

DECEMBER 14, 2008

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

This month Social Action Ministry (SAM) is featured on the Stewardship Board. The ministries that serve under the SAM meet at various times during the year - bi-monthly, monthly, yearly and seasonal and fill the needs of many people. Come and take a look at our ministries at St. Rita's parish in Social Action Ministry. If you have further interest in any of these ministries please call the office at 671-1100.

Stewardship Live It!

GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

ST. RITA COOKBOOKS

We still have copies of our 50th Anniversary Parish Cookbooks on sale for only \$5.00. These make great Christmas gifts. They are available at the parish office Monday-Friday from 9-4:30 or Saturday from 10-2.

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!

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**St. Rita Church Boy Scout Troop #163
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

Between Bill Gray's and Staples
on Hard Road

Trees Up to 10 FT: \$35
Trees over 10 FT: \$45

The proceeds that the scouts raise from this fundraiser will pay for camping gear, scout books, awards, badges and camping/backpacking trips.

BOY SCOUT DAILY HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 6:30 to 9:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am to 7:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am to 5:00pm

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**Third Sunday in Advent
The Angels Candle is lit**

Luke 2:13-14 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Knowing that the life of Christ ends in suffering and our world is filled with pain and turmoil, we pause to marvel at Christ's birth and rejoice in God's glory. We have much for which to be thankful. Let us be joyful and sing with the angels in praise!

**Advent Opportunities for the
Celebration of Reconciliation**

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 17 at 7:30 pm

Individual Reconciliation

Saturday, December 20 3:30 – 4:30pm
Tuesday, December 23 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 23 7:30 – 8:30 pm

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ST. RITA CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

If you are looking for a special way to share at Christmas or wish to make a memorial gift for a loved one ~ here are a few needs of our parish this year:

- New Banners for Church – 4 sets \$250 each
- Bible Study Guide 4 sets for Leaders \$100 each
- Children's In-Pew Mass Books \$300
- Instrumentalist music for our Advent/
Christmas and Easter Services \$1000

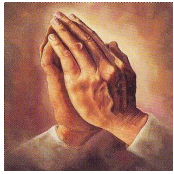
If you are interested in helping with any of the above, or making a partial donation for any of these items, please talk to any staff member or call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12. Thank you.

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ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS ~ If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold" please call the parish office at 671-1100 and let us know when you will be away.

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



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008

9:15AM REV. ANGELO BOVENZI – Pat & Joe Janiak

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2008

7:00AM NEIL T. BURNS, SR. – Dan & Sharon Nolan
9:15AM ROSE HINDS – Chuck Hasso

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2008

7:00AM JOHN VAN APELDOORN – Sally Merolillo
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2008

7:00AM GRACE RICCIARDI – Jane McCoy
9:15AM JOHN SEYMOUR – Chuck Hasso

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2008

9:15AM AL MASINO – Marion Bouwens, Lisa Turchette and Mike Masino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008

5:00PM DORIS RIEFLIN – Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2008

7:30AM MICHAEL LAWLOR - Mr. & Mrs. John Lawlor
9:00AM KATHY BAYER – Husband
10:30AM ABBIE BLAKE – Jack & Joan McCarthy

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Augustine & Anna Pulici

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ST. RITA SOCIETY INVITES YOU ALL!



The Society is happy to host a Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center

PADRE BEATINI ITALIAN CHOIR

Parish members, family and friends are all welcome to enjoy a beautiful evening of Christmas Hymns sung in both English and Italian.

Society members are asked to bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Also bring an unwrapped health care or toiletry product (shampoo, powder, soap, etc.). These items will be donated to local nursing homes and shelters. Any questions please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832.

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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.

From the Desk of Fr. Hoan . . .

How are your feet? Ready for another trip?

This week, we explore the third part of Isaiah, chapter 56-66. The hope for restoration of Jerusalem was bright, but the return from the exile (538-500 B.C) was difficult. In these chapters, Isaiah continued speaking of lofty hopes in the future. The returnees from exile suffered from the doubters who opposed to the restoration of Jerusalem (59. 9-11), from economic tension, and from those who remained behind and had developed a syncretistic religion (57.3-10; 65. 1-7). One is recommended to read Isaiah 56-66 in conjunction with the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah, and the postexilic prophets Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi.

