for prayer, tea, cookies, and entertainment! RSVP by January 21 to 671-3132

La Casa Update ~ Migrant Worker Housing

My Dear Saint Rita's brothers and sisters in the Lord,
Thank you very much for your continued prayers and support for *La Casa* in the town of Sodus. Currently in unit # 1 live Ruben, Diego, Marcos and Marcelino. Mostly migrant worker men have lived in this 3-bedroom unit because of space. Ruben is recovering from a life threatening injury, a miracle if you ask me. Marcos, Diego and Marcelino are recent guests after losing their farm job and housing. In unit # 3 Josefina and her son Jorge live together. In unit #4 live Mavi, Julio and daughter Mariana Michelle. She is two and is trying to give up diapers. She and her parents came to our area with a promise for housing and work but the promise was broken.

You have a great ministry at St. Rita. We appreciate your prayers and gifts including the hand knitted hats, gloves, scarves and afghan blankets. You have faithfully helped *La Casa* and found extra time for these migrants. The donation of turkeys was greatly appreciated. On behalf of our needy I warmly thank you. May our Lord bless you and may health, good will and peace fill your homes.

Thank you, Peter Mares, *La Casa*
pmares@dor.org or 315-573-9938

CUSTOMS AND RITUALS – JANUARY 2008

CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA
NAME OF GOD

Because a name is often the means of identifying a person or the name affirms one's ability to know someone (Genesis 29:32, 30:24; Psalm 9:11; Isaiah 52: 5-6), it was for the Chosen People to name their God, the one who had made a covenant with them. The name of God is EL or Elohim, but the most personal name to the Chosen People was Yahweh. God has revealed his name to his faithful, but he reveals that his name is incommunicable—God's name is God himself. Thus God revealed himself: "God replied, I am who I am. Then he added, " This is what you shall tell the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is my name forever; this is my title for all generations." (Exodus 3: 14-15). Thus God was identified for the Israelites as the One who was revealed to them through the elders and the prophets. But this was not enough for them to fully understand, so they had to speak of him through his attributes: His glory (Exodus 9:16; Joshua 7:9; 1 Samuel 12:22; His omnipotence (Exodus 15:3; Psalm 106: 7-12; Isaiah 52:13; the Most High (Genesis 14: 17-24; God Sabaoth, the heavenly ruler who ruled the world's powers, the Lord of Hosts (Isaiah 6:3; 9:18; Christ, like Yahweh, is the Lord (Philippians 2:9; Hebrews 1:4), and his name can also be invoked and believed in (John 1:12). In the New Testament the Christian finds God the Father revealed through Christ his Son (John 12:28; 17:6). The name of God is hallowed (Matthew 6:9; Luke 11:2). We pray to God the Father in the name of the Son (John 14:10-16; Matthew 18: 19-20). And the Holy Spirit is the true witness (1 John 5: 5-10) whereby we too give witness to God together with and in Christ (John 15: 18-19). Also, the Christian, if he speaks against God, blasphemes the name of God (Romans 2:24; Revelation 16:9) or that of the Lord.

ORTHODOX CHURCH

The word "orthodox" was originally used to distinguish those Churches that accepted the Council of Chalcedon and its rulings from the heretics who rejected it. After the schism of 1054, which resulted from the age-old differences between the Greek Church and the Holy See, the term was used to distinguish those same Eastern Churches from Rome. The Orthodox Eastern Church was formed of a group of these Churches, united more or less under the patriarchate of Constantinople. (The Byzantine Greeks in Italy and the Maronites of Syria retained communion with Rome.) After the capture of Constantinople by the Turks in 1453, the authority of the patriarch of that city was lessened. Thereafter the Orthodox Eastern Church broke up into the more or less autonomous national Churches of Cyprus, Georgia, Sinai, Russia, Greece, Bulgaria etc. Some of their national status has largely been lost through the political dominance of Russia over the regions where these Churches exist.

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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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 via e-mail please contact Drew at: d-desmarais@dor.org. If you have any questions call Drew at 671-1100, ext 15.

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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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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.

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