

OCTOBER 5, 2008

**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!

This September, Webster's Trinity Council **Knights of Columbus** has begun celebrating 50 Years of pursuing the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism to our parishes, community and our faith. The Knights are planning several activities to honor our 50 years of service and inviting our parish communities to celebrate with us. On Columbus Day weekend here at the October 11, 5:00pm Mass, the K of C members from St Rita will be celebrating our 50 Years. There will be members of the Knight's in the gathering area after each Mass to provide information and answer your questions about the Knights of Columbus. Look for our announcements, talk to our members and help us celebrate 50 Years of service to our faith.



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

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!

ANNUAL MORNING OF PRAYER

Saturday, October 25 ~ 9:00am 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!

COMMUNION MINISTER TRAINING

A training session for new Ministers of Communion will take place in church on **Wednesday, October 15, from 6:00-7:00 pm**. If you would like to sign up or get more information contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 or Teri Bucks at 671-0388.

Parishioners on Automatic Withdrawal

Our envelope company has created a smaller packet of envelopes for you - to include the Holy Days and special collections. If you do not to receive this packet, please call Karen at the parish office 671-1100 x 11 or by email to wstritap@dor.org.

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION

Registration forms are being accepted for the Sacraments of **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. Forms are available in the Faith Formation Office (in school), the Parish Office, and on the table in the back of Church or go to our website at www.saintrita.org.

**ST. RITA'S ANNUAL CRAFT SALE
Saturday October 18 ~ 9:30am to 4:00pm**

For 24 years, this has been a Webster tradition! Visit the booths of more than 100 vendors, selling a variety of unique art, jewelry, seasonal crafts and year-round, homemade crafts. Food, raffles, and bake sale throughout the day. Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping, while supporting Catholic education! For more information please call St. Rita School at 671-3132. No admission charge. Free parking.

Anyone interested in baking for the St. Rita School Bake Sale (during the Craft Sale) – we would love your help! Please drop off any baked goods on Friday, October 17 from 2-6pm at the school or on Saturday morning by the library in school. Thank you!

ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!

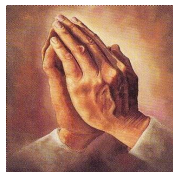
All women of the parish are invited to our next gathering

**Tuesday, October 12 at 7:00pm
in the Parish Center**

**The Twelve Oils of Ancient Scripture
Presented by: Mary Ann Zani**



Join us as Mary Ann Zani, a parishioner and cancer survivor, tells about the twelve most significant oils found in the Bible. You will have an opportunity to savor and enjoy the beautiful fragrances and learn about the intriguing histories of these pure oils and their many therapeutic benefits. Mary Ann will share with us her own personal journey of healing. Refreshments will be provided. Any questions or if you need a ride please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008

7:00AM URBAN BIECK – Bill Bleier
9:15AM ELSIE & JOE YOUNG – Son, Joe Young

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008

9:15AM NATALIE MABE – Nicholas & Paula Mabe

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008

7:00AM ANDREW CEGLINSKI – Barb & Family
9:15AM ROBERT BENSON – John Benson

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2008

7:00AM MILDRED MILLER – Jon & Beth Koeng & Family
9:15AM JOHN KUNZ – The Ansaldi & Schnurr Families

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2008

9:15AM CLAUDIA SANTORO – The Casale Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2008

5:00PM SARALEE SKELLY – Frank Saverino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2008

7:30AM ROSEMARIE PICCARRETTO – Mr. & Mrs. Russell Colombo
9:00AM FRANK CECKOWSKI & EDWIN STAOKNIKI - Noreen Sexton
10:30AM EDWARD LANGEN – Diane Langen

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for Mike & Mary Jo DiNoto's birthdays

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

Stewardship Renewal 2008



God calls each of us to be one of his disciples on Earth. Prayerfully consider the many gifts God has given you and how you can use these gifts to respond to His call.

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.

Please return your Saint Rita Stewardship Renewal Cards at Mass or mail to the parish office by October 20. Thank you.

Additional cards are available on the tables near the entrance to the church or by calling the parish office.

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!

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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 one Mass twice a month. Please contact Betsy at emcdermott@sjfc.edu for more information.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 5, 2008

SUNDAY 10/5

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 10/6

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

TUESDAY 10/7

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
7:30-9:00pm Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 10/8

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Bible Study Group 1 – Rm 1
8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 10/9

7:00-8:30pm Bible Study Group 2 – Rm 1

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend September 27 & 28		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Sept 2008	Variance
\$12,828	\$13,800	- \$972
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$180,078	\$179,400	+ \$678
(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!		
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.		

