

FEBRUARY 24, 2008

“Be still and know that I am God”

This line from Psalm 46 is surrounded by confidence that God is with us, and that God makes all things new.

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RCIA News!

CELEBRATION OF THE SCRUTINIES!

The celebration of the scrutinies is the last step in the preparation for receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. The scrutinies are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, and then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

Because they are asking for the sacraments of initiation, the elect must have the intention of achieving an intimate knowledge of Christ and his church, and they are expected to progress in genuine self-knowledge through serious examination of their lives and true repentance.

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OPERATION RICE BOWL

Jesus guides the Samaritan woman to a greater appreciation of the Truth – Himself. Education is key to our lives, regardless of our age. Catholic Relief Services invites you to learn about those in need and walk in solidarity with your global family. It is a journey of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Use your Operation Rice Bowl money holder during Lent and return it at Easter. Your donations make a huge difference to the impoverished around the world and in our community. Extra Operation Rice Bowl coin holders are available on the table in the back of church.

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2008 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ~ We have a few books left – **closeout special** – cost is \$10.00 and may be purchased at the parish office or call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x 18. They are filled with great discounts on all types of restaurants and entertainment.

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HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY? ~ Contribution envelopes and year-end tax statements have been returned to the parish office for those who have been “Temporarily Away”. If you were away and did not receive these please call the parish office at 671-1100.

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



Youth News

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information.

Friday, February 29 from 4:30-7:00pm

Bake Sale during the Lenten Fish Fry. Please stop by and buy a tasty treat.

Saturday, March 1 from 10:00am to 6:00pm

Youth Rally for all youth in grades 6-12 at St. Rita Church. See the registration forms on the table in the back of church or call Mary Jo for more information.

Sunday, March 2 from 12:00-1:00pm

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

Sunday, March 2 from 1:30-3:00pm

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



**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!

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Save the Date!

**American Red Cross BLOOD DRIVE
In honor of Ellen Smith**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 15
9:00am to 2:00pm
St. Rita Parish Center**

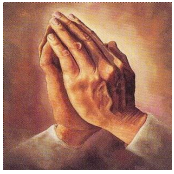
Give the gift of life ~ Donate Blood

Walk-ins are welcome, appointments preferred. Please call Sharon Brennan at 545-4205 or e-mail her at gbrenna1@rochester.rr.com to schedule your appointment. Please bring ID!!! If you donated on or before January 19, 2008, you will be eligible to donate.

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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 March 1 & 2.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

7:00AM JANE DE PREZ – Tom & Irene DePrez
9:15AM DONALD EVANGELISTA – Family

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008

9:15AM SOPHIE KACZALA – The 7:00 Mass Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008

7:00AM EMILY GATES – The Piersall Family
9:15AM FRED REEVE – Alicia & Jeff Smith

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008

7:00AM MILDRED BROMLEY – Mary & Bud Grandpre
9:15AM PEGGY SMITH – Joanne Carr

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008

9:15AM HERBERT KREGER – Patty & Joe Janiak

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008

5:00PM BERT DE LANO – Dottie DeLano

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2008

7:30AM IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE & ST. ANTHONY –
Mr. & Mrs. John Lawlor
9:00AM STANLEY H. MARTIN – Patti Zimmer
10:30AM ANGELINE GALLO – The Arena Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn for the intentions of
the parishioners of St. Rita Parish**

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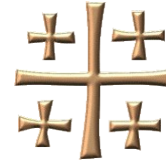
LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. All persons fourteen years of age and up are obliged to abstain.

Fasting refers to eating only one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meal times. Adults eighteen years of age up to the age of sixty are obliged to fast.

BAPTISMS ~ Official instructions that accompany the Rite of Baptism state that Baptisms are not to be celebrated during the Lenten Season. To remember the Paschal character of this Sacrament, we will resume Baptisms at Easter time.

Pastor's Perspective



The Sunday readings for Lent most often focus on the needs of the Catechumens and Candidates who are preparing for reception into the Church at the Easter Vigil. At the same time they help all of us to remember our own faith journey that began – perhaps long ago – in our Baptism. We are reminded that the journey to the Kingdom and to Easter life doesn't happen by accident – we need to remain on the trail and pay attention if by distraction or choice we have wandered off course.

The waters of Baptism are the reason for today's Gospel story in which the Samaritan woman is amazed by what Jesus reveals to her about this life-giving water he can give. He invites us with her again to a renewed hope in that "living water".

Unlike the Samaritan woman at the well, we will not come face-to-face with Jesus at a well to have a chat about identity and everlasting life. But we do meet Him every time we gather together at the Eucharistic table and listen to his work and feast at his table. Here, week after week, we encounter our identity and receive the gift of everlasting life in the Risen One.

Peace, and Happy Lent,

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GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MASS



Next Weekend

**Sunday, March 2
at our 10:30am Liturgy**

All Girl Scouts of the parish are invited to wear their Scout uniforms to Mass. Girls receiving religious emblems will be recognized. Families are invited to a reception in Room 1 immediately following Mass. For questions, please contact Pat Vargas at 671-0434.

