

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

Stewardship Live It!

Notes of Thanks

Dear Fr. Latus and Friends at St. Rita,

We have received the proceeds of the recent appeal for the Mississippi Missions in the amount of \$4,634.56.

We wish to thank you for welcoming Mr. Greg Patin this past summer to tell you of the Mission areas in our diocese. Please accept our gratitude for your generous response. Please be assured that your sacrificial offerings will be used wisely and well in our many missionary needs.

Sincerely in Christ,
Very Reverend Jeffrey Waldtrp, S.T.L.,J.C.L.
Diocesan Mission Director - Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Friends in the St. Rita Society,

It came to my attention recently that you have made a gift of \$1,000 to our Priests Formation Fund with the hope that "this money will help the men who are in their faith journey while studying to become priests."

I thank you for the generous gift and assure you that it will be directed in full to your stated purpose.

My prayers are with you that our gracious God will bless the work of the Saint Rita Society and all of its members.

Peace to you all,
+ Matthew H. Clark
Bishop of Rochester

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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 - as soon as possible.

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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.

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**THE PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED
Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27
for the Thanksgiving Holiday**



LAST CHANCE TO BE PART OF OUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY!

**SUBMIT YOUR OWN 4 X 6 PHOTO
BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

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 **by Tuesday, November 24** and let us know if you need any information omitted.

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FIESTA NEWS!

**Our 56th Annual Fiesta will be held on
Friday, June 4th and Saturday, June 5th, 2010**

**FIESTA PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, November 22 at 7:00pm in Room 1**

We are in our planning stages for our 56th Annual Fiesta and invite anyone interested in being part of the Fiesta Planning Committee to join us this weekend – on **Sunday, November 22 at 7:00pm in Room 1.**

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.

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St. Rita Church Boy Scout Troop #163 CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Friday, November 28 – until sold out!
Monday - Friday from 6:30-9:00pm
Saturday 9:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Behind Bill Gray's Restaurant on Hard Road

Trees up to 9 Ft. are \$35 ~ Trees over 9 Ft. are \$45

Money scouts raise from this fundraiser goes to pay for camping gear, scout books, awards, badges and camping/backpacking trips.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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



WPCC FOUR - PARISH THANKSGIVING MASS

To be held at St. Paul's Church on Thanksgiving Day **November 26, at 9:00am**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009

7:00AM ROBERT SKIFF – Paul & Mary Reinhardt
9:15AM JENNIE M. NOTO – Marie Zarcone

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009

9:15AM SHIRLEY KINSELLA – Sue & Megan MacAnn

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009

7:00AM LEO FOX & ANDREINNE GRISHABER – Mary Lohmaier
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2008

Thanksgiving Day - No Mass at St. Rita

9:00AM MASS AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
Celebrated with all 4 Webster/Penfield Parishes

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

9:15AM JOHN VOSEFSKI – Gene & Janet Gibbs

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009

5:00PM THERESA WYNNE RAPPLEYE – Shirl & John Mintz

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009

7:30AM JOHN CATONE – Patrick Augino & Family
9:00AM JOHN CAVALIER – Lisa Maier
10:30AM SETH & ANNA NORTON – Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for Carl and Ann Tiberio's Wedding Anniversary

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

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Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father,
on Thanksgiving Day
We bow our hearts to You and pray.
We give You thanks for all You've done
Especially for the gift of Jesus, Your Son.
For beauty in nature, Your glory we see
For joy and health, friends and family,
For daily provision, Your mercy and care
These are the blessings You graciously share.
So today we offer this response of praise
With a promise to follow You all of our days.

All are welcome to attend our four-parish Thanksgiving Celebration Mass. 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.

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Temporary Liturgical Changes

With widespread reports of H1N1 and other 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.

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MITTEN SUNDAY

The weekend of **DECEMBER 5 & 6**

During Children's Liturgy of the Word
9:00am AND 10:30am Masses

(Baskets will be available at all Masses)

All children are invited to bring mittens to be given to the needy whether they attend Children's Liturgy or not. Baskets will be put in church to collect the mittens at all Masses during this weekend. Children attending Children's Liturgy are asked to bring their mittens to the altar when they come forward.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 22, 2009

SUNDAY 11/22

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
7:00pm Fiesta Planning Meeting – Rm 1

MONDAY 11/23

No Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 11/24

No Faith Formation Classes
9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 11/25

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

THURSDAY 11/26

9:00am Thanksgiving Mass at St. Paul's Church

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

*Cooper Jack Springer
Lilah Grace Gierczak
Giulia Maria Puccio
Liam Joseph Secor*



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BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 23 Mon Dn 1:1-6,8-20 Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4
- 24 Tue **St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions** Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11
- 25 Wed Dn 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19
- 26 Thu Dn 6:12-28 Dn 3:68-74 Lk 21:20-28
- 27 Fri Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33
- 28 Sat Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36
- 29 Sun **1st Sunday of Advent** Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25: 4-5,8-10,14 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ NOVEMBER 28 & 29**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Ben Meisenzahl

Sunday, 7:30am:

Michael Hohl and Nick Rieger

Sunday, 9:00am:

Juliana Cruz, Corina Cruz, Rachael Connor

Sunday, 10:30am:

Jamie Farris, Abby Geen, Jenny Geen

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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 ½ hours. Call the school office at 671-3132 for more information or to schedule a visit.

