

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Father Tim . . .



Catholic Ministries Appeal

You are rocking this year's CMA.

You really are extending the Ministry of Jesus Christ!

It is important to our success that as many households as possible participate in fulfilling our mutual responsibility. If you have not participated in the CMA yet this year or in the recent past, please make whatever contribution you can. They all count and each one strengthens St. Rita's participation. Each one is gratefully received as the gift that it is!

Thank you in advance for being a part of it!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tim

Veterans Day
Monday
November 11

No Daily Mass
or
Confessions

Parish Office will be closed

NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

After the 8am & 10:30am Masses

Stay for a donut and coffee (or juice) after Mass

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



GOAL \$146,000 **PLEDGES \$99,262**


Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

You can also make your gift online at www.dor.org/cma (St. Rita Parish number is 327).


We are at 68% of our goal from 231 households.*

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the success of our CMA!

*UPDATED AS OF 11/4/24

What is a Sensory Friendly Mass?



With lowered lights and softer volume, with a shorter homily and fewer verses, we hope to make this Mass a friendly place for those for whom the brightness, volume, and length of a usual Mass is uncomfortable.

It is up to every one of us to make all of our Masses friendly. Every parent who has an infant that is crying, a child that is fidgeting, a teen that needs to walk or explore, or a family member who is vocalizing needs and deserves our support. Our sincere joy is found in the presence of every person with us at Mass. Our body language and smile should always communicate that joy to all of us united to encounter Jesus in Word and Eucharist.

Everyone, whether with a special need for a Sensory Friendly Mass or not, is welcome and may find these Masses a nice change of pace.

Upcoming Sensory Friendly Masses

Saturday, November 23 at 5:00pm
Saturday, December 28 at 5:00pm
Sunday, January 19 at 2:00pm



Wedding Banns

II

Jaime Benza & James Ling

Weekend Mass Schedule:
Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule:
Mon., Tues., Fri. at 8:15am & Thurs. at 6:00pm
Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:15am
Our 8:00am Sunday Mass is live-streamed on Facebook

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 9/10

EMMA & JOHN POLLOT - By Phil Pollot
 OTTO & PAULA REISCH - By The Spears Family
 VIRGINIA NICASTRO - By Martha & Paul Winterton
 MARY THOMER - By Tom & Karen DiSalvo

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass
 11:45AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024

VETERANS DAY

NO DAILY MASS OR CONFESSIONS - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

8:15AM ALAN MONTANTE - By Wife Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 10:00AM Mass at Baywinde - Castle Point
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 7:00PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

8:15AM Communion Service
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Dinner - Gym
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 7:00PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

2:00PM Fellowship & Friends Social - Rm 1
 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family Mass
 6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rm 1
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

8:15AM GRETCHEN VOSS - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Count It All Joy Music Ministry at Mass
 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1
 10:30AM Student Sunday Mass
 11:45AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 16/17

MICKEY MOREHOUSE - By Joe & Julie Cohn
 ERIC ANDREW STRUB - By The Music Ministry
 PAUL RIZZITANO - By Norine Amato
 ANGELINE PECORA - By Family

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.

LINEN CLEANING: NOVEMBER 10
 CAROL BONCZYK

Reflections on Readings for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"She, From Her Poverty, Contributed All She Had"

Our readings today offer us a glimpse into the world of the poorest of the poor who give to God all that they have.

They are our models of offering to God everything we have.



In our first reading from the first Book of Kings

([1 Kings 17:10-16](#)), the prophet Elijah had proclaimed a drought in the land of Israel because of their evil deeds and idol worship. God then commanded Elijah to travel to Zarephath of Sidon. There he encountered a poor widow who shared with him her last meal, even as she and her son were about to die of famine. God rewarded her and her son with an abundance of oil and flour for the next year until the rains came and the drought ended.

In our Epistle reading ([Hebrews 9:24-28](#)), we hear

a continuation of the Letter to the Hebrews from the past few weeks. In it, we hear the continuing contrast between Jesus, our eternal high priest, and the earthly high priests of Israel. They entered a man-made sanctuary, while Jesus enters the heavenly sanctuary, into the presence of God on our behalf. They offered imperfect sacrifices, first for their own sins, then for others. Jesus, the unblemished lamb, offers the perfect sacrifice - himself. They offered continual sacrifices year after year. Jesus offers himself once, for all.

