

JULY 12, 2009

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Everyone has a different capacity to give. But we shouldn't concern ourselves with comparing our stewardship effort to those of others. Instead, measure your gift by the sacrifice you are making. Helping others without expecting anything in return is a true example of generosity.

Stewardship . . . Live It!

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Do You Knit? ~ Each year before Christmas we hold our annual Mitten Sunday. We collect mittens, hats and scarves for those less fortunate. If you knit and would like to get a head start on some items it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is in need of yarn or if you have any questions please call Marie at 671-6726.

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High School Seniors: If you sent in your senior picture to be displayed on our Stewardship Center you can pick up your picture at the parish office.

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Summer Mass and Lunch

At Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Rd., Canandaigua, NY
Please join us on Tuesday, July 21

11:00 am – Mass
With lunch to follow (\$10.00 donation)
Come as early as you like, stay as long as you like.
Enjoy some peaceful time on our grounds or in our building. Call to reserve a spot for lunch: 394-5700.

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Confirmation 2009 - 2010

The date we have been assigned for Confirmation for the 2009-2010 school year is:

**Tuesday, October 27, 2009
at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

If your child will be preparing for and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year please send in your registration form as soon as possible.

The kick-off meeting will be:

**Sunday, September 13, 2009 at 6:30pm
at St. Rita Church**

Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office, Parish Office, the table in the Narthex, and online at www.saintrita.org.

Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079 or AWagner@dor.org.

On June 10th, the **HOPE Ministry** commissioned 5 newly trained ministers. We welcome Josephine Atari (Holy Spirit), Linda Kehoe (St Rita's), Bob Mitchell (Holy Trinity), Rosemary Pavia and Shelia Vaeth (both St Paul's). We have been blessed with our volunteers. Please remember them in your prayers.

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LOST AND FOUND ~ Be sure to stop in the crying room in church and check in the Lost and Found box to see if any of the items may be yours. If items remain unclaimed they will be given to the needy.

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NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!



We are excited to announce that we are doing a new pictorial directory of our parish family. This directory will help each of us and our staff to connect names with faces. It is an ideal outreach tool.

Beginning this weekend in the greeting area you can sign up for a time to be photographed.

The photographs will be taken by professional photographers from Olin Mills studio here in Room 1. You will come to church only once to have your picture taken and pick out your portrait all at the same time! **There is no charge to be photographed.** You will receive a FREE 8x10 and a FREE Directory just for participating.

We encourage singles, families and extended families to participate. Dress up – or go casual – your choice!

Sitting dates are available the end of July and early August for those families with college students returning to school:

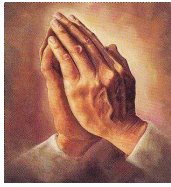
The Scheduled Dates for Photography are:

- Friday, July 24 from 3:00-9:30pm
- Saturday, July 25 from 10:00am to 5:00pm
- Monday, August 3 from 3:00-9:30pm
- Tuesday thru Friday, August 25-28 from 3:00-9:30pm
- Saturday, August 29 from 10:00am to 5:00pm
- Tuesday – Thursday, September 1-3 from 3:00-9:30pm

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR A SITTING TIME!

Sign up sheets will be in the greeting area the next three weekends or call the parish office Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 4:00pm.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory; it won't be complete without you!



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

Pastor's Perspective

Here are some reflections on life that came to me recently. I pass them on for your summer reflection.

- Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
- When in doubt, just take the next small step.
- Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
- Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
- You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
- Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
- It's OK to get angry with God. God can take it.
- When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
- Make peace with your past so it won't mess up the present.
- It's OK to let your children see you cry.
- Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
- If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
- Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
- Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
- Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
- Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
- It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.
- When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
- Over prepare, and then go with the flow.
- Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
- No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
- Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
- Forgive everyone everything.
- What other people think of you is none of your business.
- Time heals almost everything. Give it time.
- However good or bad a situation is; it will change.
- Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
- Believe in miracles.
- God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
- Don't audit life. Show up and make the most of it now.
- Your children get only one childhood.
- All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
- If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
- Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
- Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.
- The best is yet to come.

There's a lot of wisdom in these words. I hope you are having a fine summer season and have a good week!

