

MARCH 8, 2009

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!



OPERATION RICE BOWL

Today in Mark's Gospel we find Peter, James and John being disturbed hearing Jesus talk about carrying a cross and losing his life.

In answer to their misgivings, Jesus took them up to a mountain and was transfigured before them. They were filled with awe as they realized his glory was also theirs, a glory not experienced in his future kingdom, but also here on earth. As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey let us remember in prayer that as a faith community, we have the obligation to reach out to those most in need. The Gospel specifically calls us to take action on behalf of the most vulnerable members of society. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services.



**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 at the door, or call Nancy Popolizio at 671-4797.

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY MASS



As we celebrate all Girl Scouts and their Leaders this weekend we also congratulate the following Girl Scouts who received Religious Awards this year:

Family of God: Maggie Hurley

Marian Medal: Laura Padgett, Bristol Cook, Amanda Caruso, Danielle Bucior



**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!

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. 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. All are welcome!

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 are used for Society Outreach Projects.

ST. RITA SOCIETY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00pm
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 this weekend and at the parish office. **No tickets will be sold at the door!**

LENTEN FISH DINNERS

Served every Friday during Lent

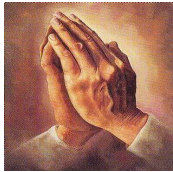


**5:00-7:00 PM
in the Parish Center**

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.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009

7:00AM DANIEL STACK – Dorothy Simpson
9:15AM MAX BARBEAU – St. Rita Parish Council

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009

9:15AM HELEN PUTNAM – Donald Cousineau & Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2009

7:00AM SALLY HIPPI – Dave & Debbie Osborn
9:15AM PEGGY SMITH – Joanne Carr

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009

7:00AM ROSEMARIE PICCARRETO – Louise Rainone
9:15AM PATRICIA STOUTER – St. Rita's Choir

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009

9:15AM BARBARA CORBELLINI – The Grobe Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

5:00PM THERESA WYNNE RAPPLEYE – The Wynne Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009

7:30AM CASIMER & FLORENCE MACIEJEWSKI – Family
9:00AM KATHY BAYER – Family
10:30AM SAM MARTELLA – Antoniette Martella

* * * * *

This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for the intentions of the People of St. Rita Parish

* * * * *  * * * * *

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

**For the week of March 8
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 13**

Mk 13:1-37 If you could take two things to heaven with you, what would they be? What is the most exciting thing about the Second Coming of Christ? The most distressing? What questions would you like to ask Jesus about?

* * * * *

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Communal Celebrations of Reconciliation

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 9:30 am

TUESDAY, MARCH 31 7:00 pm

From the Desk of Bishop Clark . . .

March 8, 2009

My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I send you my warmest greetings and hopes that you are feeling the full and magnificent power of Christ Jesus in your lives during this Lenten season. I write in this extraordinary way to make you aware of a special opportunity presented by a very generous benefactor to help the poor children of Rochester's inner city – and to ask you for your help.

Continuing their tradition of helping our community, the Wegman Family Charitable Foundation has offered to provide up to \$2 million in scholarships for poor children if the Diocese can raise \$500,000 in new donations to this cause. So far, generous donors have provided more than \$300,000 toward this \$500,000 goal, but we need many more people to donate if we are to be successful for these children.

I need not tell you of the obstacles children of low-income families face, from dire poverty in their homes to daily violence on their streets. Parents of these children tell us that they truly believe the faith-based education they are receiving in our safe and nurturing Catholic schools is a strong deterrent to the enticement of youth gangs, violence and drugs. Our own experience is that these children perform exceedingly well with the vast majority going on to college. This is a remarkable success story that we must celebrate and continue.

I know you have already been generous to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. But I ask you again for support in this special effort for the sake of these children and their future.

In this time of almsgiving, in this time in which we celebrate our own blessings and the abundant love and forgiveness of Almighty God, let us give hope to these children; let us stretch out our hands and offer them a way up and out of poverty through education.

Thank you. God will bless you for your generosity. With every good wish, I remain,

Your brother in Christ,
† Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

* * * * *

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. More information to come!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 8, 2009

SUNDAY 3/8

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 3/9

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

TUESDAY 3/10

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
7:00-9:00pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office
7:30-9:00pm Lite Choir – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 3/11

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-9:00pm Companions in Grief – Rm 1
8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 3/12

7:00-9:00pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1

FRIDAY 3/13

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

SATURDAY

4:00-7:00pm Boy Scout Pasta Dinner – Parish Center

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 9 Mon Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38
- 10 Tue Is 1:10.16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12
- 11 Wed Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28
- 12 Thu Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
- 13 Fri Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
- 14 Sat Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
- 15 Sun **3rd Sunday of Lent** Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

* * * * *

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ March 14 & 15

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Chris Gilbert, Connor McKenna, Nick Wynne

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman, Kayla Chapman

Sunday, 9:00am:

Mike Sullivan, Vicky Gammons, Brianna Gammons

Sunday, 10:30am:

Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi, Brandon Fersaci

* * * * *

SACRISTAN:

Week of March 8

Miriam & Dan Kennelly

LINENS:

Week of March 15

Linda Erck

* * * * *

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, 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.

Friday, March 13 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

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

Sunday, March 22 at 5:00pm at St. Paul's Church

Save the Date! **WPCC Youth Mass**

All are welcome--kids, parents, grandparents, friends, siblings and everybody else--to the liturgy and light supper after.

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend February 28 & March 1

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Mar. 2009	Variance
\$17,926	\$14,900	+ \$3,026
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$526,518	\$543,600	- \$17,082

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of March 1, 2009	\$187,276
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: Homemade German Potato Pancakes served with bacon or sausage, homemade applesauce and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

* * * * *

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