

SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

LADIES PLEASE JOIN US!

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

Everyone has a different capacity to give. But we shouldn't concern ourselves with comparing our stewardship effort to those of others. Instead, measure your gift by the sacrifice you are making.

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*



**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. Give us a call at 671-3132 if you are interested.

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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 9:00-11:00am** 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. If child care will be needed please call Pat before the meeting.

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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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**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. All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used toward youth programs and retreats!

**You are invited to become a part of St. Rita Society!**

The Saint Rita Society is a woman's group that meets monthly for information, education, service, socialization and spiritual growth. The Society has a long history of activity in our parish and provides many helpful support services to our parish and the local community. We would love to welcome some new faces and fresh ideas!

We have a great schedule of events planned for the coming year, but WE NEED YOU! Our monthly programs scheduled so far include: Crafts, Safety Issues, Parish Dinners, Health Programs, Evening with Mary Liturgy, and a Communion Breakfast. We need to keep the St. Rita Society active and growing for it is a vital part of our parish. Come and try it out! Events are posted in the bulletin. Please consider attending one of our upcoming events as mentioned below.

**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 \$5 for 12 that can be used to win these baskets. Come be with old friends and to meet new ones. Marisa Vargas will give a presentation on the Digital TV transition. 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**

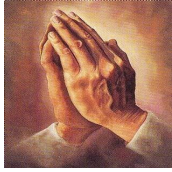


**Serving begins at 4:30pm until 7:00pm  
in the Parish Center**

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!



# EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

## *Pas tor's Pers pect iv e*

One very lively discussion these days in our land is that of Immigration. It's one that impacts all of us personally and our neighbors in nearby Wayne County. They work the orchards that put food on our tables.

Our Bishops have been very clear on our commitment as a Church to speak out on this question and to protect their rights and dignity.

In a recent talk, Cardinal Mahony addressed this issue in a forceful manner. Following are some excerpts from his talk:

- I would like to speak with you about the decision our nation is facing regarding immigration to this country and how the church – and those of you who help perform her good works – can help guide our nation in taking the right path.

We are in a dark moment in our nations' history with regard to immigrants, refugees and newcomers to our land. The failure of comprehensive immigration-reform legislation just over a year ago emboldened some of our elected officials to pursue a punitive approach, using enforcement as both an immigration policy and a political tool.

- We have also seen attempts to stifle the church's mission through proposals to criminalize those who strive to serve the basic human needs of migrants. A human being's worth is defined by their God-given dignity, not by what papers they carry.

- The act of migration is at its heart a hopeful act, an act that a better life more befitting of human dignity is possible for the migrant and his or her family. . . Most migrants are self-sacrificing people whose commitment to values like faith, family and work can help evangelize a culture and individuals who do not always treat them as fully human.

- In these days of enforcement raids and anti-immigrant sentiment in our nation, we must not be distraught and discouraged by the suffering and injustice we see, but strengthen ourselves to alleviate it and find the hope to move beyond it.

- We must speak clearly and often to the migrants and refugees who are in our midst or who are coming to our country: You can count on the Roman Catholic Church to stand with you and to walk with you on your journey to legal status in the United States – something we have done decade after decade, century after century since the founding of our country.

- This concern is what your fellow countrymen have done for generations. From the beginning, they have opened their doors to the tired, the poor, the 'huddled masses yearning to breathe free.' These are the people who America has made her own. Confident in our cause and with hope as our guardian and faith our constant companion, we will soon win justice for all of our brothers and sisters. May God bless you and keep you strong.

Some food for thought for all of us!

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

9:15AM MIRIAM TRIPI – Jean Magrin

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008**

9:15AM JOSEPH & THERESA PROETO – Anthony & Ann Marie Lipari

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

7:00AM MARY THOMAS - MANGAN – Richard & Jeanne Specht  
9:15AM JOSEPH KANE – Michaela Siebert

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008**

9:15AM ROCCO PROVENZALE – Mario Provenzale

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008**

9:15AM CHERYL BROWN – Patrick Brown

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008**

5:00PM JOSEPH CANNITO – Family

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**

7:30AM ROBERT NOLAN – Wife Virginia  
9:00AM FAY PANCIONE – Frances Aquilina  
10:30AM JOSEPH BELLANCO – Family

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of Joseph Hohman**

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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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## *Thank Yo u . . .*

I would like to thank all the people of St. Rita Parish that supported the Medical Missionaries of Mary with their prayers and their financial contributions. The sisters of the missions were re-energized when they heard of the great spiritual and financial support that is being sent their way. It helps them feel less alone in the hard work that is done daily. And personally, I want to thank everyone for being so welcoming to me. I feel at home at St. Rita's. A wonderful sense of belonging means everything to parish life.

Kathy Velekkakan  
Parishioner and Mission Speaker  
Representing the Medical Missionaries of Mary

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 14, 2008**

**SUNDAY 9/14**

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym  
 3:30-5:00pm Youth Leadership Team – Youth Center  
 5:30-7:30pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group – Gym

**MONDAY 9/15**

7:00-9:00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

**TUESDAY 9/16**

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 6:00pm St. Rita Society Pot Luck Dinner – Gym

**WEDNESDAY 9/17**

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
 7:00pm Creating a Safe Environment – at St. Paul's  
 7:30pm Companions in Grief – Rm 1

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
**For Last Weekend September 6 & 7**

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Sept 2008	Variance
\$17,425	\$13,800	+3,625
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$142,041	\$138,000	+ \$4,041

