

ADOPT – A – STUDENT

Stepping Stones to Stewardship
"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be. For everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required." Luke 12:34,48
Stewardship Live It!

Creating A Safe Environment

In accordance with Diocesan Policy if you are over the age of 18 and will be volunteering in our Parish and/or School in working with children, teens, and/or vulnerable adults you will need to attend a CASE workshop and have a criminal background check. In addition, if you will be driving children, teens and/or vulnerable adults you will need to complete a Volunteer Driver Information Form. Note to drivers: If you have attended the workshop in the past you do not need to attend again, however, a new Volunteer Driver Information Form is required at the beginning of each new school year.

Upcoming dates are:

- Wed., September 3 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Church
Wed., September 17 at 6:00pm at St. Paul Church
Mon., September 29 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Church

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2008-2009

Classroom and teacher assignments for currently registered students were mailed home this week. We are still in need of a catechist/teacher for:

3rd Grade on Tuesdays at 4:30

If you are able to fill this position please contact Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Registrations forms are available in the Faith Formation Office (in school), the Parish Office, and on the table to the right of the Chapel in the Narthex of the Church or go to our website at www.saintrita.org. Please submit your forms ASAP to guarantee placement in the fall.

WHAT IS DTV? Did you ever wonder what this whole thing called DTV is about? After February 17, 2009 you will need a converter box or a digital TV in order to watch television. Marisa Vargas, a member of our parish, will hold an informational night on the Digital Television transition for seniors in our four Webster/Penfield parishes. This event will take place on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:00pm in Room 3. This event is to help Marisa with her Gold Award project for Girl Scouting. Marisa will have government issued coupons and application forms available that night. Don't miss this important event.

To offset the pressures of today's secular society, many parents seek a Catholic School Education for their children where the teachings and standards of home are upheld and where children receive an excellent religious and academic education in a Christ-centered environment. With tuition of \$2,950 for 1 child, \$4,720 for 2 children and \$5,670 for 3 children, many parents are forced to compromise. Although tuition subsidy is available through the diocese, more assistance is always needed!

Thanks to our St. Rita School Endowment Fund, extra funds are available. Please consider adding to that fund and helping children obtain a Catholic School Education – a choice our government denies them. A sincere "Thank You" to those who have made donations in the past. Donations are also accepted in memory of loved ones. Please send donations or refer any questions to Sr. Katherine Ann at the school at 671-3132.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Check your commitment:
_____ full tuition (\$2,950)
_____ half tuition (\$1,475)
_____ partial tuition (\$_____)
Please return this form to the School Office or the Parish Office. Thank You!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

HELP! The Children's Liturgy of the Word program is in need of additional catechists/leaders, otherwise we will not be able to provide this program each weekend at the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. If you can help or would like more information contact Teri Bucks at 671-0388.

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

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 September 6 & 7.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

No Masses ~ Holiday

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

9:15AM ANTONINO PUCCIO – Salvo & Silvia Puccio

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2008

9:15AM RITA BECKER – Rita Martin

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008

7:00AM ART YAEGER – Family

9:15AM MOIRA KANE – Michaela Siebert

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008

9:15AM DONALD BAYER – K of C Trinity Council & Rev. Cuddy Assembly

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

2:00PM Wedding: Heather Bak & Andrew Chatt

5:00PM RAFFAEL MARASCO – Alerina Scazlo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

7:30AM RITE & JIM MC CORMICK – Family

9:00AM ANTHONY GIORDANO – Molly Cascini

10:30AM NICK TANTALO – Wife

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Jim Hanley**

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Wedding Banns

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**Heather Bak & Andrew Chatt
Kevin Macikowski & Salome Tripi**

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MEN'S RETREAT FOR ST. RITA PARISH

Save the Date ~ September 19-21

Come away for a quiet weekend with other men from the Diocese. Experience 40 inspirational hours in the relaxed atmosphere of the Notre Dame Retreat House on Canandaigua Lake. Take some time away from everyday life and spend some time with God, alone, and with others seeking a closer relationship with our Lord. The retreat is Friday, September 19 and ends at Noon on Sunday, September 21. For more information or to make a reservation please call our parish contact Jim Lajoie at (home) 248-9543 or (work) 350-2232.

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***The Parish offices will be closed
on Monday, September 1
in observance of the Labor Day Holiday***

From the Desk of Sr. Katherine Ann . . .



St. Rita School "Where Faith and Knowledge Meet"

"Dear Sister Katherine Ann,

In a couple of weeks I will be graduating from Webster Thomas High School and I just wanted to write you a letter to thank you for the impact that you have had on my life. Attending St. Rita's was an amazing experience! You create such a warm, comfortable environment to learn in. Some of my best memories are from St. Rita's. I truly believe that my experiences at St. Rita's have helped shape the student and the person I have become today. I learned a lot more than just academics in the 9 years that I was at St. Rita's. You taught me to be a kind and compassionate person."

