

**JANUARY 10, 2010**

**Stewardship Thank You!**

On behalf of the Saint Rita Parish staff, pastoral council and ministries, we wish to sincerely thank all of our parishioners for your commitments of time, talent and treasure to Saint Rita Parish, the Rochester Diocese, and broader community of God's people.

It is through these commitments that Saint Rita parish has .....

- Steadily strengthened ministry participation,
- Increased financial giving despite difficult times,
- Made significant progress towards achieving the Catholic Ministries Appeal goal,
- Overall become a better parish.

May God continue to bestow many blessings on you and your families in this New Year.

***Stewardship ....Live It!***



**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!

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**CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE**

**Thank you to over 845 households** who have already responded with a gift or pledge (34% participation). The Appeal helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and yours, and then think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we can remain strong and able to do God's great work! 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). Extra forms are in the back of church and may be placed in the collection or mailed directly to the Diocese. We thank you for your generosity!

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**ST. RITA SCHOOL NEWS!**

**You are invited to**

**St. Rita School for New Parent Information Night**  
**Thursday, January 21 at 7:00pm**

Grades Pre-K 3 through 6  
*Where Faith and Knowledge Meet*  
Free Babysitting is Available!

Registration begins February 1 - visit St. Rita School on February 2 during school hours 9:00am to 2:00pm. Call 671-3132 for tour.

**FIRST EUCHARIST Kick-Off Meeting!**

The kick-off meeting for First Eucharist is Thursday, January 28 at 6:30pm in the church. If you are planning to have your child receive this Sacrament and have not yet registered please send in your Registration Form as soon as possible. Registration forms are available in the Faith Formation Office, and on our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org). Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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

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.

**From the desk of Mary Jo DiNoto, Youth Minister**  
**671-1100 ext. 18 or [mdinoto@dor.org](mailto:mdinoto@dor.org)**



**Youth News**

All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome! Check out our website at [www.saintrita.org](http://www.saintrita.org) for more information and upcoming events.

**Sunday, January 10 from 12:00-1:00pm**

**Jr. High Youth Group** will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-8 is most welcome!

**Sunday, January 10 from 6:30-8:00pm**

**Sr. High Youth Group** will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 9-12 is most welcome!

**ST. RITA SOCIETY GATHERING**

**Monday, January 18 at 11:30am**  
**In the Parish Center**

**LASAGNA LUNCH AND ENTERTAINMENT – By the Oasis Tappers!**

Join us for a lasagna Lunch complete with tossed salad, bread and dessert. Entertainment will be provided by the Oasis Tappers. They are 24 senior adults ranging in age from 62-92, directed by Erika Atkinson.

**RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST!!** Please call Felice at 671-5177. Sorry no walk-ins.



## EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010

9:15AM ANGELA PALMIERI – Patty & Joe Janiak

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010

7:00AM DON STUART – Jeanne & Ed Bell

9:15AM ANGELA PALMIERI – Thelma Benwitz

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2010

7:00AM TERESA SEIPENBUSCH –  
Linda , Bonnie and Bill

9:15AM MARY FRANCES CARNEY –  
Ambrose & Peg Ryan

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2010

7:00AM BILL MYKINS, SR. –Jerry & Nancy Kohlmeier

9:15AM SHIRLEY KINSELLA –Sue & Megan MacAnn

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010

9:15AM MEMORIAL MASS FOR CATHERINE O'NEILL

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2010

5:00PM JOHN, FRANCIS & TERRY LYNCH –  
Dick DiMaria

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2010

7:30AM ROCCO PROVENZALE – Mario Provenzale

9:00AM ROSE & JOSEPH MANUSE – Family

10:30AM RUSSELL GIOVINE – Wife & Children

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn  
in loving memory of the Jane Poslusny**

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### BOY SCOUT SUNDAY MASS



All Cub and Boy Scouts in St. Rita Parish are invited to attend the **9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** in celebration of Boy Scout Sunday. Please meet in Room 1 at 8:30am. Dens and troops will be seated together after processing into church as a group. A reception for Scouts and their families will be held after Mass.

Scouts in the parish (other than those in Pack or Troop 163) who have completed the requirements for the religious emblem associated with their rank and who have submitted the appropriate paperwork to the diocese are invited to notify Mary Lou Padgett (671-0549) by January 24<sup>th</sup> to be recognized during the Scout Mass. Scouts who have earned religious medals this year will be honored in a ceremony with Bishop Matthew Clark on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

We hope to see all Scouts from our parish on January 31 to celebrate Boy Scout Sunday!



## Pastor's Perspective

In a recent piece in "America" magazine, Fr. James Martin, S.J.; one of its editors reflects on parish life around the country. In his travels over the last three years he has visited 50 parishes - mainly in New York, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania - also Maryland and Massachusetts, California and Illinois. In reading his observations, it occurred to me that many of you might benefit from his "unscientific" survey, so I'm going to share it over two weeks and see what you think!