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ October 11 & 12

Saturday, 5:00pm: Eric Rall, Kyle Swovick, Nick Wynne
Sunday, 7:30am: Sandy Loeb, Susan Loeb, Olivia Zucaro
Sunday, 9:00am: Rachael Benz, Lauren Benz, Juliana Cruz
Sunday, 10:30am: Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi, Nick Gaglio

SACRISTAN: Week of October 5 Tom Marton
LINENS: Week of October 12 Martine Cianciotto

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:



Calista Anderson Lumb

BIBLE READINGS:

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
6 Mon Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1-2,7-10 Lk 10:25-37
7 Tue **Our Lady of the Rosary** Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1-3,13-15 Lk 10:38-42
8 Wed Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Ps 117:1-2 Lk 11:1-4
9 Thu Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
10 Fri Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1-6 Lk 11:15-26
11 Sat Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-7 Lk 11:27-28
12 Sun **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

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	GROUP 2
Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm in Room 1	Thursday evenings from 7:00- 8:30 pm in Room 1
Oct. 8	Oct. 9
Oct. 15	Oct. 23
Nov. 5	Nov. 13
Nov. 19	Nov. 20
Dec. 3	Dec. 11

To Sign Up for this exciting new program you may:

E-Mail the parish office at wstritap@dor.org or call the Parish Office at 671-1100. If you have any questions please call Fr. Hoan at 671-1100 x 21.

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.

THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CONVENTION Fri., November 21 at 6:30pm until Sun., November 23 at 11:30am at the Rochester Plaza Hotel

This is a three-day experience of prayer, learning and community for Catholic youth in grades 9-12. It includes keynote speakers, prayer, liturgy, Fun For All! 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. 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.

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2009

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. Please consider nominating a Class of 2009 High School Senior.



A nominated senior needs to:

- + Demonstrate a Christian attitude by word & 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 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 nominee's name, address, phone number and school to: St. Rita's Church ~ 1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580 Attn: Mary Jo Di Noto, Youth Minister

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.**

PASTA DINNER

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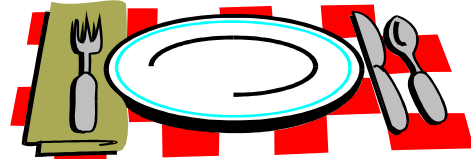


ST. RITA YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, October 25

5:30pm until 8:00pm

St. Rita's Parish Center



Adults - **\$7.00** 8 & Younger - **\$4.00**

Price includes dinner, salad/jello, bread, beverage and dessert.

Tickets will be sold after masses in the greeting area the next two weekends as well as at the Parish Office AND tickets are available at the door!

Proceeds will be used for our Youth Group Activities and Retreats

Thank you for supporting our Youth Group.

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What would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

- What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?
- What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?
- What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
- What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
- What if we used it as we traveled?
- What if we used it in case of an emergency?

This is something to make you gohmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill!

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PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL.

The new federal privacy regulations make it much more difficult for the parish to be notified by the hospital when parishioners have been admitted. We would like to visit them but depend on you to let us know when a parishioner or relative is in the hospital. Please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.

WPCC NEWS!
(Holy Spirit ~ Holy Trinity ~ St. Paul ~ St. Rita)

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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 served 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.

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Senior Adults – You are invited!

Fall Foliage Trip to Vidler's, The Cuba Cheese Factory, Old Library at the Oktober Fest in Olean, NY
On Wednesday, October 15

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

From the Desk of Drew Desmarais . . .

**Customs and Rituals ~ Catholic Encyclopedia
Liturgical Calendar (Church Calendar)**

The early church calendar followed the time cycles of twelve lunar months, amounting to 364 days in the year, but this was incorrect and could not be brought into proper reckoning with the Julian Calendar. There arose severe differences in the Church over the timing of feasts. Then in A.D. 325 at the Council of Nicaea, it was decided that Easter was to be determined as on the first Sunday following the first full moon of the spring equinox. There were inaccuracies in the Julian Calendar in calculating the length of the year and this error, amounting to ten days by 1582, was corrected by the Gregorian Calendar under the urging of Pope Gregory the XIII.

With this brief background we turn to the Church calendar, which for the Roman Church is an arrangement of a series of liturgical seasons throughout the year and a daily assignment of feasts of the saints or commemorations. There is unity and harmony in this procedural course of integrating each day of the year into a continuing interrelated cycle of divine worship that takes into account both the daily celebration of Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. Vatican II stressed the importance of the Church calendar saying, "Within the cycle of a year, moreover, she unfolds the whole mystery of Christ, not only from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, but also as reflected in the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of a blessed, hoped for return of the Lord. In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, holy Church honors with special love the Blessed Mary, Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. The Church has also included in the annual cycle, days devoted to the memory of the martyrs and the other saints. By celebrating the passage of these saints from earth to heaven the Church proclaims the paschal mystery as achieved in the saints who have suffered and been glorified with Christ. Finally, in the various seasons of the year and according to her traditional discipline, the Church completes the formation of the faithful by means of pious practices for soul and body, by instruction, prayer, and works of penance and of mercy.

FATHERS OF THE CHURCH

As a title of excellence this refers to the writers and bishops of the early Christian centuries who either had direct contact with the Apostles or were sufficiently close to them and the influence of the Apostles' teaching to have expressed their teaching most clearly. At first the title was conferred only on the heads of churches, that is, the bishops who were responsible for both discipline and doctrine. Later, it was conferred on those who were the defenders of the faith and notable for the purity of their doctrinal teachings. Thus the title of father of the Church connotes orthodoxy and is extended to include many early writers of the Church. He must have been known for holiness of life, doctrinal truth and lived in the first ages of the Church and have merited Church approval.