

MARCH 30, 2008

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!

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.

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

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ANNUAL CONVOCATION

This week, from Monday Noon through late Wednesday, Fr. Hoan and I will be attending Convocation 2008 at the Holiday Inn, Auburn. This is the annual gathering of all the Priests and Pastoral Administrators of our Diocese. All of us are required to attend. Our focus this year will be on the Eucharist . . . "a tremendous and inviting Mystery." Our speakers are both well known on the theology of Worship. We are looking forward to this gathering and hope to come back enriched in both our appreciation and celebration of this great gift of the Eucharist. *Fr. Chuck*

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.

Christ Caring for People through People The Formation of Stephen Ministers



Stephen Leaders recruit and select lay people from the congregation to serve as Stephen Ministers. Those who respond to the call agree to commit themselves to 50 hours of training in Christian care giving. Some of the training topics include listening, feelings, assertiveness, confidentiality, and ministering to people in specific situations such as divorce, terminal illness, grief, and childbirth. Stephen Ministers are trained to recognize when a care receiver's needs go beyond the care a Stephen Minister can provide, and where and how to refer the care receiver for additional care.

Upon completion of the training, these lay persons are commissioned as Stephen Ministers, committing themselves initially to two years of service, including twice monthly meetings for peer supervision and continuing education. Thus, Stephen Ministry is a supervised ministry, with the twice monthly meetings ensuring that Stephen Ministers provide the best quality Christian care for their care receivers. Stephen Leaders link each Stephen Minister with a care receiver -- a member of the congregation or community who is in need of a quality, caring, Christian relationship. Each Stephen Minister normally is assigned to only one care receiver at a time, and meets with that care receiver for an average of about one hour a week. At the end of two years, many Stephen Ministers recommit to serve additional years.

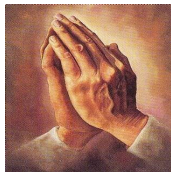
Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and to care -- not to counsel or advise. Stephen Ministry is a **confidential** ministry. What a care receiver tells a Stephen Minister remains confidential. Even in supervision, the names of care receivers and specific details are never discussed.

Have you considered becoming part of our Stephen Ministry team? We will be having an informational meeting on Thursday, April 3 at 7:00pm in Room 1. Please call Rose at 671-1100 x 17 if you are interested in hearing about this ministry.

ODE TO A STEPHEN MINISTER

By Lori Marks @ 2006 Stephen Ministries

Where will I find someone to call
when I feel like my back is against the wall?
Where will I find someone to share
the brokenness my soul does bear?
Where will I find someone who will understand,
who will listen, and maybe hold my hand?
Where will I find someone to help me pray
that I'll get through another day?
Where will I find someone who will help me see,
I'm not alone, it's not just me?
Where will I find someone with an open heart to lend,
someone I could even call a friend?
Where will I find a Christian brother or sister,
that would be my Stephen Minister?



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2008

7:00AM MARIE FERRANTE PAGANO – Mary Roselli
9:15AM IN HONOR OF MERCY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ~ Past, Present and Future –
The Circle of Mercy

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2008

All Diocesan Priests on Convocation – No Masses
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008

All Diocesan Priests on Convocation – No Masses
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2008

7:00AM HELENE CARROLL – The Hickey Family
9:15AM DOMINIC CAPEZZUTO – Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2008

9:15AM MEMORIAL MASS FOR SAM CIMINO

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2008

5:00PM THELMA ZAEFFEL – Gary & Dianne Ragan

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008

7:30AM JOHN POLLE – Rick & Carol Engel
9:00AM MARY ANNE DI SALVO -The DiSalvo Family
10:30AM JOSEPH MARCANTONIO – Kay Serafine & Family

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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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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 April 5 & 6.



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A Special Thank You ~

The Liturgies of Holy Week and Easter have been a great joy to celebrate. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our Liturgy Committee, led by Kathy Reinhardt, Staff, Chrisanne Yule, our Music Director, Choir & Musicians, Readers, Servers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Flower People, Elaine King and Christine Chapman, and Erin Reinhardt and Karen Casper for compiling our Triduum booklets. You are all wonderful and generous stewards - sharing so much of your time and talent to help us pray in faith and joy!

Fr. Chuck

Pastor's Perspective

"Easter ~ A 50 Day Celebration!"

