

FEBRUARY 3, 2008

Lent 2008 ~ Spirit Alive

Spiritual Renewal in the Diocese of Rochester

What is Spiritual Renewal? Spiritual Renewal describes the Holy Spirit reinvigorating the Church: a spiritual rejuvenation amid the community of faith. Spiritual Renewal begins with the individual but happens in the midst of the community. The community itself is renewed by the movement of the Spirit in the lives of the people of God.

Why Spiritual Renewal now? As Bishop Clark remarked in his letter read from our parish pulpits on the first Sunday of Advent, there have been many events and circumstances that have hurt and divided us; the abuse scandal, the pastoral planning process, which has resulted in consolidations, mergers and closing of churches, the polarization between people who hold vastly different opinions about what constitutes renewal. Spiritual Renewal provides us with an opportunity to mend relationships, both with each other and with Jesus, to strengthen our communities, and to become revitalized for mission.

How does Spiritual Renewal happen? Spiritual Renewal may include opportunities for prayer, faith sharing, spiritual reading, reflection, celebration of liturgy, reading, studying and praying Scripture, growing in knowledge of what we as Catholics believe and growing in understanding of the demands of baptism and discipleship. Spiritual Renewal is rooted in one's personal faith journey and conversion of heart is always part of it. In our tradition, Spiritual Renewal will always bring us back to the communion of the faithful of which we are part by our baptism, and it will lead us to more full, active and conscious engagement in Eucharist.

How will Spiritual Renewal unfold in the Diocese of Rochester? *Spirit Alive!* will have three movements:

- Deepening one's personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- Deepening one's knowledge and understanding of the Word
- Deepening one's commitment to discipleship and stewardship.

What is the timeline? The first movement, deepening one's commitment to Jesus Christ, will begin in Lent 2008. Bishop Clark is preparing a DVD retreat that will be available through parishes for groups or individuals to experience. Lenten Prayer Services of Reconciliation and Hope from liturgies of healing. The second movement, deepening one's understanding of the Word, will commence with the first Sunday of Advent, 2008. It will include a blessing of Bibles, parish Bible study and resources on the web for various groups. The third movement, deepening one's commitment to discipleship, will begin at Lent 2009. It will include resources for understanding the demands of baptism, tools for discernment of gifts and models for stewardship.

How will each movement be launched? Each movement will begin with liturgical action at masses at the beginning of the period. Each movement will end with a celebration at Pentecost (2008, 2009, and 2010) that will invite all present at mass to continue their ongoing growth in faith in this particular area. This commitment will be tied to a liturgical action at mass.

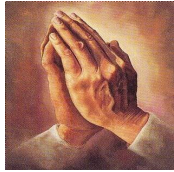
Are there common activities in each movement? There are plans to host a *Catholic Call In* during the Easter season for each movement. In addition, in each movement all adults will be invited to read the same book and reflect on it. Bishop Clark will offer some reflections on the book. In addition, a number of DVDs will be produced that will support the renewal.

How Can I Get More Information? Go to www.rochesterspiritalive.org to find out what's going on around the diocese in support of this important initiative.

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A Special Note from Fr. Hoan . . .

Next weekend I have invited some Vietnamese members of our local community to bring up the gifts at the **10:30am Mass on Sunday, February 10**. The gifts they will present include fruits and sticky rice cakes which come from the work of human hands that work with the soil which comes from God's creation. This presentation is meant to remind us of the Lunar New Year that Vietnamese Catholics celebrate. We celebrate moments like this when we can celebrate the cultural diversity of our faith and expression within our community.



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

7:00AM ALICE O'CONNOR – Diane & Family
9:15AM JOAN ADAMS – Circle of Faith

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008

9:15AM MARY MAHANY – Don & Mary Brown

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

9:15AM MARY MARASCO – Daughter & Family
10:30AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY
For the intention of
Monroe County Catholic School Families
(Mass with distribution of ashes - all are welcome)

7:00PM LEO MAXWELL – John & Julie Odenbach

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2008

7:00AM ROSALIE CYPRESSI – J. Brunette
9:15AM JOHN TRAN – The Tran Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008

9:15AM RICHARD SIEBERT – Michaela Siebert

**Eucharistic Adoration
following 9:15am Mass until 11:00am**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008

5:00PM CATHERINE & PHILIP SUTERA –
Son Anthony & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2008

7:30AM PAULA REUS – Debbie & Pete Miscavage
9:00AM ANTHONY GIORDANO – Vicki Aquilina
10:30AM MARY (Kunz) FRITSCH – Kathy (Kunz)
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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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**DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS
Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule!**

Call the parish office ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on you can press 22.

Because funerals are scheduled in our 9:15am daily Mass slot ~ there are times we need to change the Mass schedule and the intention for that Mass - or due to the unavailability of a priest. We will make every effort to contact the person offering the Mass to have that rescheduled. Our parish community is encouraged to celebrate the life of fellow parishioners, so in the event of a funeral, you are always welcome to attend.

