



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2007

No Masses ~ Holiday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2008

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2008

7:00AM RAYMOND KUPSKI – A. W. Laduca
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008

9:15AM LILLIAN STEVENS – John & Gerry Petrilli

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 2008

9:15AM HERBERT KREGER – Patty & Joe Janiak

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2008

5:00PM ALFONSO PALAZZOLO – Wife

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008

7:30AM HERBERT KREGER - John & Elaine Andrews
9:00AM MARY MAHANY – Stan & Joanne Douglas
10:30AM FOR THE INTENTIONS of the MC CREARY FAMILY – Sr. Helen McCreary, RSM

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
In thanksgiving for favors received.
Anthony Sutera**

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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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From the Music Director . .



It's a New Year! Why not join a choir or music group this year? All of our choirs are seeking new members. The Adult Choir needs singers. Please call me for more information at 478-0778 or e-mail me at yulecmeinmusic@rochester.rr.com.

~ Chris Yule

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**The Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, January 21
for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

From the Desk of Fr. Hoan . . .

Explore Your World

Christmas season is already over in the West and many parts of the world, yet its spirit or similar custom is still hanging around in South East Asia, including my home country, Vietnam. I am talking about Lunar New Year, which starts on February 7th, 2008. The Lunar calendar is often later 30 days compared to the universal calendar which starts right on January 1. Have you heard about Lunar New Year celebration in South East Asia? Ride with me to Vietnam now.

The preparation for the Lunar New Year is more exciting than the celebration itself. Between mid-December through the end of January, thousands of people walk in open markets to shop for special food, fruits, clothes, gifts, to special decorative items designated on this particular occasion. Beginning of January, which is December according to the Lunar calendar, people start to fix, clean, and decorate their houses. Everything including one's vehicle (even bicycle) has to be clean by the day before the First of the Lunar New Year. Almost every family likes to have a "Mai" tree, which blooms bright yellow flowers during this particular occasion. It is believed that the more it blooms on the first day of the year, the more luck one might receive during the year.

Gifts are often wrapped and brought to family members, relatives, close friends or neighbors. During the first three days of the New Year celebration, people visit family and neighbors and wish one another "happy New Year" in a formal manner. Everyone, especially children, dress up in their new and fancy clothes on this occasion. During these visits, adults usually prepare "red envelopes" which have small amounts of money to wish luck to children. It's a small gift for them to spend with good purposes.

Many visit the graves of their loved ones. Others attend special musical concerts. Buddhists often attend prayer services in the temples or pagodas while Catholics go to the special masses of New Year celebration. Although the celebration of Lunar New Year is primarily a social celebration, the Catholic Church in Vietnam has incorporated such a celebration into their liturgical celebration. Catholics attend the New Year's Eve mass and special masses of the first three days of the Lunar New Year. These masses intend to praise God for His goodness to creation, to pray for ancestors, and to sanctify the work of human hands during the New Year. Some parishioners also get together to minister to the poor in their parishes during this special occasion.

New Year celebration or "Tet" in Vietnam is the most festive season of the year that coincides with spring season. Schools and government offices resume usually on the fifth day of the New Year. Still, many take their time to travel and enjoy life for another couple of weeks. Some extremists prefer not to work at all during January. How does it sound? ☺ I miss "Tet", a special event which I used to celebrate with my family in Vietnam. Yet, all good memories of this celebration continue to walk along with me and remind me of the different colors of "life" which God has given to all of us. Of course, these lines may not touch all aspects of this particular celebration since each country of South East Asia, and each region of those countries may have a unique way of celebrating their New Year. Yet their celebrations all mark a new beginning, a fresh start, and a time to hope for many good things and blessings for life.

"Chu'c Mu'ng Nam Mo'i"

Your Travel Agent at St. Rita's, Fr. Hoan Dinh

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 20, 2008

SUNDAY 1/20

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 1/21

No Faith Formation Classes
Noon St. Rita Society – Gym

TUESDAY 1/22

No Faith Formation Classes
9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY 1/23

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 1/24

7:00pm St. Rita School Band Concert – Gym
All are welcome!

