

JANUARY 27, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Helping others without expecting in return is a true example of generosity. 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!



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. Pies are \$7.00 each. If anyone would like to donate a pie, we would be thrilled to have your donation. Just drop it off before Mass that weekend. It's Super Bowl weekend so pick up a pie for the game. Proceeds will go toward parish projects.



ALL Women of our Parish are Invited!

ST. RITA SOCIETY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 17 ~ following the 9:00am Mass

Ladies please join us in Church for Mass at 9:00 then over to **Glendoveers** on Old Browncroft Road for a wonderful breakfast.

Eloise Mulligan will be speaking to us about angels. She will display her collection of beautiful angels and she will share some interesting stories with us. Cost is \$7.00 for members and \$10 for non-members. All are welcome! Tickets will be sold after all Masses the next two weekends and are available at the parish office. **Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, February 12.** Questions? Please call Kathy Foster at 671-4347.

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!



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.

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

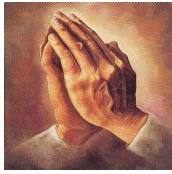


Youth News

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.

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.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008

7:00AM RAYMOND WATSON –
Bob, Laurie & Bobby Frantz
9:15AM MICHAEL BARONE – Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008

9:15AM MARGARET BARONE – Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2008

9:15AM JOSEPHINE TIBERIO – Carl & Ann Tiberio
7:00PM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK LITURGY
All Are Welcome!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2008

7:00AM JOSEPHINE LA BUE – Ginny Gentile
9:15AM JOHN RENTSCHLER – Wife & Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008

9:15AM URSULA HERBERT – Eleanor & Harold Dill

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008

5:00PM MARILYN & DICK DI MARIA – Dick DiMaria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008

7:30AM CHARLOTTE VANDERWEYDE –
Daughter, Virginia
9:00AM FRANK RINERE –
Daughter Michelle Bileschi & Family
10:30AM ALFRED MASINO – Wife & Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
In loving memory of Jerry Pinkney**

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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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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: ddesmarais@dor.org. If you have any questions call Drew at 671-1100, ext 15.

Catholic Schools Week 2008

Catholic Schools Light the Way

During this special week we invite you, our loyal St. Rita parishioners to celebrate with us!

CELEBRATE:

- the richness of Catholic education
- the JOY that is unique to our school
- the continuance of this faith based education on our site, hopefully for another 50 years.

We support Bishop Clark in the difficult decision he had to make last week. We promise to welcome all students new and old to a school that has excellent academics, is an extension of a child's home family and treats each one as a child of God - special and holy. We call them God Drops! The Bishop's Task Force worked hard to make this outstanding education more affordable (\$2,950) for those parents who seek a schooling based on faith and morals.

However, the loss of 13 Catholic schools especially Holy Trinity is a great sacrifice to be made. The impact that Trinity has made over the last one hundred years in this community is invaluable!

In April St. Rita School will be visited by a team from the Middle States Commission on Elementary School Education. In preparation for this accreditation visit, our newest faculty members wrote a new Mission Statement. It reflects what they experienced happening in our school. Hopefully the accreditation team will find our mission true.

Mission Statement

St. Rita School is a faith-filled community modeling Roman Catholic Christian values. We are committed to fostering the God-given gifts of each child.

In an atmosphere where faith and knowledge meet, our goal is to shepherd the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth of our students.

With God's unconditional love as their guide, we encourage our students to become world citizens, strong in their faith and respectful of diverse people, as they discover their place in the world.

We have been richly blessed by our God and we have much in our school to celebrate this year. We also need to **CELEBRATE YOU**, our benefactors. Please join us!

Peace,
Sister Katherine Ann
St. Rita School Principal

Come join in celebrating our school during our School OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, January 30 anytime from 9:00am to 2:00pm and join us for our Catholic Schools Week Liturgy that evening at 7:00pm.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 27, 2008

SUNDAY 1/27

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 1/28

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes
6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 1/29

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
7:30-9:00pm Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 1/30

10:00am Seniors’ Tea – Gym
2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Catholic Schools Week Liturgy & Social

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

Benjamin DiProsa



BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 28 Mon **St. Thomas Aquinas** 2 Sm 5:1-7,10 Ps 89:20-22,25-26 Mk 3:22-30
- 29 Tue 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35
- 30 Wed 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5,27-30 Mk 4:1-20
- 31 Thu **St. John Bosco** 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29 Ps 132:1-5,11-14 Mk 4:21-25
- 1 Fri 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17 Ps 51:3-7,10-11 Mk 4:26-34
- 2 Sat **The Presentation of the Lord** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40
- 3 Sun **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Zep 2:3;3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ February 2 & 3

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Nick Wynne, Noah Ritzel, Chris Gilbert
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
Dan Hohl, Michael Hohl, Mike Hansen
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Lauren Tatanus, Tiffany Riddle, Tyler Kohrt
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Vincent Waver, Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi

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 18 & 19

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,745	\$13,700	+\$45
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$438,282	\$411,000	+\$27,282

(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 27 Agnes Kopin

LINENS: Week of February 3 Jean Fauth

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 by e-mail to yulecmeinmusic@rochester.rr.com.



~ Chris Yule



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 February 2 & 3.

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.

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VOCATION AWARENESS

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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**CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY
INVITES YOU TO A LENTEN RETREAT**

FEBRUARY 7, 8, 9

**at Sacred Heart Cathedral
296 Flower City Park, Rochester**

In this year of spiritual renewal we welcome Steve Angrisano back to our community. In both story and song, Steve shares a witness of the love and life of Jesus. He is recognized as one of the most dynamic and effective communicators with Christian youth in the country, and speaks powerfully about our Catholic faith to people of all ages. Steve regularly is emcee at the National Catholic Youth Conference. Steve will be with us each evening (Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, February 7th & 8th at 7:00pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral and on Saturday, February 9th beginning at 2:30pm with a teen/youth focus. All are invited and bring your family and friends. Please call 254-3221 for information.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Please call the parish office at 671-1100 x 22 anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule! Call the receptionist and ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on - press 22.

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .

**CUSTOMS AND RITUALS
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.