

**MAY 11, 2008**



Diocesan Life Issues Coordinator  
Father in heaven, these fifty days of Easter has celebrated the fullness of the mystery of your revealed love. You fulfilled the Easter promise by sending us your Holy Spirit. May that Spirit unite your people gathered in prayer. Open our hearts to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and disperse the divisions of word and tongue. With one voice and one song may we praise your name in joy and thanksgiving. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**  
Perhaps it may be harder now than it ever has to practice Christian Stewardship. With the increasing efforts to create a consumer need for material things, we must remember our primary need to share our good fortune. If we concentrate solely on holding onto what we have, we lose our capacity to receive. If we allow our material possessions to come and go, by sharing our treasures, we are using these gifts in the way God intends.  
*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*

**For our Pentecost Masses this weekend**, the following parishioners are proclaiming the Good News in different languages:

- 5:00 pm Betsy McDermott – French
- 7:30 am Gospel - Fr. Hoan – Vietnamese
- 9:00 am Gospel - Fr. Hoan – Vietnamese
- 10:30 am Sandra Rotolo – Italian

On this feast day we celebrate those early disciples in all the languages of humankind. It has been our custom to use multiple languages to reflect that experience as well as the rich diversity of the Church, which indeed extends to “the ends of the earth”.

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**49<sup>th</sup> 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. Choice of Chicken Marsala or Stuffed Filet of Sole (\$16 for members and \$21 for non-members or Prime Rib (\$18 for members and \$23 for non-members).

Reservations are needed by Sunday, May 18. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and next, or at the parish office. Need transportation? Call Carol at 671-7832.

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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](http://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.



**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.

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**MOTHERS DAY PRAYER**

Loving God,

Thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We know you are their source of endless love, time and patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

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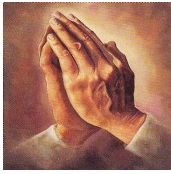
The St. Rita Society is graciously hosting Fr. Chuck's Jubilee reception in the parish center after his Jubilee Mass on Sunday, June 1 at 10:30am. If you are able to help in providing appetizers, finger-food or a dessert, please call Elaine King at 671-4930.

**Our Parish Outreach Fund at Work . . .**

Dear Fr. Chuck and the People of St. Rita Parish, Thank you so much for your generous donation to Project Rachel. This money will help the ministry develop materials and fund outreach efforts so that men and woman hurt by abortion may find peace and healing.

Your generosity allows us to be Christ to others.

With gratitude,  
Jann Armantrout



## EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

### MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008

7:00AM JEAN SIDOTI –  
9:15AM MIRIAM TRIPI –

The Frati Family  
Jean & Paul Fauth

### TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2008

9:15AM DON GALLO –

Wife

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2008

7:00AM FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE MC CREARY FAMILY – Sr. Helen McCreary, RSM  
9:15AM THERESA COUSINEAU – Ron & Ruth LaCroix

### THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2008

7:00AM SOPHIE KACZALA – 7:00 Mass Group  
9:15AM MEMORIAL MASS FOR TINA RINERI

### FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2008

9:15AM MEMORIAL MASS FOR JOSEPH RINK

### SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2008

5:00PM ANNA MITCHELL – Anna & Ed Ehlers

### SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2008

7:30AM JOHN POLLE – Ken & Jean Engel  
9:00AM FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH  
10:30AM FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Charles & Josephine Ange**

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### **LITURGICAL MINISTER MEETING Saturday, May 17 from 10:00 to Noon In the Parish Center**

Lectors, Leaders, Communion Ministers and Ushers are reminded to attend the meeting next Saturday morning at 10:00am. Fr. Hoan will be speaking on the spirituality of being a Liturgical Minister followed by a review of your individual ministry.

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### **Companions in Grief Support Group**

Thursday, May 13  
at 7:30pm in Room 1

**Speaker:** Rose Leisenring  
Pastoral Associate at St. Rita's

**Topic:** Feeling like Burnt Popcorn

All who have experienced the loss of a loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!

