

JULY 13, 2008

### Stepping Stones to Stewardship

**“Happiness lies more in giving than in receiving.”**  
(Acts 20:35)

We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed upon each one of us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts. Some of the obstacles that keep us from “making a straight path” for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. In our daily lives, we manage our family and work responsibilities. Avoid becoming overly occupied with these important matters to the exclusion of the need of others outside our home or work.

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*

### VOCATION AWARENESS

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 13

The seed sown on rich soil is like “the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit...” (Matthew 13) Vocations are seeds God plants in our hearts. They are God’s generous invitation to follow a particular path to holiness. In order for those seeds to bear fruit, we need to provide fertile soil, cultivated through prayer and careful listening for God’s voice. How is God inviting you to “bear fruit” for the world? Have you ever considered a Church vocation in ordained, religious, or lay ecclesial ministry? For more information please contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness** 461-2890 or [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations).

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**ST. RITA SCHOOL PRE-K OPENINGS** - Many changes can happen in a 3 year olds life between registering for Pre-K in February and now. St. Rita School has a few unexpected openings in our Pre-K program for the 2008-2009 school year. Please give us a call at 671-3132 if you are interested.

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### LADIES OF ST. RITA ~ SAVE THE DATE

**September 5-7 for our Annual Retreat at the Notre Dame Retreat House**

The theme this year is “Understanding St. Paul – A Realistic Guide for Today’s Culture”. Pope Benedict XVI will dedicate the year beginning in June to St. Paul, marking the 2000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apostle’s birth.

Come away for the weekend with the Lord. Let Him restore and renew your spirit. Let Him create in you strength and courage through the teachings of St. Paul.

Think about it ladies and plan on saving the date for a quiet get-away with the Lord. You deserve it! More information will follow in the coming weeks.

### Webster Penfield Catholic Connection Parish Health Ministry News

The WPCC Health Ministry focuses on educational efforts in the health and wellness area, providing monthly blood pressure screenings in each of the four parishes as well as regular educational programs on health and wellness-related issues of concern to our community. This begins a series of educational articles on Hypertension (high blood pressure.)

**Can I take my own blood pressure?** Blood pressure tests at home can be done with the familiar blood pressure cuff and a stethoscope, or with an electronic monitor, such as a digital readout monitor. Also, be sure that the person who will use the device reads the instructions before taking blood pressure readings. Your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist can help you check the device and teach you how to use it. You also may ask for their help in choosing the right one for you. Blood pressure devices can be bought at various places, such as discount chain stores and pharmacies.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

We have **gluten-free hosts** available for those who have special dietary needs. For more information please call Mary Ann Kwiatkowi at 671-1997.

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### COMPANIONS IN GRIEF GROUP *presents:*

**Roslyn Karaban, M.Div., Ph.D.**  
*Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry*



**Wednesday August 13 at 7:30 p.m.**  
**At Holy Spirit Church**

Dr. Roslyn’s special area of interest and expertise is complicated grief. She teaches courses in this area and often goes to churches to give talks and workshops. She is the author of *Complicated Losses, Difficult Deaths*.

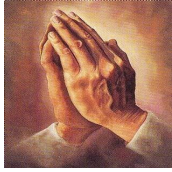
Dr. Roslyn is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and many of her clients come to her for grief counseling. She runs a training program (with St. Bernard’s and Lifetime Care) in hospice chaplaincy and also brings to this work a lifetime of complicated losses in her own personal life.

Dr. Roslyn will talk about the grieving process and particularly about difficulties and complications that may arise. She will have handouts and will allow time for interaction, questions and personal sharing.

*All are welcome to attend.*

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**PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS** ~ If you are attending a Mass being celebrated for a loved one, please tell the ushers before Mass so that you may carry the gifts at the offertory. You and your family may also offer to do this at other times when you are present. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the ushers.



**EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 14, 2008**

7:00AM THELMA ZAEPFEL – Frances Terranova  
9:15AM BLASÉ PESCE – Family

**TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2008**

9:15AM BERT DE LANO – Dottie DeLano

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2008**

7:00AM JOSEPH KUBY – Son, Joe Jr.  
9:15AM ROSEMARIE PICCARRETTO – The Bell Family

**THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2008**

7:00AM MARSHA BUTLER – Diane & Family  
9:15AM GRACE CUNTO – Sister Maria

**FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2008**

9:15AM MEMORIAL SERVICE for VITTORIO UMBRUNO

**SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2008**

5:00PM DAVID DI MARIA – Dick DiMaria

**SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2008**

7:30AM RETE & JIM MC CORMICK – Family  
9:00AM BOB SHERWOOD – Family  
10:30AM ANTONIETTA & MICHELE PICCIRILLO – Ralph & Rita Piccirillo

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Roberta Ruth Colin**



**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.

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**Wedding Banns  
I  
Jessica Kipp & Michael Kennedy**

*Pastor's Perspective*

Summer is a good time for lighter fare, a swim, a sail, walking barefoot in the grass, gazing at a starlit sky, taking it easy and also for a good laugh.

