



**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

Christian stewardship is a broad, encompassing teaching, emphasizing that everything we are and everything we have – all our creation, our Church, our own vocation, personal resources, our talent and even our time – comes as gifts freely and lovingly given to God.

*Stewardship . . . Live It!*

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**MOMS GROUP**

**Moms, Are You Looking for  
a little Peace, Quiet, and Sharing?**

Attention all Moms with young and older children. We have had a Moms Group at St. Rita Parish for at least ten years now. We meet every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. on the days that school is in session. If you have been part of our group in the past, "Welcome Back". If you have never attended Moms Group - come and check it out! If you would like to know about our meetings please call Eileen Hasso at 671-5735 or Pat Kaufman at 671-5373. We share prayer, spiritual insights and have open discussions. **Our FIRST MEETING is on September 9 at 9:00am in Room 3.** If child care will be needed please call Pat before the meeting.

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**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.

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**MEN'S RETREAT FOR ST. RITA PARISH**

**Save the Date ~ September 19-21  
At the Notre Dame Retreat House**

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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**Did You Know?** Our bulletin and loads of parish information is available each week on-line at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) – check it out!

**SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE ~** This weekend! 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** - St. Rita School has a few unexpected openings in our Pre-K program for children ages 3 and 4 for the 2008-2009 school year. Please give us a call at 671-3132 if you are interested.

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**All women of the parish are invited!**

**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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**13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL**

**ROAST BEEF DINNER**



**Saturday, September 27**

**Serving begins at 4:30pm until 7:00pm  
in the Parish Center**

The St. Rita Society hosts this delicious meal that will include roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered carrots, salad, bread, homemade dessert and beverage.

**The cost is \$8.00 per person  
and children under 7 are FREE.**

All food is cooked and served with a smile. Tickets are available at the Parish Office. The proceeds will benefit a variety of Society projects. Join us for a great meal!



**EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

7:00AM ANITA PAYCOFF – Carol  
9:15AM SAM ZARCONE – Family

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008**

9:15AM MEMORIAL FUNERAL MASS FOR NONA WILLIAMS

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2008**

7:00AM ADRIENNE GRISHABER – Mary Lohmaier  
9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY- All are welcome  
MARGARET GLEASON – St. Rita School Family

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

7:00AM ALFONSO PALAZZOLO – Wife  
9:15AM JOSEPH GABRIELE – Maria & Daughters

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2008**

9:15AM FR. BEN NOWAK – Patty & Joe Janiak

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008**

5:00PM IN HONOR OF SR. KATHERINE ANN'S 50<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**

7:30AM ELIZABETH WALL – Nancy Gardone  
9:00AM FRITZ MUELLER – Kathleen Mueller  
10:30AM JERRY PINKNEY – Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Russ Pecoraro**

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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.

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**FOR AN UPDATED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE Please call 671-1100 x 22 – anytime!**

Call the parish office ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on you can press 22.

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**PARISH VISITATION**

Do you have a loved one at home, in a nursing home, or hospital who 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.

*From the Desk of Fr. Robert Bradler . . .*

Dear People of St. Rita Parish,

Please accept our deepest gratitude for your parish response to the 2008 Missionary Cooperation Appeal for the benefit of the Medical Missionaries of Mary.

We have received your check in the amount of \$5,008.30.

This letter gives me an opportunity to express my own thanks for your support of our mission programs. Thank you for receiving Kathy Velekkakan in the name of the Lord Jesus. It is always a great joy to hear from our visitors how warmly they have been welcomed in our parishes. That is because of all of you!

In the words of our late Holy Father Pope John Paul II:

“Every Diocese (and every parish) is called to become ever more deeply aware of the universal dimension of the Church, to discover or re-discover its own missionary nature, extending ‘the range of its charity to the ends of the earth, and devoting to those far off, a concern similar to that which it bestows on those who are its own members’ (Ad Gentes, 37)”.

With every good wish, I remain in the daily love of Christ’s Mission,

Rev. Robert Bradler  
Diocesan Director  
The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

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*Card of Thanks . . .*

We wish to thank everyone at St. Rita for your thoughts, prayers and donations to benefit Matt Oliveri. This year’s benefit was a big success and your support is greatly appreciated.

**The Oliveri Family**

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**The Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live below the poverty line, and 13 million of those are children. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to create lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change. Please be prayerful and generous in supporting the CCHD to help those in poverty help themselves. Visit [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org) to learn more.

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 7, 2008**

**TUESDAY 9/9**

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 7:30pm Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY 9/10**

7:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office  
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**THURSDAY 9/11**

7:15pm School Curriculum Night for parents

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
**For Last Weekend August 30 & 31**

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Aug 2008	Variance
\$14,113	\$13,800	- \$313
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$124,616	\$124,200	+ \$416

(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 - \$197,036

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer**

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account. There is no charge for this service. Sign-up cards are available in the back of Church or for more information call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12.

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**SACRISTAN:**

Week of September 7 Mary Ann Beikirch

**LINENS:**

Week of September 14 Debbie Whitehair

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**CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION IS BEGINING!**



**For Boys and Girls  
 in Grades 3 through 12**

St. Rita CYO Basketball registration is now in process. If you are interested in having your child play, please print off the registration form from our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) under CYO and mail it to the parish office attn: Julie O'Grady. There are also registration forms available on the table in the Narthex in church.

