

**NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

WEBSTER COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Presents



# FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS

Sunday, November 15 at 7:00 pm

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
1460 Ridge Rd. Webster

A collection plate will be passed to benefit Santa's Workshop for Hospitalized Children. CANNED GOODS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR HOPE HOUSE.

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## First Reconciliation ~ Kick-Off Meeting

Thursday, December 3  
at 6:30 p.m. in the Church

It is not too late to participate in our parish preparation program for First Reconciliation. The *Kick-Off meeting* is for all registered First Reconciliation candidates and their parent(s). If you would like to have your child prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and you have not registered please submit your registration form - available at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) - as soon as possible.

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## IS YOUR THREE YEAR OLD READY FOR A SCHOOL EXPERIENCE?

You don't have to wait until September! St. Rita School offers a religious learning environment based largely on a program appropriate for three year olds. The program is held twice a week for 2 1/2 hours. Call the school office at 671-3132 for more information or to schedule a visit.

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## 2009-2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

### "Keeping the Spirit Alive"

The active phase of our CMA appeal continues. Thank you to the almost 500 households who have already responded with a gift or pledge. If you have not yet responded, please give consideration to your participation. During this week, another letter and pledge form will be mailed to all registered households who have not yet responded. The Catholic Ministries Appeal provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. We need your financial and prayerful support to reach out potential. Every gift is needed and important! If it is easier, you can make your gift at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org) - you can also pay your pledge off in six installments. Extra pledge forms are 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!

## COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Thursday, November 19  
7:30pm at St. Paul's Church

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

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## ST. RITA SOCIETY GATHERING

Tuesday, November 17  
from 6:00-9:00pm in the Parish Center

### EXPERIENCE A TASTE OF VIETNAM

Nguyet Schrader will prepare a delicious Asian meal and demonstrate how to make spring rolls.

So that Nguyet will know how much food to prepare - **RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST - BY SUNDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 15!** Please call Elaine King at 671-4930. All are welcome. If you are not a St. Rita Society member the cost will be \$5 for dinner. Sorry no walk-ins.

Fr. Hoan will complete the evening by sharing some facts about the culture in his homeland, Vietnam.

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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.

**MILITARY PHOTOS!! 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 [wstritap@dor.org](mailto:wstritap@dor.org) and let us know if you need any information omitted.

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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH -

### Sign Up!



**November 29 is the first Sunday of Advent.** Anyone wishing to light the Advent wreath at any of the weekend

Masses should sign up in the narthex. Families, couples and singles are all welcome to sign up.



## EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

9:15AM STANLEY & JANE POSLUSNY – Children

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

7:00AM BETTY CINNANI Russell & Geraldine Columbo  
9:15AM ART YAEGER – Family

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

7:00AM WILLIAM MYKINS, SR. –  
Rosemary & Bill Mykins  
9:15AM RAY ZIMMER – Chris Forestbauer

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

7:00AM MARY TRAUB – Stan & Joanne Douglas  
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009**

5:00PM ROBERT BECHTOLD – Family

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

7:30AM ED & HELEN SOBIERAJSKI –  
Bob & Sandy Kuebel  
9:00AM OTTO REISCH – Family  
10:30AM YOLANDA GIANNI & FAMILY –  
Peter & Angelina Rubino

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of Edward Geier**

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### **TEMPORARY LITURGICAL CHANGES**

With widespread reports of influenza-like illnesses in our area, we will immediately suspend the distribution of Holy Communion through the cup. We are also asking that instead of shaking hands during the Sign of Peace at Mass, you offer a nod or a verbal greeting of peace. Likewise we will forgo holding hands during the Lord's Prayer and strongly recommend reception of the host in the hand and not on the tongue.

If people are sick, they should stay home. They are excused from their Sunday Mass obligation. "Since Christ is sacramentally present under each of the species, communion under the species of bread alone makes it possible to receive all the fruit of the Eucharistic grace."

