DECEMBER 7, 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent

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From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

Keep Up The Good Work!

Dear Friends,

We are so close to fulfilling our CMA responsibilities. However, as they say, some cracks are beginning to show.

So, on the positive side, as I write this just after Thanksgiving, we are at 86% of our goal and our average gift is whopping \$450 from 303 households.

Our weaknesses are that, so far, we have 145 fewer households participating than last year, with only 18 households that are new to the appeal. I am donating an additional \$5 for every new household and for every household above the number who contributed last year. So far, I am only out \$90. Don't let me off the hook!

My hope is that everyone can come to believe in and value the CMA as much as I do. - Fr. Tim

If you were waiting until now to see if your gift was really needed, then the answer is a resounding "yes, indeed".

If you are waiting until the new year to make your contribution, then would you please make a pledge now which you can then fulfill in the new year? Your pledge can be counted now toward our parish goal.

If you have not yet participated, please pray about your participation this year. There is no expectation that every household matches our current average gift. Make a contribution that makes sense for you and your household.

Please remember the core purpose of the CMA as we support the ministers and ministries, work that is being done for you and in our name. These are ministries that value the dignity of every human person and lift up those who are in circumstances that threaten a person's ability to remember their own sacredness.

St. Rita is so incredibly generous and I thank you in advance for your participation!

Love, Fr. Tím

Lessons & Carols
Sunday
December 7 at 2:00pm

Join us for a joyous celebration of the holiday season through music and word.





GOAL \$155,000

PLEDGES \$133,903

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 86% of our goal from 303 households.*

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

*UPDATED AS OF 12/1/24



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

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 6/7

LOTTIE BART - By Karen & John Muir-Smith and Family NICOLE RANALLETTA - By Christine Ranalletta ROBERT BEIKIRCH - By Bob & Roslyn Patti GIUSEPPE MISTRETTA - By Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Mass 8:30AM - 10:00AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center 10:30AM **CL** Mass 11:45AM Confirmation Session 2:00PM Lessons and Carols - Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:15AM CAROL CIRILLA COFFAS - By Annette Paul & Family Mass 8:45AM - 9:30AM Confessions - Church 9:30AM School Liturgy 1:00PM Waiting with Hope (Week 3) - Church 4:30PM Faith Formation Waiting with Hope (Week 3) - Church 6:30PM 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

LYNN RAINONE - By Janet & Ed Ruppel 8·15AM Mass 8:45AM - 9:30AM **Eucharistic Adoration - Church** WEROC - Rm 3 9:00AM Mass at Baywinde - Sage Harbor 10:15AM 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3 6:45PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1 4:30PM & 6:00PM Sacramental Preparation 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

Liturgy Committee - Rm 1 3:00PM 5:00PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 5:00PM - 5:45PM Confessions - Church RICHARD SEMENTELLI & HERBERT VANHOUTE 6:00PM - By Family

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

8:15AM

Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

1:00PM CIAJ Rehearsal - Church 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Mass 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1 10:30AM **CL** Mass 11:45AM Confirmation Session 75th Anniversary Painting Party - Rm 1 3:00PM 4:00PM Youth Group - Barn 5:00PM **SF** Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 13/14

GERRY ERNST - By John Ernst DONALD GALLO - By The Gallo Children VIRGINIA NOLAN - By Carol & Angelo Gifaldi JUDITH PELLITTIERI - By Kate Sherry





Children's Liturgy of the Word







Reflections on Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare The Way Of The Lord, Make Straight His Paths"

Our readings this Sunday look at the foretelling of the coming of Christ in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. The Church seeks to put us in the minds and in



the shoes of first century Jews who eagerly awaited the Messiah. All of our readings today help us prepare for the coming of the one who "shall judge the poor with justice" and who will "baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire."

In our first reading (Isaiah 11:1-10), Isaiah offers hope to the people of Judah at a time when they were besieged by relentless attacks by foreign foes. Isaiah foretells a time when "the wolf will be the guest of the lamb". His prophesy was that "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse." Jesse was King David's father and this is a metaphor for the Kingdom of David. Isaiah is saying that even though the Kingdom of David has been cut down, a new shoot (the Messiah) will arise to restore the kingdom and God's glory. Isaiah writes, "On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious."

