

SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

Confirmation 2009 - 2010

**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.

*Stewardship . . . . Live It!*

**ST. RITA SOCIETY POT LUCK SUPPER & AUCTION**

**Tuesday, September 16 at 6:00pm in the Parish Center**



This is a fun night you won't want to miss. Please bring your own place setting and a dish to pass:

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| A-F | Appetizer  | G-L | Salad   |
| M-T | Casseroles | U-Z | Dessert |

This year we will be doing a Chinese Auction. Make a small basket with 3-5 items in it. We will sell tickets for \$5 a strip that can be used to win these baskets. Come be with old friends and to meet new ones. Proceeds from the auction go to the Sisters at the convent for their food cupboard. Hope to see you there! Any questions call Elaine at 671-4930.

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**WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE HOLY LAND?**

**Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00pm in Room 1**

Deacon John McDermott traveled to Israel and the West Bank with Catholic Relief Services this past June. Join him on Tuesday evening September 29 at 7:00pm in Room 1 to see pictures and learn more about his trip as he covers these topics:

- The state of the Christian community in the Holy Land
- The current conflict and security situation
- The work of CRS for peace and development

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**From the Diocesan Office . . . FLU GUIDELINES**

As has always been the case if you are coughing, sneezing or otherwise ill, it is best to stay home from Mass to recuperate and so as not to infect others. Likewise, you should not drink from the cup during Holy Communion if you are sick; remember that we receive the whole Christ, "body, blood, soul and divinity" when we receive of the Eucharist in either form. During the Sign of Peace, you can offer a smile and bow rather than a handshake, just as you can choose to refrain from holding hands during the Our Father. We will monitor the situation in our area carefully through health advisories, and we'll adjust our practices as a faith community when and if necessary.

**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](http://www.saintrita.org). Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079 or [AWagner@dor.org](mailto:AWagner@dor.org).

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

**Tuesday, October 27 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.

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**FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENT REGISTRATION**

Registration forms are available in:

- 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. Please send in your registration as soon as possible. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner, at 671-2079 or [AWagner@dor.org](mailto:AWagner@dor.org).

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**RCIA**

**THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA is an invitation to encounter God's love within the community of St. Rita Parish. Anyone who has not been baptized or has been baptized in another faith but has not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation is welcomed to explore the process of becoming a Full member in the Catholic Church through a faith instruction group. Please contact Drew at 671-1100 ext.15 if you desire to be a part of this journey. The group will begin meeting in October with the goal of full initiation at the Easter Vigil in April. If you know someone who might be interested in RCIA, invite them to encounter God's love in St. Rita Parish.

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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

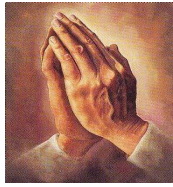


Thursday, September 10 7:30pm in Room 1

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

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**The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.**



# EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2009

No Masses - Holiday

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

9:15AM SAMUEL ZARCONI – Wife & Children

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009

7:00AM CAROLINE MAYER – Jo & Chet Krol

9:15AM EDWARD GEIER – Steve & Patty Imburgia & Family

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2009

7:00AM ADRIENNE GRISHABER – Mary Lohmaier

9:15AM PHILIP KANE – Michaela Siebert

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2009

9:15AM RAYMOND ZIMMER – Patty & Joe Janiak

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2009

2:00PM *Wedding: Sarah Pittman & Frank Mastrella*

5:00PM ERIN POLLOT – Family

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

7:30AM LOURICE ENGEL – The Polle Family

9:00AM NICK TANTALO – Wife

10:30AM JERRY PINKNEY – Family

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### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY WE NEED YOU!

We are excited to announce we are doing a new pictorial directory of our parish family to help all of us connect names with faces.

Olan Mills photographers will take your picture in Room 1. You will come to church only once to have your picture taken and select 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.

#### Available Dates for Photography are:

Friday, October 9 from 3:00-9:30pm

Saturday, October 10 from 10:00am to 5:00pm

Friday, October 16 from 3:00-9:30pm

Saturday, October 17 from 10:00am to 5:00pm

**TO ARRANGE A SITTING TIME  
PLEASE CALL OLAN MILLS DIRECTLY AT  
1-800-866-2263**

**Please Note:** If you cannot get all of your family together you may submit a photo of your own (a 4x6 is best) to the parish office with everyone's name on it and how you would like it listed in the directory. We look forward to seeing everyone in the directory!