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

*Maeve Margaret McGonigle
Anthony Jason Randazzo*



BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 21 Mon **St. Agnes** 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22
- 22 Tue 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28
- 23 Wed 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1,2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6
- 24 Thu **St. Francis de Sales** 1 Sm 18:6-9;19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-13 Mk 3:7-12
- 25 Fri **The Conversion of St. Paul** Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18
- 26 Sat **Sts. Timothy and Titus** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-8,10 Mk 3:20-21
- 27 Sun **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ January 26 & 27**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Christina Smith, Mary Martellotta, Megan LaVigne

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sean McGrath, Connor McKenna, Sam Dauria

Sunday, 9:00am:

Tim Bruno, Tyler Fulmer, Eric Chiesa

Sunday, 10:30am:

Candice McCardle, Caprie Romano, Juliana Baratta

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY MASS

**Saturday, February 2
at our 5:00pm Liturgy**



All Cub and Boy Scouts of St. Rita Parish are invited to attend this Annual Mass in celebration of Boy Scout Sunday. Please meet in Room 1 at 4:30. Dens and troops will be seated together after processing into church as a group. A reception will be held after Mass.

Any Scout (who is not a member of Pack or Troop 163) who has earned a religious emblem this year and has submitted the appropriate paperwork is invited to give his name to Lisa Swovick (872-0803) by January 27 to be included in recognition of that accomplishment at the Scout Mass. All Scouts who have earned religious medals will additionally be honored in a recognition ceremony with Bishop Clark on Saturday, March 1 at St. John of Rochester in Fairport.

**We hope to see all Scouts on Saturday, February 2
to celebrate Boy Scout Sunday!**

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend – January 12 & 13

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$15,062	\$13,700	+\$1,362
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$424,537	\$397,300	+\$27,237

(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 20 Elaine Doriguzzi

LINENS: Week of January 27 Linda Erck

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: Egg Bake served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$3.50.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Our Parish Health Ministry Committee will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.

JANUARY 20, 2008

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 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 do not 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!



**Our 3rd Annual
"Love My Parish . . .
Love To Travel Raffle"**

This is your chance to **Win a \$4,000 "Go Anywhere"** (well almost anywhere) **Travel Voucher**. What a great opportunity to help support the parish you love, while getting the chance at the trip of a lifetime. All proceeds will go directly to support our parish needs.

Lori's Travel Service will be very accommodating. The travel voucher is flexible – take one large trip or break the voucher up on several small trips:

- To Florida and/or New York City.
- A second honeymoon, religious pilgrimage or family vacation.
- A bus trip with friends to Toronto for shopping or Blue Jays game.
- Give part or all of your voucher to family members or friends.

Only 2,400 tickets are being sold - that's one ticket for every household in our Saint Rita Faith Community. This gives you a great chance to WIN! Tickets have been mailed out to every registered household. If you did not receive tickets, there are extras in the back of church. The donation is \$20 per ticket. Place your raffle tickets in the collection basket on the weekends or mail it to the parish office. All Official Raffle Tickets must be received by February 14 at 12:00pm, for the special event drawing at St. Rita.

If you Love Your Parish, and Love to Travel, this raffle is the best of both worlds; helping our Parish needs and ministries AND a chance to win a \$4,000 Travel Voucher. Questions? Please call the Parish Office at 671-1100. Thank you for your continued support of Saint Rita Parish.



ATTENTION SENIORS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA!
Courtesy of the St. Rita School Children
Wednesday, January 30
10:00-11:30am in the Parish Center

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

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**ST. RITA SOCIETY
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.

ANNUAL PIE SALE

After all Masses February 2 & 3



There will be a great assortment of flavors available during our St. Rita Society's Annual Pie Sale. Each pie will sell for \$7.00. If anyone would like to donate a pie, we would be thrilled to have your donation. Just drop it off before Mass that weekend. Remember, it's Super Bowl weekend so pick up a pie for the game. Proceeds will go toward parish projects.

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



Saturday, January 26 from 5:00 until 9:00pm
Youth Rally Planning Meeting for any youth in grades 6-12. If you are interested in participating on the team please contact Mary Jo.

Sunday, February 3 from 12:30 until 4:30pm
"CALLED TO PROTECT" meeting at Holy Trinity.
The Diocese requires attendance for all Jr. High Youth (grades 6-8). Please contact Mary Jo to sign up.

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.

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, and Bulgaria, etc. Some of their national status has largely been lost through the political dominance of Russia over the regions where these Churches exist.

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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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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NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Consider the gifts of the Spirit that have been given to you. How are those gifts being used to serve and to build God's kingdom? Is God calling you to serve as a husband or wife - a parent - a single person? Might God be calling you to a Church vocation – lay, consecrated, or ordained? Let us listen for God's invitation for us to speak with someone regarding a possible vocation to the Priesthood, or other Church vocation, please call the Office of Vocation Awareness at the Diocese of Rochester at 461-2890 or visit our website at www.dor.org and choose "Vocations".

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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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