I hope the following Christian one-liners will bring you the later:

*Don't let your worries get the best of you  
remember Moses started out as a basket case.*

*Some people are kind, polite, and sweet spirited  
until you try to sit in their pew.*

*Many folks want to serve God,  
but only as advisors*

*It is easier to preach ten sermons  
than it is to live one.*

*The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose,  
but mosquitoes come close.*

*When you get to your wit's end,  
You'll find God lives there.*

*People are funny; they want the front of the bus,  
the middle of the road and the back of church*

*Opportunity may knock once,  
but temptation bangs on your front door forever.*

*Quit griping about your church;  
If it was perfect, you couldn't belong.*

*If the church wants a better pastor,  
It only needs to pray for the one it has!*

Happy Summer,

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**RCIA**

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. It is a process that begins in the fall and it is designed for people who have interest in the Catholic Church. If you were baptized in another faith and are questioning if you want to become full members of the Catholic Church, this process is for you. If you have never been baptized and are questioning whether you want to be baptized into the Catholic Church, this process is for you. The process itself involves attending Sunday scripture sessions, and attending special parish education programs. The process helps you discern what God is calling you to in your journey of faith. Call Drew at 671-1100, ext 15 if you have interest or questions about the RCIA process.

TUESDAY 7/15

1:00pm

Recovery – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 7/16

7:00-9:00pm

Bible Study – Rm 1

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



Miaya Elizabeth DeLeo

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 13 Sun 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23
14 Mon Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Is 1:10-17 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mt 10:34 - 11:1
15 Tue St. Bonaventure Is 7:1-9 Ps 48:2-8 Mt 11:20-24
16 Wed Is 10:5-7,13b-16 Ps 94:5-10,14-15 Mt 11:25-27
17 Thu Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Ps 102:13-21 Mt11:28-30
18 Fri Is 38:1-8,21-22 Is 38:10-12,16 Mt 12:1-8
19 Sat Mi 2:1-5 Ps 10:1-4,7-8,14 Mt 12:14-21
20 Sun 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13,16-19 Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ July 19 & 20

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Joseph DiRaimo

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman, Mike Hansen

Sunday, 9:00am:

Vicky Ritzel, Noah Ritzel, Mike Sullivan

Sunday, 10:30am:

Vincent Waver, Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi

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4th ANNUAL PIG ROAST ~ FOR MATT OLIVERI

Saturday, August 2

Lakeview Pavilion at Webster Park

Matt Oliveri along with his dad Mike are parishioners here at St. Rita and attend 5:00 Saturday Mass. Matt is a quadriplegic due to injuries sustained in an accident. He hopes someday to be out of his wheelchair and sitting in a pew once again. Your prayers and financial support will help make this dream a reality. Please see the poster in the narthex of church with complete details. If you cannot attend the party, donations would be welcome.

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Casino Trips - The Knights of Columbus – Rev. Paul Cuddy Assembly – is sponsoring 2 motor coach Casino trips ~ Monday, July 21 to Seneca Niagara (\$25) and Monday, August 25 to Turning Stone Casino (\$28). Perks included. Please call Roger Matyjakowski at 425-2734 for reservations and information.

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

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend July 5 & 6

Last Week Weekly Goal Variance
\$17,208 \$13,800 + \$3,408

Year to Date Year to Date Goal Variance
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(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

The surplus in the weekly collection is allocated to reduce the overall budget deficit of the parish.

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment - \$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of July 1, 2008 - \$200,229

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer

NO CHARGE TO YOU!

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account. Sign-up cards are available in the back of Church or for more information please call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12.

SACRISTAN:

Week of July 13

Tom Marton

LINENS:

Week of July 20

Maureen Morehouse

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Save the Date! Liturgical composer and pianist Marty Haugen is coming to Irondequoit! The author of "All Are Welcome," "The Feast of Life", "Bread to Share", and much more of the music that we use in our liturgies and classrooms will be here August 7 - 9. Come and join the celebration as Marty spends 3 days sharing his musical and spiritual gifts with our communities.

"Living a Life of Joy" Summer Celebration of Faith-Thursdays, August 7 at 5:00pm session 1, dinner, then 7:00pm session 2 at St. Ann's Campus (Portland Ave)

"Joyful Sound" Marty Haugen Concert – Friday, August at 7:30pm at Christ the King Church

"Spirit Alive in Our Worship & World" Saturday, August 9 from 9:00am to 1:00pm (workshop for everyone, not just Music Ministers') Christ the King Church (Kings Hwy S) To register please call 338-1146 or 338-3800.