In our Epistle reading (Romans 15:4-9), St. Paul echoes the theme of our first reading and offers a vision of hope and peaceful harmony. Similar to Isaiah's prophesy of a day when "the calf and the young lion will browse together", it is Christ Jesus who welcomes both Jew and Gentile, who will "with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In our Gospel reading (<u>Matthew 3:1-12</u>), John the Baptist preached a message of repentance, heralding a new Exodus where God would deliver His people from sin. John was foretold by the Prophet Isaiah, who said, "A voice crying out in the desert . . . Prepare the way of the Lord." John heralded the coming of the Messiah Jesus by declaring that, "the one who is coming after me is mightier than I . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." John was the forerunner of the Messiah, the one who prepared "the way of the Lord."

For we who hope in Christ during this season of Advent, our call is to prepare our hearts to receive our Lord as if for the first time. We would do well to follow St. Paul's instruction that "by the encouragement of the Scriptures" we should "think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus", thus glorifying God. "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20)

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120725.cfm

LINEN CLEANING: DECEMBER 7 SANDRA KUEBEL



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from December 8 – December 14 in loving memory of Robert Beikirch by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND,

December 13 & 14 in Room 1.

WAITING WITH HOPE

Times of Sharing, Prayer, & Listening

WEEK 3: MON. DEC. 8 AT 1:00PM OR 6:30PM WEEK 4: MON. DEC. 15 AT 9:30AM OR 6:30PM

Spend some time together with Fr. Tim and the Scripture readings and prayers of Advent to help our experience of the Sunday Masses come even more alive.

Attend either session each week.



Thursday, December 25 at 9:00am

Calling all children grades 2-6!

Children's Angel Choir

Come sing at Sunday Masses and meet new friends! We will also sing at the 3:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

For more information, please email/call June Frosino at June.Frosino@dor.org 671-1100 ext: 105



Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially:

Shirley V. Topel

John P. Baccoli Father of Evelyn Lang **Robert Weaver**

Claudia Costello Mother of Dottie O'Rourke

Over the Jubilee Year, we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider over the week.



John the Baptist takes us back to the beginning of our Jubilee Pilgrimage today when he quotes Isiah: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." As our jubilee begins to come to a close, we naturally look to where this pilgrimage is taking us beyond the Holy Year. After a year of focusing on hope, we are a changed Church that is more prepared to make straight the Lord's path.

Pondering Point

What hopes do you have beyond the Jubilee Year? For yourself? For our Church? For the world?



SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

FOR FAMILIES + ADULTS OF ALL AGESI
SUN. DEC. 14TH 5PM
A SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE WITH SENSORY NEEDS

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DCN. JIM FIEN AT JAMES.FIEN@DOR.ORG.



St. Rita School News Where Faith and Knowledge Meet



Giving thanks for our amazing SRS faculty and staff is important all year round. One of our favorite traditions is beautifully wrapping up donated pies from our families to give to our wonderful staff- a small token of our enormous gratitude for the dedication, hard work, and love they give to our students every single day.

Many thanks to Cub Scout Pack 163 and their families who helped in sorting, packing, and delivering our Thanksgiving baskets this year!



FAITH! Youth Group FUN!

Christmas Party

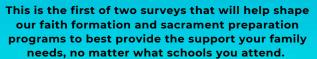
Sunday, December 14th 4PM in the Barn Youth in grades 7th-12th

Join Sofia & Rudy Vollo for some Christmas fun! Teens will be making ornaments for St. Anne's, reflecting on the Nativity, and watching a Christmas movie. All are welcome to join in faith and fun!

Please contact Sofia with any questions at srbosco01@gmail.com.

Do you have children in grades Pre-K through 12*?

we want to hear from you!



Please take this opportunity to share about your family. We look forward to learning how we can meet your needs.



requested by December 7. It only takes 15 minutes!

*We would like to hear from all parents, grandparents, or caregivers to any child in grades Pre-K to 12 being raised in the Catholic faith. Paper forms are also available in the Greeting Area.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Take a Heart Leave Your Prayers



Our young folks preparing for their Sacraments of Initiation are in need of your prayers! Please consider taking the name of a youth home with you, and praying for their journey through the Easter season. If you are willing to leave kind words each week for our youngest children preparing for their First Reconciliation and First Communion, take a heart from the organizer on the hallway wall and leave us your name and email on the purple sign-up sheet. This ministry brings SO much joy to these children throughout the winter and spring! If you would simply like to pray without the extra steps, take a dove from the basket, and pray for a teen preparing for their Confirmation.

