

DECEMBER 6, 2009

2009-2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

“Keeping the Spirit Alive”

Thank you to the over 760 households who have already responded with a gift or pledge. Please give consideration to your participation. The CMA provides funding for important programs, services and ministries that strengthen our whole Church. We need your financial and prayerful support to reach our potential. Every gift is needed and important! You can make your gift at www.dor.org – and 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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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.

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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 special 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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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!



**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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**ADVENT SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 13
at 4:00pm in Church**

This service relates the events leading up to the birth of our Savior, with carols interspersed with short scripture readings.

Kings College Chapel, Cambridge, England, began this tradition in 1918, and has broadcasted this annual service every year since on public radio.

Come hear the festive music of the season, sung by all of St. Rita’s choirs and music groups. The service is free and will be followed by a reception.

Notes of Thanks . . .

On behalf of all those who attended the National Catholic Youth Conference last month in Kansas City, we would like to thank our parish community for all your prayers and support during our pilgrimage. We appreciate all you have done to help make this journey possible.

*Gratefully,
Mary Jo DiNoto*

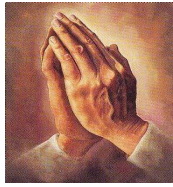
Heartfelt thanks to **Verna & Phil Mendola** who faithfully deliver our monthly food collection to the food cupboards in Williamson, The House of Mercy and St. Peter’s Kitchen.

St. Rita Parish Family

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**Discount Coupon Books
MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!**

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!



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2009

7:00AM MARY FRAN CARNEY – Alicia & Jeff Smith
9:15AM FR. JOSEPH D'AURIZIO – Joe & Patty Janiak

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

9:15AM SCHOOL LITURGY – All are welcome!
FOR THOSE IN NEED

5:45PM GENEVIEVE KOLASSA – Family & Friends

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

7:00AM TERESA SEITENBUSCH – Gert Provost
9:15AM MARY MARASCO – Daughter Mary

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

7:00AM BILL MYKINS, SR. – Mary Lewczyk
9:15AM RICHARD SIEBERT – Michaela Siebert

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2009

9:15AM RAY ZIMMER – Pat & Dick Kaufman

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009

5:00PM ANNE CONGILARO – Joanne & Jim Paratore

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

7:30AM ROBERT NOLAN – Virginia
9:00AM SAM COSTELLO – Jeff & Alicia Smith
10:30AM JOSEPH PULICI – Wife

This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Donald Gallo

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



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.

Pastor's Perspective

In today's gospel we are introduced to one of the key players in Advent – John



the Baptist. Luke sees him as the last of the great Old Testament prophets. John is found in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John helps us appreciate our own baptism, where we experience God's boundless mercy and receive the help we need to live as children of God.

John's call to "Prepare the way of the Lord – make straight his paths" is a reminder of the basic call of Advent, to prepare the way of the Lord; Not simply with many festivities, as wonderful as they all are, but to prepare room for him in our hearts and lives . . . to come to know his presence among us and share his love with the world around us that waits for his healing love.

Peace and Happy Advent,
Fr. Chuck

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

COMMUNAL CELEBRATIONS OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 16 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 19 9:30 am

INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES For the Celebration of Reconciliation

Every Saturday in Advent 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 22 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Tuesday, December 22 7:30 – 8:30 pm

2009 HOLY CHILDHOOD ANGEL ORNAMENTS

We will again be selling ceramic angels made and packaged by the School of the Holy Childhood. Each year there is a new angel to add to your collection. The proceeds will be shared between Our Little Brothers and Sisters Orphanage in Haiti and HOPE House. They are available at the Parish Office during business hours Monday-Friday 9:00am to 4:30pm or Saturday 10:00am to 2:00pm.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 6, 2009

SUNDAY 12/6

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 12/7

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

TUESDAY 12/8

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
10:00-12:00 Stephen Ministry – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School

WEDNESDAY 12/9

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 12/10

7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1
7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 3 – Chapel
7:30pm Companions in Grief Group – Parish Office

SUNDAY 12/13

4:00pm **ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS - Church**

BIBLE READINGS:

- 6 Sun **2nd Sunday of Advent** Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6
- 7 Mon **St. Ambrose** Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26
- 8 Tue **The Immaculate Conception** Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
- 9 Wed Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30
- 10 Thu Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13 Mt 11:11-15
- 11 Fri Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
- 12 Sat **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Zec 2;14-17 Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38
- 13 Sun **3rd Sunday of Advent** Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ DECEMBER 12 & 13**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Marisa Vargas, Mary Martellotta, Kayla Gateson
- Sunday, 7:30am:** Sandy Loeb and Olivia Zucaro
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Vicky and Brianna Gammons, Mary Grace Charleton
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Marisa Rotolo, Sabrina Rotolo, Mandy Skrypka

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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: Western Egg Bake with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

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SACRISTAN:
Week of December 6 Ellie Salvage

LINENS:
Week of December 13 Martine Cianciotto

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend November 28 & 29**

Last Week	Weekly Goal for Nov. 2009	Variance
\$12,047	\$16,200	- \$4,153
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$320,970	\$334,300	- \$13,330

(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.

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

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



All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Check out our website at www.saintrita.org for more information and upcoming events.

Sunday, December 6 from 12:00-1:00pm
Jr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

Sunday, December 6 from 6:30-8:00pm
Sr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!

Dear Friends,

In the classic children's story Charlotte's Web, Wilbur the pig utters this line: "Life is always a rich and steady time when you are waiting for something to happen or to hatch."

As we begin the season of Advent, that's a great thought for us – for it is a rich and steady time of waiting – a joyful season as we await the celebration of the Lord's coming among us.

May we learn to pace ourselves, take some quiet time and wait in joy.

May each of you have a Joyful Advent,

Fr. Chuck and the Staff at St. Rita Parish

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Please Note ~ we are including a special Christmas contribution envelope for those who do not receive, or regularly use, parish envelopes. Please know that the stewardship of treasure is very important to the life of our parish, and that your gift will be much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity this Christmas season.

St. Rita Church Advent Season 2009

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

Feast of the patroness of our country.

MASSES at 9:15am and 5:45pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

at 4:00 pm in Church

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

This festive service celebrates in word and music the story leading up to and including the birth of our Lord.

Christmas Season Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ Thursday, December 24, 2009

4:00pm ~ Family Mass in Church with the Children's Choir

4:00pm ~ Family Mass in the Parish Center

6:00pm ~ Family Mass with the Contemporary Choir

10:30pm ~ Mass during the Night (Carols begin at 10pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY ~ Friday, December 25, 2009

9:00am ~ Mass with Festive Carols

10:30am ~ Mass with Festive Carols

Children are invited to bring a new toy to Mass to be blessed.

Please Note ~ Both the 6:00pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 10:30am Christmas Day Mass tend to be less crowded.

Additional parking is available across the street at the Armory.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 31, 2009

New Year's Eve. at 5:00pm

Friday, January 1, 2010

New Year's Day at 9:15 am