

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

Stewardship Renewal Q & A

(Answers to common questions about the Saint Rita Stewardship Renewal Program)

What is meant by Stewardship? Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. As Catholics, realizing all that we have are gifts from God, we are encouraged to reflect on our blessings and share them with others. By giving of ourselves and helping those around us, we are practicing Christian Stewardship.

What is the purpose of the Stewardship Renewal? Stewardship renewal serves as a formal reminder for our parish community to respond to the call to share a portion of God's gifts in gratitude for all that He has given us.

Is this a campaign just to raise money for the parish? No! Stewardship guides how God wants us to live out our Christian lives in service to others. We do so through a focused reflection on strengthening our relationship with God (time), involvement in parish ministries (talent), and finally financial support (treasure).

What happens to the commitment card that I turn in? All cards are confidentially reviewed. Parishioners indicating interest in learning about specific ministries are referred to ministry leaders for follow-up. Financial commitments guide the parishioner to consciously and regularly share a portion of God's "treasure" in serving the needs of the parish.

Is the Stewardship Renewal program for adults only? Absolutely not! What better way for children to become introduced to stewardship than by following the example of parents, adults, and other children within their parish family. Children have a wonderful capacity to share their gifts and should be encouraged to do so as a way of life. The commitment card allows all family members to inquire about ministry involvement and/or renew current commitments. Think of it as a way to explore or develop hidden talents!

How does the Electronic Fund Transfer option work? Just fill out the form in the commitment package. No more hassles with remembering to fill out your envelope or find cash in a hurry. It's simple and free. The amount you specify will be electronically transferred from your designated account on the date that you choose. Call the office for further options.

Why is the parish commitment program run in parallel with the diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal? By nature of our baptism, we are called to care for each other. Running these programs in tandem reminds us that we must consider not only our local parish family, but also the wider community.

Stewardship Live It!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

KICK-OFF MEETING

**Thursday, October 2
at 6:30 in Church**

The **Kick-Off Meeting** for all registered First Reconciliation 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) 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.

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ST. RITA'S WELCOMING / NEWCOMERS

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Our Welcome Committee invites you to join us in greeting and welcoming new parishioners to St. Rita Church. The time commitment is about 15 minutes after Mass twice a month. Please contact Betsy at emcdermott@sjfc.edu for more information.

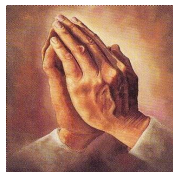
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2008-2009 Catholic Ministries Appeal "Our Faith ~ Our Future"

All registered parishioners should receive a brochure, letter and pledge card in the mail. Please take the time to review the materials. Extra copies will be available on the table in the back of church. "Our Faith Our Future" is this year's theme. The CMA affords each of us an opportunity to support the larger Church so that it can meet real needs throughout our Diocese. Your support enables the Church to be responsible and caring. Every gift is needed and important! You may make your gift at www.dor.org if that is easier. Also you can pay off your pledge in six installments. Pledge forms can be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the Diocese. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank You!

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Do We Have Your E-Mail Address? St. Rita's has a monthly electronic newsletter with all the latest information on parish programs and ministries that already reaches hundreds of our parishioners. If you would like to receive this newsletter please send your e-mail address to the parish office at wstritap@dor.org



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

Pastor's Perspective

"Faithful Citizenship"

As disciples of Christ we have been called to work in the world to build up the Kingdom of God. As Catholic Christians in the United States part of that mission is to be faithful, or maybe faith filled, citizens by taking responsibility for electing leaders who will be guided by values consistent with the values of the Kingdom of God, to be generous and just, merciful and compassionate. Since in our democratic system governments derive their power from the governed, it falls upon us to choose leaders and legislators who will be concerned that all our people have an opportunity to share in the blessings of this land and that the human community can live in peace and harmony.

The Bishops of the United States in their document ***Faithful Citizenship*** offer us 4 moral priorities to help us make appropriate choices in the upcoming elections. All of these should be taken into consideration as we listen to what the candidates are saying to us about their values and plans for the future.

1. **Protect Human Life**, which affirms the dignity and values of every human person from conception to death.
2. **Promote Family Life**, which affirms the family as the basic cell of human society.
3. **Pursue Social Justice**, which reflects the values of human community, concern for the poor and vulnerable and the dignity and rights of workers.
4. **Practice Global Solidarity**, which reflects a concern for the environment and a quest for harmony and peace among peoples and nations.

Next weekend we will have an insert in our bulletins that summarizes ***Faithful Citizenship***. In the meantime you can read the documents on line at the Bishops' website, USCCB.org.

