

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Everyone has a different capacity to give. But we shouldn't concern ourselves with comparing our stewardship effort to those of others. Instead, measure your gift by the sacrifice you are making.

Stewardship Live It!

LENTEN PENITENTIAL REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 17) and Good Friday (April 2) are days of both fasting and abstinence. All other Fridays during the season of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. All persons 14 years of age and up are obliged to abstain.

Fasting refers to eating only one full meal a day with smaller portions that do not constitute a full meal at the other two meal times. Adults between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

BAPTISMS ~ Official instructions that accompany the Rite of Baptism state that Baptisms are not to be celebrated during the Lenten Season. To remember the Paschal character of this Sacrament, we will resume Baptisms at Easter time.

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Did You Know?

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

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**WPCC Health Ministry
ADVANCE CARE PLANNING PROCESS**

Advance Care Planning is a process of planning for future medical care in case you are unable to make your own decisions. It is a continual process and not merely a document or isolated event and will assist you in preparing for a sudden unexpected illness from which you expect to recover, as well as the dying process and ultimately death.

Advance Care Planning is a gift to you and your family and is important in assuring that your wishes are honored if you are unable to speak for yourself. Directives apply **only** when the need arises and you are unable to speak for yourself.

Information on Advance Care Planning and Health Care Proxy forms will be available once a month during our Blood Pressure Screenings on the 4th weekend of each month in Room 1.

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FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS

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

“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD”

This Lenten presentation is a combined effort of the 4 churches in our Webster Penfield Catholic Connection.

Dr. Joe Kelly will lead the churches of our region in our Lenten reflection. Dr. Kelly is a Professor of Religion and teaches the Scriptures, ethics, Roman Catholic history and theology and Jewish-Catholic relations at Nazareth College.

MARCH 1, Monday “Be Still”
10:00-11:30am at Holy Trinity Church
7:00-8:30pm at Holy Trinity Church

MARCH 2, Tuesday “And Know”
10:00-11:30am at St. Paul’s Church
7:00-8:30pm at St. Paul’s Church

MARCH 3, Wednesday “That I am God”
10:00-11:30am at Holy Spirit Church
7:00-8:30pm at St. Rita Church

“Be still and know that I am God”

This line from Psalm 46 is surrounded by confidence that God is with us, and that God makes all things new.

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LENTEN FISH DINNERS

**Served every Friday during Lent
5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center**

Each Friday during Lent Fish Dinners will be served from 5:00-7:00pm in the Parish Center Gym. It is staffed by a wonderful team of volunteers sharing their stewardship of time and talent.

Fried or Baked Haddock are available as well as **Cheese Pizza** for those who do not care for fish! Fish dinners include coleslaw, french fries and a roll ~ \$9 for adults and \$8 for Seniors. Children’s portions are available for \$5 - as well as Soft Drinks, Milk, Coffee, Tea, and Ice Cream cups.

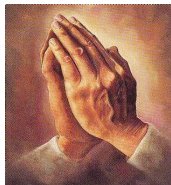
Come in for great sit down table service or take out.

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**St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163
PASTA DINNER
Saturday, March 6
4:00-7:00 in the Parish Center**

St. Rita Boy Scout Troop 163 is hosting their annual Pasta Dinner which is their biggest fund raiser for the Troop. With this dinner our boys are able to participate in activities such as camping, outdoor activities, community services, and Council-wide activities. Tickets are: \$7.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12 and children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased this weekend and next after Mass, at the door, or call Liz Staszak at 872-4217.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2010

7:00AM ALICE O'CONNOR – Diane and Family
9:15AM JOSEPH PILATO – Josephine Pilato

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2010

9:15AM HANNAH & JAMES KELLER – Daughter, Joyce Hollander

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2010

7:00AM TERESA SEIPENBUSCH - Don & Helen Kelly
9:15AM MORNING PRAYER
11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE (Sage Harbor)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2010

7:00AM ART GRIFFITH – Anne Muir
9:15AM JERRY RANIEWICZ – Patty & Joe Janiak

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2010

9:15AM FUNERAL MASS FOR MAY MALINCHAK

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2010

5:00PM MARGARET "PEG" MC VEA – Gary, Karen & Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2010

7:30AM EDWARD GEIER – Wife & Children
9:00AM DONALD EVANGELISTA – Wife & Children
10:30AM GARY DIXON – The Mintz Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Joseph Pilato

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ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

**Saturday, March 20
after the 5:00pm Mass in Church**

The tradition of the St. Joseph's Day Table began in Sicily in 1324 in thanksgiving for favors received from God through the intercession of St. Joseph. The Table is meant to offer a taste of God's goodness and to honor St. Joseph. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus and husband of Mary, a man of great faith, humble and hardworking, a carpenter.