This is part of a letter I received in June from a former student I had not heard from since sixth grade. Needless to say I was thrilled to receive it from an 18 year old who already realizes the value of her St. Rita School experience. As we begin this new year, we welcome new students in all grades - PreK 3 through grade 6. 70 come from Holy Trinity as do 3 of their teachers and an aide. We are expecting 427 students on Wednesday. We have had to make some space adjustments and we have learned to be creative! Please come and tour our school after Mass next weekend and see how we did.

I thank you, our parishioners for supporting this most valuable ministry of the Church - a Catholic Christian Education. You are helping our parents to give their children a gift that will carry them into eternity. Your sacrifices will give our young people **a sense of purpose, something to believe in** through the difficult junior high and high school years when peer pressure overtakes family values. When they go off alone to college the God they became friends with at St. Rita School will be their support and guide. We are very excited about this new year with all our new classmates I am happy to have so many parents committed to Catholic education no matter what building it is in.

Peace,

Sister Katherine Ann

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SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ~ On September 6 & 7 the school will be open before and after all weekend liturgies. All are invited to tour the school and barn that weekend. Come and see our rearranged library and computer lab, new entryway sidewalks and new coat closet doors in room 3. For over 50 years our parish has supported a wonderful educational facility that we all can be proud of. **Our whole school community thanks you for your support of our educational ministry.**

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.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 31, 2008

TUESDAY 9/2

1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 9/3

7:00pm DTV Information Night – Room 3

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend August 23 & 24		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Aug 2008	Variance
\$12,480	\$13,800	-\$1,320
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$110,503	\$110,400	+\$103

(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 August 1, 2008 - \$198,618

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ST. RITA SOCIETY POT LUCK SUPPER & AUCTION
Tuesday, September 16
at 6:00pm in the Parish Center

This is a fun night you won't want to miss. Please bring your own place setting and a dish to pass:

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| A-F | Dessert | G-L | Casseroles |
| M-T | Salad | U-Z | Appetizer |

This year we will be doing a Chinese Auction. Make a small basket with 3-5 items in it. We will sell tickets (at a very nominal fee) that can be used to win these baskets. Come be with old friends and to meet new ones. Proceeds from the auction go to the Sisters at the convent for their food cupboard. Hope to see you there! Any questions call Elaine at 671-4930.

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**BREAKFAST CLUB
STARTS AGAIN
NEXT WEEKEND!**

This is our 38th year in business!

Come join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast and meet new friends! 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 on Sunday mornings from September through May!

Next week's special: Two, Two, Two Special gives you two eggs, two pancakes and two pieces of either bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

The full September menu will be in next week's bulletin!

BIBLE READINGS:

- 31 Sun **22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 20:7-9
Ps 63:2-6,8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27
- 1 Mon 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97-102 Lk 4:16-30
- 2 Tue 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-14 Lk 4:31-37
- 3 Wed **St. Gregory the Great** 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps
33:12-15,20-21 Lk 4:38-44
- 4 Thu 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 5:1-11
- 5 Fri 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40 Lk 5:33-39
- 6 Sat 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-21 Lk 6:1-5
- 7 Sun **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 33:7-9 Ps
95:1-2,6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ September 6 & 7

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Christina Smith, Erin Hasso, Mary Martellotta
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
Kyle Chapman, Jack Samuelson, Michael Hohl
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Alex Verneti, Tim Bruno, Eric Chiesa
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi, Vincent Waver

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SACRISTAN: Week of August 31 Shirl Mintz

LINENS: Week of September 7 Ruth Wensley

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



Check our website at www.saintrita.org
 for more information and events.

September brings a new year of YOUTH GROUP!

If you are in grades 6-12 and interested in getting together with other youth who share the same faith, thoughts and beliefs as you do join us on **September 14 from 5:30 until 7:30 in the Parish Center Gym** for our first Youth Group gathering of the season.

Junior High Adventure Day ~ Any youth is invited who is in grades 6-8 and their friends! The more the merrier! Spend a Sunday in the fall to hang out and make new friends from across the diocese and a day aimed especially for junior high kids in grades 6-8.

Where? At Camp Stella Maris on Conesus Lake. About 45 minutes south of Rochester off of I-390.

When? September 14 from 10am to 3 pm.

Concluding with a lively Mass with Fr. Joe Marcoux!

Cost? \$25.00 if paid by the September 8 deadline or \$30.00 if after September 8. Sorry no Refunds!

If interested please contact Mary Jo at 671-1100 x18.

Make a Friend! ~ Be a Friend ~ Bring a Friend to Jesus!