

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Giving back the gift of time that God has given to us is a simple way of exhibiting Christian Stewardship. Volunteering in some way that helps others, a gesture of friendship, or any act of prayer are all ways in which we can share our gift of time.

Stewardship Live It!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
Next gathering Tuesday, March 2
10:30-Noon in the Youth Center

Bring your knitting needles or crochet hook and acrylic yarn and join us. All are welcome!

Who receives the prayer shawls we make? Anyone we hear of who is in need! This can include those who are facing serious illness, major surgery, or extended treatments. It can be someone who has suffered a significant loss in their lives or those who are just going through a hard time. Prayer shawls remind recipients that they are enwrapped in God's love. They also provide comfort and reassurance that the community remembers them and are praying for them. If you or someone you know needs a prayer shawl contact Rose at 671-1653, or Drew at 671-1100, X15.

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.

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

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.



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.

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!



St. Rita's has a special blessing for expectant parents held on the first Sunday of each month. Our next **Expectant Parent Blessing** will take place during all of the Masses the weekend of March 6 & 7.

PARISH VISITATION ~ Do you have a loved one at home, in a nursing home, or hospital that is in need of a visit? Our pastoral staff is here for you. Please call Rose Leisenring at 671-1100 ext. 17 or Drew Desmarais at 671-1100 ext. 15.



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2010

7:00AM DAINA JARKOWSKI – Pete Varlan
9:15AM BERT DE LANO – Dottie DeLano

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010

9:15AM ANGELA PALMIERI – Thelma Benwitz

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010

7:00AM MARGARET DWYER – The Battoglia Family
9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY- All are welcome!
RICK KINLEY – St. Rita's Faculty & Staff

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010

7:00AM KAY ANDERSON – The Latus Family
9:15AM PAT CIMMINO – Circle of Faith

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010

9:15AM ANTONIETTA CARMOSINO – Tom & Josephine Atari

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010

5:00PM MICHAEL COOPER – Mary Lou Lawson

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2010

7:30AM MICHAEL CANNAROZZO – Wife
9:00AM JANE POSLUSNY – Marion & Greg Ryan
10:30AM THERESA ALTAVELA – The Schleyers & Cona Families

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**This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
for healing for Scott Horr**

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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.

Pastor's Perspective



Lenten Reflection

I believe one of the most profound conversions called for in Lent is a true acceptance of how much God loves me . . . despite my failures and brokenness (even like St. Peter).

He still loves us deeply and that makes all the difference. If our prayer, fasting and almsgiving can free us up to realize this reality – that makes all the difference.

Perhaps this little reflection will help you see His love in a new way.

God Loves Me . . . and Calls Me by Name . . .

*God sees me and understands me,
knows what is in me,
all my thoughts and feelings,
my likes and dislikes,
my strength and weaknesses.*

*God sees me in my day of joy
and in my day of sorrow,
sympathizes with my hopes
and my temptations.*

*God is interested in my anxieties
and my memories,
all of the ups and downs of my life.*

God encompasses me and carries me.

*God sees me,
whether I'm smiling or in tears,
looks tenderly upon me,
hears my voice,
the beating of my heart,
and my very breathing.*

*No one could ever love me
as much as God loves me.*

God's love is today, tomorrow . . . and forever!

Peace and Happy Lent,
Fr. Chuck

PLANS FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 28, 2010

SUNDAY 2/28

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
5:30-7:00pm Youth Group – Grades 6 – 12 - Gym

MONDAY 3/1

10:00-11:30am LENTEN RETREAT – Holy Trinity
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
6:30-7:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
7:00-8:30pm LENTEN RETREAT – Holy Trinity

TUESDAY 3/2

10:00-11:30am LENTEN RETREAT – St. Paul’s
1:00pm Recovery – Rm 3
4:30-5:30pm Faith Formation Classes – School
7:00-8:30pm LENTEN RETREAT – St. Paul’s

WEDNESDAY 3/3

10:00-11:30am LENTEN RETREAT – Holy Spirit
2:30-3:15pm Children’s Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3
7:00-8:30pm LENTEN RETREAT – St. Rita’s

THURSDAY 3/4

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

FRIDAY 3/5

5:00-7:00pm FISH FRY – Gym

SATURDAY 3/6

4:00-7:00pm BOY SCOUT PASTA DINNER – Gym

BIBLE READINGS:

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
1 Mon Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Lk 6:36-38
2 Tue Is 1:10,16-20 Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23 Mt 23:1-12
3 Wed Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6,14-16 Mt 20:17-28
4 Thu Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 16:19-31
5 Fri Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43,45-46
6 Sat Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Lk 15:1-3,11-32
7 Sun **3rd Sunday of Lent** Ex 3:1-8a,13-15 Ps 103:1-4,6-8,11 1Cor 10:1-6,10-12 Lk 13:1-9

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ MARCH 6 & 7**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Marisa Vargas, Alex Vargas, Ben Meisenzahl

Sunday, 7:30am: Michael Hohl and Josh Kwiatkowski

Sunday, 9:00am:

Vicky Gammons, Brianna Gammons, Cameryn Mathis

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: Omelet to Order Station.

