

DECEMBER 20, 2009

2009-2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

“Keeping the Spirit Alive”

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is part of our Stewardship Process. **Thank you to over 811 households** who have already responded with a gift or pledge (33% participation). Your financial gift provides necessary programs, ministries, training and personal assistance to our local parish staff, our fellow parishioners, and those less fortunate in our wider community. St. Rita’s share of the CMA goal for 2009-2010 is \$112,502. Any shortfall is the responsibility of the parish. **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! We thank you for your generosity in responding to the needs of the wider community and less fortunate.

* * * * *

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:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 10 new Choir Hymnals | \$25 each |
| Reupholstering 7 greeting area chairs | \$150 each |
| Spirit and Song CD Library Series | \$200 |
| Flat Screen TV for Room 1 | \$600 |
| 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.

* * * * *

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK NEWS!

The Parish Health Ministry team will not be offering blood pressure checks in December. If you have a need to have you blood pressure checked you may call Felice at 671-5177 or Jane at 671-3759.

* * * * *

Thank You . . .

Sincere thanks for the 1,000 plus gifts and 500 plus knitted items donated for our **Angel Gift Project**. Through your generosity you have put smiles on many faces this Christmas season. Thank you also to those who sorted and delivered the gifts. God Bless you all!

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**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

* * * * *

HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2009



It is that time of year - time to nominate a high school senior from the graduating class of 2010 for the Hands of Christ Award. The Hands of Christ is a recognition program to assist parishes in affirming their high school seniors who have been the “Hands of Christ” in their church, home, school and community.

- A nominated senior needs to meet the following criteria:
- + Demonstrate a Christian attitude by word & example
 - + Been actively involved in their parish as well as their school community.
 - + Been a positive role model for their peers.
 - + Is a participating Roman Catholic in a parish in the Diocese of Rochester.
 - + Is currently a High School Senior.

Nomination forms are in church or at the parish office.

All nominations are due by Friday, January 8.

To nominate a senior please send a nomination form or letter stating examples of the above criteria including the nominees name, address, phone number and school to: St. Rita’s Church ~ 1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580 Attn: Mary Jo Di Noto, Youth Minister

Thank you for your continued support of our youth ministry program. We have many great seniors present in this parish and it is important to recognize all of their hard work and dedication to the church community. If you have any questions, please call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x18.

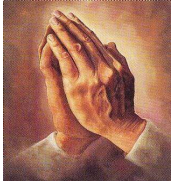
* * * * *

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.

* * * * *

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS ~ If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put “on hold” please call the parish office at 671-1100 and let us know when you will be away.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2009

9:15AM FUNERAL MASS FOR ROBERTA FOX

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2009

7:00AM WALTER BEISHEIM – Jean
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2009

9:15AM VIRGINIA KINSELLA – Sue & Megan MacAnn

CHRISTMAS EVE ~

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

- 4:00pm (Church) ROBERT TATANUS – Webster Knights of Columbus
- 4:00pm (Gym) ANDREW & NATALIE NEARY – Family
- 6:00pm MICHAEL COOPER – Donna & Lance Seeber
- 10:30pm CELEBRANT'S INTENTIONS

CHRISTMAS DAY ~

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2009

- 9:00am FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH
- 10:30am MARY FRANCES CARNEY – The Gammons Family

Children are invited to bring a new toy to the 9:00 and 10:30 Mass to be blessed.

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

Additional parking will be available across the street on Ridge Road at the Armory.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2009

5:00PM SAMUEL L. ZARCONE – Wife & Children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009

7:30AM JOHN MURPHY – Stan & Joanne Douglas

9:00AM ELEANOR CIMINO – St Rita Society
10:30AM ST. RITA SCHOOL FAMILIES & VOLUNTEERS
St. Rita School Faculty & Staff

* * * * *

This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of the deceased members of the Thomas & DeVogelaere Families

* * * * *  * * * * *

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

Pastor's Perspective



This 4th Sunday of Advent draws our attention to Mary – whose “yes” made the

Incarnation possible. Her cousin Elizabeth says it best: “Blessed are you who trusted that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Fr. Gerald O’Collins, S.J. teaches in Rome and is an authority on the life of Christ. He speaks of Mary in this way:

Luke’s Gospel says Mary kept all her experiences of the very first Christmas alive in the memory of her heart. As the years rolled on, she could still see, hear, smell, taste and touch her newborn child. Those same senses let us, in our turn, keep track both of Christmases long ago and of our faith in God’s Son come to be one of us forever. We remember what all those Christmases gave us through our senses and confess our faith in Jesus born into the world that we can see, hear, taste, smell and touch.

