

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

We can often convince ourselves that helping someone who can help us at some time is sufficient demonstration of Christian Stewardship. Helping others without expecting in return is a true example of generosity.

Stewardship Live It!

**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.

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**St. Rita's 4th 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. Please have the registration form and money back to Mary Jo no later than Wednesday, January 27.

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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to over 858 households who have already responded with a gift or pledge (35% 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. 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!

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY MASS



All Cub and Boy Scouts in St. Rita Parish are invited to attend the **9:00am Mass on Sunday, January 31st** 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 24th 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 6th at 12 noon at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



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

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ANNUAL PIE SALE



**After all Masses!
January 30 - 31**

There will be a great assortment of flavors available during our St. Rita Society's Annual Pie Sale. Pies are \$7.00 each. If anyone would like to donate a pie, we would be thrilled to have your donation. Just drop it off before Mass that weekend. It's Super Bowl weekend so pick up a pie for the game. Proceeds will go toward parish projects.

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FIRST EUCHARIST ~ Kick-Off Meeting!

**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. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner at 671-2079.

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, January 31 from 5:30-7:00pm
Combined Jr./Sr. High Youth Group will meet at the Youth Center. Anyone in grades 6-12 is most welcome!



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2010
No Masses - Holiday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010
9:15AM PAT CIMMINO – The MOMS Group

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010
9:15AM ELLENMARIE SMITH – Thelma Benwitz

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010
7:00AM BEATRICE JOHNSON – Bob & Mary Ann Beikirch
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2010
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010
5:00PM JERRY LEBLANC – Bev & Louie Schnorr

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2010
7:30AM WILLIAM MYKINS, JR. & SR. – Donna Schlonski
9:00AM FRANCES ROMEO – 9:00 Mass Ushers
10:30AM SADIE COSTELLO – Alicia & Jeff Smith

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Jerry Pinkney**

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St. Rita Parish is a wonderfully active, growing and welcoming faith community thanks to all of you!

2009 TOTALS

Baptisms	60
First Communion Candidates	153
Confirmation Candidates	101
Marriages	6
Funerals	58
New Families Registered in 2009	93
Total # of Families registered as of 12/31/09	2,485
Total # of Individuals registered as of 12/31/09	8,177
Families living in the 14580 zip code	87 %
Average Weekly Attendance	1900 individuals
Total # of students enrolled in St. Rita School Pre-K 3 through 6 grade	423
Total # of students enrolled in St. Rita Parish Faith Formation Programs	340

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. I shared Part I last week. Here is the continuation of his article:

Part Two:

People love their parishes. Before these lectures, I am usually guided through the church. It is always fascinating to take in the architecture (neo-Gothic 1900s, Art Deco, 1930s, A-frame 1950s, airy 1980s), examine the statues of the saints and hear the pastor explain any mysterious stained-glass window images. And no matter what the diocese, the easiest conversation starter is, "You have a lovely church." The response is invariably, "oh, we love it here!" Then comes the best part of the evening: They tell me how much they treasure their parish, pastor, deacons, sisters, and pastoral staff. Most Catholics just love, love, love their parish.

True, not all is well in Catholic Land. I also hear the tales of rigid priests and grumpy sisters. And believe m, when people know you are not part of the local diocese and are not going to report them to anyone, the floodgates of complaint open up. But overall, the life of the Catholic parish is flourishing and I have seen the proof.

Interesting yes?!

Peace,
Fr. Chuck

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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.

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**The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday,
January 18 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

PLANS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 17, 2010

SUNDAY 1/17

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 1/18

11:30am No Faith Formation Classes
St. Rita Society – Gym

TUESDAY 1/19

9:00am No Faith Formation Classes
 MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Liturgy Committee – Parish Office

WEDNESDAY 1/20

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Finance Council – Parish Office
9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 1/21

7:00pm New School Parent Information Night – Gym

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend January 9 & 10**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Jan. 2010	Variance
\$ 17,443	\$14,800	+ \$2,643

Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$423,252	\$428,700	- \$5,448

(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

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 by first class mail
to each household by Saturday, January 30.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

Our Parish Health Ministry Committee will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses next weekend in Room 1.

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

Elizabeth Grace Schillaci
Anthony Michael Meli



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BIBLE READINGS:

- 17 Sun **2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-3,7-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11
- 18 Mon 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mk 2:18-22
- 19 Tue 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22,27-28 Mk 2:23-28
- 20 Wed 1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51 Ps 144:1,2,9-10 Mk 3:1-6
- 21 Thu **St. Agnes** 1 Sm 18:6-9,19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3,9-14 Mk 3:7-12
- 22 Fri 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4,6,11 Mk 3:13-19
- 23 Sat 2 Sm 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 Ps 80:2-3,5-7 Mk 3:20-21
- 24 Sun **3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 Ps 19:8-10,15 1 Cor 12:12-30 Lk 1:1-4;4:14-21

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ JANUARY 23 & 24**

- Saturday, 5:00pm:**
Kyle Swovick, Peter Swovick, Connor McKenna
- Sunday, 7:30am:** Sandy Loeb and Ashley Coumou
- Sunday, 9:00am:**
Vicky & Brianna Gammons, Mary Grace Charleton
- Sunday, 10:30am:**
Steven Fantigrossi, Phil DeMarco, John Lammers

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- SACRISTAN:** Week of January 17 Shirly Mintz
- LINENS:** Week of January 24 Sandra Kuebel

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

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ATTENTION ST. RITA PARISH SENIOR CITIZENS

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TEA!

Hosted by St. Rita School students

Wednesday, February 3
from 10:00-11:30am
in the Parish Center



Please join us for prayer, tea, cookies, entertainment and fun! RSVP by January 15 to 671-3132 or jjohn@dordcs.org.