

APRIL 27, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

When adults practice Christian stewardship, they inspire it — both among other adults and young people. Children, we know, learn what they live. Make authentic Christian stewardship the heart of your family life and you will add heart to your family life. Guaranteed.

Stewardship Live It!



ATTENTION – CLASS of 2008

Our Stewardship Team would like to pay tribute to our graduating class of 2008 on the Stewardship Center in the greeting area. Please submit a senior picture with your name and address to Mary Jo Di Noto, Youth Minister.

Please bring it to St. Rita's Parish Office or mail it (1008 Maple Drive), or put it in the collection basket in an envelope marked YOUTH GROUP. Picture deadline is May 21, 2008.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, May 4 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Our last Combined Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group gathering for the season. Anyone in grades 6-12 are most welcome to attend. Meet in the Parish Center Gym. Parents and family are welcome to join us this evening as there will be a special recognition for our current 8th graders moving into Sr. High Youth Group, our 11th graders starting their final year of Youth Group and for our 12th graders who are graduating. Please contact Mary Jo if you will be attending.

To All Current 5th Graders, you are invited to attend our Youth Group "Moving Up Ceremony" on Sunday, May 4 from 5:30 until 7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym with your parents. Come and see what Youth Group is all about!

LEADERS NEEDED at Weekend Masses: The role of our Leader ministers is to welcome the congregation, read the announcements and lead the intercessions. Before Mass, they also make sure the ministry slots are covered. Their role is critical to the flow of the liturgy. Additional leaders are needed NOW! Training will take place in the next few weeks. If you'd like more information or to sign up, call Teri Bucks, 671-0388.

Fr. Chuck's 40th Anniversary of his Ordination

SAVE THE DATE !

On **Sunday, June 1st** Fr. Chuck will celebrate his **40th Jubilee of Ordination** at the **10:30am Mass** with a reception to follow in the parish center. All are welcome to attend. We are expecting Bishop Clark to join us for this celebration.



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MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

"Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people." Acts 2:46, 47

The act of bringing the Lord to those who are unable to attend Mass is as old as the Eucharist itself. The act of simply being present to them is even older. There are those who miss the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist and those who simply miss the presence of the Lord because of the lack of people around them.

If you value the Eucharist in your own life and would like to share the presence of the Lord with others who are homebound, please contact Rose Leisenring (671-1100 x 17), for more information on Homebound Training, which will be held May 13, 14, and 15.

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FAITH FORMATION

and

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION 2008-2009

Registration forms for all currently registered students have been mailed home. Registration forms for new students are available in the following locations.

- the Church (on the table to the right of the Chapel)
- the Parish Office
- the Faith Formation Office (located in the School building)
- on our website at www.saintrita.org

Parish registration is required prior to registering for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Programs. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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NEW SUNSHINE SINGLES GROUP

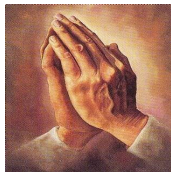
Who: Singles in their 20s and 30s

What: Meet for Mass @ 5:30PM, Rosary & Go out to dinner following!

When: First Fridays beginning Friday May 2 @ 5:30PM

Where: Holy Spirit Church - 1355 Hatch Rd - Webster
Come & enjoy a night out meeting other singles!





EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008

7:00AM SOPHIE KACZALA – 7:00am Mass Group
9:15AM THOMAS DUNN – Patty & Joe Janiak

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2008

9:15AM MIRIAM TRIPI - Jane McCoy

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008

7:00AM EMILY GATES – The Squilla Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2008
Anticipated Mass for the Feast of the Ascension
5:45PM SAM MARTELLA – Bob & Bev Ryan
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord
7:00AM ROSEMARY KREBS – Bud & Mary Grandpre
9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY -All are welcome!
SAC COMMITTEE and ALL SCHOOL PARENTS – by Faculty and Students

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2008

9:15AM ALENA VINCENZIO – The DiGiorgio Family

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2008

9:00AM FIRST EUCCHARIST CELEBRATION
5:00PM DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DI CIACCIO FAMILY – Anthony & Maria Sutera

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008

7:30AM CATHERINE GERMANO and ELIZABETH LAWLOR – Mr. & Mrs. John Lawlor
9:00AM JOSEPHINE HRUSECKY – Verna & Phil and Dorothy & Bill
10:30AM DOMINICK & TITINA CATALDO – Daughter, Edith Pastorella

This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Daniel & Henry Campbell

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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.

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

From the Desk of Rose Leisenring . . .