### Part One:

The occasions for my visits are invitations to speak at parishes, usually in the evening, on a topic like the saints or joy in the spiritual life. Normally the schedule proceeds as follows: I am picked up at a train station by the pastor, driven to the rectory, where I dine with the resident priests (sometimes with deacons, sisters or pastoral associates) and shown around the church before the talk. Afterward the pastor or a parishioner drives me back to the station. In the process, everyone is eager to talk about what is going on in their parish.

Mind you, these data are rather random, and I do not aspire to the sociological standards of the Center for Applied Research on the Apostolate. Nonetheless, here is what I've learned (no confidences will be broken).

1. *Pastors are astonishingly busy.* Normally, it is the frazzled pastor with his clerical collar askew, who meets me at the train station. "Sorry I'm late," he'll say. "It's been a crazy day!" Now everyone seems busy these days, especially parents of young children and those working multiple jobs, but I wonder how many Catholics know how hard their pastors work. In between the sacramental services there is balancing the books, managing the school, visiting the sick and lonely, counseling and on and on. Typically, the pastor works with a small clerical staff. So the first finding: the hard-working dog-tired pastor is the norm.

2. *Sisters and lay pastoral associates are the lifeblood of the church.* Last year I spoke at the jubilee Mass of a woman religious. When I arrived, I was deluged with stories about how much people loved her and with detailed descriptions of the dazzling array of activities she had founded. Even sisters in their 70s and 80s who have had several careers are full of zeal for the people of God. One night, following news about the Vatican's apostolic visitation of American women religious, I met a sister who ran the parish adult education activities and saw a dozen people for spiritual direction. I thought, I wish the Vatican could meet her!

Working just as hard – and taking care of a family on top of it – are lay pastoral associates, who are usually highly educated and experienced but low paid. Without these two groups, sisters and lay associates, our church would grind to a halt.

Interesting yes?!

Peace,

**PLANS FOR THE WEEK                      JANUARY 10, 2010**

**SUNDAY 1/10**

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

**MONDAY 1/11**

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 1/12**

9:00am                                      MOMS Group – Rm 3

10:00-Noon                              Stephen Ministry – Rm 1

1:00pm                                      Recovery – Rm 3

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

**WEDNESDAY 1/13**

2:30-3:15pm                      Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

7:00pm                                      Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

7:30pm                                      Companions in Grief – Rm 1

8:30-10:30pm                      Men's Basketball – Gym

**PARISH SUPPORT  
For Last Weekend January 2 & 3**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Jan. 2010	Variance
\$15,763	\$14,800	+ \$963

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$405,809	\$413,900	- \$8,091

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment                      \$2,725  
Mortgage Balance as of January 1, 2010                      \$165,997

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal                      \$112,502  
Pledges Received to Date                      \$104,949

**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.

**Per Diocesan Guidelines:  
2009 Parish Contributions Statements  
will be sent out first class mail  
to each household by Saturday, January 30.**

**SACRISTAN:** Week of January 10                      Tom Marton

**LINENS:** Week of January 17                      Patricia Kuby

**BIBLE READINGS:**

- 10 Sun    **The Baptism of the Lord** Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Lk 3:15-16,21-22
- 11 Mon    1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20
- 12 Tue    1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1,4-8 Mk 1:21-28
- 13 Wed    1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39
- 14 Thu    1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,25-26 Mk 1:40-45
- 15 Fri    1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
- 16 Sat    1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19;10:1a Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
- 17 Sun    **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED  
Next Weekend ~ JANUARY 16 & 17**

**Saturday, 5:00pm:**

Marisa Vargas, Mary Martellotta, Kayla Gateson

**Sunday, 7:30am:**

Josh Kwiatkowski and Jack Samuelson

**Sunday, 9:00am:**

Victoria Ritzel, Krista Barbeau, Gabrielle Mara

**Sunday, 10:30am:**

Caprie Romano, Megan Hildenbrand, Julia Klimek

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

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The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate **National Vocation Awareness Week, January 10-16**, beginning with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

"This week provides the opportunity for parishes across the country to promote vocations through prayer and education," said Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston, chairman of the Bishops' Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations. "It is our responsibility to encourage young people to be generous in their response as they discern the possibility of a call to service in the Church. We must also ask parents, families and our parish communities to assist with this work; vocations are everyone's business. As we pray for an increased number of seminarians and candidates for religious life, we recognize the importance of safeguarding the gift of vocations."

In our own Diocese of Rochester, we celebrate with Bishop Clark the publication of his new book, Forward in Hope: Saying Amen to Lay Ecclesial Ministry. In his book, our bishop speaks beautifully of the gift that dedicated lay women and men in ministry have been to our diocese.