Christmas and the incarnation bring to mind passionate love and the many memories it leaves behind – of the one seen, heard, touched, tasted and smelt. Bernard of Clairvaux, Hildegard of Bingen, Abelard, Heloise and other medieval Christians movingly captured the human experience of love, along with a luminous, physical sense of the incarnation. No wonder we owe the Christmas crib to one of the greatest saints, Francis of Assisi. He knew how the newborn Jesus fills our senses. May Jesus fill them once again at this Christmas, through our lively faith in his incarnation.

At this Christmas time may we too say yes to God – who longs to be ever more a part of our lives.

Merry Christmas,
Fr. Chuck

* * * * *

The Parish Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for the Christmas Holiday

PLANS FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 20, 2009

SUNDAY 12/20

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 12/21

No Faith Formation Classes

TUESDAY 12/22

No Faith Formation Classes

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3

1:00pm Recovery – Rm

3:30-4:30 pm Individual Reconciliation – Church

7:30-8:30 pm Individual Reconciliation – Church

WEDNESDAY 12/23

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend December 12 & 13**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Dec. 2009	Variance
\$14,302	\$16,200	- \$1,898

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$354,529	\$366,700	- \$12,171

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

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

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$112,502
Pledges Received to Date	\$102,314

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"** through your own electronic banking account by directing your bank to mail your monthly/weekly contribution to St. Rita Church at 1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580.

ST. RITA'S ~ PRAYER LINE

Did you know that we have a very active Prayer Line here at St. Rita Parish? Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer. If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please call Eleanor Hanley at 671-3247.

2010 Church Stewardship Calendars are on their way from the factory. We thank our Stewardship Committee who has worked hard on educating us all on Stewardship as "An Every Day Way of Life".

BIBLE READINGS:

- 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
- 21 Mon Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 Lk 1:39-45
- 22 Tue 1 Sm 24-28 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Lk 1:46-56
- 23 Wed Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66
- 24 Thu 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Ps 89:2-5,27,29 Lk 1:67-79
- 25 Fri **Christmas: The Nativity of the Lord** Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3,11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
- 26 Sat **St. Stephen** Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4,6,8,16-17 Mt 10:17-22
- 27 Sun **Feast of the Holy Family** Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ DECEMBER 26 & 27**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Alex Vargas, Neil LaVigne, Nick Wynne

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman

Sunday, 9:00am:

Mike Sullivan, Tyler Kohrt, Cameryn Mathis

Sunday, 10:30am:

Jimmy Marton, Austin Korol, Griffin Virgil

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: We are able to offer breakfast during this holiday week thanks to many generous volunteers who were willing to fill in! There will be no special – so order whatever you choose from our menu!

SACRISTAN:

Week of December 20

Jane & Dick Casper

LINENS:

Week of December 27

Jean Fauth

**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!

ST. RITA SCHOOL - New Beginnings

If your child will be ready for PK or Kindergarten in the next school year, it is time to start "looking" and thinking.

- January 21 - New Parent Information Night 7:00pm
Call 671-3132 for reservation (babysitting available)
- February 1 Registration begins
- February 2 - Visit St. Rita School during school hours 9:00am to 2:00pm.
- Call 671-3132 for private tour starting December 1st

* * * * *

Thank you From St. Rita School

On behalf of all of us, students, faculty and staff we want to thank all the parishioners who supported us during our recent *Marathon, Craft Sale* and continued support of our *Bottle and Can* collection.

We couldn't do it with out you. We especially thank you for your prayers and encouragement. You are remembered in our Wednesday morning prayer assembly.

* * * * *

DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS

Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule!

Call the parish office ask for extension 22 or if the recording comes on you can press 22.

Because funerals are scheduled in our 9:15am daily Mass slot ~ there are times we need to change the Mass schedule and the intention for that Mass - or due to the unavailability of a priest. We will make every effort to contact the person offering the Mass to have that rescheduled. Our parish community is encouraged to celebrate the life of fellow parishioners, so in the event of a funeral, you are always welcome to attend.

* * * * *

PRESENTING THE GIFTS AT MASS

If you are attending a Mass being celebrated for a loved one, please tell the ushers before Mass so that you may carry the gifts at the offertory. You and your family may also offer to do this at other times when you are present. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the ushers.

* * * * *

Bulletin for HOPE

Thank you so much for your faithful support of the HOPE Ministry. During November, HOPE assisted 208 families (294 adults 18-64; 62 adults 65+; and 294 children). 9 families came to HOPE for the first time and 7 inactive families returned. 121 new families have come to HOPE since January 1. Because of your continuing generous donations, HOPE was able to meet many needs of these families. We were able to help our families with food, clothing, gasoline, car repair, gas & electric, rent, prescriptions and many other expenses. Thank you again for all your support.

FIESTA NEWS!

SAVE THE DATES!

