

Stepping Stones to Stewardship

Christian stewardship is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian. God gives us the precious gift of life along with all of our talents, skills, and earthly possessions. We are not the owners of our worldly goods or resources. God is the rightful owner and we are compelled – not by law but by gratitude and our Christian faith – to use them according to God’s will.

StewardshipLive It!

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

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DID YOU KNOW?

We have **gluten-free hosts** available for those who have special dietary needs. For more information please call Mary Ann Kwiatkowi at 671-1997.

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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.

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**ST. RITA’S FAMILY AND FRIENDS DAY
Darrien Lake Theme Park and Water Park
Saturday, July 24**



Ticket prices are:

\$17.00 per person – includes admission to the theme park and water park.

\$25.00 per person – includes admission to the theme park and water park plus a meal and drink.

If you would like to attend, please call Mary Jo at 671-1100 x 18 or by e-mail mdinoto@dor.org. Reservations and money are due to the parish office no later than Friday, July 9. This event is sponsored by St. Rita’s Youth Group – anyone is welcome to attend!

God Drops in Training!

Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 classes are learning how to be Joyful God Drops! They enjoy sharing this distinction with the other students at St. Rita School. These little “droplets” have recently enjoyed a “Rodeo” and the Pre-K 4 classes also entertained their families with a special songfest to celebrate their “moving into the big school”. Parents are welcome to participate in the monthly parent involvement days. The Pre-K 4 has also been taking mini field trips to the computer lab to experiment with some new software.

If you would like to visit a class or are interested in enrolling for the 2010 – 2011 school year, please call 671-3132 for further information. You can also check out happenings at schools.dor.org/strita.

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**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 our website at www.saintrita.org

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!
Senior Send-Off Mass
Saturday, July 17 at the 5:00pm Mass**

All High School graduates from the class of 2010 are invited to attend this Mass. Please arrive early – family and friends are welcome! There will be a special blessing for you during the liturgy.

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**LADIES OF ST. RITA PARISH
Save the Date!
September 10-12**

**Our Annual Women’s Retreat
at the Notre Dame Retreat House**

This year’s theme: *Talkin’ the Talk / Walkin’ the Walk*

The topics to be reflected on are:

- 1. What is spirituality?
- 2. History of Catholic spirituality
- 3. Designing a program for my spiritual growth
- 4. How life experiences help us to grow spiritually

Come away for a quiet weekend with the Lord overlooking beautiful Canandaigua Lake.

See future bulletins for more information or you can call Thelma at 872-0642.

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Did You Know? Our bulletin and other parish information is available on-line at www.saintrita.org



EUCCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, JULY 5, 2010

No Masses – Holiday

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2010

9:15AM JACK HESS – Jack & Joan McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010

7:00AM GARY PIETERS – Marge DiSalvo

9:15AM PETER DI GIORGIO – Family

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2010

7:00AM SAM DI SALVO – Gary Staszak

9:15AM BERNADINE GRISWOLD – Thelma Benwitz

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2010

9:15AM RICHARD KIMMEL – The Capezzuto Family

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2010

5:00PM ROBERT MUIR – Anne Muir & Family

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010

7:30AM BARRY HEDDON – Wife, Bonnie

9:00AM EDWARD GREINER – Sally Meroillo & Family

10:30AM BRIAN HARRIS - Patricia Masucci & Family

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Marie Latus

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Wedding Banns II

Brian McCoy & Nicole Gilmour

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DAILY MASS PARTICIPANTS

Phone 671-1100 x 22 – anytime for the most up to date daily Mass schedule!

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DID YOU KNOW? Some of our newer parishioners may wonder why we kneel after the recessional hymn at the end of Mass. It is a tradition at St. Rita Church to take a moment to say three Hail Mary's for the next person from our parish who will join the Lord in heaven.

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The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Welcome Fr. Sam . . .

Fr. Sam Batsa (botch-a) a native of Ghana, has been assigned as Parochial Vicar here at St. Rita. He has been providing pastoral care at Mother of Sorrows in Greece while their Pastor was on Sabbatical. Fr. Sam brings a wide range of priestly ministry and we are fortunate to have him on our Pastoral Team. I know you will extend our customary and long-standing hospitality to Fr. Sam.

Pastor's Perspective

PROGRESS ON CHURCH ENHANCEMENT

As you know part of our Diocesan approved Case Statement in Partners in Faith was "Church Enhancement". A portion of those funds and two very significant gifts by parishioners are and have been kept in a restricted fund for this purpose only.

