

**NOVEMBER 9, 2008**

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

Committing to stewardship of time, talent and treasure is an important part of living a Christian life, and real Christian living asks a lot of us. Jesus never said that it would be easy. Making a commitment to stewardship is a particular challenge, a gradual ongoing conversion process that involves a change of heart, of mind, of values, of budget, of calendar and of time. We are called to say "yes" to God and to a way of life he has spelled out for us in the Bible. We are called to say "no" to the influences in our society that emphasize materialistic values that are selfish, thoughtless and opposed to stewardship as a way of life.

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*



**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Thursday, November 20  
7:30pm at St. Paul's Church

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

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**VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE**  
Monday, November 10  
at 10:30pm in Church



St. Rita School children will be holding a Prayer Service to proudly honor those who have served in our armed forces. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

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**CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

The Next Workshop will be held:

**Saturday, November 15  
at 9:00 a.m. in Room 1**

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. If you have attended the workshop in the past you do not need to attend again. If you will be driving children, teens and/or vulnerable adults you will need to complete a *Volunteer Driver Information Form*. A new driver form is required at the beginning of each new school year.

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**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the CMA. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. During this week a letter and pledge form will be mailed from the diocese to those who have not yet responded. Thank you and please pray for our efforts.

**Confirmation Kick-Off Meeting**

The *Kick-Off meeting* for all registered Confirmation candidates will be **Thursday, November 13 at 7:00pm** in the Church. The meeting is for candidates and their parent(s).

If you intend to have your child prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation and you have not registered please submit your registration form (available at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org)) to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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**FOOD COLLECTION FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR THOSE IN NEED**

As we have done for many years, this year we will be providing Thanksgiving Food baskets to many families who could really use your help. If you are able to donate non-perishable food items, please bring them **to the Youth Center** (former Rectory) **by Saturday, November 22.**

**Needed items include: We need Turkeys too !!!**

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| Corn            | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Green Beans     | Sweet Potatoes/Yams    |
| Apple Sauce     | White Potatoes         |
| Cranberries     | Gravy or Gravy mixes   |
| Salad dressings | Stuffing               |
| Relishes        | Desserts or mixes      |

If you know of a parishioner or local Webster family who could use a Thanksgiving Basket, please call Rose at the parish office at 671-1100 x 17. Confidentiality will be respected. Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

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

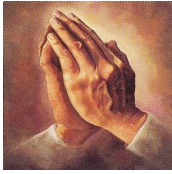


**Youth News**

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome in getting together to share their faith and beliefs and want to have fun together. **Check our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) !**

**Sunday, November 9 from 3:30 - 5:00pm**  
**Leadership Team gathering in the Youth Center.**

**Sunday, November 9 from 5:30 - 7:00pm**  
**Combined Monthly Jr./Sr. High Youth Group**  
gathering for anyone in grades 6-12 in the Parish Center gym. All are welcome!!!!



# EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008

7:00AM LEON BARTLE – Nancy & Ken Krebs  
9:15AM MARY CARUSONE – Peter Varlan

10:30AM VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2008

9:15AM PAT D'AMBROSIA – Bill & Kathy Burns

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2008

7:00AM DONALD FEENEY – James Buckley  
9:15AM DEMETRIUS WOWK – Mr. & Mrs. Richard Platania

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2008

7:00AM HELEN CORBETT – Betty & Bob Wahl  
9:15AM JOHN HRUSECKY – Verna & Phil and Dorothy & Bill

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2008

9:15AM HELEN COUSINEAU – Dennis & Ruth Bott

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008

5:00PM STANLEY POSLUSNY – Wife and Children

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008

7:30AM LUIGI PICCOLO – Mr. & Mrs. Michael Renna  
9:00AM OTTO REISCH – Family  
10:30AM KATHLEEN CONNELL – John, Sean & Kevin Connell

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered**

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**FOR AN UPDATED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Please call 671-1100 x 22 anytime! Ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on you can press 22.

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### *Wedding Banns*

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Christine Butera & Robert Murphy

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

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### **ATTENTION LECTORS**

The lector workbooks are in and ready for pickup in the Narthex in Church. Be sure to read the checklist whether you are taking a book or not.

# Pastor's Perspective

Recently both "America" magazine and the "National Catholic Reporter" featured articles on drawing close to the Holy, by paying attention to ordinary experiences . . . "When the ordinary is anything but . . .