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Our **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** is off to a great start! We have 16 knitters, crocheters, and quilters who are sharing in this ministry. When the shawls are completed, they will be presented to members of St. Rita's parish family who are going through some rather difficult times in their lives. We see in them the faces of Christ and do what we can to lighten their load. There is a prayer for each person included with the shawl as a reminder of God's love for them. It's a reminder that all of us here at St. Rita's are holding them in prayer, and serves as a connection with us, even though they are not physically able to be with us. If you have any extra soft yarn you would like to donate for this project, please call Rose at 671-1100 x 17.

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend November 14 & 15**

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
\$15,041	\$16,200 for Nov. 2009	-\$1,159
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$294,745	\$301,900	-\$7,155

(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.

Please know that you can initiate "**direct bill payment**" via your own electronic banking account by just directing your bank to mail your monthly/weekly contribution to St. Rita Church at 1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580.

SACRISTAN:

Week of November 22 Tom Marton

LINENS:

Week of November 29 Catherine Zellefrow

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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: French Toast Croissant served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2009-2010

Much like the Holy Spirit who cannot be seen or heard but whose presence is felt in other ways, the money donated to the Catholic Ministries Appeal flows through our Diocese, delivering support and funding that many times remains hidden. The good deeds, the blessings delivered are often delivered quietly with little fanfare and therefore they go unnoticed.



Yet the fact remains that the money given to the Catholic Ministries Appeal is truly the lifeblood of our Diocese. Young or old, rich or poor, disabled, incarcerated, homeless or simply the average parishioner, the money from the CMA touches us all.

In Our Parish, the CMA supports:

- **The Pastoral Care of our Parish** by providing formation and lifelong assistance for our assigned Priests / Pastors who minister to us with the sacraments. From Baptism to Reconciliation and the celebration of the Eucharist, Confirmation and the vocation of Marriage, until our passing to the next life, through their faithfulness, we are blessed by the continuous care of the Lord.
- **Our Youth** through Faith Formation programs, Sacramental Preparation, RCIA for Children, Catholic Schools, CYO Athletics, Youth Ministry, Diocesan Retreats and Diocesan Youth Conferences, Campus Ministry and Young Adult Ministry.
- **Our Adults** with Adult Education, RCIA, and Marriage Prep.
- **Our Sick and Aged** through donations to the Hospital Chaplaincy program - bringing the comfort and compassion of Christ to those in hospitals and nursing homes.
- **The Administration of our Parish** by offering assistance with Legal Issues, Tax Issues, Group Insurance Discounts, Computer Assistance; Maintenance and Troubleshooting, help with Human Resources, providing education programs for the staff, offering a Lending Library of CD's and DVD programs and many other benefits.

And Around the Diocese the CMA Supports:

- **The Vulnerable** by supporting the work of Catholic Charities of Rochester. The ten regional offices of Catholic Charities spread throughout our 12 counties and provide services to the disabled, the developmentally disabled, HIV / Aids and Traumatic Brain Injury patients. Catholic Family Center of Rochester is a regional office of Catholic Charities who offer services to women and children, mental health care, counseling and substance abuse treatment, refugee resettlement, services to former prisoners and those facing poverty.
- **Those in Pain** by supporting Project Rachel, assisting women and men with the pain of abortion, and the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, the process of healing and new beginnings through the process of annulment.
- **The Spreading of the Gospel** through various communications media.

How can I give? There are many ways to give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Please realize that your gift may be tax deductible and that pledges can be paid through May 31, 2010.

Cash Gifts: Checks should be made payable to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Extra pledge cards are available on the table in the back of church or go online to www.dor.org

Credit Card: Master Card, Visa, or Discover cards are accepted online at www.dor.org or by returning the required information on the back of your pledge card.

Electronic Funds Transfer (ETF): Debit your gift directly from your checking or savings account. Please see the instructions on back of your pledge card.

Gifts of Securities: A gift of appreciated securities is one way to make a contribution at a reduced cost to you. To make a gift of stock, contact Dave Kelly in the Office of Stewardship at 328-3228 x 326.

***“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10***