

NOVEMBER 16, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Everybody has gifts. To live as a steward requires us to discern our gifts, to thank God for them, to hone them, and to share them with others, with our Church, and with the world.

Stewardship Live It!

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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!

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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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WEBSTER COUNCIL OF CHURCHES Presents



Sunday, November 16 at 7:00 pm

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH
783 Hard Road, Webster, NY**

Join all of the local church choirs – including our own adult choir for this special concert. A collection plate will be passed to benefit Santa's Workshop for Hospitalized Children. Canned fruit, fruit juice and soup will be accepted on behalf of Webster Comfort Care Home.

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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.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

at Holy Spirit Church
Thursday, November 27 at 9:00am



Last year the four parishes in our Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection (St. Rita, St. Paul, Holy Trinity and Holy Spirit) celebrated Thanksgiving Day Mass as one community here at St. Rita Church. **This year The Church of the Holy Spirit (Hatch Road) will be hosting the Liturgy on Thursday, November 27 at 9:00am.**

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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

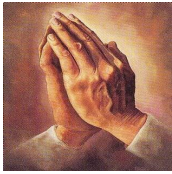


Youth News

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, November 16 from 12:00-1:00pm
Jr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

Sunday, November 16 from 6:30-8:00pm
Sr. High Youth Group will meet in Church with the other Sr. High Youth Groups from St. Paul and Holy Trinity. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2008

9:15AM HELEN COUSINEAU –
Sister Catherine Rocco & Grace LaCroix

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2008

7:00AM FRANCIS G. SMITH – The Zaepfel Family
9:15AM SPECIAL INTENTION for FRED KELCH and ANTHONY PARISI - Evelyn Parisi & Rose Iannone

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2008

7:00AM LEO FOX & ADRIENNE GRISHABER –
Mary Lohmaier
9:15AM ROBERT BECHTOLD – Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2008

7:00AM DOROTHY ZOYACK – Trinity Councill
9:15AM JOSEPH KANE FAMILY – Michaela Siebert

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2008

9:15AM CHERYL BROWN – Patrick Brown

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2008

2:00PM *Wedding: Christine Butera & Robert Murphy*
5:00PM HERB KREGER – Wife & Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2008

7:30AM ED & HELEN SOBIERAJSKI –
Bob & Sandy Kuebel
9:00AM JACK AQUILINO – Family
10:30AM YOLANDA GIANNI – Peter & Angie Rubino

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for the intentions of the people of St. Rita Parish

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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 – check it out!

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – Sign Up!

November 30 is the first Sunday of Advent. Anyone wishing to light the Advent wreath at any of the weekend Masses should sign up in the narthex. Families, couples and singles are all welcome to sign up.

Pastor's Perspective



As of Wednesday, 480 of our 2400 families have contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The Appeal helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and yours, and then think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we can remain strong and able to do God's great work!

In these challenging times the number of folks in need is greater than ever.

We need the help of every household and every gift, large or small is very important. St. Rita's share of the CMA goal for 2008-2009 is \$105,051. Any shortfall is the responsibility of the parish and that means we would have to cut our parish programs – since we don't have any back-up funds for this shortfall. We need your help!

O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts, bless our parish, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian Stewardship so that we may give generously of our time, talent and treasure to the building of Your kingdom here in our church and throughout the world.

Gratefully,
Fr. Chuck

P.S. Extra pledge cards are available on the table in the back of church.

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Liturgical Ministers: All liturgical ministers will be commissioned during the Masses next weekend. Please stand and be recognized for your faithful service to our parish community.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 16, 2008

SUNDAY 11/16

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 12:00-1:00pm Youth Group (grades 6-8) – Youth Center
 6:30-8:00pm Youth Group (grades 9-12) – Youth Center

MONDAY 11/17

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
 7:00-8:30pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY 11/18

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
 7:00pm St. Rita Society Presentation – Gym

WEDNESDAY 11/19

2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm First Reconciliation – Church
 7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 1 – Rm 1
 No Men’s Basketball

THURSDAY 11/20

7:30pm Companions in Grief at St. Paul’s Church
 7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend November 8 & 9		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Oct 2008	Variance
\$14,100	\$17,700	- \$3,600
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$265,795	\$267,900	- \$2,105

(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

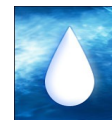
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!
ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer

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.

BLESSING OF BIBLES
 During all Masses on the First Weekend of Advent
 November 29 and 30

As part of our Spirit Alive! Initiative focusing on Scripture you are invited to bring your own to Mass the first weekend of Advent to have your bible blessed. We will bless our **SCRIPTURE** - our **BIBLES** - as a sign of our renewed commitment to Christ and his mission.

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



Daniel Patrick Check

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 16 Sun **33rd 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
- 17 Mon **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** Rv 1:1-4;2:1-5 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 18:35-43
- 18 Tue Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Ps 15:2-5 Lk 19:1-10
- 19 Wed Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1-6 Lk 19:11-28
- 20 Thu Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 19:41-44
- 21 Fri **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 Lk 19:45-48
- 22 Sat **St. Cecelia** Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1-2,9-10 Lk 20:27-40
- 23 Sun **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King** Ez 34:11-12,15-17 Ps 23:1-3,5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 Next Weekend ~ November 22 & 23

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
 Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Mary Martellotta
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
 Sean McGrath, Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
 Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Tyler Fulmer
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
 Vincent Waver, Phil DeMarco, Brandon Fersaci

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SACRISTAN:
 Week of November 16 Tom Marton

LINENS:
 Week of November 23 Sandra Kuebel

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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: **Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and 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!