OCTOBER 20, 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. RITA CHURCH



Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.

From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

None of us should be surprised that St. Rita is off to an amazing start with our Catholic Ministries Appeal. As I write this, we are at 40% of our \$146,000 goal. 122 households have participated already with an average gift of \$478! Thank you to everyone who has participated early and so generously.

Over the past several years, the number of participating households has steadily decreased. This downturn has been balanced by an upturn in average gifts.

This year our goal is not only to successfully fulfill our responsibility to the CMA before Christmas, but also reverse the trend by increasing the number of participating households. Two CMAs ago, we had 471 participants. Last year we had 429. This year, our goal is to return to past levels and have 470 participating households.

There are several reasons why participation might have decreased in the past. Parishioners move away, they pass away, or they are no longer able to participate. So, we need everyone who can to participate. Even if it is a small donation, it will count towards our goal of 470 participating households.

As a small incentive, every household whose donation has been entered by that Friday will be entered into a drawing, with various wonderful prizes.

Next weekend, October 26th, the prize will be two tickets to the St. Rita School Meat Raffle that is on November 16th. You will have seats at our Staff table and a chance to bid on a very wide variety of meats. Bring a cooler to take home what you might win!

Thank you to everyone for your participation in the life of St. Rita Parish!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tím



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

> Nicholas Vincent Profetta Cameron Daniel Cappa



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The second collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.





GOAL \$146,000 PLEDGES \$58,000

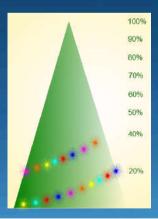
Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

You can also make your gift online through our website or go to www.dor.org/cma (St. Rita Parish number is 327).

We are at 40% of our goal from 122 households.*

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

> *UPDATED AS OF 10/15/24



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

1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580 (585)671-1100 www.saintritawebster.org All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

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MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 19/20

JIM DINOTO - By Andrea Zelak EILEEN DAGONESE - By Carl & Josephine Gangarossa THE DONOVAN FAMLY - By Kathy Foster PATRICK NOLAN - By Mom

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM	Family Mass
9:00AM & 11:30AM	Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
10:30AM	Family Mass
11:45AM	Confirmation Session
11:45AM	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1
2:00 PM	Sensory-Friendly Mass
4:00PM	Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024

8:15AM	MR. & MRS.	JOSEPH FALVO - By Family	Mass
8:45AM -	9:15AM	Confess	sions - Church
4:30PM		Faith Fo	rmation - Gym
7:00PM		Men's Faith G	roup - Room 1
7:15PM		Confirmation S	Session - Gym

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

8:15AM	SIMON PETER HARRIS - By Family	Mass
9:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration - C	Church
9:00AM	WEROC -	Rm 1
2:30PM	Angel Choir Rehearsal -	· Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024

8:15AM	Communion Service
10:00AM	Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
11:00AM	Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
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, OCTOBER 24, 2024

11:30AM	Potluck Luncheon - Rm 1
2:30PM	Altar Server Training - Church
5:30PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:00PM	Mass
7:00PM	Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1
9:00PM	Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024

8:15AM	DICK DIMARIA - By Sister, Lynn DiMaria	Mass
9:00AM	Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Paris	h Office

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

1:00PM	Confirmation Yr. 1 Retreat
4:00PM - 4:30PM	Confessions - Church
5:00PM	Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

Mass
Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1
Confirmation Yr. 1 Retreat

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 26/27

MARTINA FAME - By Family & Racial Justice Ministry SALVATORE DEBIASE - By Wife & Family BEATRIX VOELLINGER - By Family MARCELLO MOLISANI - By Millie & Peter Pecora

LINEN CLEANING: OCTOBER 20 ANN MARIE LIPARI

Reflections on Readings for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For The Son Of Man Did Not Come To Be Served But To Serve And To Give His Life As A Ransom For Many"

Our three readings this Sunday give us three different views of the suffering servant – the one who will give his life as a substitutionary atonement



for the sins of the people (our sins). The image of the blameless lamb that is sacrificed in atonement for sins is as old as Israel itself.

