

**MAY 3, 2009**

**CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**Stepping Stones to Stewardship**

**This year's Fiesta will be held  
on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

It is our 55<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of providing family entertainment in a safe environment and is one of the longest running church festivals in the Diocese of Rochester! Our Fiesta provides free concerts along with game booths and activities for kids of all ages as well as delicious food including a fish fry on Friday night and a chicken barbeque on Saturday night.

Proceeds from our Fiesta will be tithed to the Hope Ministry, an outreach program that provides food, clothing, and financial assistance to those going through difficult times.

You can offer your Stewardship of Time and Talent by volunteering at this great event! You may go online to our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) and click on the Fiesta volunteer options and see if there is an area of interest to you!

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*

**Praying Our Losses, Affirming Our Hope**

**at St. Paul's Church  
Tuesday, May 5 from 7:00-8:30pm**

If you've lost your job, been worried about your job, or are facing "survivor guilt," we invite you to a special evening of prayer and reflection. All are welcome!

**From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister  
671-1100 ext. 18 or [mdinoto@dor.org](mailto:mdinoto@dor.org)**



**Youth News**

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome!  
**Check our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org)**

**Attention Class of 2009 Seniors**

If you would like your picture on the "2009 Wall of Seniors", please send your senior picture to Mary Jo in the Parish Office no later than May, 22. Please make sure you submit a wallet size, 3x5 or 4x6. These pictures will be displayed for the month of June on the Stewardship Center. At the end of June you can take your picture off the wall. Please make sure your name is attached.

**WPCC SENIORS AND OTHERS**

All are welcome to the **Healthy for Life** program, Wednesday, May 6, at 1:00pm at Holy Trinity Church. The program will feature Susan Calgano, Diabetes Educator, speaking on Diabetes and Nutrition and Karen Collins, RN, experienced in cardiac rehabilitation, speaking on Lifestyle and Exercise. Come and learn about healthy life practices!

In accordance with Diocesan Policy if you are over the age of 18 and will be volunteering in our Parish and/or School in working with children, teens, and/or vulnerable adults you will need to attend a CASE workshop and have a criminal background check. In addition, if you will be driving children, teens and/or vulnerable adults you will need to complete a *Volunteer Driver Information Form*.

**Note to drivers: If you have attended the workshop in the past you do not need to attend again, however, a new *Volunteer Driver Information Form* is required at the beginning of each new school year.**

**The Next Workshop will be held:**

**Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.  
at St. Rita Church in Room 1**

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**FAITH FORMATION and SACRAMENTS  
Registration 2009-2010**

Registration forms for all currently registered students have been mailed home. Registration forms for new students are available in the following locations:

- Faith Formation Office (located in the School building)
- Church (on the table to the right of the Chapel)
- Parish Office
- On our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org)

Parish registration is required prior to registering for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Programs. The registration deadline is June 18, 2009. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner, at 671-2079 or [AWagner@dor.org](mailto:AWagner@dor.org).

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**ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS**

**God Drops in Training!**

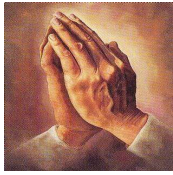
PK 3 and PK 4 classes are learning how to be Joyful God Drops! They enjoy sharing this distinction with the other students at St. Rita School. These little "droplets" have recently been "visiting" Japan during our International Fair and making pancakes in their pajamas. Parents are welcome to participate in the monthly parent involvement days. The PK 4 has also been taking mini field trips to the computer lab to experiment with some new software and to the RPO's Tiny Tots concert.

If you would like to visit a class or are interested in enrolling for the 2009 – 2010 school year, please call 671-3132 for further information. You can also check out happenings at [schools.dor.org/strita](http://schools.dor.org/strita).

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**DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS**

Please call the parish office at 671-1100 x 22 anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule.



## EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

### MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009

7:00AM MARY MAHANY – Don & Mary Brown  
9:15AM FR. BERNARD NOWACK – Pat & Joe Janiak

### TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009

9:15AM FRANCESCA LAURIA – Maria Gabriele

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009

7:00AM JOSEPH GLEASON – John & Karen Smith  
9:15AM LAURICE ENGEL – Don & Mary Brown

### THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

7:00AM GRACE & BERNARD KANE – Marita & Anthony Adin  
9:15AM MARIGRACE PANE – Matilda Pane

### FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2009

9:15AM GENEVIEVE KOLASSA – Family & Friends

### SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2009

9:00AM FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATION (Group 2)  
5:00PM CARRIE & JOHN MENDOLA – Verna & Phil Mendola

### SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2009

7:30AM GRAZIA RUGGERI – The Zarcone Family  
9:00AM MARY CARR – Virginia & Gary Nicastro  
10:30AM RAYMOND F. LE CHASE, SR. – John & Michele Caceci

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of Elmer Maurer**

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**Special Presentation ~ All Are Welcome!!**

**“But What Does it Mean?  
Biblical Study for Beginners”**

**Thursday, May 21 from 7:00-9:00pm in Church**

**Presented by: Fr. George Heyman,**  
Director of Community Education  
at St. Bernard’s School of Theology and Ministry

Fr. George will offer an enlightening presentation on different aspects of Bible Study along with an interactive exercise on a passage from the Gospel of Mark. He will also present a reflection of Lectio-Divina - praying with scripture. **Please Bring Your Bible!**

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## COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, May 13  
In Room 1

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

## Pastor’s Perspective

This Sunday marks **World Vocation Sunday**. The need for ordained priests is an enormous challenge to the church here and in many other dioceses around the world.

I’m including the following reflection in hopes that some of our gifted young men will take some time with it and open their hearts if God is calling them to consider priesthood.

If you know such a young man whom you think would make a good priest, you might share it with him. Most often the encouragement of a family member or friend is the first and key step in answering the call.

**Be honest . . . Have you ever wondered if YOU might make a good priest? Here are ten exercises to help figure things out. Try doing one a week.**

1. *Imagine Jesus looks you in the eye, calls you by your first name, and says, “What is it you really want your life to be about? Spend some time thinking about that question.*
2. *Don’t be afraid to tell Jesus all you hope for in life. Listen for his response deep in your heart; it will be the thought that brings you the most peace (those quiet moments, just after Holy Communion, can be a great time for this conversation with God).*
3. *Think about the things you do each week. What brings you the most happiness?*
4. *Think of the people that you admire most in your life. What qualities about them do you like the best? Do you have some of those same qualities? Are they qualities that would also make a good priest?*
5. *What is the biggest decision you’ve made about your life, so far? How did you come to that decision? Was it a good one?*
6. *Imagine Bishop Clark called you up and personally invited you to join him in the priesthood because he needed you. How did it make you feel?*
7. *Priests days are filled with all kinds of wonderful things: saying Mass, visiting the sick, counseling people, teaching young people about God, celebrating the sacraments (Eucharist, Baptism, Confessions, etc.), and preaching the Sunday Gospel. Think about it. Do any of these things appeal to you?*
8. *Imagine yourself 5 or 10 years from now as a priest in your own parish. This Sunday is your turn to preach. How does it feel?*
9. *Think of a priest you know. From what you’ve seen, what’s the coolest thing about his life?*
10. *Make a list of things about you that might make a good priest. Then, make a list of the things about you that you feel might not fit in the priesthood. Talk to God about both of your lists...then listen.*

For more information please contact Fr. Hoan or me or the Diocesan Office of Vocation Awareness at 461-2890 or [www.dor.org/vocations](http://www.dor.org/vocations).

Vocation ministry belongs to all of us!  
Easter Peace,

**Fr. Chuck**

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK**

**MAY 3, 2009**

**SUNDAY 5/3**

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym  
 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group Moving up Ceremony – Gym

**MONDAY 5/4**

6:30-7:30pm 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Rehearsal Group 2 – Church

**TUESDAY 5/5**

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 3:45-4:30pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY 5/6**

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  
 7:00-9:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office  
 9:00-10:30pm Men’s Basketball – Gym

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

*Alexandra Hope Arbore*

*Jordi Josep Barenys*

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**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 3 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Easter** Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26-28-29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18
- 4 Mon Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3;43:3-4 Jn 10:1-10
- 5 Tue Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1-7 Jn 10:22-30
- 6 Wed Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Jn 12:44-50
- 7 Thu Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3,21-22,25,27 Jn 13:16-20
- 8 Fri Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-11 Jn 14:1-6
- 9 Sat Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 14:7-14
- 10 Sun **Fifth Sunday of Easter** Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-28,30-32 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

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**BREAKFAST CLUB Served Sundays 8:30-11:00am  
 MAY SPECIALS**

Sharon Pucher and  
 Jane Kunzog, managers

Our season is coming to an end! Breakfast Club will be open for three weeks in May. We thank you for your patronage and hope in some small way we made your Sundays joyful and left you with a full stomach and a smile on your face!

May 3 Dick Sorce and team are offering **Omelets “R” Us!** With cooking stations in the dining room making omelets to order with a variety of ingredients that you choose! It is served with sausage or bacon, warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.25.

