

Stewardship News!

This month the Dove Program is featured on the Stewardship Board in the greeting area.

Our Dove Program helps parishioners in need at St. Rita and is administered by our pastoral associate Drew Desmarais.

Please look over the needs for this ministry. If there is an area that you could help with please contact Drew at 671-1100 x 15. This ministry, the Dove Program, is only successful by our being able to respond to immediate needs of parishioners in whatever way we can.

Stewardship . . . Live It!

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OPERATION RICE BOWL



In Mark's Gospel we read about Jesus being tempted by the devil for forty days. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God

for all things. Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into action; our prayers and alms help people in need around the world. **Pray** that the ability to work and earn a living is a right of all people. May our **fasting** remind us of the workers that provide food for their families. May our **almsgiving** assist Catholic Relief Services.

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**St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163
PASTA DINNER
Saturday, March 14
4:00-7:00 in the Parish Center**

St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163 is hosting their annual Pasta Dinner on Saturday, March 14. This is our biggest fund raiser for the Troop. With this dinner our boys are able to participate in activities such as camping, outdoor activities, community services, and Council-wide activities. Tickets are: \$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12 and children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased next weekend after Mass, at the door, or call Nancy Popolizio at 671-4797.

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GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MASS



**Next Sunday, March 8
at our 9:00am Liturgy**

All Girl Scouts of the parish are invited to wear their Scout uniforms to Mass. Families are invited to a reception immediately following Mass. Girls receiving religious emblems will be recognized and should contact Pat Vargas at 671-0434.

SPECIAL LENTEN PRESENTATION!

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. SEE THE FLYER IN THIS BULLETIN. All are welcome!

A QUIET TIME FOR PRAYER

Each Friday from March 6 thru April 3 our Eucharistic Chapel will be open from 12:30-1:30 simply for quiet time with the Lord.

Some might also be interested in a time of prayer or Spiritual Guide "A Day to Call Your Own". If you are interested please call Chris McGraw at the Mercy Prayer Center at 473-6893.

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LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Served every Friday during Lent

**5:00-7:00 PM
in the Parish Center**



Each Friday during Lent Fish Dinners will be served from 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym. It is staffed by a wonderful team of volunteers sharing their stewardship of time and talent.

Fried or Baked Haddock are available as well as **Cheese Pizza** for those who do not care for fish! Fish dinners include coleslaw, french fries and a roll ~ \$8 for adults and \$7 for Seniors. Children's portions are available for \$4 - as well as Soft Drinks, Milk, Coffee, Tea, and Ice Cream cups.

Come in for great sit down table service or take out.

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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF
SUPPORT GROUP**

Wednesday, March 11
7:30pm in Room 1



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

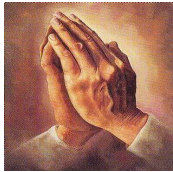
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EASTER CANDY SALE



Our St. Rita Society will hold their annual candy sale in the greeting area after all Masses until they're sold out! Chocolate bunnies are \$3.00 each and delicious Mint-Melt-Aways will be sold for \$2.00 per box.

Proceeds will be used for St. Rita Society Outreach Projects.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2009

7:00AM ELEANOR CIMINO – Don & Mary Brown
9:15AM LINA MARASCO – John & Mary Marasco

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009

9:15AM JOSEPHINE SCHWIND – Joann Spataro

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2009

7:00AM HOLLY FERSTLER –
John & Julie Odenbach and Family
9:15AM MARGARET KENNELLY –
Jean & Jim Swartwout

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009

7:00AM MARY MAHANY – St. Rita Society
9:15AM JOHN KOLASSA – Family & Friends

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2009

9:15AM TINA CRESPO –
Clara Alward & Dottie DeLano

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2009

5:00PM FILIPPO RUGGERI – Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

7:30AM MADAME JOSIE MAROLDT –
Jacqueline Eder
9:00AM FOR GIRL SCOUTS AND THEIR LEADERS
10:30AM JOSEPH LA BUE – Jack & Joan McCarthy

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn in loving memory of
Donald Gallo**



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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 March 1
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 12**

Mk 12:28-34 What subject is guaranteed to spark a debate in your house? Sports? Politics? Religion? Something else? Why are these two commandments the greatest? In the three possibilities of love relationships (with God, neighbors, and self), where are you the strongest? The weakest?