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Everybody has gifts. To live as a steward requires us to discern our gifts, to thank God for them, to hone them, and to share them with others, with our Church, and with the world.

Stewardship Live It!

GOOD STEWARDSHIP!

Thank You! We are most grateful to Mark Campisi, our parishioner and president of Allan Electric, Inc. He and his firm donated the labor and equipment necessary to change all of the ceiling lamps in the parish center gym. This is a wonderful example of Stewardship through "gifts in kind". Thank you Mark and Allan Electric.

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, February 14
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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You're invited to a New Parent Information Night

**Thursday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m.
at St. Rita School
1008 Maple Dr.**

***Where Faith and Knowledge Meet
671-3132***

Free babysitting will be available!

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SAVE THE DATE – LENTEN RETREAT!

Lent is fast approaching. Plan on joining your friends and neighbors at the WPCC Lenten Retreat, *Change: Challenge and Grace*, March 3-5. Our speaker will be Dr. Roslyn Karaban from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Please check the upcoming bulletins for more information.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

In just a few days, your Lenten Journey will begin. Catholic Relief Services invites you to make this journey in solidarity with your global family and Operation Rice Bowl makes this easy and enriching. It is a journey of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. In today's bulletin you will find an Operation Rice Bowl money holder that you may use during Lent and return at Easter. Your donations make a huge difference to the impoverished around the world and in our community.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 3, 2008

SUNDAY 2/3

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 2/4

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

TUESDAY 2/5

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
10:00-Noon Stephen Ministry – Rm 1
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 2/6

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-9:00pm Bible Study – Rm 1
8:30-10:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 2/7

7:00pm St. Rita School Information Night

FRIDAY 2/8

8:50am Stations of the Cross – Church
5:00-7:00pm Fish Dinner – Gym
7:00-7:45pm Family Stations of the Cross – Church

SATURDAY 2/9

4:30-7:00pm Roast Pork Dinner – Gym

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 4 Mon 2 Sm 15:13-14,30;16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20
- 5 Tue **St. Agatha** 2 Sm 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30-19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43
- 6 Wed **Ash Wednesday** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
- 7 Thu Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 9:22-25
- 8 Fri Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-6,18-19 Mt 9:14-15
- 9 Sat Is 58:9b-14 ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32
- 10 Sun **1st Sunday of Lent** Gn 2:7-9;3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6,12-14,17 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ February 9 & 10**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Andrew Chmiel

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kayla Chapman, Kyle Chapman, Jack Samuelson

Sunday, 9:00am:

Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Brianna Gammons

Sunday, 10:30am:

Candice McCardle, Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo

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**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend – January 26 & 27**

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,398	\$13,700	-\$302
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$451,680	\$424,700	+\$26,980

(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!

SACRISTAN:

Week of February 3 Tom Marton

LINENS:

Week of February 10 Kathleen Guentner

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SUNDAY SUPPER

Did you know that there is a free dinner on the last Sunday of every month at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Webster? This service is provided by the Webster Council of Churches. Sunday, February 24 is St. Rita Church’s turn to provide the meal. Help is needed to feed about 100 people. Please call Carol VanAtta at 671-7832 to volunteer.



**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.

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.



**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.

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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.

**Boy Scouting Celebrates Scout Sunday and Awards
Religious Emblems to Scouts**

In recent years, as the Catholic Church developed its apostolate to youth more fully, it became known as youth ministry. Scouting is a significant part of this ministry and offers a tremendous potential for developing Christian leadership. Boys involved in the Scouting experience have a real advantage in coming to know themselves and attaining skills that will give direction to their lives.

Through the Religious Emblems program of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, a boy can learn how to put his faith and his Scouting together in an integrated learning experience. By working on the religious emblem for his age, a boy reinforces what he learns in the parish religious education program.

The following emblems were earned this year at St. Rita’s chartered units or by Scouts who are St. Rita parishioners. Congratulations!

Light of Christ ~ The Light of Christ emblem [grades 1 - 2] encourages Tiger Cubs and Wolf Cub Scouts to develop a personal relationship with Jesus. With active participation of the parent(s), the Scout comes to see Jesus as a real person and friend.



**Jordan Benz
Michael Collins**

**Justin LaLoggia
Brian McLaughlin**

Parvuli Dei ~ The Parvuli Dei emblem [grades 3 - 5] is designed to help Bear and Webelos Cub Scouts become more aware of God’s presence in their daily lives, especially in their homes and communities. The program is performed with the assistance of the Scout’s parent(s).



**Robert DiJames
Syed Gabriel Mustafa
Syed Zachariah Mustafa**

**Jarred Simmons
Julian Trinchini
Cosmo Viola**

Ad Altare Dei ~ The Ad Altare Dei emblem [grades 7 - 8] assists Boy Scouts of the Latin Rite to develop a fully Christian way of life in their faith communities. The program is organized in steps based on the seven sacraments. Adherence to these sacraments is a primary means of developing spiritual growth.



The Scout is assisted in the program by an approved religious emblem counselor.

Michael Hohl

Alex Vargas

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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.