

OCTOBER 25, 2009

Stewardship at work !

Thank you's . . .

To **Joyce Hollander** for her beautiful Dahlia arrangements that graced our altar these past few months. Joyce grows them in her garden and graciously offers her time and talent in sharing them with us. Joyce also shares her arrangements with local nursing homes.



*To All of Our Gardeners,
Thank you to the women (and husbands) who helped maintain St. Rita Shrine Garden this year. Our helpers this year are **Rosemary Pinkney, Jeannie Thomas, Pat Turek, Linda Landon, Cindy Ambrose, Eileen Philippone, Kate Meisenzahl and Rita Johnson.** A special thank you to **Harry Maier and Creekedge Farms** for donating many of the annual flowers. May God bless you for your stewardship.
Patty Yeager, Carol Van Atta and Diana Larson*

Thank you to our Special Gardeners who have beautified the Parish grounds this summer and fall. Along the front of the church by the railing: **Pat Janiak** with husband **Joe's** care of the shrubbery ~ In front of the church Library: **Roberta Gammons** ~ Around the crab apple trees: **Our 'special' gardener** ~ Around the Maple Drive sign: **Shelia Korol and Jeanette Buell** ~ The Old Ridge Road entrance sign: **Debra Hyatt. Carol Van Atta** maintains Saint Rita School's beds and the shrubbery across from the parish office. **John Brydges:** around the air conditioners and the Parish Center entrance. **Steve Genesky** the shrubbery around the church: **Kathleen Bolin** the Youth Center. These parishioners completely maintain their individual beds donating their flowers and planting bulbs. Also thanks to **Creekedge Farms** who donates the annuals for the Maple Drive sign. A special thank you to these dedicated gardeners at St. Rita's. **Joyce Hollander**

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2009-2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

"Keeping the Spirit Alive"

Hopefully everyone has received the Catholic Ministries Appeal mailing by this time and has had a chance to review the materials. Extra copies of the brochure are available in church. The theme for this year's campaign is "Keeping the Spirit alive." 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 responsive and caring. Please be generous in your response. Every gift is needed and important! If it is easier, you can make your gift at www.dor.org – you can also pay your pledge off in six installments. Extra pledge forms are located in the back of church and may be placed in the collection or mailed directly to the Diocese. Please pray for the success of our efforts. Thank You!

What's Your Commitment?

time talent treasure

Saint Rita Annual Stewardship Commitment *Renewal*

Stewardship ... Live It!

**2009 - 2010
Stewardship Renewal Program**

God calls each of us to be one of his disciples on Earth. Prayerfully consider the many gifts God has given you and how you can use these gifts to respond to His call.

Please return your Saint Rita Stewardship Renewal Cards at Mass or by mail to the parish office by November 1. Thank you.

Additional cards are available on the tables near the entrance to the church or by calling the parish office.

StewardshipLive It!

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YOU CAN STILL BE PART OF OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

SUBMIT YOUR OWN PHOTO – a 4x6 size photo 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.



IS YOUR SON, DAUGHTER, HUSBAND OR WIFE CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE MILITARY? Please submit their military photo and we will include it on a special page dedicated to all those currently serving our country.

ALL PARISHIONERS - 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 wstritch@dor.org and let us know if you need any information omitted.

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Warm Hands & Heads ~ Warm Hearts!

Each year before Christmas we have our annual Mitten Sunday. We collect mittens, hats and scarves for those less fortunate. If you knit and would like to make some items it would be greatly appreciated. All mittens, gloves, baby and adult afghans/blankets may be brought to the counter in the greeting area – marked Attn: Marie. Any questions please call Marie at 671-6726.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009

9:15AM ROBERT CASEY – Jim & Elaine Wemple

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009

9:15AM JOSEPHINE INDIVINO –
Daughter Loretta, Son Guy and families

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

7:00AM NATALIE MABE –
Mom, Dad, Nicholas & Olivia

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

7:00AM WILLIAM MYKINS, SR. – Lill and Family
9:15AM RAY ZIMMER – Jane McCoy

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009

9:15AM DON STUART – Jeanne & Ed Bell

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2009

5:00PM PATRICIA H. RAGAN – Gary & Diane Ragan

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

7:30AM PAUL FAUTH – The LaForce Family
9:00AM RICHARD & DELORES PIKE –
Donald & Mary Hosenfeld
10:30AM PETER DI GIORGIO – Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in thanksgiving for prayers answered.

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ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS ~ If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold" please call the parish office (671-1100) and let us know when you will be away.

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ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 7 at 9:15am

All are invited to join Fr. Chuck and Fr. Hoan as they celebrate this liturgy in remembrance of all those who have gone before us. Refreshments will follow after Mass.

