

OCTOBER 11, 2009

CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our Next Workshop will be held on:

Tuesday, October 13 at 7:00pm in Room 1

Diocesan Policy states: 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.

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FUNERAL COFFEE MINISTRY



This is a NEW ministry designed to provide support to grieving families who choose to have a reception following a funeral here in church. The responsibilities include setting up for the reception and serving coffee and doughnuts as requested. If a caterer has been hired by the family, the committee members would assist the caterer in whatever way is needed. The committee would also be responsible for clean up afterwards. If anyone is interested in being part of this ministry, please contact Rose at 671-1100 ext. 17.

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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!

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**13th ANNUAL
ROAST BEEF DINNER**

Saturday, October 17

**Serving begins at 4:00pm until 7:00pm
in the Parish Center**

The St. Rita Society hosts this delicious meal that will include roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, buttered carrots, salad, bread, homemade dessert and beverage.

The cost is \$9.00 per person (children under 7 Free)

Tickets are available after Masses this weekend or at the Parish Office. The proceeds will benefit a variety of Society projects. Join us for a great meal!

What's Your Commitment?



Saint Rita Annual Stewardship Commitment *Renewal*

Stewardship ... Live It!

**2009 - 2010
Stewardship Renewal Program**

Stewardship of Treasure

Many parables of Jesus speak to us about money or material possessions: the lost coin, the buried treasure in the field, the rich young man, and the Good Samaritan. Jesus talks about money because he knows how personal it is to us.

Stewardship of treasure is not about giving to a need, but rather it is about the need to give. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. It is important for us to share our money and our material possessions because all the good things that God has made are meant to be shared. We need to return thanks to a loving God for the many blessings we have received.

Stewardship Live It!

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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 hundreds of our parishioners. If you would like to receive this newsletter please send your e-mail address to the parish office at wstritap@dor.org

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WPCC Seniors and others . . .

**POT LUCK LUNCH AND PRESENTATION
Monday, October 12 at Noon**

Share good company, a Potluck Lunch and an awesome video on Monday, October 12 in our parish center. At 12:00 Noon we will enjoy a Potluck Lunch (cold cuts, rolls and drinks will be provided). Bring a salad, dessert or snack to share, or give a free will offering. At 1:00 pm we will share a video on the **Footprints of God, Mary: The Mother of God** featuring **Stephen Ray**, best-selling author and popular Bible teacher.

Please RSVP to Felice at 671-5177. **All are welcome!**

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**The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday,
October 12 for the Columbus Day Holiday.**



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2009

No Masses – Columbus Day Holiday

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

9:15AM JAMES KNAPIK – Wife

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009

9:15AM MARY MAHANY (2nd Anniv.) – Dick Mahany

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2009

7:00AM GEORGE ALLEY – Marion Alley

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2009

5:00PM DONALD BROWN – Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2009

7:30AM ELLENMARIE SMITH – The Swovick Family

9:00AM VICTOR CARROLL II – Family

10:30AM ED LANGEN – Diane

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**This week the Tabernacle Light
will burn for Maria Nguyen**

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**DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS
Phone 671-1100 ext. 22 – anytime for the
most up to date daily Mass schedule!**

Because funerals are scheduled in our 9:15am daily Mass slot, there are times we need to change the Mass schedule and the intention for that Mass. We will make every effort to contact the person offering the Mass have that rescheduled. Our parish community is encouraged to celebrate the life of fellow parishioners, so in the event of a funeral, you are always welcome to attend.

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WPCC Adult Faith Formation

**Experiencing Prayer
Saturday, October 24 at 9:00am
at St. Paul's Church**

At **9:00am** - Sr. Mary Louise Heffernan, SSJ, will share her wisdom on the many styles of prayer.

From **10:00 to Noon** - you can choose 2 sessions to attend from the following prayer styles:

- Prayer Walking** by Sr. Jody Kearney, RSM
- Meditation** by Sr. Mary Louise Heffernan, SSJ
- Prayer Journaling** by Donna Fitch
- Praying with Icons** by Fr. Fred Helfrich

The event is free but registration is required so please call the Parish Office at 671-1100 by Mon., October 19.

Pastor's Perspective

Autumn is here – with its shorter days and cooler temperatures – but also with its beautiful colors and bountiful harvest. It's a bittersweet season. We rejoice in the glorious color but we are saddened by the thought of Winter and the snow we know will follow. It helps us reflect on the mystery of dying and rising with Christ – with the "letting go's" of life and its new beginnings.



Every October I like to pull my volume of Robert Frost's poems from the shelf and savor his reflections on the month of October.

