

MARCH 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

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.



The Church uses a 3-year cycle of readings (we are currently in "Year C"), but when a parish celebrates the scrutinies for those entering the Church at the Easter Vigil, the readings from "Year A" are used for the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Sundays of Lent.

In the Gospel this weekend, Jesus heals a man who was born blind. During a Jubilee, we are asked to set right relationships that have been broken, regardless of when they were broken. This man's relationship with society was broken from birth, and Jesus healed him to help right that relationship.

Pondering Point

Where are people hurting from birth, for no fault of their own, that we can welcome and accept them, and start to right those relationships?

March 29 - 30 Blessing of Health Care Workers

Father in Heaven, you comfort the afflicted and walk with the suffering. Bless those who suffer and those who care for them. You are the Divine Healer, guide the hands of those who heal in your name; bless their minds, and protect them from harm. May they find peace in their work knowing they are instruments of your healing presence, and may those in need of healing know of your constant love and accompaniment. We ask your blessing, Lord God.



Anointing of the Sick

Following all Masses

THIS WEEKEND

Anyone facing illness, life challenges, and those seeking spiritual or emotional healing can be anointed.

To receive the Sacrament, remain in church for a brief prayer service.

Lenten Soup Suppers & Reflections

Tuesdays during Lent

6:00pm Soup Supper in the Gym
6:45pm Reflection in Church

April 1

**"Our Everyday Journey,
Our Everyday Hope"**
with Fr. Tim Niven

All weeks will include a child or family friendly activity option during the reflection, so bring the whole family!



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from March 31 - April 6 in loving memory of Carmella, Pasquale, & Ralph Trimaldi by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.



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 MARCH 29/30

LYNN RAINONE - By Roselane Marcella
 LEONARD SCHWARTZ - By Joe & Julie Cohn
 JOHN PASTORELLA - By His Family
 JOAN CASTON-LEWIS - By Joe DiJames & Karen Franz

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Anointing Service - Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

8:00AM O.C.I.A. Second Scrutiny at Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Anointing Service - Church
 10:30AM CL Mass
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

8:15AM STELLA MARTEL LAVALLEE Mass
 - By John & Julie Odenbach
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 9:30AM Topics with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
 4:30PM & 6:00PM Family Night Living Stations - Church
 6:30PM Topics with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025

8:15AM RUTH YAEGER - By Tom Yaeger Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm 1
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 3:00PM - 5:00PM Open Church Time
 6:00PM Lent Soup Supper - Gym
 6:45PM Lenten Reflection Series - Church

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

7:00AM - 10:00AM Confessions
 8:15AM Communion Service
 1:00PM - 3:00PM Confessions
 4:30PM & 6:00PM First Communion Gathering
 5:00PM - 8:30PM Confessions
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025

4:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 4:30PM - 5:30PM Confessions - Church
 6:00PM THE INTENTIONS OF CHRIS & KARI DIGIOVANNI Mass
 - By The Campbells
 6:45PM Holy Beginnings - Rm 1

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

8:15AM ELENA & VINCENZO DIGIORGIO Mass
 - By Teresa DiGiorgio
 9:30AM School Liturgy - Church
 5:00PM Guided Stations of the Cross - Church
 5:00PM - 8:00PM Game Night - Rm 1
 5:00PM - 6:30PM Fish Fry - Gym

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES APRIL 5/6

MICHELE FERRI - By Anna & Michael Renna
 JANET & PAUL PERDUE - By Molly Perdue
 CAMERON GIRVIN - By John & Mary Beth Klofas
 DOMNICA BOGHIAN - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi

Reflections on Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Do You Believe In The Son Of Man?"

Our readings for this Sunday are united by the themes of light vs. darkness—what God sees contrasted with what man cannot see, at least not without God's grace and inspiration.



