

Stewardship 2009 - 2010 Program

The annual Saint Rita Stewardship program starts next weekend. The purpose of this program is to remind and encourage all of us to share our gifts as Disciples of Christ in gratitude for all God has given us. Parishioners will receive a series of short reflections in the mail that will correspond to the homilies and messages at our Masses. We are asking that each parish family complete a Stewardship renewal card reflecting your individual commitments of time, talent and treasure for the coming year.

The Saint Rita Stewardship program will again encompass the Diocesan Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA). More information about the CMA will be forthcoming. It is important to recognize that stewardship is more than just nurturing and sharing at Saint Rita, but also includes sharing our gifts with the Rochester Diocese as well as the broader community and world we live in.

Should you have any questions regarding stewardship, please feel free to contact a Parish staff or Stewardship team member.

StewardshipLive It!

**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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**ST. RITA CYO BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION IS BEGINING!**

**For Boys and Girls
in Grades 3 through 12**

If you are interested in having your child play, please print off the registration form from our website at www.saintrita.org under CYO and mail it to the parish office Attn: Julie O'Grady. There are also registration forms available on the table in church. There will be an Evaluation Day for Grades 3-6 on Saturday afternoon, October 3 – see website for details.

CHEERLEADING VOLUNTEERS are needed for the 2009-2010 season to work with cheerleaders in grades 4 to 6. If you are able to help out please e-mail Julie O'Grady - jogrady@rochester.rr.com.

RCIA

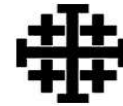
THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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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PASTA DINNER

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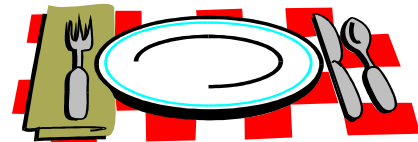


ST. RITA YOUTH GROUP

Saturday, September 26

4:30pm until 7:00pm

St. Rita's Parish Center



Adults - \$7.00 8 & Younger - \$4.00

Price includes dinner, salad/jello, bread, beverage and dessert.

Tickets will be sold after masses this weekend as well as at the Parish Office AND at the door!

Proceeds will be used for our Youth Group Activities and Retreats

Thank you for supporting our Youth Group.

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**SAVE AROUND ROCHESTER 2010
Discount Coupon Book**

This year, the Youth Group is selling a new coupon book called "**SAVE AROUND ROCHESTER 2010**" presented by Enjoy the City. The cost of the book is \$20.00 and may be purchased at the parish office or call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x18. They are available for immediate use and filled with great discounts on all types of restaurants and entertainment. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used toward youth programs and retreats!



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

9:15AM JOSEPH CANNITO – Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

9:15AM RALPH PALAZZOLO – Sandy Traino

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

9:15AM PAUL FAUTH – Chuck & Jackie Volo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

5:00PM NINO RUGGERI – Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

7:30AM JOSEPH & MARGARET GLEASON –
Mrs. Perryman's 3rd Grade Class
9:00AM ELINOR CIMINO – The Mauro Family
10:30AM MILLIE FILLIPONE – Pat Kaufman

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Carol Bouchard**



VOCATION AWARENESS NEWS!

Please pray for our seminarians (Peter V., Greg, Mike, David, Matt, and Peter M.) as they begin a new year of seminary formation, and for the new residents of our Becket Hall Discernment House (Andrew, Michael, Sergio, Jorge, and Mark), as they prayerfully discern if God may be calling them to the diocesan priesthood. If you would like more information, please visit the website at www.dor.org/vocations or contact us at 585-461-2890 or vocations@dor.org.

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

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

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Do We Have Your E-Mail Address?

St. Rita's has a monthly electronic newsletter with all the latest information on parish programs and ministries that already reaches over 700 hundred of our parishioners. If you would like to receive this newsletter please send your e-mail address to the parish office at wsritap@dor.org

Pastor's Perspective

Thank you all for what you've done to help make our parish a vibrant faith community. Your presence and support are most appreciated.

Fall is a busy time for families: children are returning to school, to homework, to sports, to scouts, to music lessons...and for adults, all this and more. I love the renewed tempo of fall – not because of its busyness, but because the signs of faith in action are more evident all around. With religious formation classes beginning and numerous parish committees swinging back into action, we again become a very active Church, joyfully carrying out Christ's mission.

Soon we will begin our annual Stewardship Program ~ our offering of time, talent and treasure. It's what makes our numerous parish activities possible. Stewardship also calls us to reach out to the wider Church in the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) and our many outreach programs – all are part of Stewardship and being not just attendees but disciples who consciously choose to live the Gospel – more on this later.

