

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

2009-2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

“Keeping the Spirit Alive”

Thank you to the over 710 households who have already responded with a gift or pledge. Please give consideration to your participation. 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 – you can also pay your pledge off in six installments. Extra 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.!

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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF
SUPPORT GROUP**

Thursday, December 10
at 7:30pm in Room 1

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

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MITTEN SUNDAY

NEXT weekend - 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.

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Christmas Angel Gifts Project

This year the agencies and centers that we support are in more need than ever. Please help us supply them with games, toys, art supplies, dolls (of various races) and clothing. **Pick up an Angel Tag from the table in the greeting area in Church and return your gift as soon as possible.** Some tags are for specific centers, others are more general. We understand with the economy, money is tight, but God will never be outdone in generosity when you show love for His poor and those in need.

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. Questions? Call Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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LITURGY COMMITTEE WISH LIST

Everyone is making their wish list at this time of year. The Liturgy Committee is no exception. The one thing on our list is **YOU!** **Maybe you could.....**



- Change and care for the banners in the church
- Change and care for the altar linens
- Become a weekend liturgy prayer planner
- Compile the liturgical minister’s schedule
- Help with seasonal liturgies such as Christmas Eve or Holy Week.

If you can make one of these wishes come true or would like more information, contact Ann Pacher, 265-4991 or Teri Bucks, 671-0388

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FEELING GOD IN THE MIDST OF ADVENT BUSYNESS

**Tuesday, December 1 from 9:30-11:00am and
repeated from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Paul’s Church**

In the busyness of Christmas preparations, join Sharon Stosur for a quiet morning/evening of reflective readings and piano music selected to bring a bit of peace to your Advent season. *Sharon Stosur began playing piano at the age of 8. As an adult, she has been blessed to combine her love for classical, liturgical, and pop music in a number of ways. Sharon is a member of St. Paul’s and is the Editor of Piano Publications at Hal Leonard Corp.*

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St. Rita Church Boy Scout Troop #163

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

On Sale Now – 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.

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A Mass in Celebration of Young Adults with Bishop Clark will take place on December 6 at Blessed Sacrament’s 12:15 pm Mass. Hope to see you there!



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009

7:00AM BILL MYKINS, SR. – Bob & Roslyn Patti
9:15AM HELEN KELLY – Carl & Ann Tiberio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2009

9:15AM JACK VOSEFSKI – Ruth & Chuck Neumann

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2009

7:00AM AGNES RYAN – Stan & Joanne Douglas
9:15AM MARY JANE ROBINSON – Tom & Liz Delerth

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2009

7:00AM FRANCES ROMEO -Bob & MaryAnnBeikierch
9:15AM HERBERT KREGER – Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2009

9:15AM JOHN HUDY – Verna & Phil and Bill & Dorothy

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2009

5:00PM LOTTIE BART – The Muir Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2009

7:30AM RAYMOND ZIMMER – The Iulianello Family
9:00AM MARY MARASCO – Daughter Mary
10:30AM CONCETTA IACCHETTA – Maria Marsocci

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Dallas Breeden**

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**Phone 671-1100 ext. 22 – anytime for the
most up to date DAILY MASS SCHEDULE!**

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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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SAVE AROUND ROCHESTER Discount Coupon Book!

Our Youth Group is selling a new coupon book called "Save Around Rochester 2010". The cost is \$20.00 and may be purchased at the parish office or call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x18. They are filled with great discounts on many restaurants and entertainment. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used toward youth programs!

Pastor's Perspective

Today is the First Sunday of Advent, we begin a new season and a new church year.



Though Advent (literally "arrival"), has been observed for centuries as a time to contemplate Christ's birth. Most people today acknowledge it only with a blank look. For the vast majority of us, December flies by in a flurry of activities, and what is called "the holiday season" turns out to be the most stressful time of the year.

How many of us share the longing of the ancient prophets, who awaited the Messiah with such aching intensity that they foresaw his arrival thousands of years before he was born? I love this liturgical season – it's my favorite and I love Christmas, yet it is awfully easy to miss the whole point of the Advent-Christmas celebration.