The Gift of the Holy Spirit



As we enter further into the Easter season, we prepare to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in our upcoming celebration of Pentecost. Joyce Rupp, in her book "Inviting God In", shares this reflection of the gift of the Holy Spirit:

One day I walked out of the house to go to a meeting. I had my hand on the car door, ready to open it. Suddenly a rush of peace and well-being swept through my spirit. I immediately had this keen awareness that someone was praying for me. I felt grateful and a bit in awe. I knew in that moment that God was filling me with love. This sense of an immense Power within us is one significant way in which the Holy Spirit acts. This powerful love stirs and calls to us. This gift of God's presence calls to us, unites us and supports us. We cannot force or control how or when this gift is given. We can only be open and ready to receive it.

We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit when we are baptized and continue to receive this gracious gift each time we are open to the goodness of God in our daily moments. It is easy to miss this graced movement of God or to take these moments for granted. Today might be a good day to deepen our awareness of how the Holy Spirit guides, protects, encourages, comforts, sustains, and draws us always toward a more complete union with our Creator.

*Bearer of Gifts,
Celebrate your presence within my life.
May your power be at the source of my actions,
In all my moments, no matter how ordinary.*

Peace,
Rose

Save the Date!

Help us celebrate Sr. Katherine Ann and all her achievements over the past 25 years as principal of St. Rita School at a community picnic:

**Sunday, June 22 from Noon - 3:00pm
at St Rita School on the Soccer Field behind Barn**

Sr. Katherine Ann has worked to ensure that our children have a great education as well as the moral and spiritual foundation to help them achieve their dreams and goals. We will be taking up a collection to fund some special gifts/dedications for Sr. Katherine Ann. Stay tuned for more details on that. If you have any questions, or you'd like to help, please don't hesitate to contact Debbie Kazimer (coesam67@yahoo.com), 265-4338.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

APRIL 27, 2008

SUNDAY 4/27

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 4/28

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 6:30-7:30pm First Eucharist Rehearsal Grp 2 - Church
 7:00-9:00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY 4/29

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

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend April 19 & 20

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$13,239	\$13,700	- \$461
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$623,250	\$589,100	+\$34,150

(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.

SACRISTAN:

Week of April 27 Jane & Dick Casper

LINENS:

Week of May 4 Thelma Benwitz

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Serving until May 18!

Breakfast is served from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu. We offer a “Special” each Sunday but also have a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (any way you like), bacon, sausage, pancakes . . .



Next Week’s Special is: Pancakes with Strawberry topping served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:



Aaron Paul Sexton
Liana Rose Tata

BIBLE READINGS:

- 27 Sun **Sixth Sunday of Easter** Acts 8:5-8,14-17 Ps 66:1-7,16,20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21
- 28 Mon Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1-6,9 Jn 15:26-16:4a
- 29 Tue **St. Catherine of Siena** Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Jn 16:5-11
- 30 Wed Acts 17:15,22-18:1 Ps 148:1-2,11-14 Jn 16:12-15
- 1 Thu **The Ascension of the Lord** Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3,6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
- 2 Fri **St. Athanasius** Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-7 Jn 16:20-23
- 3 Sat **Sts. Philip and James** 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-5 Jn 14:6-14
- 4 Sun **Seventh Sunday of Easter** Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1,4,7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ May 3 & 4

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Marisa Vargas, Alex Vargas, Joseph DiRaimo

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman, Sean McGrath

Sunday, 9:00am:

Tim Bruno, Eric Chiesa, Jack Meisenzahl

Sunday, 10:30am:

Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Jessica Bolt

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!



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 May 3 & 4.



FIESTA NEWS!

Friday, June 6 ~ 5:00 to 10:00pm
and
Saturday, June 7 ~ 3:00 to 11:00pm

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.

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!!

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.

BOOKWORMS! Please remember our Fiesta Used Book Sale when you spring-clean! The sale is always a success because of your generous donations of used books, videos, DVD's and CD's. You'll find great summer reading bargains! A collection box will be placed in the narthex beginning May 3rd. We regret that we cannot accept condensed Reader's Digests or encyclopedias. Questions? Call Don and Mary Brown, 671-2722.

FIESTA PLANT SALE PUTS DOWN ROOTS: Now is the time to prepare for the Fiesta Plant Sale! When you are digging and dividing your plants and shrubs for the sale, please mark the name and flower color on each pot to make it easier for customers to find the specific plant and color they want. We are in need of different varieties of Hostas, flowering shrubs, perennials, as well as planting containers. Please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 (for digging and dividing of plant donations) or Joyce Hollander at 671-3281 (to volunteer at the booth).

FIESTA DONATIONS NEEDED: Looking for gently used McDonalds Toys or other small toys to be used as prizes in the Children's Area. Also looking for 10 Whiffleballs - any color. There will be a collection box located in the foyer for donations. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the Children's Games Friday and Saturday. Thank you! Please contact Corinne Kohrt if you are interested in volunteering or with questions at miscorinne@yahoo.com

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!

49th Annual St. Rita Society
EVENING WITH MARY
Tuesday, May 20

Mass in Church at 6:00pm
Dinner at Glendoveers at 7:15pm
(Old Browncroft Blvd.)