Thank you for all your prayer and support of our youth!

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The next C.O.M.E.

Webster Community Dinner at St. Rita is on Wednesday, December 17, 2025

We are again seeking your help with donations.

To sign up, go to the following link: https://tinyurl.com/Dec25COME or scan the QR Code:



Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of December 13 and 14 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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Catholic Social Teaching

Call to Family, Community, and Participation

For the past month, we have been discussing the basic theme of Catholic Social Teaching (CST), namely, The Dignity and Sacredness of Every Human Person. This is the foundation of CST and each of its other themes flow from this.

The second theme is Call to Family, Community, and Participation. This theme expresses the truth that the human person is created in the image of the Triune God, in which relationship is the very nature of who God is. Because of this, every person is both sacred and social. Their sacredness is lived out within relationships, which can be grouped under the categories of family and community.

Marriage and the family create the foundation of society and so need to be supported and strengthened. It is within the family that the human person first learns values, justice, how to relate to others, and what it means to have a relationship with God our Father and our Lord, Jesus Christ. A society's policies should be evaluated based on their impact on family stability and well-being.

A basic human right of every person is to participate in community. This is often expressed in voting, running for office, and even protesting. It is a moral and ethical responsibility of every person, says Pope Saint John Paul II, to take part in community service, advocate for justice, and work to ensure that everyone, particularly marginalized groups, has a voice in the decisions that affect their lives.

Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ leads to our working for the common good. The common good is what is best for all people, especially the marginalized and impoverished.

It is within family and community that we are formed into the image of Jesus and develop our option for the poor, which is part of the nature of God's love for all of humanity. That is, we and our communities are judged by how we work for, and develop policies for, the good of those who are most deeply in need.

May we each find ways to express our call to family, community and participation and work to uphold and strengthen the sacredness and dignity of every person.

> Peace, Fr. Tim



Catholic Social Teaching 101

Our Racial Justice Ministry will host this 7-part discussion series from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic Relief Services. Videos, scripture, prayer, and discussion will highlight our core Catholic values and inspire us to put our faith into action.



It's time to order!

St. Rita 75th Anniversary **Keepsake Cookbook**

To Order:

Forms are on the table by the entrance of church. Fill it out and leave it in the box.

Forms are also available at the Parish Office. Order online at https://tinyurl.com/75thcookbook

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Preorders due by December 15
Delivery end of January
Payment due at time of delivery



Sessions include 30 minutes of video and 30+ minutes of discussion. Choose from Sundays at 11:30 (in-person) or Wednesdays at 7 pm (online), starting January 4 for 7 weeks.

Sign up in the Greeting Area, online at www.saintritawebster.org, or by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.



WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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If Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled. You may also call the Parish Office at 671-1100 or visit our website at www.saintritawebster.org for the most up to date closing information.

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.



No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE December Wish List:

Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)
Pasta (all types except spaghetti)
Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo & Conditioner
Coffee & Tea

Crackers Tuna (albacore preferred) Canned Chicken Applesauce

Oatmeal (instant or regular)
Baby Wipes **high need**
Deodorant & Toothpaste
Dish Soap & Hand Soap



MASS ATTENDANCE:
NOVEMBER 22/23
SAT. 5:00PM 150
SUN. 8:00AM 205
SUN. 10:30AM 340

NOVEMBER 29/30 SAT. 5:00PM 185

SUN. 8:00AM 182 SUN. 10:30AM 310 The

COLLECTIONS

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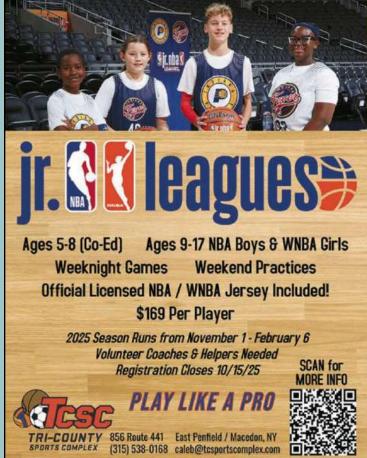


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