

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

As Christian stewards, we willingly offer service because we believe. We don't guess. We don't speculate or suppose. We believe! Belief implies confidence, assurance, and trust. As Christian stewards, we place our trust in the Lord because we believe. God rewards our generosity. That's why we believe in stewardship.

*Stewardship . . . Live It!*



**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!

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**LADIES PLEASE JOIN US!**

**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. St. Rita Society is a vital part of our parish and we need to keep the active and growing. Come and try it out! Events are posted in the bulletin. Please consider attending one of our upcoming events as mentioned below.

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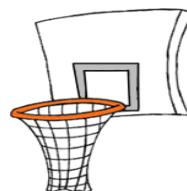
**2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – ON SALE NOW!**

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!

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**CYO BASKETBALL  
REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**

**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.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION  
KICK-OFF MEETING**

The **Kick-Off Meeting** for all registered First Reconciliation candidates will be Thursday, October 2, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. The meeting is for the candidates and their parent(s).

If you intend to have your child prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and you have not registered please submit your registration form (available at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org)) as soon as possible.

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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.

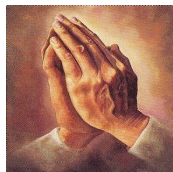
Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office (in school), the Parish Office, and on the table to the right of the Chapel in the Narthex of the Church or go to our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org).

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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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**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!



## EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008

7:00AM ELIZABETH & EDGAR FESS – Family  
9:15AM HENRY METZINGER – Alfred Nevinskas Family

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

9:15AM HERBERT KREGER – Jeanne Buell

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

7:00AM ROBERT LA VIGNE – George & Jean Henry  
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER  
11:00AM BAYWINDE MASS (at Sage Harbor)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

7:00AM STEVE SAMBOR – Don & Wanda Bowman  
9:15AM RICHARD SIEBERT – Michaela Siebert

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2008

9:15AM MEMORIAL MASS FOR WAYNE JEGGLI

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008

5:00PM TIMOTHY MITCHELL – Anna & Ed Ehlers

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

7:30AM GRAZIA RUGGERI – Bruce Zicari  
9:00AM LUCILLE RALPH – The Odenbach Family  
10:30AM JAMES KELLER - Daughter Joyce Hollander

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of Frank Serafine**

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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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### **VOCATION AWARENESS**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 21**

“My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” (Isaiah 55: 8) God knows our hearts and minds better than we know ourselves. Trust God to guide you to use your personal gifts in the best way possible to serve others and build God’s Kingdom on Earth. Might that be as an ordained priest or religious priest, sister, or brother? 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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**SAVE THE DATE** for the **Ministry Morning of Prayer** for all who serve our parish in any way – Saturday, October 25 in \_\_\_\_\_ speaker \_\_\_\_\_

## *Pastor's Perspective*

### **Take Another Step**

During the next few weeks, we are focusing on our annual parish stewardship renewal effort. This is an important opportunity to prayerfully reflect on your commitment to the parish based on what the Lord has given you. I trust that the homilies, witness talks and video presentation will be insightful and encouraging for both young and old.

While these are challenging times for many, not to mention our parish’s increased commitment to the upcoming Catholic Ministries Appeal, we are a very gifted faith community. Therefore, in grateful response for many wonderful blessings, I am asking each one of us to commit, renew or increase our stewardship of **TIME, TALENT and TREASURE** in a formal way.

Soon you will receive a packet from my all about Stewardship and some information from Bishop Clark. As we did last year we have made a conscious choice to bring this effort together. Both are part of stewardship – which teaches us to share our gifts as good Disciples of Christ, who reach out to our parish, the wider Church and other community needs. When we all do our part – the Lord will do the rest.

Please take the time read the materials and return your commitment card at Mass or by e-mail.

Thank you for all that you have done to help make Saint Rita special, as well as your continuing generosity of time, talent and treasure. We appreciate your commitment to **Take Another Step**.

Please be assured that you and your loved ones are in my daily prayers.

