

FEBRUARY 15, 2009

Stewardship News!

Giving back the gift of time that God has given to us is a simple way of exhibiting Christian Stewardship. Volunteering in some way that helps others; a gesture of friendship, or any act of prayer are all ways in which we can share our gift of time.

Stewardship . . . Live It!

St Rita Society is coordinating a collection of various items for Mercy Residential Services.

This is a ministry of the Sisters of Mercy that works with pregnant and parenting teens, young women and their children providing housing and support services with compassion, acceptance and guidance. A box will be in the greeting area to collect items such as combs, brushes, hair items, deodorant, liquid soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, manicure items, craft and art supplies, coloring books, crayons, story books, small toys, onesies, baby socks, baby laundry soap, Any of these items that you can contribute would be greatly appreciated.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Save the dates!

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of July 13-17 for children entering grades Pre-K4 through 4 in the fall, 2009. Registration will begin in late March. Watch the bulletin for more information.

WPCC Seniors and Others

Please join us on Wednesday, February 18 at 1:00pm at St. Paul's Church to share good company, delicious desserts and an awesome video on life of St. Paul the Apostle. Bring your favorite dessert or free will offering. Don't forget to bring a friend! Snow Day is Wednesday, March 4. For more information please contact: Rosemary Pavia, 217-9068, Felice Armignacco, 671-5177 or Marie Czerniawski, 872-6023.

DID YOU KNOW? We have **gluten-free hosts** available for those who have special dietary needs. For more information please call Mary Ann Kwiatkowski at 671-1997.

SPEEDERS BEWARE !!!!



Those who use the St. Rita Facilities would appreciate

your being considerate of them in your driving habits.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN! When entering, leaving or driving on this property! In the recent past accidents have occurred and now the Webster Police Department will be patrolling the lot at peak traffic times.

Thank you,
Fr. Chuck

FIESTA NEWS
Save the Dates!
Our 2009 Fiesta is set for
Friday, May 29th
and Saturday, May 30th



HOPE MINISTRY has experienced a baby boom! We are in need of baby clothing, especially infant sizes 12 months and smaller. We gratefully accept all donations during our open hours.

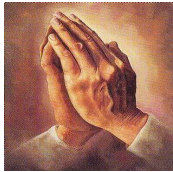
HOPE Ministry has volunteer opportunities. We are in need of 6-7 drivers, preferably with full size trucks, to assist once a month with food pick up. This would require just 3 hours of your time on Mondays during the day. Please call 265-6694 for more information.

The 4 churches in the Webster Penfield Catholic Connection (Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Paul and St. Rita) are committed to a relationship of Spiritual and Financial support to Hope Ministry, located on the Holy Trinity campus.

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

WELCOME TO ST. RITA PARISH COMMUNITY!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us and hope that your time with us will be prayerful. Here at St. Rita we encourage everyone to participate as fully as possible in our Liturgical celebrations as well as in the ministries of our parish. If you would like more information about St. Rita Church please go to our website at www.saintrita.org. If you would like to register with us please pick up a Welcome Packet (colored folder) located in the Church Library adjacent to the front doors of church. Feel free to call the parish office 671-1100 at any time if you have questions. We are happy to have you with us!



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009

Holiday – No Masses

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009

9:15AM JOHN KOLASSA – Family and Friends

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009

9:15AM DAVID DI MARIA – Dick DiMaria
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009

7:00AM DOLORES BECKER – Mr. & Mrs. Vincent LaBarbera
9:15AM KATHY & DONALD BAYER – Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009

9:15AM KAY NOVISKY – Marita & Anthony Adin

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009

5:00PM MARILYN & DICK MI MARIA – Dick DiMaria

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2009

7:30AM JOHN E. POLLE – Marilyn & Family
9:00AM JOSEPH PILATO – Josephine Pilato
10:30AM PATRICIA O'DONNELL STOUTER – Liz Piekerczyk

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for a Special Intention

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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 February 15
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 10**

Mk 10:1-11 What do you like best and least about weddings? How were the Pharisees trying to test Jesus by their question? How can you apply the principles of marriage underlined here? Do you think Jesus would respond the same way to someone in a troubled marriage who is sincerely asking the question in verse 2?

