

NOVEMBER 23, 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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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.

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HOME FROM COLLEGE?

Are you home from college and notice that your spiritual life might need a little pick-up? In January, Notre Dame Retreat House invites all young adults to take part in a special retreat just for your age group. The retreat will begin at 8pm on Sunday, January 4, and conclude with Mass at 8pm on Monday, January 5. This overnight will give you a chance to step back from the hectic pace of life to reflect on who you are, who you are becoming, and how God fits into the picture. Register for the retreat by emailing Dawn at dawnburdick@gmail.com, or calling Notre Dame Retreat House at (585)394-5700. Cost for the retreat is \$30.

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**St. Rita Church Boy Scout Troop #163
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
Starting Friday, November 28**

Behind Bill Gray's Restaurant on Hard Road
In the K-Mart / BJ's Plaza

TREES UP TO 10 FT: \$35
TREES OVER 10 FT: \$45

Money scouts raise from this fundraiser goes to pay for camping gear, scout books, awards, badges and camping/backpacking trips.

BOY SCOUT DAILY HOURS:
MONDAY- FRIDAY: 6:30 PM - 9 PM
SATURDAY: 9 AM - 7 PM
SUNDAY: 10 AM - 5 PM

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Ceramic Angel's 2008

We will again be selling ceramic angels made and packaged by the School of the Holy Childhood. The proceeds will be shared between Our Little Brothers and Sisters Orphanage in Haiti and HOPE House. They are available at the Parish Office during business hours Monday-Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm or Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm. Your help is greatly appreciated.

BLESSING OF BIBLES
During all Masses NEXT WEEKEND!
November 29 and 30

Bring your bible to Mass to be blessed

*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.*

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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.**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

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From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 or mdinoto@dor.org



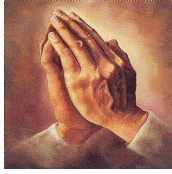
Youth News

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 23 from 11:30 to 3:00pm
Youth Group Annual Scavenger Hunt

Meet at the Youth Center and we will be collecting food for the needy to fill 27 Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Dress warm!!!

The Parish Offices will be closed
Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28
for the Thanksgiving Holiday



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008

9:15AM ARMAND D'AURALIO – The Collins Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2008

9:15AM FRITZ MUELLER – Kathleen Mueller

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2008

7:00AM IN THANKSGIVING TO ST. ANNE FOR FAVORS RECEIVED

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

11:00AM BAYWINDE MASS (at Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2008

Thanksgiving Day

9:00AM MASS AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

Celebrated with all 4 Webster/Penfield Parishes

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2008

9:15AM SANTO FINOCCHIARO – Elizabeth Dempsey

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008

5:00PM LOTTIE BART – Anne Muir and Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2008

7:30AM GRAZIA RUGGERI – Bruce Zicari

9:00AM CATHERINE ROHAN – Ronald Meyer

10:30AM SETH & ANNA MORTON – Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of John Prinzing

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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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Spirit Alive!

On this Feast of Christ the King, commit yourself to learning about what it means to be a disciple by reading the Gospel of Mark between now and the fifth Sunday of Lent. Read and reflect on a chapter a week and grow in your knowledge and love of the Word. Bring your bible to church next Sunday so it can be blessed, and begin your journey through Mark.

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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

This weekend, the Feast of Christ the King, marks the last Sunday of the Church Year.

Over time a number of you have asked questions or made observations to me regarding how we should show proper reverence when we gather to give God praise and thanks in our Sunday Eucharistic celebration.

I thought that maybe as we approach the new Liturgical year I could share a few comments on this topic: "Eucharistic Etiquette!"

The Celebration of the Eucharist according to the Second Vatican Council is the source and summit of the Christian Life. This being so, it is good to stop at times to review our Celebration of the Eucharist, to make sure we are faithful in what we do.

1. We need to continue to foster a right disposition for the Mass:
 - Preparing at home for the Liturgy by the reading of the Scriptures assigned for each given Sunday.
 - We are encouraged to dress appropriately for Mass, especially those in liturgical ministries.
 - To arrive early and remain until the end of Mass, after the celebrant and the procession have left the church.
 - To enter into a time of quiet prior to the beginning of the liturgy.
2. No Signing-of the Cross is necessary during the Penitential Rite.
3. The normative posture for the reception of Holy Communion in the U.S. is standing. While no one is to be denied Holy Communion because they genuflect, they are to be given the proper catechesis on the reasons for this norm, so that they may conform to these norms. Following the reception of Holy Communion either kneeling or sitting is appropriate.

Finally, at the end of the Liturgy, we should move to the Gathering Space for our fellowship, so that those wanting to remain for further thanksgiving in the Church can do so.

Peace,

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

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 23, 2008

SUNDAY 11/23

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 11:30am-3:00pm Youth Scavenger Hunt - Youth Center

TUESDAY 11/25

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 11/26

7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 11/27

9:00am Thanksgiving Mass at Holy Spirit Church

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend November 15 & 16		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$14,588	\$17,700	-\$3,112
for Nov. 2008		
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$294,685	\$303,300	-\$8,615

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment - \$2,725
 Mortgage Balance as of November 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.

MITTEN SUNDAY

The weekend of DECEMBER 6 & 7

During Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00am AND 10:30am Masses

(Baskets will be available at all Masses)

All children are invited to bring mittens to be given to the needy whether they attend Children's Liturgy or not. Baskets will be put in church to collect the mittens at all Masses during the weekend. Children attending Children's Liturgy are asked to bring their mittens to the altar when they come forward.

PARENTS: Additional catechists are always needed. Contact Teri Bucks, 671-0388, for information on this rewarding ministry.

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

Lily Grace Tierney



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BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 24 Mon **St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions** Rv 14:1-3,4b-5 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 21:1-4
- 25 Tue Rv 14:14-19 Ps 96:10-13 Lk 21:5-11
- 26 Wed Rv 15:1-4 Ps 98:1-3,7-9 Lk 21:12-19
- 27 Thu Sir 50:22-24 Ps 138:1-5 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19
- 28 Fri Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2 Ps 84:3-6,8 Lk 21:29-33
- 29 Sat Rv 22:1-7 Ps 95:1-7 Lk 21:34-36
- 30 Sun **First Sunday of Advent** Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ November 29 & 30

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Lauren Navarro, Christina Smith, Erin Hasso

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

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SACRISTAN:

Week of November 23

Shirl Mintz

LINENS:

Week of November 30

Diana Larson

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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: French Toast served with your choice of bacon or sausage 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!