In our first reading (Isaiah 51:10–11), we hear an excerpt from Isaiah's fourth Song of the Suffering Servant. Reading this passage in light of the resurrection of Jesus, it is clear that to us Christians, Jesus is this "servant who shall justify many, and their guilt He shall bear."

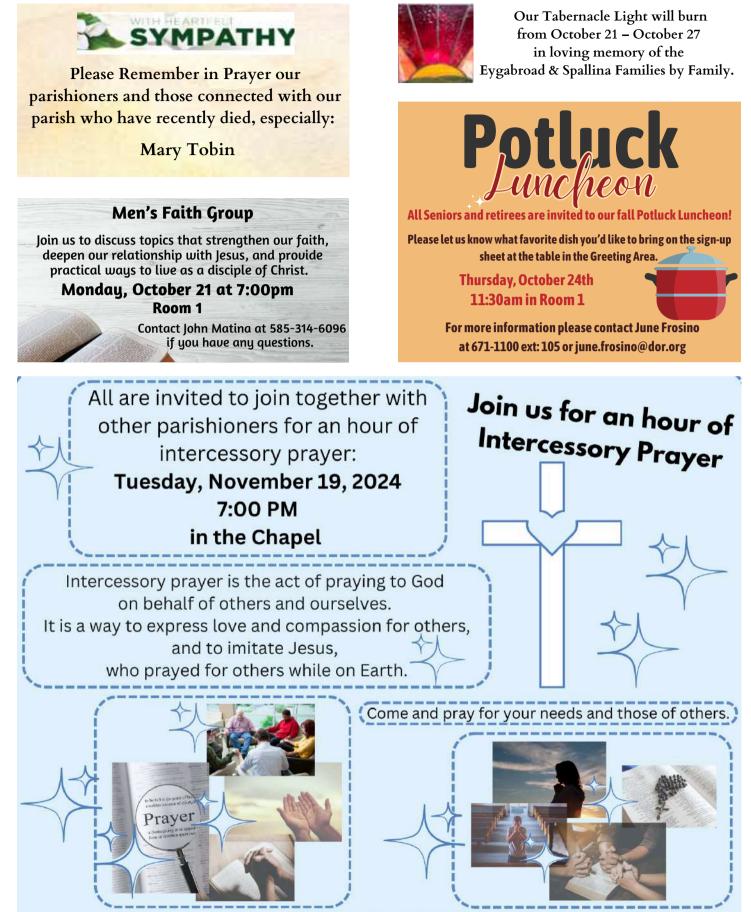
In our Epistle reading (<u>Hebrews 4:14-16</u>), the author compares Jesus to the Jewish high priest who offered sacrifice once each year on the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur. Because our "great high priest" gave His own body and blood as the sacrifice for the sins of the world (once, for all), we can approach Jesus with the confidence that He is able to "sympathize with our weakness."

In our Gospel reading (Mark 10:35–45), we hear the incredible request by James and John to share in Jesus' glory. Odd as that may seem, it was very much in keeping with the culture of the day. They expected a messiah that would ride triumphantly into Jerusalem as king and vanquish its enemies. His disciples would naturally take their places to the left and the right of His throne. Even after multiple warnings by Jesus of His impending passion and death, they just didn't understand. Jesus responded by asking them, "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" "We can", they readily replied. Little did they know that indeed they would.

Sometimes, like the apostles James and John, we may fail to understand the significance of the passion and death of Jesus for the atonement of our sins. Jesus indeed triumphed, but not in the way His disciples expected. Jesus triumphed over sin and death by rising from the dead after three days. Sometimes, we may act as if we haven't been saved, lacking the profound joy that salvation brings. Perhaps we can do better.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102024.cfm

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

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ST. RITA PARISH CENSUS

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who has joined the Parish Census! If you have not shared your information yet, there is still an opportunity to participate with either the Census Booth or the upcoming In-Pew. Follow the instructions below to submit your census information using the QR code today.