(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!**

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 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
- 15 Mon **Our Lady of Sorrows** 1 Cor 11:17-26,33 Ps 40:7-10,17 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- 16 Tue **Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian** 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 100:1-5 Lk 7:11-17
- 17 Wed 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Ps 33:2-5,12,22 Lk 7:31-35
- 18 Thu 1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1-2,16-17,28 Lk 7:36-50
- 19 Fri 1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1,6-8,15 Lk 8:1-3
- 20 Sat **Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and Companions** 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Ps 56:10-14 Lk 8:4-15
- 21 Sun **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED**  
**Next Weekend ~ September 20 & 21**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
Breanna Bernardi, Marisa Bernardi, Lily Cizewski
- Sunday, 7:30am:**  
Jack Samuelson, Mike Hansen, Sean McGrath
- Sunday, 9:00am:**  
Mike Sullivan, Vicky Gammons, Brianna Gammons
- Sunday, 10:30am:**  
Jamie Farris, Abby Geen, Jenny Geen

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- SACRISTAN:** Week of Sept. 14 Dick & Jane Casper
- LINENS:** Week of September 21 Luann Young

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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF  
 SUPPORT GROUP**

Wednesday, September 17  
 at 7:30pm in Room 1



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

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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.

**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**



Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings from September through May! We offer a "Special" and a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (any way you like 'em), bacon, sausage, and pancakes.

**Next Week's special: 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.

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**Creating A Safe Environment**

Diocesan Policy states 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

**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 CHURCH**

Please consider joining a music group 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.

**Below is information on each group.  
Please call Chris Yule, Director of Music  
at 478-0778 for more information.**

**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. It's not too late to join us! Check it out!**

**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 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.**

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

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



**Youth News**

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

**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.

**Sunday, September 28 from 12:00-1:00pm**  
**Jr. High Youth Group** will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

**Sunday, September 28 from 6:30-8:00pm**  
**Sr. High Youth Group** will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!

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

**HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2009**



It is time to nominate a high school senior of the class of 2009 for the Hands of Christ Award. The Hands of Christ is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their church, home, school and community.

A nominated senior needs to meet the following criteria:

- + Consistently demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example.
- + Be actively involved in their parish as well as their school community.
- + Be a positive role model for their peers.
- + Is a participating Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester.
- + Is currently a High School Senior.

Nomination forms are in the back of church or at the parish office. To nominate a senior please send a nomination form or letter stating examples of the above criteria including the nominees name, address, phone number and school to:

St. Rita's Church  
1008 Maple Drive - Webster, NY 14580  
Attn: Mary Jo Di Noto, Youth Minister

**All nominations are due by Friday, January 9, 2009 as all ceremonies are being held in March of 2009. However, in order to recognize these teens here at St. Rita's on World Youth Weekend we need the names of those being nominated in by October 16, 2008. World Youth Weekend celebration will be at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, October 25, 2008.**



## NEW BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

As part of our diocesan-wide ***Spirit Alive*** initiative, we are offering a new Bible Study Program here at St. Rita Church. Bishop Clark has invited us to further our faith journey this year through Bible Study for all generations. Breaking Bread should not be separate from Breaking and Sharing the Word of God with one another.

**We will learn and explore our faith and the ‘language of faith’, which we hear at Mass. This special language brings joy and comfort but also challenges us to grow in our Christian life. This language invites us to deepen our relationship with Jesus, whose life story continues to be ours.**

Learning Scripture in a communal setting does not just increase our knowledge of the Bible, but it is a journey of faith. It is not a place to fix others’ problem, but a place to walk with others.

**CHILDREN** ~ Each Sunday during the 9:00 and 10:30am liturgy, we offer Liturgy of the Word, for children. During the school year, our Faith Formation Program introduces you to different things related to Scripture.

**YOUTH** ~ In grades 6 through 12 are invited to participate in Scripture learning. All youth are welcome even if you are not a member of St. Rita Youth Group. During this coming year, a program will be set up for youth to explore themes where Scripture relates to life issues at home, school, and other environments. More specifics on dates and times will be announced.

**ADULTS** ~ We will explore the **Little Rock Scripture Study** program which is easy to follow together and provides Study Guides and Commentaries.

### **This includes:**

**Your Daily Personal Study:** Prayer and Reading the assigned passages and reflecting on the questions at the end. These questions will help participants to listen to God’s Word and prepare them for group discussion. While some can be answered objectively, others will enlighten us to understand how Scriptures are applied to Church, sacraments, and society. Some questions will challenge us to see our relationships with God and others whereas some may help us to look at our actions in light of Scripture.

**Group Meeting:** Seeks to strengthen, support, and nourish us seeing how God’s Word speaks to individuals and the community in an atmosphere that creates loving support, and trust. We will start with prayer at beginning and at the end of the meeting and trust that God is working “in” and “through” each person.

**Wrap-Up Lecture:** This DVD section will help to clarify the themes of the lesson at the end of the meeting.

**Frequency:** We will be offering a Fall Series and a Winter/Spring Series. All sessions will be held in Room 1. Group 1 will meet on alternating Wednesdays and Group 2 will meet on alternating Thursdays. If you can’t make your session with your group you are welcome to join the other night.

### **Fall Series: Introduction to Scripture**

**GROUP 1**  
**Wednesday evenings**  
**from 7:00-8:30pm in Room 1**

Oct. 8  
Nov. 5  
Nov. 19  
Dec. 3

**GROUP 2**  
**Thursday evenings**  
**from 7:00- 8:30 pm in Room 1**

Oct. 9  
Oct. 23  
Nov. 13  
Nov. 20  
Dec. 11

***To Sign Up for this exciting new program you may:***

***E-Mail the parish office at [wstritap@dor.org](mailto:wstritap@dor.org) or call the Parish Office at 671-1100***

**If you have any question please call Fr. Hoan at 671-1100 x 21**