We are also advising our Priests, Deacon and Communion Ministers to sanitize their hands prior and following the distribution of Holy Communion. It simply makes good sense to take practical measures to minimize the spread of the flu wherever possible.

These changes in the liturgy here at St Rita's are temporary until the flu subsides.

## *Pastor's Perspective*

In the Gospels Jesus says: "unless you become like little children you will not enter the Kingdom". It's not a call to be childish but rather to once again see the world and life with the openness and wonder of a child.

I was reminded of this in a new little book by one of my favorite spiritual authors, Robert Wicks. His most recent work is entitled Prayerfulness . . . Awakening to the Fullness of Life.

In a simple but powerful way he reminds us how children can teach us some important lessons about compassion and caring:

*Several things come to mind with respect to children. First, there is a transparency and honesty that little children have that is not too common in most adults – even when it seems so. Secondly, there is a sensitivity to others that is touching and real.*

*Children also have a simplicity, hopefulness, and recognition of the importance of compassion that, at its core, is a central aspect of both caring for others and taking the next step in our own spiritual life. One child's reaction to a difficult situation reminds me of this: She was late coming home from school, and her mother was worried. When she finally stepped through the door, her mother yelled at her for being late, then caught herself, and asked, "Why were you late anyway?" To which the little girl responded, "I was helping a friend in trouble." "Well, what did you do to help her?" To which she replied quite simply, "I sat down next to her and helped her cry."*

*This child recognized a key element in the spiritual life that we as adults must not forget. If we do, the journey will lead to a dead end. She recognized that a faith-filled person must never turn her back on others but instead offer them a space to share their burdens. Such a healing space should not ever be underestimated. As novelist and minister Carl Frederick Buechner once noted, "They may forget what you said . . . but they will never forget how you made them feel."*

May our faith journey leave open a healing space for others.

Peace,

**Fr. Chuck**

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### **WPCC 4 - Parish THANKSGIVING MASS**

All are welcome to attend our four-parish Thanksgiving Celebration Mass on **Thanksgiving Day, November 26, at 9:00am held this year at St. Paul's Church.**

We come together with joy as one people, one church, one Body of Christ, giving thanks to God for the blessings he has poured upon our families, our area and our nation. Our one Thanksgiving Mass will take the place of other regularly scheduled Thanksgiving Masses in our four churches. We will join together from all four parishes to thank God for blessing our community with the gifts of peace, love, unity and brotherhood.

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

**SUNDAY 11/15**

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym  
 5:30-7:00pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group – Gym

**MONDAY 11/16**

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School  
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School  
 7:00pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

**TUESDAY 11/17**

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3  
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3  
 4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School  
 6:00pm St. Rita Society – Gym  
 7:00pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office

**WEDNESDAY 11/18**

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 11/19**

7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1  
 7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 3 – Chapel  
 7:30pm Companions in Grief at St. Paul's Church

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 15 Sun **33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5,8-11 Heb 10:11-14,18 Mk 13:24-32
- 16 Mon 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63 Ps 119:53, 61,134,150,155,158 Lk 18:35-43
- 17 Tue **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-7 Lk 19:1-10
- 18 Wed 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15 Lk 19:11-28
- 19 Thu 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2,5-6,14-15 Lk 19:41-44
- 20 Fri 1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48
- 21 Sat **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4,6,16,19 Lk 20:27-40
- 22 Sun **Our Lord Jesus Christ the King** Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1-2,5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED**  
 Next Weekend ~ **NOVEMBER 21 & 22**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**  
 Nick Wynne, Connor McKenna, Neil LaVigne
- Sunday, 7:30am:** Kyle and Kayla Chapman
- Sunday, 9:00am:**  
 Vicky and Brianna Gammons, Mary Grace Charleton
- Sunday, 10:30am:**  
 Jessica Belt, Juliana Baratta, Isabelle Clemens

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**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**



Join us in the parish center for a delicious breakfast on Sunday mornings! We offer a "Special" and a full traditional breakfast menu as well!