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HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY? ~ Contribution envelopes and year-end tax statements have been returned to the parish office for those who have been "Temporarily Away". If you were away and did not receive these please call the parish office at 671-1100.

Special Monroe County Offering will benefit low-income children

Generous challenge from local philanthropy

Bishop Clark has authorized a special collection to be held on March 8 and March 15 in all Monroe County parishes. Funds collected will benefit elementary-school age children from low-income families and provide scholarships to attend diocesan Catholic Schools in Monroe County.

The Wegman Family Charitable Foundation generously has offered up to \$2 million to this cause if the Diocese of Rochester can raise \$500,000 by the end of this school year. More than \$300,000 has been raised thus far from private donors.

A letter from Bishop Clark to area faithful will be read from the pulpit on March 8. If you wish to make a contribution, envelopes will be found in the pews on the next two weekends. Checks should be made out to "Diocese of Rochester Challenge". You can drop them in the collection basket or send them directly to Sister Janice Morgan, Pastoral Center, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, New York 14624.

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Catholic Ministries Appeal Final Call!

To date we have received 876 generous gifts totaling \$103,810 – only \$1,241 short of meeting our goal. If you've not yet contributed or would like to help us top that goal, please send your gift to the parish office or drop it in the collection. Checks should be made payable to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA).

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LENTE PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25) and Good Friday (April 10) are days of both fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. All persons 14 years of age and up are obliged to abstain.

Fasting refers to eating only one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meal times. Adults between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

BAPTISMS ~ Official instructions that accompany the Rite of Baptism state that Baptisms are not to be celebrated during the Lenten Season. To remember the Paschal character of this Sacrament, we will resume Baptisms at Easter time.

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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

MARCH 1, 2009

SUNDAY 3/1

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 3/2

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes
6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 3/3

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
7:30-9:00pm Lite Choir – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 3/4

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

FRIDAY 3/6

12:30-1:30pm Eucharistic Chapel is Open
5:00-7:00pm Fish Dinner – Gym
7:00-7:45pm Family Stations of the Cross – Church

BIBLE READINGS:

- 1 Sun **1st Sunday of Lent** Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
- 2 Mon Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46
- 3 Tue Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
- 4 Wed Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32
- 5 Thu Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Mt 7:7-12
- 6 Fri Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
- 7 Sat Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
- 8 Sun **2nd Sunday of Lent** Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18 Ps 116:10,15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ March 7 & 8

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Kyle Swovick, Peter Swovick, Lily Ciszewski

Sunday, 7:30am:

Michael Hohl, Josh Kwiatkowski, Sean McGrath

Sunday, 9:00am:

Juliana Cruz and Marisa Vargas

Sunday, 10:30am:

Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Jessica Belt

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SACRISTAN:

Week of March 1

Jane & Dick Casper

LINENS:

Week of March 8

Martine Cianciotto

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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.

Friday, March 6 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Fish Fry Bake Sale in the Gym. Please come and support our Youth.

Sunday, March 8 from Noon until 1:00 p.m.

Jr. High Youth Group in the Youth Center for all those in grades 6-8.

Sunday, March 8 Senior High Youth Group is

cancelled due to a post retreat gathering for all those who attended the Sr. High retreat in January.

A Special Note of Thanks for all the prayers for my husband Mike who had surgery on Monday to remove a tumor on his lung. We are so grateful because the surgery was a success and he is on the road to recovery. **GOD IS GOOD - ALL THE TIME!!!**

Love, Mary Jo

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend February 21 & 22

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Jan. 2009	Variance
\$12,802	\$14,900	-\$2,098
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$508,592	\$528,700	-\$20,108

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of February 1, 2009	\$188,914
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$105,051
Pledges Received to Date	\$103,810

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: Ham and Cheese Breakfast Casserole served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

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ST. RITA SOCIETY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday, March 17 in the Parish Center