In our Gospel reading ([Mark 12:38-44](#)), we hear of

a poor widow who gave to the temple treasury everything she had, which was two small coins. This was in contrast to the scribes and the rich people who gave large sums, but only out of their surplus wealth. Jesus called attention to the poor widow as a model for us.

Just as Jesus offered everything He had, His very self, in atonement for our sins, so too, our two widows in today's readings gave everything they had in offering to God. We are called to emulate that spirit of giving - not from our surplus wealth but from our poverty.

Perhaps we can examine our own lives -
 What is it we are poorest in?
 Is this what we are called to give?

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111024.cfm

All are invited to come together for intercessory prayer.

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying to God on behalf of others and ourselves. It is a way to express love and compassion for others, and to imitate Jesus, who prayed for others while on Earth.

Come and pray for your needs and those of others.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024 7:00 PM in the Chapel

Questions ~ contact Julie Cohn ~ julie.cohn@dor.org or 671-1100 ext. 103



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from November 11 – November 17 in loving memory of Adeline Maynard by The Family of Adeline Maynard.

Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, November 16 & 17 in Room 1.

MUSIC MINISTRY COUNT IT ALL JOY Join us next Saturday, November 16th at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our "Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

Retirees and Seniors: We have a new name for our social gatherings!! Please look for social and spiritual opportunities like the recent Pot Luck lunch in October under our new name:

Fellowship and Friends

NOV 14

"A VERY PATRIOT PAGEANT" Wear your red, white, and blue! Thursday, November 14 at 1 pm in the gym presented by the St. Rita School 3rd/4th graders followed by a social in Room 1 with June Frosino and family.

DEC 12 CHRISTMAS PLAY Thursday, December 12 at 1 pm in the gym presented by the St. Rita School 1st/2nd graders

Please contact June Frosino for more information or if you'd like to join us! 671-1100 ext. 105 or june.frosino@dor.org

Stay tuned for more events in the coming months!

Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:



- Josephine Marie Ruehle Esmeralda Lee Spezio Julius Massimo Spezio Emery Quinn Backus Mia Jeanne Kaufman Demi Sophia Murray

WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially: Sally Hutt, John Janssen, Don Maier, Elizabeth Ann Zara

Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita's next C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner is on Wednesday, November 13

We thank you for your generous support in the past. We are again seeking your help with donations. To sign up, go to the following link or scan the QR Code:



https://tinyurl.com/3uy8bw8d Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of November 9 & 10 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area. Thank you so much for your generosity.

SHARING THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS



We will be delivering Thanksgiving Meal ingredients to over 30 families in Webster. We greatly appreciate your generosity in sharing your blessings with others as food and other costs continue to rise!

Let us know which of the list(s) below you will be donating by signing up in the greeting area, emailing elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org, or calling the parish office at 671-1100.

Please drop off items to the **Parish Office**
Monday, 11/18 - Friday, 11/22 from 9 am-Noon

or to the

Kitchen (go around behind the church & look for the loading dock) on

Thursday, November 21 from 4-6 pm

Friday, November 22 from 4-6 pm

Saturday, November 23 from 4-6 pm

Non-perishable items may be left in the greeting area when the church is open for Mass from November 16-23. *Please do not leave frozen or refrigerated items outside of the times listed above.*

**A big THANK YOU to
Cub Scout Pack 163 for
helping with sorting,
packing, and delivery!**

Monetary donations (cash, checks made out St. Rita Church, or electronic) are also welcome – please indicate that it is for Thanksgiving Baskets .

Frozen turkey (any size) - we are taking turkeys any time between now and November 23. Please contact the Parish Office to drop off outside of office hours or the above times.

List A

1. Cranberry Sauce
2. Jar of Applesauce
3. Cream of Mushroom Soup
4. Carton of Broth
5. Gravy (jar, carton, or can)
6. Reusable Shopping Bag

List B

1. Apples
2. Potatoes
3. Onions
4. Celery
5. Reusable Bag

List C

1. Butter (sticks)
2. Eggs
3. Refrigerated Pie Crust
4. Tube of Biscuits

List D

1. Cornstarch
2. Evaporated Milk
3. Pepper (3 oz tin)
4. Salt (26 oz canister)
5. Baking Powder
6. Reusable Bag

List E

1. Canned Yams
2. Stuffing Mix
3. Vegetable Oil
4. Canned Pie Filling (any type, total of 20+ oz.)

be a christmas angel & share some christmas joy!