In Christ’s name,

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The Diocese is about to launch the **2008-2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal**. All registered parishioners should receive a brochure, letter and pledge card in the mail this week or next.

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 21, 2008**

**SUNDAY 9/21**

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

**MONDAY 9/22**

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School  
6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School

**TUESDAY 9/23**

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School  
7:00pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office

**WEDNESDAY 9/24**

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**SATURDAY 9/27**

4:30-7:00pm Roast Beef Dinner - Parish Center

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend September 13 & 14		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Sept 2008	Variance
\$14,248	\$13,800	+ 448
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$156,289	\$151,800	+ \$4,489

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment - \$2,725  
Mortgage Balance as of August 1, 2008 - \$197,036

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**ST. RITA SCHOOLNEWS!  
ANNUAL MARATHON**



St. Rita School is holding their **22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Marathon** at North Ponds Park in Webster on Saturday, October 4. The Marathon is a time-honored tradition – a spirit-filled event, serving as both a back-to-school "FUN-raiser" for St. Rita students, as well as an important **FUND-raiser** for the school. This is the school's primary fundraiser of the year. Students gather pledges in advance from family, friends, and neighbors, and then hike around the pond (up to 6 times - that's six miles!). This is followed by an early morning picnic at the park. All told, the students were expected to walk close to 900 miles at this year's Marathon!

Funds raised from the Marathon help to ensure the long range wellness of our school, enhance the curriculum, pay for field trips and social events, and purchase technology for the school. Donations are being collected! Please call Sister Katherine Ann at 671-3132 if you are interested.

Many thanks from the St. Rita School students

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 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
- 22 Mon Prv 3:27-34 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 8:16-18
- 23 Tue **St. Pio of Pietrelcina** Prv 21:1-6,10-13 Ps 119:1,27,30,34-35,44 Lk 8:19-21
- 24 Wed Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119:29,72,89,101,104,163 Lk 9:1-6
- 25 Thu Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17 Lk 9:7-9
- 26 Fri Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1-4 Lk 9:18-22
- 27 Sat **St. Vincent de Paul** Eccl 11:9-12:8 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17 Lk 9:43b-45
- 28 Sun **26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-324

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
Next Weekend ~ September 27 & 28**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Marisa Vargas, Alex Vargas, Erin Hasso

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Kayla Chapman, Kyle Chapman, Olivia Zucaro

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Matt Hayes, Joseph Hayes, Alex Verneti

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

Erik Rall, Jimmy Marton, Peter Swovick

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**SACRISTAN:**

Week of September 21 Miriam & Dan Kennelly

**LINENS:**

Week of September 28 Cathy Zellefrow

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**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**



Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings! We offer a "Special" and a full traditional breakfast menu as well!

**Next Week's special: ????**

and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

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**MOMS GROUP** ~ Are you looking for a little Peace, Quiet, and Sharing? We meet from 9:00-11:00am every Tuesday that school is in session. Come and check it out! If you would like to more information 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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**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS**

Our Parish Health Ministry Committee will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.

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 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.**



### **MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES**

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.

**Please call Chris Yule, Director of Music at 478-0778 for more information on any of these groups.**

**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 Rm 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!

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### **HOPE Annual Garage Sale Next to Holy Trinity Church**

Thurs., September 25      10 am - 5 pm  
Fri., September 26      10 am - 5 pm  
Sat., September 27      9am - Noon (1/2 price day)

**Treasures** – You may donate items to be sold. Unfortunately, we are **NOT** able to take clothing, large furniture, exercise equipment, bowling balls, ski equipment or computers for this sale. We **WILL** be able to take small furniture items, toys, and all kinds of household items and all odds and ends!

**Help** - Setup, sorting and pricing (Mon. Tues. and Wed. Sept 22, 23, and 24) Days of sale cashiers, baggers, customer assistance, and cleanup (Thurs. Fri. and Sat Sept. 25, 26, 27). Call HOPE Ministry and leave a message 265-6694.

## 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**