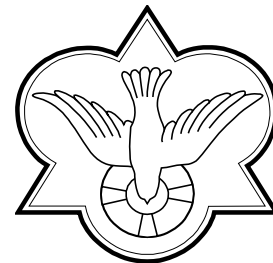
Put on your green and join us for a corned beef and cabbage dinner and the Boland Irish Dancers. Tickets are \$12.00 and are limited to the first 120 people. Tickets are available after Masses the next 2 weekends and at the parish office. **No tickets will be sold at the door!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG FRIENDS WHO RECEIVED
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MONDAY EVENING
AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL**

Alexander Alfieri
Nathan Armbruster
Vincent Asito
Juliana Baratta
Ally Bellanca
Andrea Benson
Breanna Bernardi
Renaë Bronakoski
David Brown, V
Jason Buckley
Brian Burns
Katherine Burns
Samuel Cabral
Miranda Cain
Andrew Casper
Kerrigan Casper
Adam Christianson
Jennifer Christianson
Marco Ciccarelli
Salina Ciccarelli
Gina Commisso
Matthew Crowley
Keenan Denis
Machayla Donovan
Madeline Donowsky
Daniel Duell
Shane Duell
Timothy Eggert
Samantha Ferrara
James Flaherty
Shannon Flaherty
Hannah Florio

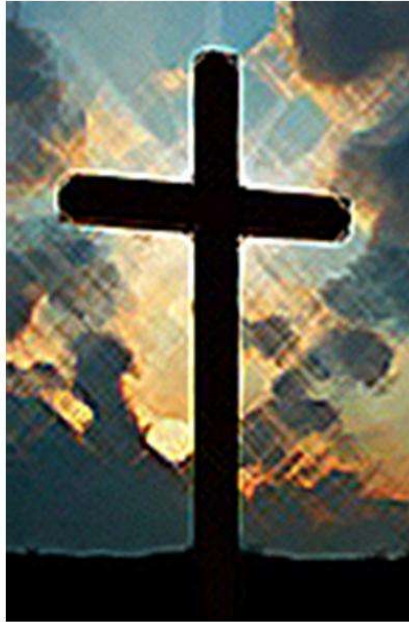
Rachel Fornarola
Ivana Gabriele
Lauren Gardner
Peter Garofolo
Michael Gessin
Casey Harris
Ryan Harris
Harold HYTE
Kyle Ingalls
Connor Jantz
Kyle Johnson
Ethan Kohrt
Tyler Kohrt
Clare LaJoie
Neil LaVigne
James Lehman
Patrick LeMoine
Joseph Lippa
Sebastian Marra
Mary Martellotta
Anthony McCorry
Ruairi McHugh
Alaina Messineo
Alexa Messineo
Abigail Miller
Megan Miller
Travis Moran
Aidan Mutschler
Maggie Mutschler
Jacob Ottenschot
Laura Padgett
Erinn Peterson

Michael Piccarreto
Theresa Piersall
Cara Reynolds
Noah Ritzel
Kyle Rosenzweig
Nicholas Rubino
Jacqueline Sigafos
Scott Skarzynski
Amanda Skrypka
Matthew Skrypka
Meghan Skrypka
Marissa Smiroldo
Dominic Soldi
Ashley Sousa
Joshua Stanhope
Emily Visiko
Sofia Webb
Abigail Wezelis
Douglas Whelan
Jacob Whiteford
Austin Williams
Aidan Wright
August Wright
Steven Zaccardo



Heartfelt thanks to Anita Wagner who leads our Faith Formation Program and to all the parish staff, parents and volunteers who helped prepare our candidates and assisted at Sacred Heart Cathedral during Confirmation. The Bishop and your Pastor were very proud of the number of folks who assisted and the 1st class job done by all.

Fr. Chuck



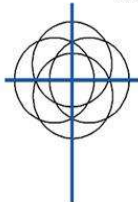
Journey to the Cross

**Sunday, March 8,
4:00 pm
Holy Trinity's
Murphy Hall**

Join us for this WPCCLenten Program;
a presentation showing the Stations of the Cross
from each parish.

*Together we will learn the history of the
Stations of the Cross and will follow the Lord
on his journey as we pray our way
through each station.*

Following the presentation, all are welcome to
stay for a potluck soup supper. *Bring your
favorite soup or a free will offering.*



Sign up at your parish for this wonderful event!