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 7 Sun **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20
- 8 Mon **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6,6 Mt 1:1-16,18-23
- 9 Tue **St. Peter Claver** 1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 6:12-19
- 10 Wed 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,14-17 Lk 6:20-26
- 11 Thu 1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 Ps 139:1-3,13-14,23-24 Lk 6:27-38
- 12 Fri 1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27 Ps 84:3-6,12 Lk 6:39-42
- 13 Sat **St. John Chrysostom** 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13,17-18 Lk 6:43-49
- 14 Sun **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1-2,34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED**  
**Next Weekend ~ September 13 & 14**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Chris Gilbert, Nick Wynne, Andrew Chmiel

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Susan Loeb, Sandy Loeb, Connor McKenna

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Lauren Tatanus, Ashley Sousa, Tiffany Riddle

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Jessica Belt

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**JOIN US FOR  
 BREAKFAST CLUB**

**This is our 38<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Sept. 10** Team 2 headed by John O'Connor will feature their special **Sausage Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

**Sept. 17** Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will serve their delicious **Blueberry Pancakes or Waffles** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

**Sept. 24** The Clemens Family leads Team 4. They will prepare and serve their famous **Egg Bake**. Served with a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

All profits are used to pay for servicing our appliances and supplies. The food is great, the atmosphere is cozy and the help is friendly (all volunteers!).

From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister  
671-1100 ext. 18 or [mdinoto@dor.org](mailto:mdinoto@dor.org)



## Youth News

Check our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org)  
for more information and events.

### WELCOME BACK TO A NEW YEAR OF YOUTH GROUP!

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome in getting together with other youth who share their faith and beliefs and want to have fun together.

#### **Sunday, September 7, 11:30am – 1:00pm**

Leadership Team gathering – for the Leadership Team only. Meet in the Youth Center.

#### **Sunday, September 14 from 5:30 until 7:30pm**

**Our First Youth Group Gathering** of the season for grades 6-12. Meet in the Parish Center Gym.

**Junior High Adventure Day** ~ Any youth in grades 6-8 and their friends are invited! 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 10 am 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.

Please note, the Diocese has moved the **Hands of Christ** nominations and award ceremony to the spring of 2009. Please think of a 2009 senior that you would like to nominate and watch for more details to come.

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

### YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISERS

- **2009 Entertainment Books – ON SALE NOW!** For immediate use - and filled with great discounts on all types of restaurants and entertainment. Cost is \$25.00 and may be purchased at the parish office or call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x18.
- **Niagara Chocolate Candy Bar sale** Candy bars are available at the parish office for \$1.00 each.

All proceeds from fundraisers will be used toward youth programs and retreats. Your generosity and prayers for our youth help support them on their faith journey and they are most appreciative.

### 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:

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.saintrita.org). Please submit your forms ASAP to guarantee placement in the fall.

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### SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration forms are being accepted for the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist**. If your child is a minimum of seven years old and you choose to have him/her make one of the Sacraments please submit a registration form to the Faith Formation Office.

Registration 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](http://www.saintrita.org).

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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.

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### 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.

### Upcoming dates are:

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



## From the Desk of Chrisanne Yule St. Rita Music Director

### **MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. RITA'S**

Please consider joining a music organization at St. Rita's this year. Music is a wonderful way to contribute to the life of the church, as well as providing inspiration, enjoyment, and fellowship to those who participate.

**There is information on each group below, and you can call Chris Yule,  
Director of Music at 478-0778 for more information.**

**SPECIAL NEEDS: HELP!!** I am in need of some men to come forward and join the adult (10:30am) choir. Our choir is a wonderful group. We need tenors and basses, and some musical background is helpful. Please consider sharing your talents in this way so we can continue our excellent music ministry that has been developed in this choir. Please call me if you are interested.

The **CONTEMPORARY GROUP** also needs more people to join - as singers or instrumentalists. We have lost some young people (strong singers and cantors) due to graduation, and need to rebuild. Both youth and adults are welcome. I am also putting out a special request for a bass player, and someone to play percussion (we have the instruments for percussion). Rehearsals will be arranged in the fall.

**LADIES:** Come on out for **LITE CHOIR**. We are only committed to 1 evening rehearsal and 1 Sunday morning liturgy per month. Our first rehearsal is Tuesday, September 9 from 7:30-9:00pm in Room 3. Join us!

The **CHILDREN'S CHOIR** will again have 2 separate weekly rehearsals to accommodate different after school times. Pick the one that is best for you; Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 or Wednesdays from 2:30-3:15. Our first rehearsals will be Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24.

#### **THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP**

**Provides music for the 5:00pm Saturday  
Liturgies.**

**For:** All who enjoy singing for the Lord! You don't have to read music to be a member of this group. We use instruments (guitar, keyboard, percussion, bass and melody instruments) so instrumentalists and singers are welcome. Rehearsals are at 4:00pm on Saturdays before Mass.

#### **THE ADULT CHOIR**

**Provides music for the 10:30am Sunday  
Liturgies and sings for special services and  
events. Rehearsals are on Wednesday  
evenings from 7:00-8:30pm starting September  
10.**

**For:** Adults with some choral ensemble experience, and a desire to learn and sing SATB (mixed voice) literature from all music styles - renaissance to contemporary.

#### **THE "LITE" CHOIR**

Provides music for the 9:00am Liturgy on one Sunday each month. Rehearsals are held on one Tuesday per month, from 7:30-9:00pm in Room 3.

**For:** Women who love to sing but want less of a time commitment and "lighter" music than the regular choir.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**Provides music once a month at the 9:00am  
Sunday Liturgies and at special seasonal  
services. Rehearsals are Tuesdays OR  
Wednesdays after school. Pick the time that is  
best for you. See the rehearsal schedule  
above.**

**For: All children in grades 2-6 or who have  
reading skills are most welcome!**