# HEALTH CARE REFORM

This article outlines some of the concerns of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops regarding health care reform. The information relates only to actual bills and amendments that were before Congress prior to the summer break. You are encouraged to reflect upon them and to discuss your opinions with your US Congressperson & Senators.

On July 29, an impasse on Health Care Reform related to the creation of a public insurance plan was broken by a committee of the House of Representatives. As part of a compromise, payments for doctors and hospitals will be determined independent of the Medicare fee schedule. Concerns that private plans would be subject to unfair competition from the government plan and that the plan would be too costly were satisfied with these changes.

Today there are approximately 47 million people without any health care coverage in the United States. That number is expected to grow if health care costs are not contained and if universal access to health care is not made available in the reform bill. Independent analysts and the insurance industry suggest that a requirement to purchase insurance is needed to ensure universal access to health care

The Church advocates for legal immigrants to be able to enroll in a public plan without the imposition of unnecessary, cumbersome requirements. Otherwise, legal immigrants will be left outside a reformed system that is both unfair and unwise.

Please contact your elected representatives and share your desires for comprehensive health care reform that provides universal access.

Fortunately the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops announced the creation of a special web page dedicated to providing clarity on the US Bishops' position on health care reform it is [www.usccb.org/healthcare/](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/) and select videos are available at [youtube.com/usccb](http://youtube.com/usccb)

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**This week the Tabernacle Light  
will burn in loving memory of  
Oscar lawless**



### PARISH VISITATION

Do you have a loved one at home, in a nursing home, or hospital who is in need of a visit? Our pastoral staff is here for you. Please call Rose Leisenring at 671-1100 ext. 17 or Drew Desmarais at 671-1100 ext. 15.

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Parish Office Hours	
Monday – Friday	9:00am to 4:30pm
Saturday	10:00am to 2:00pm

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK                      SEPTEMBER 6, 2009**

**TUESDAY 9/8**

10:00-Noon                                      Stephen Ministry – Rm 1  
 1:00pm    Recovery – Rm 3  
 7:30-9:00pm                                      Lite Choir – Rm 3

**WEDNESDAY 9/9**

7:00-9:00pm                                      Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**THURSDAY 9/10**

7:30pm    Companions in Grief – Rm 1

**SUNDAY 9/13**

8:30-11:00am                                      Breakfast Club Begins – Gym  
 5:30-7:30pm                                      Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group – Gym  
**6:30pm                                      Confirmation Kick-Off Mtg – Church**

**BIBLE READINGS:**

6 Sun **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 35:4-7a  
 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 2:1-5 Mk 7:31-37  
 7 Mon Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7,9 Lk 6:6-11  
 8 Tue **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Mi 5:1-4a Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16,18,23  
 9 Wed **St. Peter Claver** Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3,10-13  
 Lk 6:20-26  
 10 Thu Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1-6 Lk 6:27-38  
 11 Fri 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 Ps 16:1-2,5,7-8,11 Lk 6:39-42  
 12 Sat 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7 Lk 6:43-49  
 13 Sun **24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 50:4-9a  
 Ps 116:1-6,8-9 Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

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**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**



Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast and meet new friends! We offer a "Special" each Sunday but we always have a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (any way you like 'em), bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc . . . Sit back, enjoy and let Breakfast Club serve you breakfast on Sunday mornings from September through May!

- Sept. 13** Team 2 headed by John O'Connor will feature their special **Western Egg Bake** served with toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.
- Sept. 20** Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will serve their delicious **Eggs Benedict** served with bottomless cup of coffee for of \$4.25.
- Sept. 27** The Clemens Family (all 5 of them) leads Team 4. They will feature their famous **Egg Bake**. Served quickly with a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

This is our 39<sup>th</sup> year of volunteer service to the church. Your support is heart warming and enables us to keep our appliances in working order plus replenish pots and pans and incidentals. We also contribute to the maintenance expenses of the kitchen. We thank **Gladys Hickey** on her retirement from years of "kitchen cleaning". We welcome **Ann Leckinger** who joins us and is doing a great job keeping the kitchen clean and organized!  
 Love, Jane

It is with a sad heart that I share with you that this summer four former Breakfast Club members passed away. **Jeff Trenkler** and **Lee Bartle** were on the planning committee 39 years ago that formed Breakfast Club. Their wives, also deceased, were original members. **Rugged Murphy** was a Breakfast Club worker for many years and was a great story teller in the kitchen. **Bill Mykins**, our ever-happy Santa passed on as well; always a treat for the children at Christmas. Rest in Peace Gentlemen,  
 Jane

**PARISH SUPPORT  
 For Last Weekend August 29 & 30**

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Aug. 2009	Variance
\$11,165	\$14,900	-\$3,735
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$125,498	\$130,500	-\$5,002

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment                      \$2,725  
 Mortgage Balance as of September 1, 2009                      \$173,038

**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. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of Church or for more information please call Lisa or Sharon at the parish office at 671-1100 x 12.

