

EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2008

9:15AM JOSEPH CANNITO – Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2008

9:15AM ORRIN SUMNER – Mr. & Mrs. Len Macey

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2008

7:00AM CARRIE LOCASCIO – John & Nancy Roselli

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008

7:00AM AGATHABORELLI –
Bob, Laurie & Bobby Frantz

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2008

9:15AM MSGR. EMMETT MURPHY –
Sr. Angela Sutula, SSJ

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2008

5:00PM HERBERT KREGER –
Michael & Karen Gushue

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2008

7:30AM PAULA & KARL REUS – Daughter
9:00AM MAX BARBEAU –
Fr. Chuck, Staff, & Pastoral Council
10:30AM GEORGE BUDZYNSKI –
John & Marina Griffin

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

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CONGRATULATIONS RCIA NEOPHYTES AND FULLY INITIATED CATHOLICS!

St. Rita Parish wishes to congratulate **Debra Zarcone**, our newly baptized neophyte who was received into our church community at the Easter Vigil. We welcome her into our community with loving arms and hearts and wish her the best as she begins her Catholic journey

We also wish to congratulate the 4 candidates who were brought into full communion with the Catholic Church (received the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist): **Margaret Helber, Larry Helber, Daniel Helber, and Christopher Helber.**

Our faith community prays for these newly baptized and initiated and asks the Lord to bless them abundantly with his love and care. The pictures of our newly baptized and initiated are on the narthex bulletin board. Please take the time to look at the bulletin board and when you see them in church, give them a heartfelt welcome to St. Rita Parish community.

Pastor's Perspective

*"This is the day the Lord has made . . .
let us rejoice and be glad."*

On Easter Sunday Mary of Magdala arises early on the "first day of the week" to go to Jesus' tomb! What does she see? Merely that the stone is rolled away from the entrance. The Gospel doesn't tell us that she went into the tomb and looked around. Rather, she immediately runs to the disciples and reports that Jesus' body has been taken. Peter and the Beloved Disciple go to the tomb – not taking their time, but running. They see the carefully laid out burial cloths. The response of the Beloved Disciple is eventually the response of all: "he saw and believed."



Every Mass on Easter Sunday includes a renewal of baptismal promises. With these promises we not only renew our willingness to reject evil and believe in our triune God but also renew our commitment to be faithful disciples of Jesus, the risen One. In the introduction, the presider reminds us that "we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to new life." This invitation and expression of baptismal reality identifies us with both the suffering Jesus and the risen Christ. The renewal of these promises is a renewal of our own efforts to live as servants so that others can experience the good and blessings God has in store for them. This is no rote ritual; it is a powerful expression of our willingness to "see and believe."

The real Good News of Easter is the promise that we who are baptized will one day share in His risen life. This is indeed "the day the Lord has made . . . We are an Easter People called to rejoice and be glad.

Easter Peace,

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

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 ours. God is the 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!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 23, 2008

MONDAY 3/24

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes
 7:00-9:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office

TUESDAY 3/25

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 3/26

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

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend March 15 & 16		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$16,929	\$13,700	-\$3,229
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$537,968	\$520,600	+\$33,368
(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!		


CROP WALK ~ Sunday, May 4 at 1:30pm

Start at the Webster Baptist Church on South Ave. Choose your walk from a variety of distances – maps available. Call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 for sponsor forms or to make a pledge. We walk because they have to walk miles for food and clean water. Your participation in any way makes a difference.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

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

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



Youth News

Check out our website at www.saintrita.org

Sunday, March 30 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Combined Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group gathering.
 Anyone in grades 6-12 are most welcome to attend. Meet in the Parish Center Gym.