**Next Week's special: Egg Bake – Clemens Style** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

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**A Day to Call Your Own** Thursday, November 19 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Mercy Prayer Center, 65 Highland Ave., Rochester. Spend the day freely in prayer, quiet reflection and solitude; light lunch is provided. Facilitators: Mercy Prayer Center Staff. Fee: \$15. Call 473-6893 to register.

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**FIESTA NEED!** Volunteer(s) are needed to coordinate the Food Booth on Saturday, June 5, 2010 for the Fiesta. This consists of making phone calls to workers to create a schedule and managing the booth. The hours needing coverage are from 2:00pm to Midnight, which includes set-up and clean up. This duty can be split into morning and afternoon shifts and shared by more than one person. Monthly planning meetings would be required. If you are interested please call Tom at 671-0428 or Ed at 787-1937.

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
 For Last Weekend November 7 & 8

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$14,631	\$16,200	-\$1,569
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$279,704	\$285,700	-\$5,996

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of November 1, 2009	\$169,537

**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 November 15 Agnes Kopin

**LINENS:**

Week of November 22 Luann Young

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**Did You Know?** Our bulletin is available each week on-line at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) – check it out!

**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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**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! Check out our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) for more information and upcoming events.

**Sunday, November 15 from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center gym will be our monthly Youth Group gathering for grades 6-12. All are welcome!!!!

**SIGNING EVENTS  
FOR BISHOP CLARK'S NEW BOOK**

Two signing events have been scheduled in celebration of the publication of Bishop of Rochester Matthew H. Clark's new book, *Forward in Hope: Saying Amen to Lay Ecclesial Ministry*, to be published by Ave Maria Press in November. *Forward in Hope* examines the ever-growing significance of lay ecclesial ministry and the way it is changing the face of the Catholic Church, and offers Bishop Clark's personal experience and insights. The book also features essays by several seasoned lay ecclesial ministers in the Diocese of Rochester.

Bishop Clark has directed that all proceeds from sale of the book benefit St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. Bishop Clark will sign copies of his book on:

- **Sunday, November 29** at the Cathedral Shop at Sacred Heart Cathedral, 296 Flower City Park, following the 9:15 a.m. Mass. Copies of the book will be 20% off of the \$11.95 cover price from November 29 through December 31 and available at the signing and thereafter in the shop.
- **Thursday, December 3 at 7:00pm** at Barnes & Noble Booksellers store in Pittsford. Bishop Clark will speak about the book at that time in the store's Community Room, immediately followed by the book signing. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event and thereafter.

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**ATTENTION LECTORS**

**The lector workbooks are in and ready for pickup in the Narthex in Church. Be sure to read the checklist whether you are taking a book or not.**

**What's Your Commitment?**



**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, by mail or to the parish office.  
Thank you !**

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

**Stewardship . . . . Live It!**

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**WPCC - SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Join us for lunch on Wednesday, December 9, at Hedges Nine Mile Point Restaurant, at 12:00 Noon. **Good Food!** Four menu choices; fried scallops, hot turkey sandwich, broiled crabmeat salad, and 3 cheese quiche. **Good Company!** Enjoy being with other seniors and bring a friend! **Door Prizes!** Reservation Forms available on the table in church or at the Parish Office. Reservation forms with payment are due no later than Wednesday, December 2.

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**DIOCESE CELEBRATES THE FEAST OF ST. CECILIA**

**Friday, November 20 at 7:30pm  
at Sacred Heart Cathedral**

The Diocese of Rochester and The Rochester Chapter National Assoc. of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) cordially invites you to the Sacred Heart Cathedral for an evening of prayer and music in honor of the Feast of St. Cecilia, patron of church musicians. Vocal and instrumental soloists will be featured, along with the St. Theodore's Choir and St. John of Rochester Children's Choir. The Annual St. Cecilia Award will be announced along with twenty-two recipients of our Music Ministry Awards for High School Students. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Ginny Miller at [miller@dor.org](mailto:miller@dor.org) or 254-3210.