May 10 Happy Mother’s Day to all you beautiful ladies! Be sure to take a plant – our gift to you. John O’Connor and team will feature Ham and Cheese Breakfast Casserole. This is served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

**As of this date, St. Rita’s Breakfast Club officially starts our 39<sup>th</sup> year of service!**

May 17 The last weekend! Team 3 will have no special but will be cooking everything that is left in the fridge – eggs any style, pancakes, whatever you want off the menu! Breakfasts include your choice of sausage or bacon, warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Thank you for your support. We are a bunch of happy volunteers serving you. Our goal is to maintain the kitchen facilities in whatever ways are necessary. Thank you good shepherds!

Have a safe and wonderful Summer!  
 Jane

**PARISH SUPPORT  
 For Last Weekend April 25 & 26**

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Apr. 2009	Variance
\$11,636	\$14,000	- \$2,364
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$640,370	\$659,200	- \$18,830

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/08 – 6/30/09)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of April 1, 2009	\$185,524

**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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**SACRISTAN:** Week of May 3 Agnes Kopin

**LINENS:** Week of May 10 Frances Montagne

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
 Next Weekend ~ MAY 9 & 10**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
 Erin Hasso, Christina Smith, Mary Martellotta

**Sunday, 7:30am:**  
 Susan Loeb, Sandy Loeb, Olivia Zucaro

**Sunday, 9:00am:**  
 Alex Verneti, Eric Chiesa, Tim Bruno

**Sunday, 10:30am:**  
 Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi, Phil DeMarco

# **FIESTA KICK-OFF WEEKEND !**



Platinum Sponsors: Isaac Heating & Air Conditioning,  
Q Dental Group and Vision Automotive Group

## **Present St. Rita's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta**

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 10:00pm**  
**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 11:00pm**

This family-oriented event is a wonderful way to celebrate together as a parish and community!

Advance purchase your \$15 Pay-One-Price WRISTBANDS good for both days - for use on these inflatables (Jungle Island Combo, Sticky Wall, Iron Man Challenge Obstacle Course and the 22' Giant Slide) Wristband Order Forms are available in the back of Church, at School or the Parish Office.

### **SIGN-UP ONLINE to VOLUNTEER at the Fiesta!**

**If you missed your chance to sign up in the greeting area this weekend you can go online to our parish website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) and click on the Fiesta Volunteer Link! Or you can call the Parish Office at 671-1100.** There are a wide variety of areas and time slots for you to help out. It's a great opportunity for you and your family to meet new people, share your time and talent, and have a fun time!

**Consider some of these areas we need your help:** ACCOUNTING ~ BAKED FOOD SALE ~ BOOK SALE ~ CASINO GAMES ~ CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES ~ CLEANUP (includes Sunday) ~ FLOATERS (Workers to cover breaks in all areas) ~ FOOD BOOTH ~ GAME BOOTHS ~ NEVADA TICKET BOOTH ~ PARKING / SECURITY / EMTs ~ PIZZA BOOTH ~ PLANT SALE ~ RAFFLE BOOTH ~ SETUP / TAKEDOWN (During the week and Sunday) ~ SILENT AUCTION ~ SWEETS BOOTH (Sno-cones & Cotton Candy & Coffee)

**Our Fiesta features FREE nightly entertainment** with the hottest local bands: **"The Skycoasters"** NY State's #1 party band performs on Friday night from 6-10 pm. **"It's My Party"** starts the fun at 6 pm Saturday night with sounds from the 60's & 70's all girl bands! **"The Fabulous Bullheads"** continue at 8 pm playing classic rock songs from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

**Delicious Food ~ Kids' Attractions ~ Rock Climbing Wall & Inflatables  
Carnival Games ~ Games of Chance & Casino Games**

**BAKED FOOD SALE:** The St. Rita Society appreciates your support in donating a baked food item (Pies, Cakes, Cookies, etc.) for the Baked Food Sale. Please bring them to the Gym on Friday, May 29 or Saturday, May 30 after Noon. Questions? Call Felice at 671-5177.

**BOOK SALE:** A collection box is in the greeting area for donations of used books, videos, DVD's and CD's. Please no condensed Reader's Digests or encyclopedias. Questions? Call Don and Mary Brown at 671-2722.

**PLANT SALE:** Consider dividing your plants and shrubs for the sale. Please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 (for digging and dividing of plant donations) or Joyce Hollander at 671-3281 (to volunteer at the booth).