## *Pastor's Perspective*

In my homily last weekend I used a reflection from Joyce Rupp's book Prayer published by Orbis Books. Her book is the first of a series of more than seven books to be published – written by several leading spiritual writers "Catholic Spirituality for Adults".

Several of you asked about the piece, so here it is:

### ***The Tidal Patterns of Prayer***

The rolling rhythm of the boundless sea washes over small, gray stones tossed upon the sandy beach.

Wave after successive wave draws the surrendered stones back and forth, back and forth, until they lift their voices in pebbled harmony.

Then the music of the stones settles into momentary silence,

rests in the cradle of the sea's cadence, enraptured in the pause before the great water turns, moves them outward, drawing them beyond the comforting beach toward the vague darkness of the deep sea's mystery.

In such a way, the Beloved gathers the gray pebbles of my prayer, stirs the endless rhythm of grace, until my heart, too, circles and tumbles with the cadence of love.

Like gray stones on the beach my soul dances in the movement, rests in the silence, then takes the emptying journey into the darkness,

there to remain in trust, waiting to be drawn toward the welcoming shores of consolation.

Happy Pentecost,

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK** **MAY 11, 2008**

**SUNDAY 5/11**

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

**TUESDAY 5/13**

9:00-11:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
 7:00-9:00pm Homebound Ministry Training – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY 5/14**

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
 7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
 7:00-9:00pm Stewardship Committee – Parish Office  
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

**THURSDAY 5/15**

7:30-9:00pm Companions in Grief – Rm 1

**SATURDAY 5/17**

10:00-Noon Liturgical Minister Meeting – Gym  
 6:15-7:30pm Volunteer Reception – Gym

<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>For Last Weekend May 3 &amp; 4</b>		
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$19,080	\$13,700	+ \$5,380
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$654,522	\$616,500	+\$38,022
(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.		
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!</b>		

**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**  
 Serving until Sunday, May 18!



Breakfast is served from 8:30am to 11:00am in the gym. Order from a complete breakfast menu of traditional items plus we offer a "Special" each Sunday. **Next Week's Special is: Eggs Benedict** served with a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00

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 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.

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 11 Sun **Pentecost Sunday** Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Jn 20:19-23
- 12 Mon Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67-68,71-72,75-76 Mk 8:11-13
- 13 Tue Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:14-21
- 14 Wed **St. Matthias** Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17
- 15 Thu Jas 2:1-9 Ps 34:2-7 Mk 8:27-33
- 16 Fri Jas 2:14-24,26 Ps 112:1-6 Mk 8:34-9:1
- 17 Sat Jas 3:1-10 Ps 12:2-5,7-8 Mk 9:2-13
- 18 Sun **The Most Holy Trinity** Ex 34:4b-6,8-9 Dn 3:52-56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED**  
 Next Weekend ~ May 17 & 18

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
 Breanna Bernardi, Marisa Bernardi, Lily Cizewski
- Sunday, 7:30am:**  
 Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger, Jack Samuelson
- Sunday, 9:00am:**  
 Juliana Cruz, Rachel Benz, Lauren Benz
- Sunday, 10:30am:**  
 Kevin Connell, Erik Rall, Brandon Fersaci

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**SACRISTAN:**  
 Week of May 11 Elaine Doriguzzi

**LINENS:**  
 Week of May 18 Barbara Durick

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**CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT SESSION**

Christ the King is hosting a **Creating a Safe Environment** session on Monday, May 19 at 6:30pm in Room 137 of the school. CASE is required for anyone who wishes to volunteer in any capacity at school or church. Please call 338-1146 to register.

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**Holy Trinity ~ Gala Grand Opening**  
**Saturday, May 17**

All are invited to attend Holy Trinity's Grand Opening of Murphy Hall. We will begin with a special celebration at the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, May 17. Afterwards we will enjoy an evening of dinner and dancing.