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

The Saint Rita Fiesta is a family-oriented event for the parish and the community. It is a great opportunity for our parish to come together for family entertainment in a safe environment. Along with great musical entertainment and a wide variety of food, we have games and activities for kids and adults alike, with no admission fee. 10% of our proceeds are tithed to charity. 2009 was our most successful year ever, which allowed us to tithe \$4,572 to HOPE House – thanks to all of you!!

The 2009 Fiesta Committee would like to thank all of our Sponsors who assist in making this event possible every year. Please help us and support these sponsors, and mention our annual Fiesta!!

2009 FIESTA SPONSORS

Platinum Sponsors: Isaac Heating & A/C, Q Dental Group, and Vision Automotive Group

Gold Sponsors were: CCRG Marketing Group, Taylor Rental, Frank Brothers – The Country Store and Hank's Roast Beef & Ice Cream, Signworld, Admar Supply Co.

Silver Sponsors were: Dr. Daniel Squilla, DDS, MSM Marketing, Greater Rochester Orthopedics, TAK Leasing, Davie Kaplan, WebTitle Agency, Pace Windows, Wachovia Securities, Titan Insurance, Guadagnino Family, Greenwood Art & Typo, Factory Direct Trailers

Bronze Sponsors were: Odenbach Family, Felluca Garage Door Co., Genesse Regional Bank, Burns Family, Flaherty Funding, Connors Haas, Inc., Occusight Eye Care Center, Harter Secret & Emery, The Golf Tee

Copper Sponsors were, Esquier Family, Upstate Physical Therapy, Maplewood Nursing Home, King Graphic, Merrill Lynch, Roberts Travel, Special Care Systems, LLC, O'Dell Family Chiropractic, Visionary Eye Associates, Anthony Funeral Chapel, Bay Ridge Mobil, Warren's Paint

* * * * *

ST. RITA SPECTACULAR RAFFLE Is Coming Soon!

This is our one major fundraiser for the year, which kicks off in March! The monies raised are used to support our 50+ ministries and parish needs. A portion of our Spectacular Raffle proceeds will be tithed to charity.

The St. Rita's Spectacular Raffle offers you the opportunity to Win a Brand New Car!
a Getaway Travel Package or Wegman's gift cards!

ST. RITA CHURCH DIRECTORY

A Stewardship Parish

1008 Maple Drive Webster, New York 14580

**Parish E-mail: wstritap@dor.org
Parish Office 671-1100**

**Parish Website: www.saintrita.org
Parish Fax: 671-5446**

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Charles J. Latus	671-1100 ext. 16 latus@dor.org
Priest Intern	Rev. Hoan Dinh	671-1100 ext. 21 Hdinh@dor.org
Deacon	John McDermott	Cell – 406-5283 jmcderm1@rochester.rr.com
Pastoral Associate	Rose Leisenring	671-1100 ext. 17 rleisenring@dor.org
School Principal	Sr. Katherine Ann Rappl, RSM	671-3132 sritadcs@dor.org
Pastoral Associate	Andrew Desmarais	671-1100 ext. 15 ddesmarais@dor.org
Faith Formation Coordinator	Anita Wagner	671-1100 ext. 20 or 671-2079 awagner@dor.org
Youth Minister	Mary Jo DiNoto	671-1100 ext. 18 mdidia@dor.org Youth Center Phone: 671-1249
Music Director	Chrisanne Yule	478-0778 yulecmusicme@rochester.rr.com
Parish Secretary	Karen Casper	671-1100 ext. 11 wstritap@dor.org or kcasper@dor.org
Parish Bookkeeper	Sharon Pucher & Lisa Hendershot	671-1100 ext. 12 spucher@dor.org lhendershot@dor.org
Maintenance Supervisor	Steve D'Arienzo	671-1100 ext. 19 sdarienzo@dor.org
Parish Facility Scheduling	Sharon Dries	671-1100 ext.13 or 425-8194 or sdries@rochester.rr.com
Parish Pastoral Council President	John O'Connor	787-1608
St. Rita's Convent		671-1612
St. Rita's Youth Group		671-1249
Webster/Penfield Connection Coord.	Marie Czerniawski	marieczern@aol.com
Campus Security	Al Richards	381-1740

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am
DAILY MASS or HOLY DAY SCHEDULE: Please see the Bulletin or call 671-1100 x 22

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:30– 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents whose children are to be baptized should be registered and participating in the faith community of St. Rita. Please call Rose Leisenring at the Parish Office to arrange a meeting with a member of our pastoral staff at least 3 months prior to baby's birth.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage for registered parishioners must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting with the priest.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please make arrangements by contacting the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! To join our parish, please pick up a new parishioner registration folder available in the library in Church on weekends or at the Parish Office.

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS: A blessing is given during all Masses on the first Sunday of each month.