Select your ingredients! This will be served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.25.

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ST. RITA E-NEWSLETTER!

Do We Have Your E-Mail Address? St. Rita’s has a monthly electronic newsletter with all the latest information on parish programs and ministries. If you would like to receive this newsletter please send your e-mail address to the parish office at wstritap@dor.org. Remember – please add wstritap@dor.edu to your “safe-senders” list to be sure your e-news letter doesn’t get caught in your spam folder.

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SACRISTAN: Week of February 28 Tom Marton

LINENS: Week of March 7 Carol Seitz

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Please have someone let the parish office know if you are admitted to the hospital.

We would like to visit them but depend on you to let us know when a parishioner or relative is in the hospital. Please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.

**PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend February 20 & 21**

Last Week	Weekly Goal For Feb. 2010	Variance
\$12,692	\$14,800	- \$2,108
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$510,017	\$517,500	- \$7,483

(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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday, March 21 at 5:00pm

YOUTH FAMILY MASS at St. Rita Church

Hosted by the Catholic Webster Youth Committee (CWYC). Following the mass will be a "pot-luck" dinner and some community sharing. We are asking everyone to bring a dish to pass.

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2010

Where: Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road
When: Friday, March 5
Time: 12:00 Noon - Ecumenical prayer service
Followed by a light luncheon

This year the World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Church Women United, will be gathering to join prayers for the people of Cameroon. Any monetary donations will support the people of Cameroon. Please bring canned good donations for Webster Food Pantry.

**Come sing and pray, joining hands and hearts:
Let everything that has breath praise God!**

For more information please call Colleen Schantz at 265-2124.

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MILITARY PHOTO PRAYER BOARD

There is a photo board of military members of St. Rita Parish located in the greeting area.

PLEASE feel free to bring a photo of your loved one serving. We offer this board to ALL active duty and reservists; soldiers here as well soldiers serving overseas. It is important to know at this time we ask all of you to please remember all military members and their families in your prayers. If you have any questions please call Chrisann Collins 671-1410. Please keep in your prayers: **John J. Collins, Jr., Nicholas Greco, Roger Herbert, Gretchen Specht-Herbert, Scott Hollander, Ryan Kohlmeier, Sean Leavy, Brandon Loveless, Jacob Perryman, Jonathan Specht, Eric Smith, Sasha Waver, Andy Zaiger and James Zaiger.**

EASTER CANDY SALE



The St. Rita Society will hold their annual candy sale in the greeting area after all Masses until they're sold out! **Solid Milk Chocolate bunnies are \$4.00 each and Mint-Melt-Aways are \$2.00 per box.** Proceeds will be used for St. Rita Society Outreach Projects.

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BREAKFAST CLUB

In the Parish Center

MARCH SPECIALS

SERVING ON SUNDAYS 8:30-11:00am

Sharon Pucher & Jane Kunzog, Coordinators

We offer a "Special" each Sunday but we always have a traditional menu as well with items such as eggs (any way you like), bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc. So sit back, enjoy and let Breakfast Club serve you breakfast on Sunday mornings from September through May!

March 7 Dick Source and team will be setting up their **Omelets to Order** Station in the dining room. Select your ingredients! This will be served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.25.

March 14 John O'Connor and team will offer their famous **Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

March 21 Sharon and Jane and Team 3 will feature something special! **Homemade Corned Beef Hash** made with all fresh ingredients served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.50.

March 28 The Clemens Family and Team 4 will offer their delicious **Egg Bake** served with warm buttered toast and a bottomless cup of coffee for \$4.00.

Did you know? that the Tuesday before Lent is called Shrove Tuesday, Mardi Gras Day, Fat Tuesday or Pancake Day? In older times the eating of fat during Lent was forbidden, so people would eat all the butter, fat, eggs and meat in their house on this day so as not to waste them.

A special **"Thank You"** to the members of Team 3 and Gladys Hickey (retired) for their unbelievable effort and cooperation to pull off the German Potato Pancake Breakfast Special last weekend. You all worked so hard and made the breakfast a success!

*Have a good week!
Jane*