Peace,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2008

7:00AM TY NGUYEN – Family
9:15AM NELSON POLVINO – Joan Sumner

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2008

9:15AM SASCHA STREB – Renate Maciejewski

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008

7:00AM URBAN BIECK – 7am Mass Group
9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY (All are welcome)
PEGGY TUTTLE – Jan Barry

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008

7:00AM ROBERT COOK – Stan & Joanne Douglas
9:15AM FILOMENA PROVENZALE - Mario Provanzale

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2008

9:15AM BEV & LOU SCHNORR –
50th Wedding Anniversary

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2008

5:00PM LEO FOX & ADRIENNE GRISHABER –
Mary Lohmaier

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

7:30AM ELIZABETH WALL – St. Ann's Angels
9:00AM JOHN RENTSCHLER – Wife & Family
10:30AM PETER DI GIORGIO – Wife Teresa

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn for James Hilberer**

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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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PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!

**Our 4th Annual Morning of Prayer
Saturday, October 25
from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon**

Anyone who serves in any kind of ministry, whether it be as sacristan, music ministry, breakfast club, or any other ministry/steward/volunteer position that serves to bring life to St. Rita's parish is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. It is a wonderful chance to gather with each other for social, spiritual, and personal growth. Deacon Claude Lester will be our presenter. All are welcome to attend!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

SUNDAY 9/28

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 9/29

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

TUESDAY 9/30

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

WEDNESDAY 10/1

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 10/2

6:30pm **First Reconciliation Kick Off** - Church

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend September 20 & 21		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Sept 2008	Variance
\$10,961	\$13,800	- \$2,839
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$167,250	\$165,600	+ \$1,650
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment - \$2,725		
Mortgage Balance as of September 1, 2008 - \$197,036		
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		

**ST. RITA SCHOOLNEWS!
ANNUAL MARATHON**



St. Rita School is holding their **22nd 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 are 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

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



Harris Dale Pecore

BIBLE READINGS:

- 28 Sun **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32
- 29 Mon **Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels** Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51
- 30 Tue **St. Jerome** Jb 3:1-3,11-17,20-23 Ps 88:2-8 Lk 9:51-56
- 1 Wed **St. Therese of the Child of Jesus** Jb 9:1-12,14-16 Ps 88:10-15 Lk 9:57-62
- 2 Thu **The Guardian Angels** Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9,13-14 Mt 18:1-5,10
- 3 Fri Jb 38:1,12-21; 40:3-5 Ps 139:1-3,7-10,13-14 Lk 10:13-16
- 4 Sat **St. Francis of Assisi** Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Ps 119:66,71,75,91,125,130 Lk 10:17-24
- 5 Sun **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ October 4 & 5**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Joseph DiRaimo, Neil LaVigne, Andrew Chmiel

Sunday, 7:30am:

Michael Hohl, Jack Samuleson, Mike Hansen

Sunday, 9:00am:

Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Tyler Fulmer

Sunday, 10:30am:

Vincent Waver, Phil DeMarco, Brandon Fersaci

SACRISTAN: Week of Sept. 28

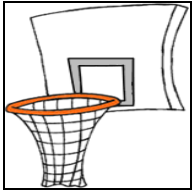
Agnes Kopin

LINENS: Week of October 4

Thelma Benwitz

LOOKING FOR GRADS!

The Executive Committee of the NCEA (National Catholic Educational Association) Department of Elementary School established an award to acknowledge the achievements of Catholic elementary school graduates. Guidelines state that our recipient must have graduated from St. Rita School at least 10 years ago - prior to 1997 - and should have made some significant contribution to American Society and/or the Catholic Church, which reflects favorably on the education the person received in the Catholic elementary school. If you know of someone whom you think is deserving of this award and you would like to nominate him or her please submit the following information to Sr. Katherine Ann Rappl at St. Rita School. Include the Name of the nominee – Year graduated – Address – Phone number – Your name – Why you are nominating this person.



**ST. RITA CYO BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!**

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

If you are interested in having your child play, please print off the registration form from our website at www.saintrita.org under CYO and mail it to the parish office attn: Julie O'Grady. Registration forms are also available on the table in the Narthex in church.

**From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 or 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** 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!

**THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION
will be held November 21- 23, 2008**

This is a three-day experience of prayer, learning and community for Catholic youth in grades 9-12 and their adult Chaperones and Youth Ministry Leaders. It includes keynote speakers, general sessions, prayer, liturgy, Fun For All, smaller breakout sessions, cultural awareness opportunities. The theme is "Christ reigns - He's real, He rules, He reigns". This weekend will provide young people with opportunities to experience Christ in many ways.

Registration begins on Friday, November 21 at 6:30pm and the convention begins at 7:30pm. The convention ends on Sunday, November 23 at 11:30am and takes place at the Rochester Plaza Hotel in Rochester and Aquinas Institute (shuttle buses will be provided).

The cost for the conference is \$105.00 and includes the conference registration and all meals. The cost for the hotel is \$84 plus tax per room per night. (for example if 4 youth share a room for two nights the cost would be \$42/person plus tax). **Reservations must be made by October 14.** If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Jo.

**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.**

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 October 4 & 5.

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!