Thanks so much for all you do to make St. Rita a welcoming and caring parish family.

Peace,

Fr. Chuck

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ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT 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 or visit Notre Dame Retreat House website at www.ndretreat.org.

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CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER SCOUT RETREAT

"Footprints of St. Paul"

Saturday, September 26 at St. Theodore's Church

You asked and we responded! One day of prayer, Catholic emblem activities, crafts and fun! Details, please contact Helena Kessler at 381-5561 or by e-mail to hcmkessler@yahoo.com.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

SUNDAY 9/20

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 9/21

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

TUESDAY 9/22

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 – School

WEDNESDAY 9/23

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

SATURDAY 9/26

4:30-7:00pm **PASTA DINNER – Gym**

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend September 12 & 13		
Last Week	Weekly Goal for Sept. 2009	Variance
\$14,310	\$14,500	-\$190
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$157,219	\$159,500	-\$2,281
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment		\$2,725
Monthly Mortgage Balance as of September 1, 2009		\$173,038
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!		
ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer		
It is easy to make your financial contribution to Saint Rita Church by automatic withdrawal directly from your bank account – with no charge to you! 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.		

SACRISTAN:

Week of September 13 Dan & Miriam Kennelly

LINENS:

Week of September 27 Frances Montagne



BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

Join us in the parish center every Sunday morning from 8:30-11:00am. We offer full service with a complete breakfast menu and a special of the day!

Next Week's Special: Egg Bake served with a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:



Olivia Quinn Agnone

BIBLE READINGS:

- 20 Sun **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 2:12,17-20 Ps 54:3-8 Jas 3:16-4:3 Mk 9:30-37
- 21 Mon **St. Matthew** Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
- 22 Tue Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21
- 23 Wed **St. Pio of Pietrelcina** Ezr 9:5-9 Tb 13:2-4,6-8 Lk 9:1-6
- 24 Thu Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1-6,9 Lk 9:7-9
- 25 Fri Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22
- 26 Sat Zec 2:5-9,14-15a Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43b-45
- 27 Sun **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Nm 11:25-29 Ps 19:8,10,12-14 Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ **SEPTEMBER 26 & 27**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Marisa Vargas, Mary Martellotta, Kayla Gateson

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman and Kayla Chapman

Sunday, 9:00am:

Victoria Ritzel, Tyler Kohrt, Cameryn Mathis

Sunday, 10:30am:

Nick Gaglio, Austin Korol, John Lammers

ST. RITA SCHOOLNEWS!
ANNUAL MARATHON



St. Rita School is holding their **23rd Annual Marathon** at North Ponds Park in Webster on Saturday, October 3. The Marathon is a time-honored tradition – a spirit-filled event, serving as both a back-to-school "FUN-raiser" for St. Rita students, as well as an important FUND-raiser for the school. This is the school's primary fundraiser of the year. Students gather pledges in advance from family, friends, and neighbors, and then hike around the pond (up to 6 times - that's six miles!). This is followed by an early morning picnic at the park. All told, the students are expected to walk close to 900 miles at this year's Marathon!

Funds raised from the Marathon help to ensure the long range wellness of our school, enhance the curriculum, pay for field trips and social events, and purchase technology for the school. Donations are being collected! Please call Sister Katherine Ann at 671-3132 if you are interested.

Many thanks from the St. Rita School students



*From the Desk of
Chrisanne Yule
St. Rita Music Director*

**MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES
at ST. RITA CHURCH**

Please consider joining a music group at St. Rita's this year. Music is a wonderful way to contribute to the life of the church, as well as providing inspiration, enjoyment, and fellowship to those who participate.

**Below is information on each group.
Please call Chris Yule, Director of Music
at 478-0778 for more information.**

THE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP

Provides music for the 5:00pm Saturday Liturgies.

For: All who enjoy singing for the Lord! You don't have to read music to be a member of this group. We use instruments (guitar, keyboard, percussion, bass and melody instruments) so instrumentalists and singers are welcome. Rehearsals are at 4:00pm on Saturdays before Mass.

THE ADULT CHOIR

Provides music for the 10:30am Sunday Liturgies and sings for special services and events. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30pm.

For: Adults with some choral ensemble experience, and a desire to learn and sing SATB (mixed voice) literature from all music styles – renaissance to contemporary.

THE "LITE" CHOIR

Provides music for the 9:00am Liturgy on one Sunday each month. Rehearsals are held on one Tuesday per month, from 7:30-9:00pm in Room 3.