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WORLD YOUTH WEEKEND ~ This weekend we give thanks for your youth and the many ways they use their gifts and talents in our community. We ask for your ongoing prayers of support for each of them and their families, for those who minister with and for them on their journey of faith. We affirm the direction of Pope John Paul II, who in 1985 began the celebration of World Youth Day to affirm young people all over the world.

Pastor's Perspective

Mary's Place

WPCC – Cathedral Community Partnership

As many of you know we, together with the other 3 parishes of the Webster-Penfield Catholic Connection have formed a partnership with the Cathedral Community in the city.

One of our common projects is Mary's Place, a service center for the growing Burmese population in that area. The center is located in the former Holy Rosary Rectory on Lexington Ave. The following update comes to us from Kathy LaBue who is leading this effort:

Mary's Place is thriving, almost to capacity. We have 40 new refugees from Burma within the last few months. Several are practicing Catholics. We are expecting 53 new refugees from Burma here by the end of the year. Last year at this time we had 350, this year 550 refugees are here from Burma. We are re-arranging our ways of doing things and extending our hours but even so you can see the need.

We need coats, shoes and boots, hats and gloves, blankets - anything warm. We drastically need these things for young men and boys size 12 and up.

We accept almost anything for the home and for wearing. Let me know ahead of time when beds, sofas, tables, dishes, etc. are coming because I will have the folks who need these items ready to take them home that same day. We have very limited storage space but we have great need.

We have increased volunteer tutors by welcoming 9 from Nazareth College and 8 from the U of R Medical School's Genocide Prevention Group, as well as volunteers from Roberts Wesleyan College and several churches.

Our tutoring system has now been expanded to include all refugees school age on up that come to us for any type of assistance. The consensus reached by those of us working with the Refugees is that learning to communicate in English is secondary only to food, residence and clothing. So we will give them the first items but in return expect them to be tutored. This will help many of them better their employment, promote their own self-respect and solidify their families. I become concerned when the 6-year old becomes the interpreter for the parents leaving the parents to know only what this 6-year old, soon to be 16-year old, tells them.

We also have had donated a 10-computer lab to be up and running soon. We are currently looking for grant money or donations to bring web-service into the building. We have priced both Frontier and Time-Warner and are discussing these options. These computers will be used primarily for teaching the English language but will also be opened to our students we are tutoring at the high-school level on up so they can work with their tutor to expand their knowledge of homework assignments and related subjects as well.

We have been blessed with wonderful volunteers and invite anyone interested to become involved. Help is needed to: clean the premises, fold and sort clothing, administrative work, help with the pre-schoolers so their moms can be tutored and, of course be a tutor yourself. E-mail me at marysplace@frontier.com or call me at 585-278-0835. E-mail is preferred. Thanks, Kathy

Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Peace,

Fr. Chuck

PLANS FOR THE WEEK **OCTOBER 25, 2009**

SUNDAY 10/25

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 5:30-7:00pm Youth Group (grades 6-12) – Gym

MONDAY 10/26

No Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 10/27

No Faith Formation Classes
 9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 3:45-4:30pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Confirmation at Sacred Heart Cathedral

WEDNESDAY 10/28

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
 7:00-9:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 10/29

1:00pm School Play about St. Rita – Gym
 7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1
 7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 3 – Chapel

FRIDAY 10/30

9:30am School Play about St. Rita – Gym

PARISH SUPPORT		
For Last Weekend October 17 & 18		
Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$14,940	for Oct. 2009 \$16,200	- \$1,260
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$233,922	\$237,100	- \$3,178
(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.		

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a kick off meeting of the prayer shawl ministry on **Tuesday, November 3rd at 10am in the Parish office.** Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Rose at 671-1100, X17.

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

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



Meghan Elizabeth Pacher
Meadow Rose Pacher

BIBLE READINGS:

- 25 Sun **30th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 31:7-9 Ps 126:1-6 Heb 5:1-6 Mk 10:46-52
- 26 Mon Rom 8:12-17 Ps 68:2,4,6-7,20-21 Lk 13:10-17
- 27 Tue Rom 8:18-25 Ps 126:1-6 Lk 13:18-21
- 28 Wed **Sts. Simon and Jude** Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-5 Lk 6:12-16
- 29 Thu Rom 8:31b-39 Ps 109:21-22,26-27,30-31 Lk 13:31-35
- 30 Fri Rom 9:1-5 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Lk 14:1-6
- 31 Sat Rom 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29 Ps 94:12-15,17-18 Lk 14:1,7-11

- 1 Sun **Feast of All Saints** Rv 7:2-4,9-14 Ps 24:1-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 Next Weekend ~ **OCTOBER 31 / NOVEMBER 1**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
 Marisa Vargas, Mary Martellotta, Kayla Gateson
- Sunday, 7:30am:** Michael Hohl and Nick Rieger
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
 Mike Sullivan, Joseph Hayes, Matt Skrypka
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
 Sabrina Rotolo, Marisa Rotolo, Julia Klimek

SACRISTAN:

Week of October 25 Mary Ann Beikirch

LINENS:

Week of November 1 Cindy Wahl

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!