Mk 10:46-52 How do you respond when a beggar approaches you on the street? What is significant about the way Bartimaeus addresses Jesus? About the way the beggar is treated by the crowd? If Jesus asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?"

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The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16 for the President's Holiday

Pastor's Perspective



25 years ago the Bishops of our country published their pastoral letter entitled "The Challenge of Peace". With so much violence in our communities and in our world it would be good to reflect on Peacemaking during this 25th Anniversary year:

"Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus. The content and context of our peacemaking is set not by some political agenda or ideological program, but by the teaching of his Church." **The Challenge of Peace #C.5**

"Peace is both a gift of God and a human work. It must be constructed on the basis of central human values: truth, justice, freedom and love." #68

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me!

Fr. Chuck

(more on this topic to come)

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ST. RITA'S PRAYER LINE

Did you know that we have a very active Prayer Line here at St. Rita Parish? Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer. If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please call Eleanor Hanley at 671-3247.

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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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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Our **Parish Health Ministry Committee** will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 15, 2009

SUNDAY 2/15

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

WEDNESDAY 2/18

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

PARISH SUPPORT For Last Weekend February 7 & 8		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Jan. 2009	Variance
\$14,539	\$14,900	-\$361
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$483,291	\$498,900	-\$15,609
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725	
Mortgage Balance as of January 1, 2009	\$188,914	
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$105,051	
Pledges Received to Date	\$103,860	
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 Bake served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

**Vocation Awareness
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus was moved with pity at the sight of the leper and went to him. Are you moved with compassion for those in need of spiritual or physical healing? Have you ever considered a life of service to others in the form of a vocation to religious life or ordained priesthood? Jesus continues to call women and men to minister as he did. Is he calling you that way? Please pray about it and if you'd like to speak with someone, contact the Office of Vocation Awareness, 461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or by e-mail: vocations@dor.org

We apologize for any inconvenience ~ Funerals are scheduled for 9:15am. This may mean having to move a Mass intention that had previously been scheduled for that time. We will make every effort to contact the person having the Mass offered to reschedule it. Thank you for your understanding.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 15 Sun **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Lv 13:1-2,44-46 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Mk 1:40-45
- 16 Mon Gn 4:1-15,25 Ps 50:1,8,16-17,20-21 Mk 8:11-13
- 17 Tue Gn 6:5-8;7:1-5,10 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Mk 8:14-21
- 18 Wed Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Ps 116:12-15,18-19 Mk 8:22-26
- 19 Thu Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-23,29 Mk 8:27-33
- 20 Fri Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34-9:1
- 21 Sat Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5,10-11 Mk 9:2-13
- 22 Sun **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 Ps 41:2-5,13-14 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ February 21 & 22**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Erin Hasso
- Sunday, 7:30am:**
Sandy Loeb, Susan Loeb, Olivia Zucaro
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Vicky Ritzel, Noah Ritzel, Tyler Kohrt
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Vincent Waver, Phil DeMarco, Nick Gaglio

SACRISTAN:

Week of February 15 Shirl Mintz

LINENS:

Week of February 22 Catherine Zellefrow

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



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, February 22 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center gym will be our monthly Youth Group gathering for grades 6-12. All are welcome!!!!

Journey to the Cross

Follow your heart this Lent by following the Lord!

Journey to the Cross is a WPCC four parish Lenten program scheduled for Sunday, March 8, beginning at 4:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church in Murphy Hall. The presentation will show the Stations of the Cross from each parish and include a general history of this tradition and prayer. After the presentation there will be a potluck soup supper. Bring your favorite soup or a free-will offering. Those attending are asked to sign up at their parish office (St. Rita's 671-1100). All are welcome!