In chapter 58, Isaiah refers to fasting, a ritual to be observed on the last days in the fourth, fifth, seventh, and tenth months. For him, this ritual practice has true value only when people can “free the oppressed, feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.” Still, Isaiah projected the hope toward the New Zion, namely Jerusalem as the focal point of all nations. Chapter 60 provides a hopeful scene where people are freed from bondage as the Lord shall be their “light” forever. In this context, Isaiah’s conviction was to bring such Good News to the poor (Is. 61). Isaiah’s message of hope continues toward the final chapters as he envisions a new creation with freedom from grief, death, oppression, and exploitation. (65).

“I am about to create a new heaven and a new earth; I will rejoice in Jerusalem and exult my people; They shall live in the houses they build, And eat the fruit of the vineyards they plant;” (Is. 65).

In what way do these images speak to us about restoring our spiritual home?

Thanks for walking with me through the book of Isaiah. I hope this walk may lead us deeper into our advent journey, a season of joyful hope.

Your travel agent,
Fr. Hoan

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As part of our Spirit Alive! Initiative throughout the diocese we are focusing on the Gospel of Mark

**For the week of December 14
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 3**

Mk 3:13-19 Why did Jesus call such ordinary guys? What motivates you to follow Jesus now?

Mk 3:31-34 Why was Jesus’ family worried about him? What did Jesus say was the basis for a family relationship with him? Is doing God’s will an action or a belief?

PLANS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 14, 2008

SUNDAY 12/14

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

MONDAY 12/15

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
7:00-9:00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY 12/16

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 Italian Choir Christmas Concert – Gym

WEDNESDAY 12/17

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:30pm **Communal Penance Service – Church**
 8:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend December 6 & 7		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$17,861	\$17,700	+ \$161
for Dec. 2008		
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$344,811	\$356,400	- \$11,589
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment - \$2,725		
Mortgage Balance as of November 1, 2008 - \$192,198		
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal		\$105,051
Pledges Received to Date		\$ 90,765
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		



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 Special - Two eggs cooked your way with your choice of bacon or sausage, home fries and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00. Santa hopes to make a visit to see all the boys and girls this day. If he cannot make it he will leave little gifts.

TAIZÉ ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE
Sunday, December 14 at 7:00pm

At Christ The King Church
 (445 Kings Hwy South)

Come and pray awhile...
 In the silence and the song of the Taizé community.

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

Brooke Marie Trovato
Taylor Grace Trovato
Max Jeffrey Trovato



BIBLE READINGS:

- 14 Sun **Third Sunday of Advent** Is 61:1-2a,10-11
 Lk 1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28
- 15 Mon Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27
- 16 Tue Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 Mt 21:28-32
- 17 Wed Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17
- 18 Thu Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25
- 19 Fri Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25
- 20 Sat Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
- 21 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Advent 2** Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38


ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 Next Weekend ~ December 20 & 21

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
 Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Erin Hasso
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
 Sean McGrath, Josh Kwiatkowski, Nick Rieger
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
 Mike Sullivan, Vicky Gammons, Brianna Gammons
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
 Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Jessica Belt

- SACRISTAN:** Week of Dec.14 Miriam & Dan Kennelly
- LINENS:** Week of December 21 Eileen Romeo

Red Cross Blood Drive ~ The American Red Cross and Trinity Council #4618, K of C, are sponsoring a Blood Drive at the Webster Columbus Center, 70 Barrett Dr., Webster, NY. It will be held on Wednesday, December 17 from 1:00 to 7:00pm in honor of Past Grand Knight Bob Stein.

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 to join us!
Check our website at www.saintrita.org for more information and events!

Sunday, December 14 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!!



FIESTA NEWS!

SAVE THE DATES!

St. Rita Fiesta 2009

Friday, May 29th and Saturday, May 30th

JOIN THE FUN !! For those of you who are interested in becoming part of the Fiesta Planning Committee please call Ed Ritzel at 787-1934 or Tom Cali at 671-0428. The time commitment is minimal and we can always use new ideas!

The Fiesta Committee would like to thank all of our Sponsors whose generosity helped make our 2008 Fiesta a great success. Please show your appreciation by supporting our sponsors.

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RESERVE YOUR PEW FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS !!

The family that won the reserved pew and parking spot for the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass is unable to take advantage of their prize and have asked us to auction it off. That's right, if your bid is the highest you can show up at 3:55pm, park in your reserved spot and walk in to your reserved pew for 8 people in the Church!

Three Ways to Bid!

- 1) A Bid Sheet will be available in the greeting area during all Masses this weekend
- 2) Fill out the form below and place it in next week's collection basket
- 3) Call the Parish Office at 671-1100 and place your bid.

Remember the highest bid wins!



Reserved Pew Blind Auction

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Bid: \$ _____ (Minimum Bid of \$50)

(In the case of a tie we will pool the names and draw a winner)