

**JANUARY 4, 2009**

**Stewardship Thank You!**

On behalf of the Saint Rita Parish staff, pastoral council and ministries, we wish to sincerely thank all of our parishioners for your commitments of time, talent and treasure to Saint Rita Parish, the Rochester Diocese, and broader community of God's people.

It is through these commitments that Saint Rita parish has .....

- Steadily strengthened ministry participation,
- Increased financial giving despite difficult times,
- Made significant progress towards achieving the Catholic Ministries Appeal goal,
- Overall become a better parish.

May God continue to bestow many blessings on you and your families in this New Year.

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*



There is still time to nominate a high school senior of the class of 2009 for the **HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD**. 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.

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.

To nominate a senior please send a nomination form or letter stating examples of the above criteria including the nominees name, address, phone number and school to:

St. Rita Church  
Attn: Mary Jo Di Noto, Youth Minister  
1008 Maple Drive  
Webster, NY 14580

Nomination forms are in the back of church or at the parish office. All nominations are due by Friday, January 9 as the ceremonies are being held in March, 2009.

Thank you for your support of our youth ministry program. We have many great seniors present in our parish and it is important to recognize all of their hard work and dedication to our church and community. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jo Di Noto at 671-1100 x18.

**You are invited to  
St Rita School for New Parent Information Night**

**Thursday, January 15 at 7:00pm**

Grades Pre-K3 through 6

*Where Faith and Knowledge Meet*

Free Babysitting is Available!

\* \* \* \* \*

**FIRST EUCHARIST KICK OFF MEETING**

**Thursday, January 15**

**at 6:30 p.m. in the Church**

If you are planning to have your child receive this Sacrament and have not yet registered please send in your form as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office and on our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org). Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

\* \* \* \* \*

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

\* \* \* \* \*

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

**The ST. RITA SOCIETY is happy to welcome**

**MARY PAT CLEMENS  
(former Art Teacher at School)**

**Tuesday, January 19 at 11:30am  
in the Parish Center Gym**

Mary Pat will instruct us in a craft. The afternoon will begin with a tasty lunch of lasagna, salad, Italian bread and dessert. Please RSVP to Elaine King at 671-4930 so we know how much food and craft supplies will be needed.

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



**Youth News**

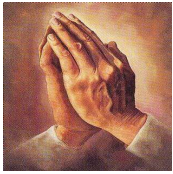
All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome in getting together with other youth who share their faith and beliefs and want to have fun together. **Check our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org)** for more information and events.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Retreat  
Friday evening, January 30 to  
Sunday afternoon, February 1, 2009  
For ANY Youth in Grades 9-12**

It will be held at Long Point on Seneca Lake. The cost is \$90.00 per person, \$150.00 for family of two and \$210.00 for family of three.

**Registration forms are on the table in the back of church or the parish office. Forms and money are due to the parish office by Wednesday, January 7.**

Please don't let finances stop you from attending this retreat – any questions call Mary Jo (youth minister) at the office at 671-1100 x18 or home at 671-4491.



## EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2009

7:00AM HELEN & CARL KAESSER – Mary Patel  
9:15AM LEE BARTLE – Patty & Joe Janiak

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009

9:15AM HELEN COUSINEAU – Dorothy & Fred Ayers

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2009

7:00AM LOURICE ENGEL – Joseph Young  
9:15AM SCHOOL LITURGY – All are welcome!  
MARGARET KENNELLY –  
St. Rita School Faculty & Staff

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

7:00AM JUSTIN BLACK – John & Julie Odenbach  
9:15AM PAT ALWARD – Clara Alward

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2009

9:15AM DOROTHY ZOYACK – Ed & Joyce Kolb

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2009

5:00PM CRISTINA CASARELLA – Diana Larson

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2009

7:30AM MARY RANDAZZO – John & Karen Smith  
9:00AM CONCETTA IACCHETTA – Maria Marsocci  
10:30AM JOEL GATES – St. Rita's Choir

\* \* \* \* \*

**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of Belinda Larner**

\* \* \* \* \*  \* \* \* \* \*



### COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, January 13  
7:30pm in Room 1

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

### ***There are so many to thank for the many blessings this Christmas:***

\* *The beauty of the Christmas liturgies are the result of hours of planning, and hard work by our Liturgy Committee. Special thanks to all who led us: Staff, Musicians, Readers, Servers, Ushers, Communion Ministers, Decorators and Flower people. You are wonderful and generous stewards of your many gifts.*

\* *All of us on staff are most grateful for your greetings, goodies and gifts at Christmas.*

*May the Lord bless you with Peace and Joy in the New Year,*

*Fr. Chuck, Fr. Hoan, Deacon John, Rose, Drew and all the Parish Staff.*

## Pastor's Perspective

### . . . of New Year's Resolutions

We do it every year – commit ourselves to a new regimen of healthier living – better eating habits, exercise, etc. And usually these resolutions stand for a week or two – or until the first dinner out or the first day it is too cold to climb out of bed and take a jog!

