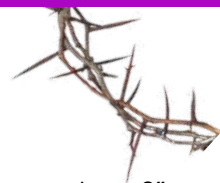


Pilgrims of Hope

Lent 2025



Our Year of Jubilee has the theme of "Journey of Hope." So a natural question is, "What gives you hope?" I recently took part in a small discussion group and we talked about this question. When we first sat down, none of us felt especially hopeful. We all were experiencing some measure of darkness. But as the conversation began, by the grace of God and the willingness of everybody to share with a measure of vulnerability, hope began to emerge.

First, it emerged in friendly laughter and the joy we experienced in being able to share our pains with some humor. Then there were stories of a return to the church after a long absence and the benefits of the prayers of the living and of deceased family and friends who were saints in heaven. There were stories of personal sadness and grief which sapped hope and how some measure of hope was restored through counseling and through faith. Some received hope through the small successes in their lives and in their friendships.

What gives me hope? After some reflection I became aware that my hope is in young people with generous hearts and with kind and gentle spirits. My hope is in my Lord, the purpose I find in discipleship, and my life in the parish with all of you. My hope is in the Eucharist and the love and mercy we receive which fills my heart. My hope is in the courage of others to share a piece of their hearts that in turn inspires hope in one another.

I connected with hope through this conversation in which we promised honesty and respect.

This Lent, perhaps we can all make a point of having some honest and respectful conversations with friends and family. Share about what gives you hope. What strengthens your faith? Of all the many needs in the world, what most deeply tugs at your heart? What gives you courage?

As we journey through this Lent focused on the hope we have because of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, may God help us reconnect with the hope we have in our hearts, allowing our true hopeful selves to shine through.

Don't Forget!

Take home a Rice Bowl and Lenten Reflection Book available in the church Greeting Area.

Simple ways to add to your personal Lenten journey!



Sincerely yours in Christ and with prayer,
Fr. Tim



Ash Wednesday is March 5th

7:00am Liturgy of the Word
12:00pm Liturgy of the Word
6:00pm Mass

Ashes will be distributed at all services.

Bags of ashes will be available to bring to those who are unable to attend a service in person.

Lenten Soup Suppers & Reflections

Starting on March 11 at 6:00pm (Soup Dinner) and 6:45pm (Reflection in Church)

Join us for a light meal, fellowship, and a chance to spend time with other St. Rita families and friends.

Presenters include Fr. Tim Niven, Deacon Jim Fien, Maurini Strub, Donna Ecker, and members of our musical groups. Check the weekly bulletin for details and our supper sign-ups.

MONDAYS

Mass
8:15 am

Reconciliation
8:45-9:15 am

Topics with Fr. Tim
9:30-11 am

Topics with Fr. Tim
6:30-8 pm

TUESDAYS

Mass
8:15 am

Adoration
9:00-9:30 am

Open Church
4-6 pm

Soup Supper
6-6:45 pm

Guided Reflection
6:45-8 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Communion Service
8:15 am

THURSDAYS

Adoration
4-6 pm

Reconciliation
4:30-5:30 pm

Mass
6 pm

FRIDAYS

Mass
8:15 am

Open Church
5-6 pm

**Guided Stations
of the Cross**
5-5:30 pm

Fish Fry
5-6:30 pm

Every time you come to an event, add a card to our Pilgrimage Wall.
Let's see how far we can make it as a parish before Easter!

Why was that reading chosen? What does that mean?
How can I make the prayers from the Mass more meaningful to me?

If you've ever asked yourself these questions, you are not alone!
Join **Topics with Fr. Tim** for engaging sharing and learning sessions
on Mondays. Where will the conversation go? You never know!

Come to one or come to all - each day's sessions will be on the same
readings and prayers - attend whichever fits your schedule.

All ages are welcome - if you need childcare
to be able to attend more fully, please let the Parish Office know!

If it's been a while since you've celebrated the Sacrament
of **Reconciliation**, come be renewed in hope and mercy.
Guides to making a stress-free confession are available in
church and on our website. Reconciliation is available on
Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays from 4-4:30 pm,
and by appointment.

Is your house a noisy place?
Are all the pressures of life a bit overwhelming?

