

MARCH 15, 2009

Stewardship News!

The St. Rita sponsored Boy Scout Troop 163, Cub Pack 163 and Girl Scouts Troops are featured on Stewardship Board for the month of March. These groups have put up individual exhibits of the troops to share their mission and outings with the parish. If you would like more information on any of these organizations please leave your name in the parish office and you will be contacted.

Stewardship . . . Live It!

OPERATION RICE BOWL PRAYER



Oh loving Lord, During this Lenten season I lift up my voice to you. Instill in my heart the desire to hear your voice in the voices of the poor, your people. May I find in their example the path to my conversion.

Bless my Prayer, Fasting, Learning, and Giving in this season of grace. May these actions answer the all to bring justice to our world. Amen

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.

**Liturgy ~ To, With, By and For Young people!
Sunday, March 22 at 5:00pm St. Paul's**

All are welcome! Kids, parents, grandparents, friends, siblings and everybody else are invited to this liturgy and light supper after. Bring a dish to pass if you like. RSVP if you can to youthmass@rocketmail.com but if you don't get a chance to, come anyway! Tell us how many people you hope to bring, whether or not you can stay for supper and if you're bringing a dish to pass. All middle school, high school and college-age youth are invited to stick around after supper for CrossRoads' youth group meeting - games, discussions, prayer & music. If you are a young person interested in helping with liturgical ministries- musicians, lectors, ushers/hospitality, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, dancers, please call or e-mail Nora 585-957-3376 or Bradbury-Haehl@dor.org

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

We made it!

Thanks to the 890 households who generously donated to the CMA we were able to reach our goal of \$150,051. We thank everyone for their prayers and support, making it possible for our Diocese to provide funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church and meet the needs of those less fortunate in all 12 counties of our Diocese.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Communal Celebrations of Reconciliation
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 9:30 am
TUESDAY, MARCH 31 7:00 pm

**St. Joseph's Table in the Parish Center
Saturday, March 21, 2009
after the 5:00pm Mass in Church**

Donations of food may be delivered on Saturday, March 21 after 12:00 Noon to the kitchen in the parish center. St. Joseph's Table will then be blessed by Father following the 5:00pm Mass in Church.

Suggestions for food donations are:

Vegetable Lasagna, Stuffed mushrooms, Celery or Cardone fritters, Meatless frittata, fried Eggplant or Zucchini, Greens & Beans, Artichoke French or Casserole, Spinach Casserole, Pasta with vegetables e.g. broccoli, bread crumbs, Vegetarian pizza, Pasta of honey toasted bread crumbs, Baked Ziti with meatless sauce, Pasta with white or red clam sauce. Desserts: Cookies (any kind), Cream puffs, Cannoli, Sfingi, Honey Balls, Pizzelles, and Fruit

If you are able to help in any way with food, set up, clean up, or for more information please contact Elaine King at 671-4930 or Felice Armignacco at 671-5177.

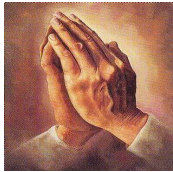
**PARISH
EASTER EGG HUNT**



**Sunday, April 5
from 1:00-3:00
in the Parish Center Gym**

The Youth Group is hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children of the parish ages 1-11. Please pick up a registration form in the back of church. The "entrance fee" is 12 small plastic eggs and one (1) small bag of candy along with your registration form. **Please return your form and "fee" to the parish office no later than Friday, March 27.**

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



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2009

9:15AM DENISE WALAWENDER –
Betty Latoski & Anne Muir

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2009

7:00AM URBAN BIECK – Lori Scarborough
9:15AM ESTHER BENSON – Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009

7:00AM GAY Y.SIDORA – Stephanie Poulter
9:15AM GENEVIEVE KOLASSA – Family & Friends

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009

7:00AM FRANCIS O'CONNOR – Diane & Family
9:15AM JOSEPH & MIRIAM TRIPI –
Ann Marie & Jim Scott

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2009

9:15AM LINA MARASCO – John & Mary Marasco

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2009

5:00PM JOSEPH CANNITO – Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2009

7:30AM ANNA KARAS – Virginia Nolan
9:00AM DAVID NIER – Noreen
10:30AM SPECIAL INTENTION – ? Mrs. Gaglio

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

**For the week of March 15
Read the Gospel of Mark Chapter 14**

Mk 14:1-11 Why do you think the woman spent a year's wages on perfume? When you spend money on another person, what concerns you? What is the biggest problem you have in making money decisions? If you had ten times the amount of money you now have to give away, who and what would you give that money to?