COMPLETE THE CENSUS

- 1. Open the camera function on your phone
- Point and focus the yellow box so that it frames the OR Code
- Tap the website displayed at the bottom of your screen "qualtrics.com"



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CENSUS TIP OF THE WEEK:

Complete the census once per household, not per person

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section-no need to fill out separate	reduction (C)		
forms for each family member.	manufactor D		

FINAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CENSUS BOOTH

Need help completing the census form? Come to the Gathering Area after Mass where volunteers are ready to assist you in submitting your census form.

QUESTIONS?

Call: 671-1100 for the Parish Office

Visit our website: www.saintritawebster.org

St. Rita's Prayer Line



If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please send your intention request to Julie at <u>Julie.Cohn@dor.org</u> or call 671-1100 ext. 103. Would you like to become one of our "prayers"? Let Julie know and she will add you to our phone/email chain.

REMINDER HUB

The In-Pew Census will take place on October 19-20, offering guided assistance for completing the census.

Women's Faith Sharing Thursday, October 24 7:00pm in Room 1

Women's Faith Sharing will meet once a month to discuss topics to strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

Please contact Jane Murray at jmurr66eyahoo.com for more information.



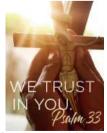


We want to make a home for all here at St. Rita, including our members and neighbors who are neurodivergent, have developmental disabilities, or who find our usual Masses overwhelming due to sensory needs. This Mass is for you - or someone you know!

someone you know! Come join us or share the news with a neighbor who needs a more relaxed environment.

Please join us! Pray the Rosary each Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.





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.



Games and more for grades 7-12! Join us on Sunday, October 20 in Room 1 at 4 pm for Youth Group!



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.

If you have a child ready to be an Altar Server, let us know!

Anyone in grade 3 and up who has received their First Communion is invited to be trained. Contact elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org to pick a date.





St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet! God Drop Corner



- This past week the 1st grade classes visited Schutt's Farm, learned all about growing and harvesting apples, took a wagon ride out to the orchard, and, of course, enjoyed a delicious fried cake from the store. Thank you to our wonderful teachers for planning these hands-on learning activities out in our community!
- "Crazy, Silly Sock Day" was a huge hit on Wednesday. Students wore their craziest socks and donated money to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. It was such a fun way to do something good and help others.
- Our fall service project kicked off this week and students have been busy collecting food, toiletry items, cleaning supplies, and diapers to donate to Webster Hope. If you'd like to contribute, there will be a box in the main entrance of school until Friday 10/25.

JOIN US! Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely reading.

W.E.R.O.C.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

WOMEN ENJOYING REDISCOVERING OUR CATHOLICISM

All are welcome!



We have a hearing loop!

We have a hearing loop available for hearing aid users. It works best near the outside of the sanctuary, closest to the system wiring.

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CONTACT US

WALK IN OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 9:00am – Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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Jennifer LeFrois – <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> St. Rita School Principal St. Rita School Office 671-3132 **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 September/October 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.

13th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "COATS FOR KIDS"

Once again K of C Council #4618 has kicked off our 13th Annual Fund Drive for "Coats for Kids". Each coat is purchased new, at a cost of \$25 and sneakers at a cost of \$18. If you would like to help us, Trinity Council is asking for your most generous donation, by making a check payable to Knights of Columbus #4618 and sending it to:



"Coats for Kids" c/o J.S. Coon, Chairman 230 Champion Ave. Webster, NY 14580



Thank You and May God Bless You for your support!