I'd like to suggest that our life of prayer - our relationship with God also needs a disciplined approach. Some suggestions:

- ❖ 10 minutes of quiet prayer each day - not too much to give to God out of 24 hours!
- ❖ Some spiritual reading – see our parish library or one of us on staff.
- ❖ Join the Bible Study
- ❖ Read a section of Mark's Gospel each week. Spirit Alive! invites you to join Catholics all over the Diocese of Rochester in reading Mark. Each week you'll find a new passage cited in the bulletin for your reading and prayer.
- ❖ If you are feeling stressed with a crazy schedule of work activities, learn to say "No" to some of them to keep sane and save time for yourself.

*"Without some quiet reflection, some solitude and stillness, our inner eyes will eventually be too blurred and weary to discover God in the rushing of our demanding days."*

(Joyce Rupp)

The possibilities for New Year's fitness – physical and spiritual are endless. Choose one or two and stick with them.

Peace & Have a Happy New

Year,

## Fr. Chuck

\* \* \* \* \*

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

**For the week of January 4  
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 4**

### **Mk 4:35-41**

What terrifying storm or movie can you still recall vividly?

What emotions did the disciples feel as this storm raged on and on?

What "storms" in you life does Jesus need to calm?

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK**

**JANUARY 4, 2009**

**SUNDAY 1/4**

8:30-11:00am

Breakfast Club – Gym

**MONDAY 1/5**

4:30-5:30pm

Faith Formation Classes – School

6:30-7:30pm

Faith Formation Classes – School

**TUESDAY 1/6**

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

7:30pm

Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY 1/7**

2:30-3:15pm

Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

7:00pm

Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

9:00-10:30pm

Men’s Basketball – Gym

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
For Last Weekend December 27 & 28

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Dec. 2008	Variance
\$13,687	\$17,700	-\$4,013
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$388,046	\$409,500	-\$21,454

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

**Thank you for making up your church donation  
if you missed weekends over the Holidays.**

**Christmas Collection ~ \$ 26,819**

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment -	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of December 1, 2008 -	\$192,198
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$105,051
Pledges Received to Date	\$99,930

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**SACRISTAN:** Week of January 4 Shirl Mintz

**LINENS:** Week of January 11 Carol Seitz

\* \* \* \* \*

**Thank You . . .** To all who knitted and crocheted or purchased hats, mittens, scarves, adult lap robes and infant afghans. Some women worked all year long on these items and it was greatly appreciated. Over 500 pieces of warm items were sent out to the less fortunate. We are a sharing family here at St. Rita church. Warm bodies make for happy hearts. Marie & Eleanor

\* \* \* \* \*

**2009 CHURCH CALENDARS are Available in the back of Church.** Thank you to Profetta Funeral Chapel for covering the cost of our calendars again this year.

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



*Chase Alfonso Lomonaco*

\* \* \* \* \*

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 4 Sun **The Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12
- 5 Mon **St. John Neumann** 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 Ps 2:7-8,10-12 Mt 4:12-17,23-25
- 6 Tue 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8 Mk 6:34-44
- 7 Wed 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13 Mk 6:45-52
- 8 Thu 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 Ps 72:1-2,14-15,17 Lk 4:14-22a
- 9 Fri 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 5:12-16
- 10 Sat 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6,9 Jn 3:22-30
- 11 Sun **The Baptism of the Lord** Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

\* \* \* \* \*

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED**  
Next Weekend ~ January 10 & 11

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
Christina Smith, Mary Martellotta, Lauren Navarro
- Sunday, 7:30am:**  
Michael Hohl, Josh Kwiatkowski, Sean McGrath
- Sunday, 9:00am:**  
Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Tyler Kohrt
- Sunday, 10:30am:**  
Vincent Waver, Phil DeMarco, Nick Gaglio

\* \* \* \* \*

**BREAKFAST CLUB Served Sundays 8:30-11:00am**  
**January Specials** Sharon Pucher and Jane Kunzog, managers

- Jan. 4 Dick Sorce and team will offer **Western Omelets** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- Jan. 11 Team 2 led by John O’Connor will feature **Chicago Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- Jan. 18 Sharon and Jane lead Team 3 and will feature **French Toast** with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- Jan. 25 Team 4 run by the Clemens Family will offer their famous **Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

We hope you have noticed our prices have not increased. We are trying to keep it this way. Your patronage is the secret! Thank you.

A very Happy and Healthy New Year to all our customers. Love, Jane Kunzog

*After the verb ‘to love’ . . .  
‘to help’ is the most beautiful verb in the world.*