Take some time to rest in the quiet of the church during
Open Church times. Bring a book or another quiet activity
and enjoy some time for individual prayer.

Jesus is always with us - wherever we are!
Come be with Jesus face to face in **Adoration and
Exposition** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Check out our selection of reflections, prayer books,
rosaries and more if you need some prayer guidance
during this time.

Can you imagine what it was like during Jesus' last days?

Join us for **Guided Stations of the Cross**
on Friday afternoons in church.

Do you struggle with silent prayer time?
Do you find it hard to know what to say to God?
Do you always need something to keep your hands busy?

Try **The Practice of the Presence of God!**

Join us for an hour in church each week -
self-guided activities and thematic music will be
provided.

Bring your knitting! Bring a journal! Bring your kids!
Learn more on our website.

Monday, March 10 from 5:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 19 from 4-5 pm

Friday, March 28 from 1-2 pm

Saturday, April 5 from 3-4 pm

Tuesday, April 8 from 4:30-5:30 pm

All journeys need good food! Join us on Tuesdays for
free, delicious **Soup Suppers** in the Parish Center,
followed by a **Guided Reflection** in the church from a
variety of presenters.

All ages are welcome - childcare & activities provided.



Holy Week

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
followed by Eucharistic Adoration until
10:00pm

GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 18

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3:00pm

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 19

Blessing of Easter Food at Noon
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 20

7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Please Note:

These are not our regular weekend Mass times.

Join us for

FISH FRY FRIDAYS!



Fridays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

March 7 - April 11

St. Rita Parish Center

Sit down service or take out available.

Fish Dinner	\$15/\$14 for seniors
Half-portion Fish Dinner	\$8
Cheese Pizza	\$9 whole/\$5 half
Extra Applesauce	\$1
Extra Coleslaw	\$1
Extra Potatoes	\$2

Dinners include fried or baked fish, potato wedges, coleslaw or applesauce, and a roll.

Proceeds support St. Rita School.



Taize Prayer Service

Tuesday, March 25 at 6:45pm

Feel God's presence in the quiet candlelight, peaceful readings, and beautiful songs.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Rita parish!
Easter contributions may be made using the enclosed envelope.

You can also give online on our website at www.stritawebster.org or mail a check marked "Easter" to the parish office.

Your generosity helps us continue our good works and much needed ministries. To set up recurring online payments or make any changes to your current giving, please visit our Giving page at www.stritawebster.org/give-online



LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Sunday, March 16

Drop by the Parish Center between 9 am and noon for some Easter crafts, fun, and games for the whole family. It's Family Mass weekend, so there will also be donuts!



Do you receive our weekly emails? If not, sign up here:
www.saintritawebster.org/enews



Breakfast @ **St. Rita**

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month.

8:30am - 10:30am

ST. RITA CHURCH IS CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025!

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE OR FIRST MEMORY OF ST. RITA HERE:

www.saintritawebster.org/75th-anniversary



Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

Free meals to individuals and families who are looking for fellowship and would like a home-cooked meal in a friendly atmosphere.

St. Rita will be hosting
C.O.M.E. ~ Webster Community Dinners
Wednesday, March 12 &
Wednesday, May 14
5:00 - 6:30 PM

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St. Rita School's
Annual Blue & Gold
Celebration

Saturday, March 15th
5:00pm - 10:00pm
Webster Golf Club
Dinner & Auction

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit
www.srswebster.org

Donut Sundays

Join us every 3rd Sunday after Masses



Join Us Every Weekend for Mass:
Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule:
Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
(Communion Service) and Fridays at 8:15am
Thursdays at 6:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration:
Tuesdays from 8:45-9:30am
Thursdays from 5-5:30pm

Confession:
Mondays from 8:45-9:30am
Saturdays from 4-4:30pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!
JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Enrollment opens in May for ages 4-10!
Adult and teen help needed.
Contact Anne Thomas (anne.thomas@dor.org)



70TH ANNUAL
ST. RITA Fiesta!

FRIDAY, MAY 30 & SATURDAY, MAY 31

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Visit our website for details on all of our upcoming events and more great info!
www.saintritawebster.org