

**DECEMBER 27, 2009**

**Lord, as we make our resolutions for the new year, let us go forward with great hope that all things are possible with your help and guidance." *Happy New Year!***

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**ST. RITA 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
- Portable Projector for laptop computer \$600

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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**St. Rita School wishes all a Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**

(photo here)

At the St. Rita School Christmas Pageant Shepherds, (Simon Minich and Dan Robinson) and King, (Evan Mitchell) surround The Manger Scene with Joseph (Joseph Alaimo) , Mary (Victoria Klimek) and the Angel (Leisiana Vazquez). This pageant was our gift to all our families, parish and school and our thank you for what you do for us all year. Christmas Blessings!

Sister Katherine Ann, Faculty and Staff

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**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Wednesday, January 13  
7:30pm in Room 1



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

**HANDS OF CHRIST AWARD 2010**



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 DiNoto, 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.

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**St. Rita's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior High Retreat the weekend of February 12-14, 2010**

We will be traveling by bus to:

The Salvation Army Camp at Long Point  
100 Long Point Road  
Penn Yan, NY 14527

This retreat is for all youth in grades 9-12. The cost is \$90.00 per person, \$150.00 for a family of two and \$210.00 for a family of three.

Please don't let finances stop you from attending this retreat – any questions call Mary Jo (youth minister) at the office at 671-1100 x18 or home at 671-4491.

Registration forms are available in the parish office or on line at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org). Please have the registration form and money back to Mary Jo no later than Wednesday, January 27

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**Thank you** to all who knitted, crocheted or purchased hats, gloves, scarves and adult and baby afghans. Over 550 items were delivered to local centers. Those less fortunate are warmer this Christmas season thanks to your generosity! Blessed Christmas to you all!

Marie DeVogelaere & Eleanor Hanley



## EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2009

9:15AM JENNIE LADOLCE FUNERAL

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009

9:15AM JOHN VOSEFSKI – Don & Julie Ross

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2009

7:00AM MICHAEL VINCENT – Ruth Regensburger  
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009

9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2009

Anticipated Mass – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00pm EDWARD & THERESA WYNNE. –  
Elmer & Pat Platten

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010

Holy Day – The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:15am FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
ALONGI FAMILY – Family

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 2010

5:00PM TIM GROTH – Arlene Fournigault

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010

7:30AM TED JANOWSKI – Wife  
9:00AM EDWARD GEIER – Thelma Benwitz  
10:30AM RAY ZIMMER – Tom & Michelle Garney

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of the Eugene Seiler**

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**Did You Know? Our bulletin is available each  
week on-line at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) – check it out!**

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#### 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 1<sup>st</sup>

## Pastor's Perspective

### How to Let Your Light Shine at Christmas and Always

**Work with joy.  
Pray with love.  
Dream from your heart.  
Share what you have.  
Live simply.  
Love deeply.  
Thank God always!**

May this Spirit guide us all through the New Year!

Happy New Year,

**Fr. Chuck**

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#### **The Octave and the Christmas Season**

Like Easter, Christmas is too big for just one day; it overflows into a special season of its own. The octave days of Christmas are celebrated with special solemnity. On the Sunday within the octave we celebrate Christmas again, from a new perspective, with the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The octave concludes with the solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, on January 1, the first great solemnity of Mary in the Church. The Christmas season continues with the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. This solemnity honors the “manifestation” of Christ. Epiphany is traditionally celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas (January 6). The Christmas season concludes with the celebration of the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 11). With his baptism, the so-called hidden years of Jesus’ life come to an end, and his public ministry begins.

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**The Parish Offices will be closed from  
Thursday, December 31  
and Friday, January 1  
for the New Year's Holiday**

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#### **FOOD COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

On the first Sunday of each month, parishioners are asked to bring in food for the needy in our area. Food may be left in the greeting area of Church. Please remember to bring your nonperishable foods to church with you next weekend.

Your Social Action Ministry Committee thanks you!

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK      DECEMBER 27, 2009**

**SUNDAY 12/27**

8:30-11:00am      Breakfast Club – Gym

**MONDAY 12/28**

No Faith Formation Classes

**TUESDAY 12/29**

1:00pm      No Faith Formation Classes  
Recovery – Rm

**PARISH SUPPORT  
For Last Weekend December 19 & 20**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Dec. 2009	Variance
\$20,206	\$16,200	+ \$4,006

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$374,735	\$382,900	- \$8,165

(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	\$102,894

**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.

**SACRISTAN:**

Week of December 27      Miriam & Dan Kennelly

**LINENS:**

Week of January 3      Joan Ferland

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**2009-2010 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**

**Thank you to over 822 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](http://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.

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



*Arianna Kayleigh Holtby  
Jacob Michael Nasipak*

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**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 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
- 28 Mon **Holy Innocents** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-5,7-8  
Mt 2:13-18
- 29 Tue 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5-6 Lk 2:22-35
- 30 Wed 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
- 31 Thu 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18
- 1 Fri **Mary, Mother of God** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
- 2 Sat **Sts. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
- 3 Sun **The Epiphany of the Lord** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
Next Weekend ~ JANUARY 2 & 3**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Bryan Meisenzahl, Eileen Meisenzahl, Ben Meisenzahl

**Sunday, 7:30am:** Kayla Chapman

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Juliana Cruz, Corina Cruz, Rachael Connor

**Sunday, 10:30am:** Juliana Baratta, Isabelle Clemens

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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!

**Jan. 3** Dick Sorce and Team 1 will prepare **2 + 2 Special** – 2 eggs any way plus 2 bacon or 2 sausages served with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

**Jan. 10** John O'Connor and Team 2 will be serving **Chicago Eggs** with warm buttered toast and a free bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

**Jan. 17** 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.

**Jan. 24** The Clemens family will prepare their delicious **Egg Bake** with a twist with a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

**Jan. 31** Mary Dailor and team will offer **French Toast Croissant** with fruit topping with a bottomless cup of coffee for a donation of \$4.00.

May the New Year be good to all of us!  
Love, Jane