Our first reading (1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13) continues our journey through Salvation history. This Sunday, we hear of the anointing of the young shepherd boy David as King of Israel. God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse saying that he would anoint one of Jesse's sons as the next King of Israel. Samuel met seven of Jesse's sons, but God rejected all of them. Then, finally, the youngest son David, the shepherd, was presented and God said, "*There—anoint him, for this is the one.*" God saw what Samuel could not see. God looked into the heart and chose the ruddy youth David. Samuel anointed him to be the new King of Israel. "*Not as man sees does God see.*"

In our Epistle reading (Ephesians 5:8-14), Saint Paul reminds us that we have had our spiritual sight restored in Christ Jesus through our Baptism - we are no longer in darkness but are "*children of the light in the Lord.*" This brings certain responsibilities and expectations. Paul writes, "*Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth . . . Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness.*"

Our Gospel reading (John 9:1-41) is the story of Jesus healing the man blind from birth. Jesus healed the man with spittle and dust (clay), similar to God at creation, who formed man from His spittle and the dust of the earth. This blind man, in his healing, walks a similar journey as last week's Gospel story of the Woman at the Well. First, Jesus is just "*a man*", then Jesus is "*a prophet*". Finally, Jesus asked him, "*Do you believe in the Son of Man?*" He said, "*I do believe, Lord.*" This is a story about spiritual blindness vs. physical blindness. It is representative of our Baptism. The blind man sees completely, but the Pharisees, though they can see physically, are still blind spiritually.

In this Gospel story, physical blindness can be seen as spiritual blindness. Its healing can be seen as the influence of the Holy Spirit in Baptism. Even though we see the world around us with our eyes, without God's grace, we are still in darkness. Grace gives the eyes of our soul the ability to see God, to know God, and to share God with others. As Saint Paul tells us, we must "*Live as children of the light.*"

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/033025-YearA.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy

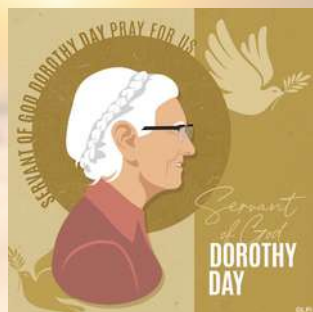


Incense Used



Family Mass

Dorothy Day Discussion - April 8



Dorothy Day (1897-1980), the Founder of the Catholic Worker movement and a Servant of God on the path to sainthood, will be the topic of discussion at our April 8th Soup Supper.

Donna Ecker, the longtime director of Bethany House, a local Catholic Worker House of Hospitality for women and children, will be speaking at our April 8th Soup Supper. In the spirit of Lent, she will also discuss her spirituality, the spirituality of the Catholic Worker movement: serving the needs of poor and marginalized while advocating for systemic change through peace and nonviolence.

Dovetailing off of Donna's discussion will be a St. Rita Reads selection entitled, Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion. We will have two book discussions on Sunday, April 27th and May 4 from 11:45-1pm (after 10:30 Mass). The book is a graphic novel: a quick read, appropriate for teens and adults, showing Dorothy Day's life through illustrated panels and text. Sign up information coming soon!

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Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends, and allies welcome as well).

Thursday, April 3rd

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

**Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm
in Room 1**

We will continue our Lenten Reflections.

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

**Learn more: holybeginnings.org
Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at
James.Fienedor.org**

SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT



I am happy to report that we will have a team of parishioners heading down to **Frenchville, PA** to take part in a Summer Service Project from **July 13 to July 18**. While there, we will provide ministry to the people of the area in a number of ways. This may include activities like painting a room, removing/creating a stone walkway, building a wheelchair ramp, fixing porches, and visiting with residents in nursing homes. We stay at the facilities of Bethany Youth Retreat Center. More info can be found at: www.anawiministries.com/missiongroups.

We have room for you!

The group is now open to

- high schoolers
- middle schoolers who have a parent of the same gender also participating
- adults 21 years or older

We are looking for participants who have various skills and those who are eager to learn new ones. These include things like painting, cleaning, yard work and gardening, carpentry, masonry, electrical, or playing a portable musical instrument.

If you are interested, we will have an informational meeting on Sunday, May 11 after the 10:30 am Mass (about 11:45) in Room 1. The first planning meeting for participants will be Sunday, May 18 after the 10:30 am Mass.

I'd also be happy to talk with you individually if you are interested. You can see me after any Mass, or call to set up a time at 671-1100 x106.

It really is an amazing week and will be a highlight of your summer! I hope you can join us.

More information can be found by downloading the Youth Leader Handbook at www.anawiministries.com/bethanyyouthprogram.