Mk 14:32-42 If you knew you only had a few days to live, what would you do with the time? What decision are you struggling with at the moment? Who do you call on when you need help in knowing God's will? How do you know when you've identified God's will for you?

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Pastor's Perspective

Independence & Individualism have long been a strong part of our American heritage. A news story this week suggests that many Americans are carrying that over into their religious life as well – picking and choosing, in a kind of freestyle "cafeteria faith". Often it's expressed in terms of "I'm spiritual" but not "religious"!



Lent is a good time to take a hard look at our faith and the community that nourishes our faith.

In today's Gospel we see a very different image of Jesus, angered by how the Temple has become more a place for commerce than for prayer of the community. In the Temple system, the only way to cross the threshold to mercy and forgiveness was to pay for it. Injustice stirred Jesus' passionate heart into action. He announced that he was the new Temple; the freely available and accessible doorway to the compassion of God. Jesus' action was not only a judgment upon the Temple economy, but also, it was a telling and confronting judgment upon any religious system which profits from its people and oppresses those most in need of love and compassion.

Lent challenges us to allow Jesus to enter our lives to cleanse us of anything that does not nurture our relationship with God and others. Our parish celebrations of Penance afford us a chance to do just that.

On this third Sunday of Lent – it's a good time to go back in our "Little Black Book" and review our Lenten Plans on February 23 and in light of today's Gospel – we could ask ourselves how we are opening ourselves to the purifying power of the One who loves so much as to give his life for us on the cross.

Happy Lent,

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SPECIAL MONROE COUNTY COLLECTION

As Fr. Hoan read last weekend in a letter from Bishop Clark, a special collection is taking place throughout Monroe County for the benefit of elementary school age children from low-income families to be used for scholarships to attend Diocesan Catholic Schools in Monroe County. The Wegman Family Charitable Foundation generously has offered up to \$2 million for this cause if the Diocese of Rochester can raise \$500,000 by the end of this school year. So far, more than \$300,000 has been raised from private donors. If you would like make a donation, you can send your donation directly to Diocese of Rochester Challenge, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 15, 2009

SUNDAY 3/15

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group (grades 6-12) – Gym

MONDAY 3/16

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes
 7:00-9:00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY 3/17

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

WEDNESDAY 3/18

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

FRIDAY 3/20

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 3/21

6:00pm St. Joseph Table – Parish Center

BIBLE READINGS:

- 15 Sun **3rd Sunday of Lent** Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
- 16 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30
- 17 Tue Dn 3:25.34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35
- 18 Wed Dt 4:1,5-9 Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20 Mt 5:17-19
- 19 Thu **St. Joseph, Husband of Mary** 2 Sm 7:4-5a,12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24a
- 20 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6-11,14,17 Mk 12:28-34
- 21 Sat Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4,18-21 Lk 18:9-14
- 22 Sun **4th Sunday of Lent** 2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ March 21 & 22

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Lauren Navarro

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sandy Loeb, Susan Loeb, Olivia Zucaro

Sunday, 9:00am:

Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Eric Chiesa

Sunday, 10:30am:

Jamie Farris, Abby Geen, Jenny Geen

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SACRISTAN:

Week of March 15 Agnes Kopin

LINENS:

Week of March 22 Jean Fauth

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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.

Sunday, March 15 from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m.
Leadership Team Meeting in the Youth Center

Sunday, March 15 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.
Monthly Youth Group Gathering in the Parish Center gym for any youth in grades 6-12. All are welcome!!!!

Monday, March 16 at 7:30pm
 The **Annual Hands of Christ** ceremony will be held at St. Joseph's Church in Penfield. All Hands of Christ recipients should arrive by 6:30 as seating is limited.

Friday, March 20 from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.
Lenten Fish Fry Bake Sale in the Gym. Thank you for supporting our Youth.

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend February 28 & March 1

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Mar. 2009	Variance
\$13,832	\$14,900	- \$1,068
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$540,350	\$558,500	- \$18,150

(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

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.

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LENTEN FISH DINNERS ~ Every Friday during Lent!
5:00-7:00 PM in the Parish Center

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