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
 Next Weekend ~ SEPTEMBER 12 & 13**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
 Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Ben Meisenzahl  
**Sunday, 7:30am:**  
 Jack Samuelson and Josh Kwiatkowski  
**Sunday, 9:00am:**  
 Zach Barbeau, Krista Barbeau, Gabrielle Mara  
**Sunday, 10:30am:**  
 Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Julia Klimek

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**SACRISTAN:**  
 Week of September 6                                      Mary Ann Beikirch

**LINENS:**  
 Week of September 13                                      Marie DeVogelaere

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 in getting together with other youth to share their faith and beliefs and want to have fun together. **Check our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org)** for more information and events.

**Sunday, September 13 from 5:30 until 7:30pm**  
**Our First Youth Group Gathering** of the season for grades 6-12. Meet in the Parish Center Gym.

### SAVE THE DATE:

St. Rita Youth Group **Annual Pasta Dinner** fund raiser will be on Saturday, September 26 from 4:30 – 7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym.

**Eagle Ridge Sports in Williamson is hosting its annual Church Youth Night.** This event will take place on Friday, September 18 from 6:00 to 9:00pm. The cost is \$12 per person and includes 3 hours of unlimited go-kart rides, games of miniature golf, and buckets of balls on the driving range. Pizza is available for \$1 per slice. The rain date will be Saturday, September 19. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mary Jo.

**Make a friend - Be a friend  
Bring a friend to Jesus!**

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### MOMS GROUP

**Moms, Are You Looking for  
a little Peace, Quiet, and Sharing?**

Attention all Moms with young and older children. We have had a Moms Group at St. Rita Parish for over ten years now. We meet every Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. on the days that school is in session. If you have been part of our group in the past, "Welcome Back".

If you have never attended Moms Group - come and check it out! If you would like to know about our meetings please call Eileen Hasso at 671-5735 or Pat Kaufman at 671-5373. We share prayer, spiritual insights and have open discussions.

**Our FIRST MEETING is on  
September 15 at 9:00am in Room 1**

If child care will be needed, please call Pat before the meeting.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Our bulletin along with parish information is available each week on-line at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) – check it out!



## BIBLE STUDY PROGRAM

**SPIRIT ALIVE!**

**THE YEAR OF DISCIPLESHIP**

This fall, the Bible Study Program will be highlighting the Acts of the Apostles. The beginning of our Catholic Church history is full of very interesting characters who bring the spirit alive in so many different stories of faith. Come and join us for an interesting exploration of how the seeds of Christ's legacy, the Church, came to grow and flourish in the first century.

**Group 1 will meet:** on September 30, October 7,14,21,28 - November 4,11,18 and December 2, 9

**Groups 2 & 3 will meet:** on October 1,8,15,22,29 November 5,12,19 and December 3,10

### GROUP 1

**Acts of the Apostles**  
Wednesday evenings  
from 7:00-8:30pm

### GROUP 2

**Acts of the Apostles**  
Thursday evenings  
from 7:00- 8:30 pm

If you have not previously participated in Bible Study please consider being part of

### GROUP 3

**Introduction to Scripture**  
Thursday evenings  
from 7:00- 8:30 pm

**To Sign Up for this exciting new program you may:**

E-Mail the parish office at [wstritap@dor.org](mailto:wstritap@dor.org) or call the Parish Office at 671-1100. The cost of materials will be \$15.00. If you have specific questions please call Fr. Hoan at 671-1100 x 21. **The deadline to register is Friday, September 11.**

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### THE CATHEDRAL COMMUNITY AND THE WEBSTER-PENFIELD CATHOLIC CONNECTION *A new partnership!*

The Cathedral Community, comprised of three newly merged parishes in northwest Rochester (Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and Holy Rosary), and the four parishes of the Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection (Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, St. Rita and St. Paul) are forming a partnership that will strengthen our commitment to prayer, worship, friendship and ministry.