Perhaps you can take some time with it today:

October

*O hushed October morning mild,
Thy leaves have ripened to the fall;
Tomorrow's wind, if it be wild,
Should waste them all.
The crows above the forest call;
Tomorrow they may form and go.
O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief.
Hearts not averse to being beguiled,
Beguile us in the way you know.
Release one leaf at break of day;
At noon release another leaf;
One from our trees, one far away.
Retard the sun with gentle mist;
Enchant the land with amethyst.
Slow, slow!
For the grapes' sake, if they were all,
Whose leaves already are burnt with frost,
Whose clustered fruit must else be lost –
For the grapes' sake along the wall.*

Enjoy . . . and Peace,

Fr. Chuck

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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 or if you have any questions.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 11, 2009

SUNDAY 10/11

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 10/12

No Faith Formation Classes

Noon **Senior Lunch and Presentation – Gym**

TUESDAY 10/13

No Faith Formation Classes

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3

10:00-Noon Stephen Ministry – Rm 1

1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

7:00pm Creating a Safe Environment – Rm 1

WEDNESDAY 10/14

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 1 – Rm 1

8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 10/15

7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1

7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 3 – Chapel

SATURDAY 10/17

4:00-7:00pm Roast Beef Dinner – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend October 3 & 4		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$19,759	\$14,500	+ \$5,259
for Oct. 2009		
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$205,537	\$103,000	+ \$2,537
(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)		
Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment		\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of October 1, 2009		\$171,308
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 at the parish office at 671-1100 x 12.		

SACRISTAN:

Week of October 11 Shirl Mintz

LINENS:

Week of October 18 Carol Seitz

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SUNDAY SUPPER

St. Rita's parishioners will be cooking and serving food for our community Sunday Supper to be held at Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, October 25 starting at 2:00pm. If you can help, please call Carol at 671-7832.

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



Jya Samone Cohn

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BIBLE READINGS:

- 11 Sun **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-17 Heb 4:12-13 Mk 10:17-30
- 12 Mon Rom 1:1-7 Ps 98:1-4 Lk 11:29-32
- 13 Tue Rom 1:16-25 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 11:37-41
- 14 Wed Rom 2:1-11 Ps 62:2-3,6-7,9 Lk 11:42-46
- 15 Thu **St. Teresa of Jesus** Rom 3:21-30 Ps 130:1-6 Lk 11:47-54
- 16 Fri Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1-2,5,11 Lk 12:1-7
- 17 Sat **St. Ignatius of Antioch** Rom 4:13,16-18 Ps 105:6-9,42-43 Lk 12:8-12
- 18 Sun **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 53:10-11 Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED

Next Weekend ~ **OCTOBER 17 & 18**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Ben Meisenzahl

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sandy Loeb, Ashley Coumou, Olivia Zucaro

Sunday, 9:00am:

Juliana Cruz, Corina Cruz, Rachael Connor

Sunday, 10:30am:

Steven Fantigrossi, Phil DeMarco, Mandy Skrypka

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!



Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast served each Sunday morning from September through May! Besides the

“Special” we also have a traditional menu with items such as eggs (any way), bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc .

Next week's special: Eggs Benedict served with a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.25.

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2009-2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal
“Keeping the Spirit Alive”

All registered parishioners should receive a brochure, letter and pledge card in the mail. Please take the time to review the materials. Extra copies will be available on the table in the back of church. “Keeping the Spirit Alive” is this year's theme. The CMA affords each of us an opportunity to support the larger Church so that it can meet real needs throughout our Diocese. Your support enables the Church to be responsible and caring. Every gift is needed and important! You may make your gift at www.dor.org if that is easier. Also you can pay off your pledge in six installments. Pledge forms can be placed in the collection basket or mailed directly to the Diocese. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank You!

Share your gift of Time and Talent . . .

SPECIAL MINISTRY NEEDS AT SAINT RITA

Children’s Liturgy – new leaders needed for the 9:00 or 10:30 Masses (rotating basis every 6-8 weeks).

Baptism Preparation – share your talents to help to prepare parents and families for baptisms.

Marriage Preparation – is looking to round out their team with a newly married couple (1-3 years) to share their experiences with engaged couples participating in marriage preparation.

M.O.M.S. Group – babysitting help is needed during the Moms Group meetings on Tuesday mornings from 9-11am.

Dove Program – needs help with transporting and assisting elderly parishioners especially with appointments during weekday hours. Even a small commitment of time will be very helpful!

Evangelization – talents are needed to establish an on-going evangelization practice at Saint Rita.

Social Action Committee – members and leaders are needed to help plan, organize and oversee various social action projects.

Funeral Coffee Ministry – this is a new ministry to setup receptions after Funerals.

Prayer Shawl Ministry – a new ministry for those who want to share their talent of knitting and/or crocheting. The shawls will be presented to those going through difficult times.

Stewardship – opportunity to help with communications and organization.

Spectacular Raffle Committee – committee members are needed to help carry out Saint Rita’s major fund raiser.