We hope to see you there!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 24, 2008

SUNDAY 2/24

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 2/25

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

TUESDAY 2/26

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
7:00pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office
7:00pm Stephen Ministry – Rm 1
7:30-9:00pm Lite Choir – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 2/27

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-9:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office
9:00-10:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

FRIDAY 2/29

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

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend – February 16 & 17

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,731	\$13,700	+ \$ 31
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$494,705	\$465,800	+\$28,906

(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 24 Marge Gallo

LINENS:

Week of March 2 Frances Montagne

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Breakfast is served every Sunday morning from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu.

Next week’s special: Two, Two, Two Special which is 2 eggs, 2 pancakes and 2 pieces of either bacon or sausage and bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

BIBLE READINGS:

24 Sun **3rd Sunday of Lent** Ex 17:3-7 Ps 95:1-2,6-9
Rom 5:1-2,5-8 Jn 4:5-42
25 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
26 Tue Dn 3:25,34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35
27 Wed Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
28 Thu Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Lk 11:14-23
29 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6-11,14,17 Mk 12:28-34
1 Sat Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21 Lk 18:9-14
2 Sun **4th Sunday of Lent** 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Ps 23:1-6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ March 1 & 2

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Chris Gilbert, Nick Wynne, Mary Martellotta

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sean McGrath, Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman

Sunday, 9:00am:

Juliana Cruz, Lauren Benz, Rachael Benz

Sunday, 10:30am:

Marisa Vargas, Ashley Sousa, Lauren Navarro

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.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Served every Friday during Lent

**5:00-7:00 PM
in the Parish Center**



Each Friday during Lent Fish Dinners will be served from 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym. It is staffed by a wonderful team of volunteers sharing their stewardship of time and talent.

Fried or Baked Haddock are available as well as **Cheese Pizza** for those who do not care for fish! Fish dinners include coleslaw, french fries and a roll ~ \$8 for adults and \$7 for Seniors. Children’s portions are available for \$4 - as well as Soft Drinks, Milk, Coffee, Tea, and Ice Cream cups.

Come in for great sit down table service or take out.

**Customs and Rituals ~ February 2008
Catholic Encyclopedia**

PAPALLETTERS

These are of six kinds, each having its specific use and each bearing some official pronouncement. They come either from the pope personally or through him from one of the official congregations or commissions of the Holy See. In the order of importance, they are: bulls, briefs, autographs (written by the pope's own hand and rare), the motu proprio, encyclicals, and epistolae (ordinary letters signed by the Holy Father).

CYCLE OF READINGS

Throughout the Church calendar there is assigned for every Sunday and Holyday three readings from the scriptures, which form the basic intent and sequence of the Liturgy of the Word in the Celebration of the Eucharist. These readings are usually made up of a selection from a book of the Old Testament, a reading from an Epistle, and a portion of one of the Gospels. These readings are gathered in a Lectionary and are divided into three cycles: A, B, C for Sundays and I & II for weekdays. Through these many readings over a three-year cycle of Sundays it is the intent of the Church to bring to the people the interrelation of the continuity of teaching as contained in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. It also provides a greater insight into the unfolding of the revelation of God and the sequential application to one's life in living out the teachings that God has provided and the Church teaches.

SAINTS

The faithful may render veneration and prayers of intercession to those members of the mystical body of Christ who have lived and died, whose lives were notable for holiness and virtues practiced, and who have been officially declared saints by the Church through the process of beatification and canonization. The saints are for the faithful, first, examples of the virtuous life, and second, as members of the Church triumphant, representatives of the living members of the mystical body and the suffering souls. There are several classifications of saints recognized by the Church, which are not based on their occupation in life but rather on the quality of their sanctity, for example, martyrs, virgins, confessors, doctors and bishops. Vatican II speaks of the saints as those "beholding clearly God himself triune and one, as He is" (Lumen Gentium 49). And also as those who are "finally.... Caught up in peace and utter happiness in that fatherland radiant with the splendor of the Lord" (Lumen Gentium 93); those who are joined to him in an endless sharing of a divine life beyond all corruption" and "have found true life with God" (Gaudium et Spes 18).

**OLD BARN CAFÉ – In the Parish Center
SERVING ON SUNDAYS 8:30-11:00am**

**MARCH SPECIALS
Sharon Pucher & Jane Kunzog, Coordinators**

We offer a "Special" each Sunday but we always have a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (any way you like 'em), bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc . . . So sit back, enjoy and let Breakfast Club serve you breakfast on Sunday mornings from September through May!

- March 2** Dick Source and team will start this month with their **Two, Two, Two Special** which is 2 eggs, 2 pancakes and 2 pieces of either bacon or sausage and bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- March 9** *Turn Your Clocks Ahead 1 Hour Day!* John O'Connor and team will be offering a delicious special of **Cinnamon Swirl French Toast** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- March 16** Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will feature their ever-popular **Eggs Benedict**. This includes a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.25.
- March 23** No Breakfast Club this weekend. **Happy Easter!**
- March 30** Mary Dailor and team are on for the 5th Sunday of the month. They promise to have something special planned for you!

*Tell a person there are 400 billion stars and they'll believe you.
Tell them a bench has wet paint and they have to touch it.*

Have a wonderful week, Love ~ Jane