### MARY'S PLACE NEEDS TUTORS

Mary's Place is the Cathedral Community's outreach to the growing population of refugees from Burma. Located in the former Holy Rosary Rectory on Lexington Ave., Mary's Place offers clothing, tutoring, walk-in counseling and health outreach to the families struggling to assimilate in this country. Tutors are needed to help with simple language skills. Sessions are at the convenience of the tutor during Mary's Place hours; Tues., 1-5 p.m., Thurs., 10-5 p.m., and Sat., 10-2 p.m. If you can help, contact Kathy LaBue at 278-0835, [marysplace@frontier.com](mailto:marysplace@frontier.com).

**Annual Men's and Women's Retreats  
at the Notre Dame Retreat House**

**This year's theme is:  
Be All You Can Be: Holy!**

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

Come away for a weekend with the Lord. Let Him restore and renew your spirit and 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.

**MEN OF ST. RITA PARISH  
Save the Date! ~ September 25-27**

It is time to make plans for the Annual Men's Retreat Weekend. The men of Saint Rita's parish are scheduled to make the retreat on the weekend of September 25 – 27 at Notre Dame Retreat House on Canandaigua Lake. The theme of this year's retreat is "BE ALL YOU CAN BE: HOLY!"

For more information or to make a reservation call Jim Lajoie (St. Rita's parish leader) at HP 248-9543 or WP 350-2232 and/or Nancy Lynch (Office Manager at the Notre Dame Retreat House) at 394-5700 or email: [pdlynch@rochester.rr.com](mailto:pdlynch@rochester.rr.com) or visit Notre Dame Retreat House website at [www.ndretreat.org](http://www.ndretreat.org).

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**WHEN A LOVED ONE LEAVES THE CHURCH**

**Thursday, September 24, at 7:00pm  
at St. Paul's Church**

Everyone knows someone who has left the Church or no longer practices their faith. But most people don't know what to say or do. The four parishes of the WPCC will sponsor an evening of information, prayer and sharing during September for the families and friends of people who have left the Church. The evening will include a talk by Lorene Hanley Duquin, author of *When a Loved One Leaves the Church*. She will offer information on why people leave, some of the common myths about Catholicism, some tips on what you can and can't do to encourage someone to return to the faith, and opportunities for prayer and sharing.

For more information, you can call our Pastoral Associates: Rose (ext. 17) or Drew (ext. 15) at St. Rita Parish Office (671-1100).

**St. Rita School  
Where Faith and Knowledge Meet . . .**

**ADOPT – A – STUDENT**

To offset the pressures of today's secular society, many parents seek a Catholic School Education for their children where the teachings and standards of home are upheld and where children receive an excellent religious and academic education in a Christ-centered environment. With tuition of \$2,950 for 1 child, \$4,220 for 2 children and an additional \$950 for each additional child, many parents are forced to compromise. Although a small amount of tuition subsidy is available through the diocese, more assistance is always needed, especially in this economy.

Thanks to our St. Rita School Endowment Fund, extra funds are available. Please consider adding to that fund and helping children obtain a Catholic School Education – a choice our government denies them. A sincere "Thank You" to those who have made donations in the past. Donations are also accepted in memory of loved ones. Please send donations or refer any questions to Sr. Katherine Ann at the school at 671-3132.

Name: _____
Address: _____
Check your commitment:
_____ full tuition (\$2,950)
_____ half tuition (\$1,475)
_____ partial tuition (\$_____)
Please return this form to the School Office or the Parish Office. Thank You!

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**St. Rita School has a few openings in the Pre-K program for 2009-2010.** Our little God Drops are growing everywhere. Please call the school at 671-3132 to arrange for a tour and to learn more about our Pre-K 3-4 program.

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**BE A CHILDREN'S LITURGY CATECHIST !**

The simple truth is you just need to like kids and enjoy spreading the Good News! You don't have to be a teacher or a religious educator or have any formal training in theology. Remember the family is where children first learn about God. Feel free to go out with the children when they are excused to Room 1 and observe. Adults are always welcome! Don't miss this opportunity to grow spiritually along with our children. We would like to have new catechists ready to begin in the fall. Questions? Contact Melanie Marshall at 576-5107 or Teri Bucks at 671-0388.