

JANUARY 11, 2009

Stewardship News!

We are happy to feature our **ST. RITA SOCIETY** for the month of January. Our Society is a wonderful group of women who help share so much of their time, talent and treasure for the benefit of us all. The Saint Rita Society is a women's group that meets monthly for prayer and service, socialization, information, education and spiritual growth. This group provides many helpful support services to the parish and local community. All women are welcome to attend any time.

Stewardship Live It!

ATTENTION ST. RITA PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA!

Hosted by St. Rita School students

**Wednesday, January 28
from 10:00-11:30am
in the Parish Center**



Please join us for prayer, tea, cookies, entertainment and fun! RSVP by January 16 to 671-3132.

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All women of the parish are invited!

The ST. RITA SOCIETY is happy to welcome

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

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

Mary Pat will guide us in making unique and beautiful greeting cards. 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.

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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 want to have fun together. **Check our website at www.saintrita.org** for more information and events.

Sunday, January 11 from 12:00-1:00pm
Jr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

Sunday, January 11 from 6:30-8:00pm
Sr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!

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. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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**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!

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IT'S A NEW YEAR!

HOW ABOUT JOINING A CHOIR OR MUSIC GROUP?

We have something for everyone, and we would like to grow. Contact Chris Yule at 478-0778 or by e-mail to yulecmusicme@rochester.rr.com if you are interested:

THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP

**Provides music for the 5:00pm Saturday Liturgies.
Rehearsals are at 4:00pm on Saturdays before
Mass.**

For: All who enjoy singing for the Lord! You don't have to read music to be a member of this group. We use instruments (guitar, keyboard, percussion, bass and melody instruments) so instrumentalists and singers are welcome.

THE ADULT CHOIR

**Provides music for the 10:30am Sunday Liturgies
and sings for special services and events.
Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm.**

For: Adults with some choral ensemble experience, and a desire to learn and sing SATB (mixed voice) literature from all music styles – renaissance to contemporary.

THE "LITE" CHOIR

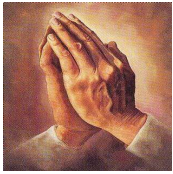
**Provides music for the 9:00am Liturgy on one
Sunday each month. Rehearsals are held on one
Tuesday per month, from 7:30-9:00pm in Room 3.**

For: Women who love to sing but want less of a time commitment and "lighter" music than the regular choir.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**Provides music once a month at the 9:00am
Sunday Liturgies and at special seasonal services.
Rehearsals are Tuesdays 3:45-4:30pm OR
Wednesdays 2:30-3:15pm after school. Pick the
time that is best for you.**

For: All children in grades 2-6 or who have reading skills are most welcome!



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009

9:15AM GENEVIEVE KOLASSA – Family & Friends

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2009

9:15AM JOHN THOMAS ESCHRICH – Glenn & Louise Eschrich

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2009

7:00AM DOLORES BECKER - Mr. & Mrs. V. LaBarbera
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

9:15AM ART YAEGER – Estate

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2009

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2009

5:00PM RITA HERMAN – Eileen & Jim Conolly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

7:30AM DAVID CROSS – The Polle Family
9:00AM JOSEPH & MIRIAM TRIPI – Jim & Ann Marie Scott
10:30AM JACKIE GIUNTA – Tony Giunta

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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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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!

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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 January 11
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 5**

Mk 5:1-20

When have you felt like the demoniac – torn by so many conflicting voices and feelings? What word of peace from Jesus do you need now?

Mk 5:21-43

What would you do if the phone rang, the doorbell chimed, your child called for help and the oven alarm went off all at the same time? What does it take to get you out of bed? Why do you think Jesus makes the sick woman reveal herself? How have you been like the woman or Jairus?

Pastor's Perspective

Today completes the Christmas Season as we celebrate the Baptism of Christ. In less than 3 weeks we move from the comforting narrative of Christ's birth in Bethlehem toward the beginning of his public ministry.



It is a ministry and life we too enter at the time of our own Baptism. We begin a long journey of little dyings and risings toward the fullness of life with Him.

The theologian Nathan Mitchell expresses it this way:

We are urged to move quickly beyond the intimate scene of Jesus' birth toward the more challenging vision of his baptism. In short, we are asked to move in the direction of life itself: from concern for intimacy to concern for community.