Easter season is "always": This Sunday, the octave day (eighth day) of Easter, concludes the church's eight-day solemn celebration of this great feast, but it hardly "concludes" Easter. The liturgical season of Easter lasts for fifty days and sometimes these fifty days are referred to as the "great octave" or "great Sunday." Even more importantly, however, Easter is really a daily reality in every Christian's life because it is one of the two prongs of the paschal mystery dying/rising that defines Christian living. The great feasting during this holy season of joy only brings to front and center the "little" feasting that is the Christian's everyday privilege.



The first reading is one of two nut-shell summaries that the Acts of the Apostles gives for community structure and behavior (the other is Acts 4:32-35). This ideal of Christian living is a goal toward which every parish community struggles and reminds us of how Jesus is really and truly present among us. Our joy and feasting during these fifty days is a tangible reminder that each day we share in the risen life of Jesus through our faithfulness to him and his mission. Each day, as we die to ourselves for the good of others, we are making tangible risen life.

The great joy of this Easter Season is expressed beautifully in the special Sequence which is sometimes sung at the Easter Sunday liturgy:

Easter Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who is sinless, reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring what you say, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; Bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.

Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

Easter Peace,

PLANS FOR THE WEEK **MARCH 30, 2008**

SUNDAY 3/30

5:30-7:00PM Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group – Gym

MONDAY 3/31

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

TUESDAY 4/1

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes

WEDNESDAY 4/2

7:00-9:00pm Bible Study – Rm 1
9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

FRIDAY 4/4

6:30-8:00pm First Eucharist Retreat – Gym

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

Anna Sandra Spagnoli



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BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 31 Mon **The Annunciation of the Lord** Is 7:10-14;8-10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
- 1 Tue Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2,5 Jn 3:7b-15
- 2 Wed Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21
- 3 Thu Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2,9,17-20 Jn 3:31-36
- 4 Fri Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Jn 6:1-15
- 5 Sat Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19 Jn 6:16-21
- 6 Sun **Third Sunday of Easter** Acts 2:14,22-33 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ April 5 & 6

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Marisa Vargas, Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman, Mike Hansen

Sunday, 9:00am:

Lauren Tatanus, Tiffany Riddle, Tyler Kohrt

Sunday, 10:30am:

Rachael Benz, Lauren Benz, Juliana Baratta

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SACRISTAN:

Week of March 30

Tom Marton

LINENS:

Week of April 6

Ruth Wensley

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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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~ SPECIAL NEED ~

One of our long-time parishioners is no longer able to drive but she would like to continue attending the 5:00 Mass on Saturdays. She lives on Princeton Road near Bay Road School. If you are able to help her with a ride, please call Drew at the parish office 671-1100 x 15 for further details.

**PARISH SUPPORT
Easter Weekend Collection**

\$25,362

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.

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 7:00pm
Combined Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group gathering.**

Anyone in grades 6-12 are most welcome to attend. Meet in the Parish Center Gym.

Sunday, April 6 from 12:00-1:00pm

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

Sunday, April 6 from 6:30-8:00pm

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

SAVE THE DATE

For the Webster Penfield Catholic Connection Health Ministry's spring program ~ **Arthritis: Everything You've Been Aching to Know** to be held on Sunday, **April 20 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm**, at St. Paul's Church. More details to come.

ST. RITA BREAKFAST CAFÉ – PARISH CENTER
Sundays from 8:30 to 11:00am

APRIL SPECIALS

- April 6** Dick Sorce and Team 1 will be serving **Ham and Cheese Omelets** served with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.
- April 13** **Closed** – Spring Break for schools and many workers will be away!
- April 20** Sharon and Jane leading Team 3 will feature delicious **Blueberry Pancakes and Waffles** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- April 27** Team 4 led by the Clemens Family will serve their delicious **Sausage and Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

Special thanks to the St. Rita Society for their generous donation which helped pay for the stainless steel sheeting installed behind the stove. The Society has been instrumental in helping Breakfast Club purchase a refrigerator, dishwasher new stove and the sheeting.

Breakfast Club closes for the summer at the end of May, so if you have been planning on coming to the Parish Center for Breakfast and have not done so, you had better make plans now!

*There is nothing we cannot live down,
rise above and overcome.*

Anticipate spring – it is on its way!

Love, Jane

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Did You Know? Our bulletin is available each week on-line at www.saintrita.org – check it out!

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ST. RITA'S PRAYER LINE ~ Did you know that we have a very active Prayer Line here at St. Rita Parish? Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer. If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please call either Eleanor Hanley at 671-3247 or Lee Bartle at 671-6286. We thank Lee and Eleanor for coordinating this compassionate ministry.