**DONATIONS OF TOYS NEEDED:** Looking for gently used McDonalds Toys, Beanie Babies, or other small toys to be used as prizes in the Children's Tent. There is a collection box in the greeting area in Church and also at St. Rita School. Also, we need to borrow a Water Table for the Duck Pond. We are in great need of volunteers to help with the Children's Games on Friday and Saturday. Please see Karen Mack, Corinne Kohrt or Tara Broccolo for more information, or email Tara at [www.tbroccolo@frontiernet.net](mailto:www.tbroccolo@frontiernet.net) Thank you!

**Visit our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) for more Fiesta information!**

Dear Parishioners,

During the years since Vatican II, much has been said about having the laity involved in church. We have recognized the value and the importance of their talents and experience. We have also come to recognize that the church belongs to all of us and we all need to share the responsibility for it. So, we asked people to share their talents, to gift the church with their time, and to accept serious responsibilities for their parishes.

**It is time for us to consider new members for our Parish Pastoral Council.** Each year we select two (2) women and two (2) men to serve a three year term, and two (2) youth to serve a one year term. Every three years we select (1) young adult 18-25 years of age to serve a three year term.

We are asking the Parish at large to submit names of parishioners they feel would serve well on the Council. This is not a commitment for anyone, merely a suggestion. Please incorporate the following criteria when submitting names:

1. **SPIRITUAL GROWTH** -- giving oneself to a spiritual journey; a willingness to grow in the Lord. We are not looking for perfect people, but are looking for those who are willing to make a commitment to their personal spirituality.
2. **COMMITMENT** -- someone who is willing to commit to one meeting per month for three years, and be a liaison to one standing committee.
3. **SKILLS and TALENT** -- the ability to work well with others.
4. **MOTIVATION** -- a call to ministry to serve your fellow parishioners.
5. **TRAINING** -- one day leadership conference.

**You may use this form, call the parish office at 671-1100 OR send an email to [wstritap@dor.org](mailto:wstritap@dor.org) with the names of qualified parishioners by the weekend of May 16 & 17.**

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to work with us on this important process. Our current council members would be happy to provide you information or answer any questions. They are: Kathleen Anne, Tom Bayer, Dottie DeLano, Rich Engel, Will Goodness, Joseph Holleran, John O'Connor, Drew Pawluk, Jim Sauer, Eileen Scott, Elisabeth Swovick, Lisa Swovick, Barb Tatanus, Ann Tiberio, Dick Wagner.

**EVERYONE HAS TALENTS AND GIFTS TO SHARE**

Sincerely,  
Parish Pastoral Council Selection Committee

**St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council Mission Statement**

*In accord with Canon 536, we are called by the parish to serve as a consultative body to the pastor in assuring that all aspects of parish life reflect the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in our faith community. The council shall have as its foundation, prayer and reflection on the Gospel. Through discernment and consensus building we will seek to identify the will of the Holy Spirit and respond to the needs, ideas, and hopes of our parish family. While we are called to be a Catholic Community of Faith, Worship and Service, we are committed to fostering evangelization and hospitality. We are pledged to responsible stewardship as we prepare for the future.*



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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - NOMINATION FORM**

**Please return this portion to the collection basket in church or the parish office**

We are asking you at this time to submit names of registered parishioners you feel would serve well on our Parish Pastoral Council. When submitting names, please consider parishioners who can share their motivation, spirituality and are able to give of their Time and Talent for the good of our parish. Your nomination of a person is not a commitment for them. It is simply an invitation for them to consider pursuing the selection process.

This year we will be selecting 2 women, 2 men and one young adult (18-25) for a three-year term and 2 youth (15-18) to serve a one-year term.

**MEN** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUNG ADULT (18-25)** \_\_\_\_\_

**WOMEN** \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTH (15-18)** \_\_\_\_\_

# ST. RITA'S EUCHRE TOURNAMENT



## Prizes

Cash Winners!

50 / 50 Raffle

Door Prizes

Call MaryJo DiNoto to  
contribute a prize at  
671-1100 x18

## St. Rita's Youth Group NCYC FUNDRAISER

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2009

Location: St. Rita's Parish Center

Arrive at 6:30 pm - games begin promptly at 7:00 pm

Register at School/Parish Office by Thurs., May 14<sup>th</sup> (bottom)

\$10 / person plus a dish to pass: (\$15 at the door)

Must be 21 or older to play

Submit this portion to the parish office by Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Questions call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x 18

### Euchre Tournament Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tables I will bring \_\_\_\_

Number of people:

\$ Per Person            x \$10.00

Please send this amount \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* Please bring a table if you have one

Please make checks payable to St. Rita's parish (this is not a tax deductible donation)