NEW BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

We are offering a new Bible Study Program here at St. Rita Church. 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' problems, but a place to walk with others.

The **Little Rock Scripture Study** program 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. **Weekly Group Meeting:** Seeks to strengthen, support, and nourish us to see how God's Word speaks to individuals and the community in an atmosphere that creates loving support, and trust. **Wrap-Up Lecture:** This DVD section will help to clarify the themes of the lesson at the end of the meeting.

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 wsritap@dor.org or call the Parish Office at 671-1100
If you have any question please call Fr. Hoan at 671-1100 x 21



OLD BARN CAFÉ in the Parish Center

Sharon Pucher & Jane Kunzog, Coordinators

Serving Sundays 8:30-11:00am

We offer a "Special" each Sunday but we always have a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (your way), bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc . . .

OCTOBER SPECIALS

- Oct. 5** Dick Sorce and Team 1 will serve their delicious **Pancakes or Waffles with Apple topping** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.
- Oct. 12** John O'Connor and Team 2 will prepare **Blueberry Pancakes** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.
- Oct. 19** Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will serve their popular **Eggs Benedict** and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.25.
- Oct. 26** 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.

*A problem is a chance for you to do your best.
 We make ourselves rich by making our wants few.*

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors and fresh air!
 Love, Jane

THANKS TO ALL OUR GARDENERS

Our appreciation and thanks so much to the following women who helped maintain **St. Rita Shrine Garden** (in front of the Youth Center) this year. The garden has looked great even though the rabbits were determined to eat our flowers. Our helpers this year are Rosemary Pinkney, Pat Turek, Cindy Ambrose, Jeannie Thomas, Marie Eschrich, Eileen Philippone and Rita Johnson. Special welcome and thanks to Patty Yeager who has joined Helen and me with the spring and fall maintenance. We wish to also thank Creeledge Farm Market for donating the flowers.

Helen Pellegrino, Patty Yeager and Diana Larson

Many thanks to our summer gardeners for the beautification of **St. Rita's grounds** and for their stewardship commitment of planting flowers, trimming bushes, mulching, maintenance and Fall cleanup. Around the Maple Drive sign: Shelia Korol and Jeanette Buell: Youth Center: Cindy and Mark Wahl: Old Ridge Road entrance sign, Debra Hyatt: across from the parish office, Carol Van Atta: Parish Center entrance and around the air conditioners John and Nancy Brydges: maintaining bushes around the church, Steve Genesky. The flower beds in front of the church: Joe and Pat Janiak: in front of the Library, Roberta Gammons and our 'special gardener' in the white picket fence area. These gardeners around the church chose and donated their plantings. A special thank you to Creeledge Farms for donating many of the annual flowers.

Joyce Hollander



WPCC UPCOMING PROGRAMS

(Holy Spirit ~ Holy Trinity ~
St. Paul ~ St. Rita)

AGING AS A SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE

This is a new series focusing on experiencing a personal spiritual journey as we get older, that will be held at Holy Spirit Church from 10:00am to Noon. The series will be presented by Rosalie Muschal-Reinhardt. The sessions are as follows:

Wednesday, October 15

Introduction (A one hour session to learn more about the program from 10-11 am)

Monday, October 20

Getting to Know and Love Who I Am Today

Monday, October 27

Becoming Whole/Holy! Connecting Mind, Body and Spirit

Monday, November 3

Looking at the Past with "What I Know Now"

Monday, November 10

Connecting our Hearts with the Sacred Heart

Monday, November 17

Facing Our Mortality with Peace of Mind

Monday, November 24

Celebrations of Lives Fully Lived!

All are welcome to attend. A free will offering will be appreciated. For more information you can contact Rosalie at 872-6657 or alrosmr@frontiernet.net.

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WPCC SENIORS POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Wednesday, October 15 at 11:30am

The luncheon will be immediately following the **Introduction to Aging as a Spiritual Adventure** at Holy Spirit Church. Come and listen to the speaker, meet with your neighbors, and then enjoy lunch. Cold cuts, rolls and drinks will be provided. Bring a salad, dessert or snack to share *and bring a friend!* Please RSVP by Sunday, October to Felice Armignacco at 671-5177, Angie Scofero at 872-2824 or Marie Czerniawski, 872-6023, WPCC Coordinator. **All are welcome!**

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WPCC HEALTH MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Save the Date!

**Sunday, October 19 from 2:30-4:30pm
Holy Trinity Church**

Stroke! It's No Joke. Come to this important FREE program on hypertension and stroke featuring Dr. Gerald Honch, Neurologist, from Rochester General Hospital.

Senior Adults – You are invited!

What? Fall Foliage Trip to Vidler's, The Cuba Cheese Factory, Old Library

Where? Oktober Fest in Olean, NY on

When? Wednesday, October 15.

See the Poster in the Greeting area of Church for more information. Deadline is Wednesday, October 8.

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