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Fiesta Plant Sale: We are looking forward to another successful plant sale and are anticipating many generous donations from your garden. Last year, the selection was fantastic! We had an assortment of plants, bushes, trees, bulbs, perennials, ground covers and tomato plants donated by parishioners. If you need help digging up plants in your garden, please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 or Joyce Hollander at 671-3281 for more information.

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .

CUSTOMS AND RITUALS ~ Catholic Encyclopedia

THEOLOGY ~ Theology is the science of God and the things that treat of God. It is the study of God and the things that treat of God. It is the study of God in Himself and of his relations with creatures. As a science, theology is both methodical, that is, referring to the character of the knowledge, and systematic, that is, referring to the extent of knowledge and the integration of the various concepts into a unit. Like all science, it proceeds from certain definite prime or universal principles, which are evident in themselves. We thus come to knowledge of God through reason and by revelation. Theology, then, is the reasoned methodical and systematic exposition of revealed truths. Theology is a synthesis, a unit term embracing many divisions. Thus one does not become a theologian by studying one phase of theology or by reading one book of theology, but by gaining knowledge systematically, both in extent and application. The fruit of such study may be said to be the acquisition of the science of God.

The divisions of theology are many. As a method there is positive theology, which is the recording and defending of revealed truth. This in turn is divided into biblical theology, that is the examination of truth as found in Scripture, and historical theology, that is, the examination of truths of God in both Scripture and Tradition, and the demonstration of the teaching of Christ and the Apostles as handed down through the Church. Second, scholastic theology is the explaining, illustrating, and deducing of new truths systematically. Third, the positive scholastic is the combination of the first two into effective presentation. As an applied system, theology embraces dogmatic and moral theology. Dogmatic theology is the demonstration of faith and reason, dealing with God's laws. Moral theology is the science of the laws that regulate the duties of mankind to God. There are also a series of practical applications of theology, which are distinct studies. They are liturgy, or the manner of theology applied in worship; pastoral theology, or demonstration of theology applied. This third in turn comprises the study of canon law, the rules of the Church in applying theology; homiletics, the preaching of the truths of theology; catechetics, the teaching of the truths of faith.

1ST VATICAN COUNCIL ~ The Council convened in 1869 upon publication of the bull of assembly issued by Pope Pius IX in 1868. Its chief action was the definition of the doctrine of infallibility. In the debate over this, there were 14 general sessions and 64 speeches made. The dogma was promulgated in the council on July 18, 1870. In September 1870, Pius IX suspended the council after the army of United Italy entered Rome. Vatican Council I was the 20th ecumenical council, which although suspended indefinitely, could have been reconvened. There were 700 bishops in attendance. The other teachings that came out of the council were creation out of nothing, the Oneness of God, God can be known through reason, and miracles can be known and recognized with certainty.



2008 ST. RITA PARISH FIESTA

Sponsored By: **Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning**

RAFFLE

DRAWING SATURDAY, JUNE 7 at 10:30 pm

GRAND PRIZE \$10,000⁰⁰!!!

Only \$10 per Ticket

MORE CHANCES TO WIN!!!!

2nd PLACE PRIZE \$1,000

3rd PLACE PRIZES - FIVE \$100 Wegmans Gift Cards!!!

SELLER'S PRIZE: Parishioner selling the most raffle tickets wins a reserved pew & parking space for either Christmas Eve or Easter Sunday.

ONLY 5,000 Tickets Will Be Sold - So get your forms in quickly!

Fill out the form below and send in a check or cash for the total amount - (\$10 per Entry)
Mail entry(s) to: St. Rita Fiesta Raffle, 1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580, put them in the collection baskets at Sunday masses, or drop them off at the Parish Office.

*Any entries beyond 5,000 will be returned to the rightful owners. You do not need to be present to win.
All decisions of the Fiesta chairmen are final.*

Detach and return below with check payable to: **St. Rita Fiesta Raffle**



2008 St. Rita Fiesta Raffle Entry Form

Buyer

Seller's Name (if other than buyer)

Street Address

Seller's Street Address

City, State, Zip

Seller's City, State, Zip

Phone

Seller's Phone

E-mail address

Number of Tickets: _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

OR:

BONUS OFFER!!!!

10 tickets for \$75 = \$75

Download additional entry forms @ www.saintrita.org or pick up at the Parish Office.