Your gift donations go to 8 agencies to help make Christmas special for everyone. Our goal is to collect 1500 gifts!



New, **unwrapped** gifts can be dropped off:

- to church the weekends of 11/23 & 11/24 and 11/30 & 12/1
- to the Parish Office 9 am - noon, November 18 to December 1

Visit the tree in the greeting area to pick up a tag with a gift suggestion.

All gifts are due by NOON on Sunday, December 1.



St. Rita School

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God Drop Corner

- Once again, SRS has partnered with Blue Star Mothers ROC for “Operation Share Joy 2024.” We are so proud of our wonderful students who donated some of their Halloween candy and made homemade cards to help spread JOY to our deployed soldiers.
- Our Annual Veteran’s Day Prayer Service took place on Friday as we celebrated Veterans from all branches of service. We are always thankful for their service and are so grateful to honor these heroes.
- St. Rita School will continue to honor Veterans as we observe the day off from school on Monday; keeping them all in our daily prayers.



GRADES 7-12
SUNDAY, 11/17
4-5 PM
ROOM 1

Join Sofia Bosco for fellowship, fun, and making posters & skits for a “campaign for Jesus”

Upcoming dates: 12/8 and 12/15

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put “on hold”, please call the Parish Office at 671-1100 and let us know the dates you will be away and when you will return.



St. Rita School 3rd Annual
Meat Raffle
Saturday, November 16
 at the Ukrainian Cultural Center - Jackson Rd

\$20/ticket or \$175 for a table of 10

Admission includes soda and water
Bring cash for each round and a cooler
for your winnings!

Buy tickets at srswebster.org/giving

Hands of Christ

If you know any High School Seniors who:

- + Demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example
- + Are actively involved in their parish as well as their school community
- + Are a positive role model for their peers

Nominate them! Visit our website for details.

November is
BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

Saint Paul the Hermit
Feast: January 15

Paul was an Egyptian Saint and is considered the first Christian hermit. Born in AD227, he fled persecution into the Roman Egypt desert of Thebes. He lived in the mountains of this desert near a spring and a palm tree, which provided him sustenance. He would remain in a cave living a life of prayer and penitence until he died at the age of 113.

Saint Paul the Hermit discovered the power and peace of solitary prayer. Do you reserve a few minutes each day to spend some quiet, prayerful time with the Lord?


WALK IN OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

Fr. Tim Niven, Pastor - Niven@dor.org
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233-0334

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THANK YOU to all the Saint Rita parishioners who provide items and support to the outreach ministries serving those most in need in the Webster area and near downtown Rochester. These ministries are most grateful for our continued help!



Please bring donations of non-perishable items to St. Rita and place them in or near the shopping cart in our church Greeting Area whenever the church is open for Mass.

We continue to distribute items to the following:

St. Peters Soup Kitchen
PO Box 11031, Rochester, NY 14611
<https://stpeterskitchen.org/>

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
PO Box 31049, Rochester, NY 14603
<http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/>

Webster HOPE
1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580
<http://www.websternyhope.org>

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE Wish List:

Cooking Oil
Coffee
Flour & Sugar
Spaghetti Sauce (jarred)
Corn & Peas (canned)
Pasta (**NOT** whole wheat)
Hand Soap, Body Wash & Bar Soap
Deodorant & Lotion
Diapers - Sizes 5,6, & 7*
Baby Wipes
New Socks & Underwear - All Sizes

*We accept open packages of these items.

**United in Community and Faith - Update**

Last Spring, we announced the United in Faith and Community program to increase Mass attendance and improve offertory giving for the betterment of St. Rita Church and School, aligned to our new mission "Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love."

Nearly six months later, I am pleased to report that Mass attendance has increased by 4% - or about 20 people on average each weekend. Offertory giving has increased 5%, or about \$650 per week.

Although our progress is positive, we have a way to go to achieve our overarching goals of increasing Mass attendance by 200 people and offertory by \$2,500 weekly. Participation by our whole parish and school community is essential to achieve these goals to sustain our community and carry out our mission.

I thank all of you who contribute your time, talent, and treasure to St. Rita and ask for your continued support of United in Faith and Community. With prayer and faith in God, I am confident that we can ensure the growth and success of St. Rita Parish - Church and School.

-Fr. Tim



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