Dinner will be catered by Proietti's Restaurant and there will be a celebration of the Trinity Life Center and Holy Trinity through the years with special attention to all school alumni in attendance. If you are a Holy Trinity alumnus, or know one, please contact Mark and Helen Malahosky at 265-3509 or email [Malahosky@gmail.com](mailto:Malahosky@gmail.com). The cost will be \$25.00 per person and child/children under 12 \$15.00 It will be a memorable night for all.



**AN INVITATION  
TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS (STEWARDS)**

In appreciation for all you do in sharing  
your gifts of time and talent,

St. Rita Parish Staff invites you  
(and your guest or family)  
to our Annual

**Volunteer Appreciation Reception  
in your honor  
on Saturday, May 17**

**from 6:15-7:30pm**  
in the Parish Center

Light refreshments and beverages will be offered.

Please R.S.V.P. by signing up in the greeting area  
or call the parish office at 671-1100  
**by Wednesday, May 14**

**Hope to see you there!**

**Platinum Sponsor Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning  
Presents**



**St. Rita's 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta is Fast Approaching!**

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

The 54th annual St. Rita's Fiesta is quickly approaching. Our tithe recipient this year is the **James P. Wilmot Cancer Center** in support of our parish family members who may continue to fight against this devastating disease. The Fiesta, scheduled for **Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>** will feature a variety of Carnival games, Inflatables for all ages including a Bounce House, 22' Giant slide, Obstacle Course, Laser Tag, Airbrush Tattoos, Crafts and more!

Come sample a variety of tantalizing foods including the delicious Fish Fry (Friday) and Chicken BBQ (Saturday), Hots, Hamburgers, Sausage w/ peppers and onions, Hank's Ice Cream, Nancy's Fried Dough and Dunkin' Donuts Coffee. Browse and enjoy and the Plant sale, Book sale, Bake sale, 50/50 raffles, Chinese Auction and come try your luck at the Casino Games! Also, don't forget the **\$10,000 Grand Prize Raffle**. Only \$10.00 per ticket! The parishioner who sells the most tickets receives a reserved pew **and** a reserved parking space for Christmas Eve mass or Easter Sunday whichever they prefer. Only **5,000** tickets will be sold, so get your raffle forms in now!

Taking the stage on Friday night, rain or shine, is **"It's My Party"** singing your favorite "Oldies" from 6:00-7:30pm. Also appearing center stage, **"4 The Record"** featuring R&B rock's most popular hits from 8:00-10:00pm.

Highlighting the entertainment for Saturday night are **"The Skycoasters"** playing music you can get up and dance to. Don't miss this great entertainment for the whole family from 6:30-10:30pm. Thanks to our Gold Sponsor **Taylor Rental** all the fun and excitement will be under cover!

**Got Books? Donate Them!** Once again, it's time to clean out your bookshelves. Let's make this another big success by donating your used books, CD's and videos. We have great selection and bargains; so don't forget to pick up your summer reading at a fraction of the price of new material! A collection box is in the narthex. For pick-up, call 671-2722.

**St. Rita Society Baked Food Sale:** The ladies of our St. Rita Society appreciate your support in making the Fiesta Baked Food Sale another great success. If you can donate a baked food item (Pies, Cakes, Cookies, whatever you wish to share) please bring them to the Parish Center Gym on Friday, June 6 or Saturday, June 7 after Noon. If you have any questions call Marie at 671-6726 or Eleanor at 671-3247.

**We are extremely grateful for all the donation of time, talent and treasure from our Parish Community. The fiesta always needs and appreciates sponsors and volunteers. Corporate sponsors please call Steve Gaglio (670-9515) or Gary Nicastro (872-5648). To volunteer in the Casino, Food & Game Booths, Kids Creations, Parking & Security, Book Sale, Plant Sale and for Set/Up Take/Down please contact Tom Cali (671-0428) or Ed Ritzel (787-1937).**

**With your help, we look forward to having another successful Fiesta! St. Rita Parish Fiesta is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community for fun and fellowship!**