ST. RITA'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008
July 14 through 18 from 9:00am to Noon.
 Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

BIBLE READINGS:

23 Sun **Easter Sunday**, Acts 10:34a,37-43 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9
 24 Mon **Easter Monday** Acts 2:14,22-23 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 Mt 28:8-15
 25 Tue **Easter Tuesday** Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Jn 20:11-18
 26 Wed **Easter Wednesday** Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Lk 24:13-35
 27 Thu **Easter Thursday** Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2,5-9 Lk 24:35-48
 28 Fri **Easter Friday** Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2,4,22-27 Jn 21:1-14
 29 Sat **Easter Saturday** Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1,14-21 Mk 16:9-15
 30 Sun **Second Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:42-47 Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 Next Weekend ~ March 29 & 30

Saturday, 5:00pm:
 Alex Vargas, Andrew Chmiel, Joseph DiRaimo
Sunday, 7:30am:
 Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger, Jack Samuelson
Sunday, 9:00am:
 Alex Verneti, Nick Verneti, Mike Sullivan
Sunday, 10:30am:
 Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Candice McCardle

SACRISTAN: Week of March 23 Agnes Kopin

LINENS: Week of March 30 Cindy Wahl

Thank You!

As the St. Rita Fish Fry team completes our eighth year, we would like to thank our dedicated adult and youth volunteers who serve in a variety of roles each Friday during Lent. We would also like to thank our loyal customers who make the project possible. The proceeds benefit St. Rita School. We hope to see you next year!

St. Rita Society Presents:

A Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon
 to benefit Ellen Smith

Tuesday, April 15 at 12:00 Noon
 In our Parish Center.

Tickets are \$12 per person and includes the show and lunch (Chicken French with angel hair pasta, tossed salad, rolls, beverage and dessert). Advanced sale tickets only may be purchased at the parish office or call Elaine King at 671-4930. Deadline for reservations is Friday, April 11. Fashions provided by Dress Barn.

St. Rita's 54th Annual Fiesta

Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7



Big News - Now Under the Big Top !!!

That's right....thanks to our Platinum Sponsor Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning and Gold Sponsor Taylor Rental, this year all the fun and excitement will be under cover. We will make it easy for everyone by keeping the food and entertainment under one big tent with plenty of room to eat, dance, and play games!!

The 2008 St. Rita's Fiesta will be held from 5:00pm – 10:00pm on June 6th, and from 3:00pm to 11:00pm on June 7th. The St. Rita's Fiesta is a combination event, provided as a fundraiser for our Parish, as well as a family-oriented event intended for families of the parish and the community at large. This year we are bringing back the sounds of the '60s with "It's My Party" headlining Friday night. Back by popular demand, The Skycoasters will keep you dancing on Saturday night. In addition to the great entertainment we have games for kids of all ages, plenty of food and a good time for one and all. This year marks the 54th anniversary of this event and we'd like you to be a participant in any number of ways.

Your involvement can be accomplished by:

- 1) Corporate Sponsors – if you own a business or think your employer would be interested in sponsoring an event that brings in close to 5,000 attendees, then please contact Steve Gaglio (670-9515) or Gary Nicastro (872-5648)
- 2) Committee Help Needed – All of our Committee Chairs could use help in the planning of this year's Fiesta. Typically, this includes making phone calls, brainstorming, soliciting volunteers, and some expertise, like making signs, writing press releases, finance/bookkeeping, etc.
- 3) Help is always needed and appreciated in all areas including: The Casino, Food & Game Booths, Kids Creations, Parking & Security, Book Sale, Plant Sale, and Setup/Takedown.
- 4) Additional help is needed to create a great Chinese Auction -- Besides the normal request from businesses for donations for the auction, we are soliciting you... if you have a pair (or more) tickets for a sporting event, airline or hotel vouchers, or other items of value that you would like to donate we will incorporate them into our auction and have you receive recognition in our bulletin. Other donation ideas would be new games or toys, services such as a free haircut, massage, facial, lawn care or snow plowing. We are grateful for any donations!

Donations can be sent to the parish office at:

St. Rita's Church

Attn: Sharon Pucher (bookkeeper)

1008 Maple Drive

Webster, NY 14580 (be sure to indicate the donation is for the Chinese Auction)

or Contact Linda or Tony Kehoe 872-2087 for pickup

If you have any questions, please contact Tom Cali (671-0428) or Ed Ritzel (787-1937). We are extremely grateful for all donations of time, talent and treasure over the years in support of our Parish Community. Thank you, in advance for your support and involvement!

Plant Sale Puts Down Roots ~ Once again we will be having the Plant Sale at the Fiesta and due to your generous donations last year of perennials, annuals, shrubs and houseplants; we had a large assortment of plants to sell. For more information, call either Carol VanAtta, 671-7832, or Joyce Hollander, 671-3281.