All women of the parish are most welcome to attend. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or at the parish office beginning May 10.

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

OLD BARN CAFÉ
in the Parish Center

MAY SPECIALS
Sharon Pucher & Jane Kunzog
Coordinators

SERVING ON SUNDAYS 8:30-11:00am

Our Season is coming to a close – 3 more weeks so if you haven't stopped in to check it out now is the time! 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!

May 4 Dick Source and team will start this month with a **Pancake Special with strawberry topping served with your choice of** either bacon or sausage and bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

May 11 Happy Mother's Day! Ladies please stop by the special table and choose a plant of your choice. The O'Connor team will be offering a special of **Sausage Egg Bake** served with a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

May 18 Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will feature their ever-popular **Eggs Benedict** as their season finale. This includes a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.25.

As our season comes to a close we want to thank all of our customers for their generous support of our ministry.

Thanks also to:

- All of our 5 team captains and workers.
- The young people who give up a few hours of sleep on Sunday mornings to serve as waiters and waitresses.
- All of our supporting patrons
- To Maureen Morehouse, our treasurer who keeps our financial records and cash box in order.
- Our new workers who responded to the Stewardship Drive.

Have a wonderful summer, be safe and hope to see you in September!

Love,
Jane

Congratulations
to the following candidates
who will be receiving
The Sacrament of First Eucharist
this spring.



Cody Alloco
Ariel Asito
Thomas Baxter
Madison Bell
Jordan Benz
Tyler Bergeron
Nicholas Bober
Connor Bollin
Lauren Bonacci
Nathaniel Brasser
Olivia Brasser
Kayla Brown
Martin Bulanowski
Joseph Calcagno
Elizabeth Capicotto
Lily Carroll
Kerrigan Casper
Thomas Castronova
Paige Chaput
Spencer Chaput
Daniel Charleton
Olivia Cino
Tessa Clark
Catherine Collins
Nicole Conciardo
Kasey Condon
Justin Connolly
Stephen Connolly
Abbey Corcuera
Lindsey Coumou
John Crittenden
Antoinette Cruz
John Cunningham
Erika Curcio
Jacob Damelio
Samuel D'Amico
Gage DeFazio
Kristine Denimarck
Timothy Deveney
Ryan Devoe
Brooke Didas
Mallory DiFelice
Casey Donohoe
Brandon Donohue
Martin Dudinski
Rebecca Elsbree
Andrew Fabrizi
Christopher Farmen
Morgan Fenton
Sarah Fischer
Brigid Flaherty
Thomas Ford

Joey Fragale
Jonathan Gaglio
Carmen Gallese
Christopher Garbin, Jr.
Brianna Garcia
Alexis Gaylord
Olivia Gaylord
Megan Gessin
Nicholas Giardino
Alyssa Gibson
Alison Greenberg
Ava Guadagnino
Allison Gurak
Ryan Haigh
Payton Hall
Simon Harris
Lindsay Hess
Benjamin Hewitson
Emily Hill
Sara Hill
Angie Hines
Margaret Hurley
Taylor Hyte
Gianna Iannone
Brian Jantz
Micaela Johnson
William Johnson
Austin Jones
Benjamin Kazimer
Justin Kingsley
Heidi Klein
Alexandra Klimek
Julia Krurnowski
Justin LaLoggia
Nicholas Laudisi
Melina Leone
Courtney Lewis
Payton Lill
Nicole Lodico
Ryan Long
Hannah Lundquist
Mary Elizabeth Lundquist
Victoria Lundquist
James Lutzke
Sean Lynch
Jessica Lynd
Nicholas Mabe
Jennie Martellotta
Ryan Martins
Rebekah Mayernik
Matthew McCombs
Brandon Mechler

Madalyn Meisenzahl
Abigail Miller
Quinn Minich
Ryan Morency
Corey Muto
Benjamin Natale
Kelsey Nelson
Katherine Nicolay
Nicholas Obi
Brandon Passafiume
Holly Peckham
Christopher Phelps
Luke Piazza
Nicolas Pietrantonio
Joshua Pilato
Taylor Post
Michael Rissone
Catherine Robarge
Ethan Rosenzweig
Jacqueline Rowland
Danielle Salina
Andrew Sanford
Ashley Schenkel
Hanna Schenkel
Eric Schneider
Annika Schouten
Kate Scorsone
Jessica Sigafos
Alayna Simmons
Jessica Siragusa
Hudson Sirianni
Peter Skarzynski
Jack Snover
Jimmy Spampinato
Alex Speranza
Stephanie Staszak
Jack Steger
Olivia Tette
Emma Tierney
David Tomer
Cambria Trimaldi
Kylie Tripoli
Brianna Vandermark
Kate Welch
Anthony West
Elizabeth Wezelis
Elora Wheeler
Kelsey Whelan
Andrew Wygal
Juliana Zazzara
Lily Zucaro