ST RITA'S SCHOOL 3rd Annual Meat Raffle

Saturday, November 16th Ukrainian Cultural Center 1040 Jackson Road, Webster, NY 14580 Doors Open At 6pm | First Pull At 6:30pm

TICKET INFO

Cost ~ \$20 a Ticket - or- \$175 for a Table of 10 Admission includes Unlimited Soda & Bottled Water

RAFFLE PRIZES

1 for \$20 OR 3 for \$50

Yeti Tundra Haul Wheeled Cooler (Valued at \$450)

30 inch Digital Electrical BBQ Smoker with cover (Valued at \$400)

Propane 30 Quart Turkey Fryer (Valued at \$125)

TICKET

To Buy Tickets Visit: www.srswebster.org/giving

Sponsorship Opportunities

Corporate Sponsor \$500 Ticket Sponsor \$1000 Raffle Sponsor \$1000

Sponsorship Includes: Table of 10 at the Event, Company Advertisement on Social Media & At the Event





The Call to "a Better Kind of Politics"

What do we mean by "politics" and how can we make it better?

In his encyclical, Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis urges Catholics and all people of good will to seek "a better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good" (no. 154).

But what does Pope Francis mean by a better kind politics? In order to unpack this phrase, we need to understand how the Church understands "politics." Catholics in the United States might make an understandable assumption that "politics" refers to partisan activities that occur during election season, including efforts by political parties to promote one candidate over the other, or "parallel monologues" masquerading as dialogue on television (no. 200). These kinds of activities are not what Pope Francis is referring to when he urges us to "a better kind of politics."

Rather, Pope Francis is referring to those activities through which we can bring the light of our faith to the public square in order to further integral human development, solidarity, justice and the common good. Our engagement can take a variety of forms.

Ongoing Engagement

Regularly participating in elections locally and nationally are important forms of political

engagement that receive a lot of attention, but just as important (though less glamourous), are ongoing activities such as involvement in city council meetings or on school boards, knowing how and where funding is allocated in our community, understanding what issues most impact our neighborhoods, what cycles of poverty are working against our neighbors, and participating in processes that advocate for positive change.

These are all examples of how Catholics can practice what Pope Francis describes as "political charity." He writes, "For whereas individuals can help others in need, when they join together in initiating social processes of fraternity and justice for all, they enter the 'field of charity at its most vast, namely political charity.' This entails working for a social and political order whose soul is social charity. Once more, I appeal for a renewed appreciation of politics as 'a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good"' (no. 180). When we participate in the above activities, we are engaging in politics appropriate to our call and responsibility as people of faith. Yet, as human beings, there may be times when our

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- Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 180

engagement does not reflect the charity to which we are called. For example, we may engage in personal attack or insult on social media, fail to seek the truth, or be afraid to critically examine positions of groups to which we may belong. We may fall into these activities as individuals, or we may observe these negative habits in the actions of our elected officials.

Engaging with Love

We must engage with charity and respect. We must break down walls and build the culture of encounter. In our communities, we must also engage with these principles in mind. We build "a better kind of politics" by identifying common values. We listen to understand. We seek the truth together. We pursue the common good through shared values, and we respond to the call "to sustain hope, to be a sign of unity... to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation" (no. 276).

Each of us has a role to play in ensuring that our systems reflect a commitment to human dignity. The political process is not reserved solely for those who hold office or official positions. Authentic engagement can take many forms but is always rooted in our recognition of one another as beloved children of God. We have a responsibility to care for each another not just in words and thoughts, but in action. Working together towards that end means being engaged in the political process in ways that reflect these values: "The development of a global community of fraternity based on the practice of social friendship on the part of peoples and nations calls for a better kind of politics" (no. 154).

"Political charity is also expressed in a spirit of openness to everyone."

- Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti, no. 190

Gospel Call

As humans, we organize ourselves in families, in towns, and countries. The policies of each of these spheres express our values as a people. We put our Gospel call to love one another into action by advocating for policies that support the flourishing of all people. The means through which we engage and how we work with one another should also reflect our values. This is a better kind of politics.

How can we get started?

- Take the pledge committing to charity, clarity, and creativity in your community at <u>CivilizeIt.org.</u>
- Share your commitment on social media using #CivilizeIt.
- Invite your friends and family to do the same by <u>sharing prayers and resources</u> to help build "a better kind of politics."

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