Vacation Bible School – more adults are needed to lead and support aspects of our parish Vacation Bible School which serves around 175 youths for one week of mornings each summer.

Cathedral Ministry – new opportunity to be involved in the formation of the partnership with the Cathedral Community (3 parishes in Northwest Rochester) to strengthen our commitment to prayer, worship, friendship and ministry.

See the Ministry Directory sent to each of the Parishioners or call the Parish Office at 671-1100 for more information about the above or other ministry opportunities.

ST. RITA SOCIETY NEWS!

Our next St. Rita Society meeting will be held on:

**Tuesday, October 20, 2009
7:00pm in the Parish Center**

Maintaining Your Balance

Guest Speaker: Scott Pugliese, PT, CSCS

Scott Pugliese PT, CSCS, and co-founder of Greater Rochester Physical Therapy and Power Core Athletics will be our guest speaker this evening. He will discuss results of physical therapy and also various issues that are associated with aging such as strength, flexibility, and balance and pain reduction. He will offer simple techniques to help us improve in these areas and also answer any questions that you may have for him. Refreshments will be served.

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LAST CHANCE TO BE PHOTOGRAPHED FOR OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

Professional photographers from Olan Mills studio will be 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 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! (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.

PLEASE 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 671-1100 ext. 11 or e-mail Karen at the parish office at wstritap@dor.org and let us know if you need any information omitted.

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

ST. RITA'S ANNUAL CRAFT SALE

**Saturday October 24
9:30am to 4:00pm**

For 25 years, this has been a Webster tradition! Visit the booths of more than 100 vendors, selling a variety of unique art, jewelry, seasonal crafts and year-round, homemade crafts. Food, raffles, and bake sale throughout the day. Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping, while supporting Catholic education! For more information please call St. Rita School at 671-3132. No admission charge. Free parking is available.

Anyone interested in baking for the St. Rita School Bake Sale (during the Craft Sale) – we would love your help! Please drop off any baked goods on Friday, October 23 from 2-6pm at the school or on Saturday morning by the library in school. Thank you!

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UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

The Alzheimer's Association together with the WPC Health Ministry will present a program on Alzheimer's disease on Sunday, October 18, from 2-4 pm, at St. Rita's Church. The program will be presented by Todd Goddard, Dir. of the Alzheimer's Assoc. Learning Institute. Todd will be speaking on the following topics: obtaining an accurate diagnosis, possible treatments, the care-giving partnership, communication techniques, and the support services that are available. This program is free and open to the public. **All are welcome!**

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In recognition of World Mission Sunday All are welcome to attend a traditional **African Liturgy with Bishop Matthew Clark on Sunday, October 18 at 11:15am at Sacred Heart Cathedral.** This will be followed by a reception and exhibits.

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WITH THE ADVENT OF FLU SEASON, it is important that we work together to limit the spread of the disease. Here are some things you can do:

- Consider getting a flu shot.
- Follow rules of good hygiene, especially washing your hands often.
- If you are ill, stay home until you are better.

St. Rita parish will follow the directions of the diocese and the USCCB regarding liturgical practice. We will follow the direction of the County Health Department with regard to any community practices.

All events and workshops will go forth as scheduled. Your Pastoral Team and the Diocesan Pastoral Center is in touch with local health departments and other officials and will monitor the situation closely.

Please pray for the health of our community and especially for those whom you know are ill.

From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister
671-1100 ext. 18 or mdinoto@dor.org



Youth News

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.

Special Thanks from our Youth Group!

Thank you to our parish community for their continued support of our youth group. From the funds earned at the Euchre Tournament in May, the Pancake Breakfast in June and the car wash in July, we have been able to help defer some of the cost for our youth, Fr. Hoan and chaperones attending the **National Catholic Youth Conference** in Kansas City, MO. However, there still is a great need for financial assistance. If you are able and would like to make a donation to defer the cost of \$800.00 per pilgrim, Fr. Hoan or a chaperone attending the conference, please clip the coupon below and return it to the parish office, attention Mary Jo.

"Youth Group Donation-NCYC"

The youth making the pilgrimage to Kansas City are: Tim Bruno, Michael Cook, Erin Hasso, Kelly Hasso, Leah Hecht, Joshua Kwiatkowski, Chris Mauro, Katie O'Connor, Jake Ottenschot, Eric Philippone, Ray Smith and Megan Squilla.

We appreciate your prayers and support. Please continue to think of all our youth!



Sponsor A Youth:

Please help defer the cost of \$800.00 per pilgrim to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, MO in November 2009.

Cut out this coupon and return it to the Parish office with your donation in a sealed envelope.

Person _____ being _____ sponsored:

or general donation: _____

Donation amount: \$ _____

We appreciate your generosity
and your prayerful support!