I'd like to share two brief parts of these pieces which I believe can nourish our spiritual life in a profound way:

*"In my work as a spiritual director I try to help people attend to their experience: to notice what happens when they see the ocean, listen to a Gospel story, watch a baby crawl, read the newspaper or listen to television news. Then I encourage them to talk with a friend about what they notice or to reflect on this during spiritual direction. The contemplative stance is something like what the Ignatian examination of consciousness seeks to foster: a way of noticing what has happened during the day in order to discover God's presence and how we responded to it.*

*Helping people to adopt a contemplative outlook is one of the challenges of spiritual direction. It is not easy to pay attention to something outside the self, to really see, feel, smell and touch a tree, for example (Oh, it's just another oak). Or to pay attention to a Gospel text (Oh yes, the prodigal son). Or to pay attention to what a friend is actually saying to you. We have so many preconceived notions, so many cares and concerns that we do not really pay attention to the other, whether the other is a person, a thing, an event, a text of Scripture or God. William A. Barry, S.J.*

*"Dad, Dad," my 7 year old whispers at 4 one morning. "Dad, let's go hear the birds."*

*"They're not up yet, Josh," I suggest, half asleep. "Come lie down here a little bit first."*

*Half an hour later: "Dad, Dad, come on, let's go listen for the birds." I wait in the dark, hoping he will fall back asleep. "Dad, I hear one, come on."*

*So groggily I take his hand and we go sit on our back porch. Somewhere in the darkness a chickadee calls out and another one answers back.*

*"Did you hear that?" He smiles.*

*As I slowly wake up, so do the birds. Pretty soon it is a flood of birds calling from all around the shadowed yard. For a long time we don't say a word. We just watch and listen and smile together.*

*After a bit, I glance down at Josh and he is sound asleep in my arms. I kiss the top of his head and watch the sunrise as his soft breathing keeps rhythm on my chest. What a precious gift: to see with the wonder of a 7-year-old, and to be able to say thank you as an adult.*

*Christopher Zaker*

Only when we can clear our minds, slow down, and be still can we recognize that often enough "the ordinary is anything but!"

Peace,  
**Fr. Chuck**



**PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 9, 2008**

**SUNDAY 11/9**

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym  
 5:30-7:00pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group – Gym

**TUESDAY 11/11**

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 7:00pm First Reconciliation – Church

**WEDNESDAY 11/12**

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
 7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3  
 8:30-10:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

**THURSDAY 11/13**

7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 2 – School  
 7:00pm Confirmation Kick-Off Meeting – Church

**SATURDAY 11/15**

**9:00AM CASE Workshop – Room 1**

<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b>		
<b>For Last Weekend November 1 &amp; 2</b>		
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$17,758	for Oct 2008 \$17,700	+ \$58
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>Year to Date Goal</b>	<b>Variance</b>
\$251,695	\$250,200	\$1,495

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment - \$2,725  
 Mortgage Balance as of October 1, 2008 - \$195,445

**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.

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

**The ST. RITA SOCIETY presents:**

**KEEPING YOURSELF SAFE**  
 Presented by Officer Debra Hart

**Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00pm**  
**in the Parish Center Gym**

Officer Debra Hart from the Webster Police Department will inform us on how to keep ourselves safe and secure in our homes and on the street. She will also discuss what we can do to help protect ourselves from personal identity theft which is becoming a new worry in this day and age. This is a meeting we can all benefit from so make an effort to attend!

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

*Kathryn Joan Sayers*  
*Lilly Elizabeth Dryer*  
*Sophie Shea Mathis*  
*Lila Grace Cannon*  
*Leo Petrie Cannon*



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**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 9 Sun **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome** Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22
- 10 Mon **St. Leo the Great** Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 17:1-6
- 11 Tue **St. Martin of Tours** Ti 2:1-8,11-14 Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29 Lk 17:7-10
- 12 Wed **St. Josaphat** Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1-6 Lk 17:11-19
- 13 Thu **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25
- 14 Fri 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18 Lk 17:26-37
- 15 Sat 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-6 Lk 18:1-8
- 16 Sun **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED**  
**Next Weekend ~ November 15 & 16**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
Joseph DiRaimo, Neil LaVigne, Andrew Chmiel
- Sunday, 7:30am:**  
Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman, Sam Dauria
- Sunday, 9:00am:**  
Tim Bruno, Jack Meisenzahl, Alex Vernetti
- Sunday, 10:30am:**  
Emily Virgil, Caprie Romano, Juliana Baratta

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- SACRISTAN:** Week of November 9 Agnes Kopin
- LINENS:** Week of November 16 Patricia Kuby

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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:** Eggs Benedict served with a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

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**2009 ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS ON SALE** ~ It is 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 are used toward youth programs and retreats!