St. Rita's has a special blessing for expectant parents held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses the weekend of October 31 / November 1.



**FOOD COLLECTION
FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS
FOR THOSE IN NEED**

As in past years, we will be providing Thanksgiving Food baskets to many families who could really use your help. If you are able to donate non-perishable food items, please bring them **to the Youth Center** (former Rectory) **by Saturday, November 14.**

Needed items include: We need turkeys too !!!

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| Corn | Cream of Mushroom Soup |
| Green Beans | Sweet Potatoes/Yams |
| Apple Sauce | White Potatoes |
| Cranberries | Gravy or Gravy mixes |
| Salad dressings | Stuffing |
| Relishes | Desserts or mixes |

If you know of a parishioner or local Webster family who could use a Thanksgiving Basket, please call Rose at the parish office at 671-1100 x 17. Confidentiality will be respected. Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

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PARABLE OF THE PUMPKIN

Once there were three pumpkins living in a pumpkin patch. It was almost Halloween and the farmer was looking for the best pumpkin to make a jack-o-lantern.

The first pumpkin said, "Please don't use me. I like me just the way I am. I don't want to change." So the farmer moved on through the patch.

He came to the second pumpkin. The second pumpkin said, "You can paint a face on me. That would be OK. Don't cut any holes in me, though." That isn't what the farmer wanted so he moved on.

Then he came to the third pumpkin. The pumpkin was happy to see the farmer. "You grew me from a tiny seed. You gave me everything I needed to grow into a beautiful pumpkin. I'm yours. Do whatever you want with me."

The farmer took the pumpkin back to the barn. He carved a face into the pumpkin and put a bright candle inside. On Halloween night the candle light shone from the pumpkin, lighting the way for the children.

After Halloween, the pumpkins all turned brown and collapsed. All that was left of the pumpkins was the candle shining from the third pumpkin.

We are like pumpkins. Some of us don't want to change our lives. We are happy as we are. Some of us let God into parts of our lives but not completely. To be like saints, we must be like the third pumpkin. We turn our lives over to God. We allow him to change us into whatever he wants us to be. When we do that, His light can shine forth from us for all to see. Like the saints, when we are gone that light continues to shine.

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! Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information and upcoming events.

Sunday, October 25 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center gym will be our monthly Youth Group gathering for anyone grades 6-12. All are welcome!!!!

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!

BECKET HALL ~ OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, October 25th

2:00 – 5:00pm

See our new home and meet our new residents.
2617 East Ave. (former St. Thomas More rectory)

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 call 461-2890.

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

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

NOVEMBER SPECIALS

- Nov. 1** Dick Sorce and Team 1 will serve their original **Omelets to Order** cooked before you just the way you like them and served with your choice of bacon or sausage, toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.
- Nov. 8** John O'Connor and Team 2 will prepare **Blueberry Pancakes** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.
- Nov. 15** Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will serve their popular **Eggs Benedict** and a free bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.25.
- Nov. 22** The Clemens Family leads Team 4. They will prepare and serve their delicious **Egg Bake – Clemens Style** served with warm buttered toast a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.
- Nov. 29** Mary Dailor and team covers the 5th Sunday – Their special is something new - **French Toast Croissant** served with your choice of bacon or sausage, warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

To err is human, but it is against company policy.

Enjoy your family and friends this Thanksgiving.
It is a wonderful holiday! Love, Jane

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

ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS!

YOU ARE INVITED!

**St. Rita School students
in grades 3 and 4 will perform**

Rita, Saint of the Impossible

They will share the story of our patron saint and the history of St. Rita Parish. We hope you will enjoy this theatrical presentation filled with song and dance.

Performances will be on

Thursday, Oct. 29 at 1:00 p.m.

and

Friday, Oct. 30 at 9:30 a.m.

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**VETERAN'S DAY
PRAYER SERVICE**

**Monday, November 10
at 1:00pm in Church**



St. Rita School children will be holding a Prayer Service to proudly honor those who have served in our armed forces. If you would like to send in the names of deceased veterans, please send them in to school or call Sr. Katherine Ann at 671-3132 by Friday, November 6. These names will be placed on a scroll and displayed in school. We keep the names called in from past years on our scroll so you don't need to call in the same name each year. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLORIDA FRUIT SALE

Order forms are available on the table in the back of church to order delicious Florida oranges and grapefruit. Orders need to be mailed in by November 6. Any questions call Don Bell at 671-2636.

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HOSPITAL RULES HAVE CHANGED!

**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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DID YOU KNOW? We have **gluten-free hosts** available for those who have special dietary needs. For more information please call Mary Ann at 671-1997.