For: Women who love to sing but want less of a time commitment and "lighter" music than the regular choir.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Provides music once a month at the 9:00am Sunday Liturgies and at special seasonal services. Rehearsals are Tuesdays OR Wednesdays to accommodate different after school times. Pick the one that is best for you; Tuesdays from 3:45-4:30 or Wednesdays from 2:30-3:15.

For: All children in grades 2-6 or who have reading skills are most welcome!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Our bulletin along with parish information is available each week on-line at www.saintrita.org – check it out!

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!



Photographs will be taken by professional photographers from Olan Mills studio here 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

Submit your own photo if you cannot get all of your family together! (a 4x6 is best) send it to the parish office Attn: Karen. Please include everyone's name on it and how you would like it listed in the directory.

SPECIAL NOTE !! Our pictorial directory will include the name, address and phone number of all registered parishioners. You may choose to have your phone number - or address - or name omitted altogether. Please call or e-mail Karen at the parish office at wstritap@dor.org and let us know if you need any information omitted.

**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! We have so many wonderful things happening this season in Youth Group. Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information and events.

Sunday, September 27 from 12:00-1:00pm
Jr. High Youth Group gathering. Anyone in grades 6-8 are most welcome to attend. Meet at the Youth Center.

Sunday, September 27 from 6:30-8:00pm
High School Youth Group gathering. Anyone in grades 9-12 are most welcome to attend. Meet at the Youth Center.

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

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the
most up to date daily Mass schedule!**

PLEASE HAVE SOMEONE LET THE PARISH OFFICE KNOW IF YOU ARE ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL.

The new federal privacy regulations make it much more difficult for the parish to be notified by the hospital when parishioners have been admitted. We would like to visit them but depend on you to let us know when a parishioner or relative is in the hospital. Please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.

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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.

Restraining Costs & Health Care Reform

Media coverage of the Health Care Reform bill is extremely focused upon the anticipated costs of reform and who shall be asked to pay for those costs. In early summer, the President suggested increased taxes on families earning in excess of \$250,000 per year to pay for universal access.

The President later proposed tax increases only on families making in excess of one half million dollars per year. Protest by the very wealthy of the country led to yet another proposal. The administration's most recent proposal is a tax on middle class wage earners' existing health care benefits to pay for reform.

The Congressional Budget Office revised the cost estimates of the health care reform to be at less than 1 trillion dollars, much less than previously estimated. The method to pay for health care reform remains undetermined.

We are called to be good stewards of our resources. Our Church teaches that there is justice in a progressive tax system requiring that the wealthier make a greater contribution to the common good than those less able to do so. Let your Congressional Representative and Senators know that you expect fiscal soundness fairness in health care reform that provides universal health care coverage.

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/ and select videos are available at youtube.com/usccb

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ST. RITA'S PRAYER LINE

Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer. If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please call Eleanor at 671-3247. We thank Eleanor for coordinating this compassionate ministry.

Free Program on Dealing with the Emotional Impact of Job Loss or Potential Job Loss

Are you or someone you care about dealing with the stress, grief, anxiety, anger, and/or fear that sometimes accompanies a job loss or anticipated job loss? Attend this free program to learn about what can be done to help you, or someone you care about, during these difficult times in life.

When: Tuesday October 20 from 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Trinity Emmanuel Lutheran Church (TELC)
761 Elmgrove Road - Rochester, NY 14624
Phone: **585-247-3437**
E-Mail: TELutheran@aol.com

Program Leader: Jamie Kenyon MDiv, MS
Pastoral Counseling & Family Therapy Group
Psychotherapist and Spiritual Counselor

To assure that this program meets your needs, please send your answer to the following question to TELC by October 3, 2009; Question: What is the most important issue you want to have covered in this program?

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ST. RITA'S PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

With summer winding down and fall on its way, our ministries are starting up again. We'd like to introduce a new ministry, the Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you like to knit and/or crochet and you like to help others, then the Prayer shawl ministry might interest you. When finished, these shawls are presented to members of St. Rita's parish who are going through some rather difficult times in their lives. We try to see in them the faces of Christ and to do what we can to lighten their load. We hope to provide them with love, care and support.

Each shawl bears the following inscription: "This shawl was crafted with prayers for your healing ---body, mind and spirit. As you wear this shawl, may you feel the warm embrace of our loving God."

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Rose at 671-1100, ext 17.

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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 details, you can call our Pastoral Associates: Rose or Drew at St. Rita Parish Office (671-1100).