The foods on the table are foods that were available during the spring season or left from the winter storage. They include green vegetables, beans, grains, eggs, honey and fruits. They are meatless except for fish. Elaborate breads formed in symbolic shapes and sweet baked goods decorate the tiered table. These gifts are intended to remind us of the original tradition of caring for the poor and needy. A box for a free will offering will be available and the donations will be given to HOPE House.

If you are able to help in any way with food, set up, clean up, or for information, call Felice at 671-5177.

Pastor's Perspective



Lent is not so much about looking back as it is about looking ahead. You can't follow the Lord by looking back – but by focusing on Him and following Him. It's a time to correct our course. Rather than pulling out our stock list of Lenten "resolutions" we might first, begin with prayer – following the 'Little Black Book' and asking ourselves where God is calling us on our journey.

The following reflection by Brian Wren might help:

*This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.*

*For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference,
As faith and hope are born again.*

*Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.*

*Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.*

*In faith we'll gather round the table
To taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
Our God is making all things new.*

Peace and Happy Growth-filled Lent,
Fr. Chuck

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HELP US HELP OTHERS!

I have been delighted at the generosity you have shown toward the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** over the years. It is a testament not only to your faith, but your good stewardship.

As you may know, we are so very close to achieving our goal this year. So far, we have received gifts/pledges from 873 generous families totaling \$105,796. You have my gratitude for your generosity. Because of our association with the diocese, our ministries in religious education, sacramental preparation, and youth, young adult and family programs are strengthened by your gifts to the CMA. Stewardship challenges each of us to recognize that we are part of a larger community. The CMA gives us an opportunity to respond positively to church needs outside the boundaries of our parish.

I ask you in the spirit of teamwork and community if you have not yet made a gift to the CMA, please do so today. My hope is that all of our families can contribute within their means to help us reach our CMA goal. Please pray about this and do what you can to help.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 21, 2010

SUNDAY 2/21

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 2/22

4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School

TUESDAY 2/23

9:00am MOMS Group – Rm 3
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School

WEDNESDAY 2/24

2:30-3:15pm Children's Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group 2 – Rm 1
9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

THURSDAY 2/25

7:00-8:30pm Scripture Study Group – Rm 1
9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

FRIDAY 2/26

5:00-7:00pm FISH FRY – Gym

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend February 13 & 14**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Feb. 2010	Variance
\$14,414	\$14,800	-\$386
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$497,325	\$502,700	-\$5,375

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of February, 2010	\$164,227
Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$112,502
Pledges Received to Date	\$105,796

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.

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 February 21 Agnes Kopin

LINENS:

Week of February 28 Eileen Romeo

BIBLE READINGS:

- 21 Sun **1st Sunday of Lent** Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2,10-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13
- 22 Mon **The Chair of St. Peter** 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19
- 23 Tue Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
- 24 Wed Jon 3;1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32
- 25 Thu Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7-8 Mt 7;7-12
- 26 Fri Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
- 27 Sat Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
- 28 Sun **2nd Sunday of Lent** Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Ps 27:1,7-9,13-14 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ FEBRUARY 27 & 28**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Kyle Swovick, Peter Swovick, Connor McKenna

Sunday, 7:30am:

Sandy Loeb and Ashley Coumou

Sunday, 9:00am:

Victoria Ritzel, Krista Barbeau, Gabrielle Mara

Sunday, 10:30am:

Abby Geen, Jenny Geen, Jamie Farris



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.



EASTER CANDY SALE

The St. Rita Society will hold their annual candy sale in the greeting area beginning next weekend after all Masses - until they're sold out! Chocolate bunnies are \$3.00 each and Mint-Melt-Aways are \$2.00 per box. Proceeds will be used for Society Outreach Projects.

**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 in getting together with other youth who share their faith and want to have fun together. **Check our website at www.saintrita.org** for more information and events.

Sunday, February 28 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!