A Christian parish becomes its best self when it accepts the challenge of community. The parish community, as the real expression of a local church, cannot limit its attention to the search for justice and intimacy among its own members; it must be prepared to take up the cross, standing against evil and injustice wherever they exist in the world. This may seem like a harsh message for the Christmas season, but in fact it is the Church's message at all times, in all seasons. There is, ultimately, only one mystery Christians celebrate: the paschal mystery, Jesus' dying and rising in a new human community called "church".

In our Baptism we enter into life with Christ and life with the support and encouragement of the faith community. May we all rejoice in our Baptism and may the Lord "Keep us, his children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling."

Peace,

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VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 2009

This Sunday marks the beginning of National Vocation Awareness Week. The Church highlights this event to begin on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord because we identify with Jesus as he begins his public ministry. In the same way, we are invited to renew our own baptism in the Spirit and consider the gifts God has given us. How are you using your gifts to serve and build the kingdom? Is God calling you to happiness as a husband or wife? Perhaps your life will be fulfilled as a single person. It is possible God is calling you to a Church vocation? *To speak with someone regarding a possible vocation to the Priesthood, or other Church vocation, please call the Office of Vocation Awareness (461-2890), visit our website at www.dor.org and choose "Vocations"; or e-mail vocations@dor.org*

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

JANUARY 11, 2009

SUNDAY 1/11

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 12:00-1:00pm Jr. High Youth Group – Youth Center
 6:30-8:00pm Sr. High Youth Group – Youth Center

MONDAY 1/12

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

TUESDAY 1/13

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
 7:30pm Companions in Grief – Rm 1

WEDNESDAY 1/14

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 1 – Church
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 1/15

6:30pm First Eucharist Kick-Off Mtg. – Church
 7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1
 7:00pm St. Rita School New Parent Info Night – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend January 3 & 4		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Jan. 2009	Variance
\$19,746	\$14,900	+ \$4,846
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$407,792	\$424,400	- \$16,608
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment		\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of December 1, 2008		\$190,543
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal		\$105,051
Pledges Received to Date		\$101,525
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		

SACRISTAN: Week of Jan. 11 Mary Ann Beikirch

LINENS: Week of January 18 Jacqueline Volo



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 bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.25.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 12 Mon Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1-2,6-7,9 Mk 1:14-20
- 13 Tue Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2,5-9 Mk 1:21-28
- 14 Wed Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4,6-9 Mk 1:29-39
- 15 Thu Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-11 Mk 1:40-45
- 16 Fri Heb 4:1-5,11 Ps 78:3-4,6-8 Mk 2:1-12
- 17 Sat **St. Anthony, abbot** Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mk 2:13-17
- 18 Sun **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** 1 Sm 3:3b-10,19 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20 Jn 1:35-42

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ January 17 & 18

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Chris Gilbert, Connor McKenna, Nick Wynne

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman and Kayla Chapman

Sunday, 9:00am:

Rachael Benz, Lauren Benz, Juliana Cruz

Sunday, 10:30am:

Emily Virgil, Caprie Romano, Juliana Baratta

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY MASS
Saturday, January 31 at 5:00pm

In celebration of Boy Scout Sunday all Cub and Boy Scouts of St. Rita Parish are invited to attend Mass together. Please meet in Room 1 at 4:30. Dens and troops will be seated together after processing into church as a group. A reception for Scouts and their families will be held after Mass in the gym.

Scouts in the parish (other than those in Pack or Troop 163) who have completed the requirements for the religious emblem associated with their rank and who have submitted the appropriate paperwork to the diocese are invited to notify Mary Lou Padgett (671-0549) by January 25th to be recognized during the Scout Mass. All Scouts who have earned religious medals will also be honored in a ceremony with Bishop Clark on Saturday, February 28th at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. We hope to see all Scouts from our parish on January 31st to celebrate Boy Scout Sunday!



Knights of Columbus
Charitable & Benevolent (C & B) Raffle

The Knights of Columbus will be in the greeting area after Masses this weekend selling raffle tickets for their annual C & B raffle. Tickets are \$1 for money prizes including a \$25,000 grand prize. The C & B campaign is a state wide sponsored event that locally helps support the Webster Knights charitable programs for the Finger Lakes developmentally disabled and the Webster Pierce St. group home. Additionally the eight bishops, including Bishop Clark receive an annual \$10,000 donation for Diocesan charities. Thank you for your support.