Mother Teresa once noted that the first person to welcome Christ was John the Baptist, who leaped for joy on recognizing him, though both of them were still within their mothers' wombs. We, in stark contrast, are often so dulled by superficial distractions that we are incapable of hearing any voice within, let alone listening to it. Consequently, the feeling we know as Christmas cheer lacks any real connection to the vital spirit that radiated from the manger.

May this Advent be a time to rejoice, a time of real peace, a time of hope.

Happy Advent,
Fr. Chuck

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HOLIDAY CONCERT!

The Lyric Chorale, directed by Chrisanne Yule, will present its Holiday Concert, "Lyric Sampler II", on **Saturday, December 5, 7:30pm, at St. Louis Church, 64 South Main St., Pittsford, NY, and Sunday, December 6, 2:30pm, at Greece United Methodist Church, 1924 Maiden Lane, Greece.** The concert will feature The Sampler Trio - Mitzie Collins, hammered dulcimer, Glenda Dove, flute, and Roxanne Ziegler, harp, with the choir performing festive carols of the season. Tickets are \$15 in advance / \$18 at the door, or \$12 for seniors and students, and can be purchased at the door or at St. Louis Ministry Center 586-5675.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 29, 2009

SUNDAY 11/29

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 11/30

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

TUESDAY 12/1

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
7:30-9:00pm Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 12/2

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
7:15-9:00pm Stewardship Committee – Parish Office
8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 12/3

6:30pm **First Reconciliation Kick-Off – Church**
7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1
7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 3 – Rm 3

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend November 21 & 22**

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Nov. 2009	Variance
\$14,178	\$16,200	-\$2,022
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$308,923	\$318,100	-\$9,177

(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 29 Shirl Mintz

LINENS:

Week of December 6 Thelma Benwitz

BIBLE READINGS:

- 29 Sun **1st Sunday of Advent** Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25: 4-5,8-10,14 1Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28,34-36
- 30 Mon **St. Andrew** Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22
- 1 Tue Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24
- 2 Wed Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
- 3 Thu **St. Francis Xavier** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27 Mt 7:21,24-27
- 4 Fri Is 29:17-24 ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31
- 5 Sat Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6,8
- 6 Sun **2nd Sunday of Advent** Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ DECEMBER 5 & 6**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Ryan Meisenzahl, Jack Meisenzahl, Jarred Simmons

Sunday, 7:30am: Michael Hohl and Ashley Coumou

Sunday, 9:00am:

Victoria Ritzel, Krista Barbeau, Gabrielle Mara

Sunday, 10:30am:

Steven Fantigrossi, Phil DeMarco, John Lammers

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DECEMBER BREAKFAST CLUB SPECIALS



Join us in the parish center each Sunday from 8:30-11:00am for a delicious breakfast! Besides the "Specials" below we have a traditional menu with items such as eggs (any way), pancakes, etc. Sit back and enjoy a great meal!

Dec. 6 Dick Sorce and Team 1 will prepare **Cinnamon Raisin French Toast** served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Dec. 7 Remember Pearl Harbor!

Dec 13 John O'Connor and Team 2 will be serving **Western Egg Bake** with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Dec. 20 Team 3 led by Sharon and Jane will serve their popular **Eggs Benedict** and a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.25.

Dec. 25 Merry Christmas to all of our faithful customers and kind volunteers!

Dec. 27 The Clemens family and Team 4 are taking a well deserved holiday break. We are able to offer breakfast this weekend thanks to many generous volunteers who were willing to fill in! There will be no special – so order whatever you choose from our menu!

Enjoy your family and friends this Christmas Holiday!
Love, Jane

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.

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

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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, by mail or to the parish office.

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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**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.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you know which Christmas/New Years Mass you will be attending, please call Elaine King at 671-4930 to be scheduled. Thank you for all you do!

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NEXT ST. RITA SOCIETY GATHERING!

**Tuesday, December 15
at 7:00pm in the Parish Center**

ST. RITA SCHOOL CHOIR directed by Music Teacher, Mr. Fredericks – will entertain us with Christmas Carols!

Society members are asked to bring an appetizer or a dessert to share. Also bring an unwrapped health care or toiletry product (shampoo, powder, soap, etc.). These items will be donated to local nursing homes and shelters. Any questions please call Carol Van Atta at 671-7832. All are welcome to join us!!

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