Peace,
Fr. Chuck

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2009

7:00AM ROBIN DAVIS-SMITH – Diane & Family
9:15AM LOUISE MC DONALD – Sibley's Breakfast Club

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009

7:00AM JOHN & LUCILLE ODENBACH – Family
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

7:00AM VITTORIO FARRUGIA – Mary & James Messineo
9:15AM ART YAEGER – Family

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2009

7:00AM JOSEPH RINK – The Zimmer Family
9:15AM ARTHUR O'HANLON – Barney & Ann Quinlan

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2009

9:15AM RONALD PRATT – Ruth & Roland LaCroix

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2009

5:00PM DAVID DI MARIA – Dick DiMaria

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009

7:30AM EDWARD GEIER – Frank & Delcie Kesel
9:00AM WILLIAM MILLER – Family
10:30AM JOHN KUNZ – Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in thanksgiving for a favor received.

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PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS

If you are attending a Mass being celebrated for a loved one, please tell the ushers before Mass so that you may carry the gifts at the offertory. You and your family may also offer to do this at other times when you are present. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the ushers.

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Wedding Banns



**Melissa Olivett & Thomas Bonesteel
Terry Spindler & Mary Ann Maloney**

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TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Nationwide Mass times & locations for traveling Catholics: Call 1-800 Mass Times or Go online to www.Masstimes.com

TUESDAY 7/14

1:00pm

Recovery – Rm 3

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend July 4 & 5

Last Week	Weekly Goal for July 2009	Variance
\$15,567	\$14,000	+\$1,567
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$15,567	\$14,000	+\$1,567

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of July 1, 2009	\$180,699

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer
NO CHARGE TO YOU!

It is easy to make your financial contribution to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account. Cards are available in the back of Church or please call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12 for more information.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ JULY 11 & 12

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Christina Smith, Mary Martellotta, Lauren Navarro

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sean McGrath, Jack Samuelson, Josh Kwiatkowski

Sunday, 9:00am:

Tim Bruno, Tyler Kohrt, Noah Ritzel

Sunday, 10:30am:

Austin Korol, Steven Fantigrossi, Phil DeMarco

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's first reading, Amos tells the priest of Bethel that he did not choose to be a prophet, but was chosen by God. God chooses each of us, according to our gifts, to contribute in a particular way to building up God's Kingdom. Sometimes, God chooses men and women to do that by way of the ordained and religious life. Not all of us are called in that way, but every once in a while God instills that unique love into a heart. Have you ever thought that God may be whispering to you to consider becoming a priest, sister, brother, or deacon? Would you like to talk with someone about it? Contact the **Office of Vocation Awareness at 461-2890, www.dor.org/vocations, or vocations@dor.org**

DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS

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

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

Zachary Logan Branner
Joseph Dominick Fridrik



BIBLE READINGS:

- 12 Sun **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Am 7:12-15 Ps 85:9-14 Eph 1:3-14 Mk 6:7-13
- 13 Mon Ex 1:8-14,22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34-11:1
- 14 Tue **Kateri Tekakwitha** Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34 Mt 11:20-24
- 15 Wed **St. Bonaventure** Ex 3:1-6,9-12 Ps 103:1-4,6-7 Mt 11:25-27
- 16 Thu Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27 Mt 11:28-30
- 17 Fri Ex 11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13,15-18 Mt 12:1-8
- 18 Sat Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1,10-15,23-24 Mt 12:14-21
- 19 Sun **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 23:1-6 Ps 23:1-6 Eph 2:13-18 Mk 6:30-34

SACRISTAN:

Week of July 12

Ellie Salvage

LINENS:

Week of July 19

Thelma Benwitz

LADIES OF ST. RITA PARISH
Save the Date! ~ September 11-13

Our Annual Women's Retreat
at the Notre Dame Retreat House

The theme this year is: *Be All You Can Be: Holy!*

The topics to be reflected on are:

1. Why should I want to be Holy?
2. Holiness as the mark of the Church
3. Holiness in the scriptures
4. The practical aspects of aspiring to Holiness

Come away for a weekend with the Lord. Let Him restore and renew your spirit. Let Him create in you strength and courage. Think about it ladies and plan on this weekend for a quiet getaway with the Lord overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake. You deserve it!

We carpool from St. Rita parking lot on Friday September 11 at 5:30pm and return Sunday around Noon. Suggested stipend is: private room/shared bath \$125 – double room/private bath \$100 per person – private room/private bath \$165. All meals are included. Don't let the price keep you away. The Retreat House believes money should never keep anyone away from a beautiful experience of faith. For reservations or more information please call Thelma at 872-0642 or Debbie at 216-9276.

As you know Jesus would go away by himself to be in communion with His Father. Why not follow His example? We look forward to hearing from you!