

DECEMBER 13, 2009

2009-2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

“Keeping the Spirit Alive”

Thank you to the over 781 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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**All Are Invited to Share the Christmas Spirit!
ST. RITA SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY**

The first and second graders will be presenting **Holiday Inn, Bethlehem** on:

**Thursday, December 17 at 1:00 pm and
Friday, December 18 at 9:30 am and 7:00 pm**

This is their special gift to their families, and all of St. Rita Community. We hope that all will be truly inspired with the real spirit of the season.

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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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**NEXT ST. RITA SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS 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.



**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.

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ST. RITA CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

If you are looking for a special way to share at Christmas or wish to make a memorial gift for a loved one ~ here are a few needs of our parish this year:

- 2 - 30 Cup Coffee makers \$50 each
- 10 new Choir Hymnals \$25 each
- Reupholstering 12 greeting area chairs \$150 each
- Sacra Pagina Series – Letters of St. Paul Commentaries for Bible Study \$200
- Spirit and Song CD Library Series \$200
- Flat Screen TV for Room 1 \$600
- Fax Machine for Parish Office \$150
- Portable CD Player \$50

If you are interested in helping with any of the above, or making a partial donation for any of these items, please talk to any staff member or call the parish office at 671-1100 x 12. Thank you.

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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



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2009

9:15AM JACK VOSEFSKI – Deacon Bob & Barb Meyer

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009

7:00AM MARY FRANCES CARNEY-Burkhard Family
9:15AM RICHARD GRANA – Esquier Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2009

7:00AM JEAN MONTALTO – Daughter
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009

7:00AM BILL MYKINS, SR. – Thelma Benwitz
9:15AM BUD BAMANN – The Odenbach Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

9:15AM MICHAEL SAVOCA – Toni & Anita Savoca

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2009

5:00PM JOSEPH HOHMAN – Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009

7:30AM MARY ELLEN SAVERINO & MARGARET CHITTENDEN – Frank Saverino
9:00AM STANLEY & JANE POSLUSNY – Children
10:30AM DOROTHY DUFFY – Friends at St. Rita's

This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Agostino & Anna Pulici

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

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, December 13 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!!!!

Discount Coupon Books MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

Our Youth Group is selling a Coupon Book called "Save Around Rochester". 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



Rejoice!

For many centuries this Sunday was referred to as "Gaudete" or Rejoice Sunday – partly because we are halfway to Christmas, but also because of the underlying theme of Joy all through Advent. This theme is found in the scriptures, the prayers and the music of Advent:

"Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! Let us rejoice and be glad." (Is 25)

"Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See I am coming to dwell among you." (Zech 2)

"The earth rejoices in hope of the Savior's coming." (Opening Prayer today)

"Rejoice, Rejoice Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel." (Advent Anthem)

The real joy of this season is much more than cards, lights, parties and presents. It is a much deeper joy rooted in the love of a God who chooses to come among us as one of us; Who comes to heal and forgive, and embrace us in love, who brings hope and light into the darkest corners of our lives.

Comfort . . . Give comfort to my people . . . The opening lines of Handel's "Messiah" – words drawn directly from Isaiah, prophet and poet.

The God among us comes to comfort us – what greater joy could we know?!

Happy Advent,
Fr. Chuck

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.

Webster Community Blood Drive

In honor of Ray Zimmer, member of the K of C
Wednesday, December 16 from 1:00-7:00pm
At the Knights of Columbus Center on Barrett Dr.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 13, 2009

SUNDAY 12/13

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
4:00pm ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS – Church
 5:30-7:00pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group – Gym

MONDAY 12/14

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
 6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
 7:00-8:30pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY 12/15

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
 1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
 4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
 7:00pm St. Rita Society Christmas & Concert – Gym

WEDNESDAY 12/16

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Communal Penance Service – Church
 8:30-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 12/17

1:00pm School Christmas Play – Parish Center
 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

FRIDAY 12/18

9:30am School Christmas Play – Parish Center
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SATURDAY 12/19

9:30pm Communal Penance Service – Church

**PARISH SUPPORT
 For Last Weekend December 5 & 6**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Dec. 2009	Variance
\$19,257	\$16,200	+ \$3,057
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$340,227	\$350,500	- \$10,273

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of December 1, 2009	\$167,788

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

ACT Now ~ Automatic Contribution Transfer

It is easy to make your financial contribution to St. 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.

We welcome the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:



Nikolas Tyler Schouten

BIBLE READINGS:

- 13 Sun **3rd Sunday of Advent** Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
- 14 Mon **St. John of the Cross** Nm 24:2-7,15-17a Ps 25:4-9 Mt 21:23-27
- 15 Tue Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 Mt 21:28-32
- 16 Wed Is 45:6c-8,18,21b-25 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 7:18b-23
- 17 Thu Gn 49:2,8-10 Ps 72:1-4,7-8,17 Mt 1:1-17
- 18 Fri Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19 Mt 1:18-25
- 19 Sat Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-6,16-17 Lk 1:5-25
- 20 Sun **4th Sunday of Advent** Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 Next Weekend ~ DECEMBER 19 & 20**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:** Kyle Swovick, Peter Swovick, Connor McKenna
- Sunday, 7:30am:** Nick Rieger, Jack Samuelson
- Sunday, 9:00am:** Tim Bruno, Noah Ritzel, Matt Skrypka
- Sunday, 10:30am:** Vincent Waver, Nick Gaglio, Brandon Fersaci

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!

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: Eggs Benedict with a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.25.

SACRISTAN:

Week of December 13 Mary Ann Beikirch

LINENS:

Week of December 20 Linda Erck

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