In recent months our parish Arts & Environment Committee has been reviewing and prioritizing a number of steps. Our main focus has been on re-tinting the high clear windows in the Nave of the Church (peeling badly), improving lighting, better defining the Narthex as part of the Church's sacred space, painting the walls (first time since the church was built), enhancing Mary's shrine in the Narthex, creating new banners.

We will indeed prioritize and only undertake those projects which can be covered by the restricted funds. No other monies will be expended or solicited.

We will be sharing more on all this as planning progresses and hope to begin some of these steps during this next year.

Peace,

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FAITH FORMATION and SACRAMENTS Registration 2010-2011

Registration forms for all currently registered students have been mailed home. Registration forms for new students are available in the following locations.

- Faith Formation Office (located in the School building)
- Church (on the table to the right of the Chapel)
- Parish Office
- On our website at www.saintrita.org

Parish registration is required prior to registering for Faith Formation and Sacrament Preparation Programs. Please submit your registration form as soon as possible. Questions may be directed to Anita Wagner, at 671-2079 or AWagner@dor.org.

PARISH SUPPORT
For Last Weekend June 26 & 27

Last Week	Weekly Goal	Variance
	For June 2010	
\$12,116	\$14,500	+ \$2,384
Year to Date	Year to Date Goal	Variance
\$772,231	\$780,000	- \$7,769

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/09 – 6/30/10)

Monthly Parish Center Mortgage Payment	\$2,725
Mortgage Balance as of June 1, 2010	\$156,923

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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 NOTE

The parish is not able to lend out any of our tables or chairs from the parish center. We need to make sure they stay in good quality condition for our parish and school events and also for parishioners who rent the parish center. Thank you for your understanding.

Do You Knit or Crochet? ~ Each year before Christmas we hold our annual Mitten Sunday. We collect mittens, hats and scarves for those less fortunate. If you knit and would like to get a head start on some items it would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is in need of yarn or if you have any questions please call Marie at 671-6726.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT HOPE HOUSE

Hope House is currently in need of an individual, couple, family or group that would be willing to take on the task of coordinating the activities and needs of the clothing closet ministry. This opportunity would include directing a large group of experienced clothing sorters, organizing the flow of clothing donations, and coordinating the physical maintenance of the clothing closet. Just a few very flexible hours each week is all that is needed. Please contact Maria Buttaccio or Margery Morgan at Hope House (265-6694) with additional questions and/or interest.

It is amazing how quickly summer can go by! Girl Scouts wishing to work on their **Catholic Religious Medals:** Family of God, I Live my Faith, Marian, Spirit Alive or Pius XII please feel free to contact Helena Kessler at hcmkessler@yahoo.com or call 381 5561.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 4 Sun **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-7,16,20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12,17-20
- 5 Mon Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22 Ps 145:2-9 Mt 9:18-26
- 6 Tue Hos 8:4-7,11-13 Ps 115:3-8 Mt 9:32-38
- 7 Wed Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12 Ps 105:2-7 Mt 10:1-7
- 8 Thu Hos 11:1-4,8e-9 Ps 80:2-3,15-16 Mt 10:7-15
- 9 Fri Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4,8-9,12-14,17 Mt 10:16-23
- 10 Sat Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1-2,5 Mt 10:24-33
- 11 Sun **15th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Dt 30:10-14 Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37 Col 1:15-20 Lk 10:25-37

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
Next Weekend ~ **JULY 10 & 11**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Mary Martellotta, Kayla Gateson, Nick Wynne

Sunday, 7:30am:

Kyle Chapman

Sunday, 9:00am:

Rachel Connor, Cameryn Mathis

Sunday, 10:30am:

Vincent Waver, Griffin Virgil,
Brandon Fersaci and Caty Collins

SACRISTAN: Week of July 4

Ellie Salvage

LINENS: Week of July 11

Eileen Romeo

SAVE YOUR PLANT CONTAINERS - Please contact Renate Maciejewski at 671-1984 and Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 to donate clean containers up to one gallon in size for our next year's Fiesta Plant Sale.

Notes of Thanks . . .

- A special thank you to Linda Hasman-Williams who rescued all the unsold Fiesta plants and sold them to her neighbors, friends and relatives adding to the proceeds of our successful plant sale.
- Many thanks to all of our summer gardeners for the beautification of St. Rita's grounds and for their stewardship commitment of planting flowers, trimming bushes, mulching, and the summer maintenance.

TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

Nationwide Mass times & locations for traveling Catholics: Call 1-800 Mass Times or Go online to www.Masstimes.com