Fr. Tim

Game-Nights!



5-8 pm on Fridays, March 7-April 11

Come on up to Room 1 to play board or card games. All ages welcome!

**LINEN CLEANING: MARCH 30
MAUREN MOREHOUSE**

**Practice of the Presence of God
Saturday, April 5, 3-4 pm**

"Sometimes I consider myself a stone before a carver, whereof He is to make a statue. Presenting myself thus before God, I desire Him to make His perfect image in my soul and render me entirely like Himself."
~Brother Lawrence



Create a unique stamp, listen to music, and spend time with God.

All ages welcome!

Join Us
FOR A FISH FRY!

**Fridays
5:00pm - 6:30pm
March 7 - April 11**

**St. Rita Parish Center
Sit down service or
take out available.
Proceeds support
St. Rita School.**



**Mondays March 10 - April 7 in Room 1
9:30am - 11:00am
OR
6:30pm - 8:00pm**

**Join Fr. Tim for prayer, study, and faith
discussions.**

Lent Soup Suppers
Five weeks of Tuesday Lent Soup Suppers begin on March 11.
Sign up to bring soup, bread, cookies.
Set-up and clean-up help is also needed.
The link and QR code to sign up are here.
<https://tinyurl.com/SoupSuppers2025>

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent beginning March 7th
5:00PM in Church

Parish Council Nominations Coming Soon!



The Parish Pastoral Council members serve as a representation of the Parish Community and are a consultive body to the Pastor.

**Please look for more information, including the
2025-2026 nomination form, in the
April 6th bulletin.**

Breakfast @ St. Rita

Please come and join for
breakfast and fellowship.

Next Sunday: French Toast

**Sunday, April 6th
8:30am - 10:30am**

St. Rita Parish Center



**Monetary donations will be accepted,
but not expected. Please join us and
bring your family.**

If you would be willing to help with breakfast, please
contact Marie Torrens at 585-507-2991 or
marietorrens740@gmail.com or Evelyn Powe at
732-648-4383 or dmpowe@aol.com

THIS WEEKEND

we will have a second collection for
The Catholic Relief Services.

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



Last week Mrs. Zahn's Kindergarteners learned about the traditions of St. Joseph's Day with some help from our friends at Savoia Pastry Shoppe!

FUNDRAISING NIGHT

SRS is fortunate to have the generosity of Winfield Grill donate back 20% to SRS. Please join us!

TUESDAY
 APRIL 8TH
 647 Winton Road North
 3pm-9pm
DINE IN & TAKEOUT!
 WWW.TheWinfieldGrill.com

Please use code "SRS" for online orders

family night

Living Stations of the Cross
Monday, March 31
4:30 PM OR 6:00 PM

We'll all participate in a rehearsal-free Living Stations of the Cross. Kids grab a role and a prop on their way in, and together, we'll tell the story of Jesus' journey to the cross.

All families with kids in grades K-7 are welcome!

Questions?
 Contact anne.thomas@dor.org

FAITH! Youth Group **FUN!**
 Youth Group Gatherings for Teens

Sunday March 30th 7th-12th Grade 4-5PM in Room 1 Join us!

Please RSVP to Sofia at srbosco01@gmail.com by 9am on Saturday, March 29th.
 New friends are welcome to drop in any time and try it out!

CYO Kickball Register now!

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Heritage Month for March focuses on two very well-known Catholic saints: St. Patrick and St. Joseph. Much has been written about these two familiar saints, but beyond the legends, parades, festive tables, and celebrations, perhaps there's a deeper heritage to be recalled as well.

Catholics have had a long tradition of naming their children after saints, often as a way of honoring the saint's feast day or seeking the saint's protection and intercession in guiding the child's life. It also used to be typical for a young person seeking confirmation to choose the name of a saint they wished to emulate as their confirmation name. While those practices aren't as common these days, they serve as a reminder of the deep faith heritage we share as Catholics. We join with those who have gone before us in professing Jesus Christ as Lord, and during the Eucharist at Mass we glimpse a bit of heaven on earth as we share in the communion of saints. And that is a heritage worth celebrating!



WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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 Wish List:

Ground Coffee
Tea & Hot Chocolate
Flour & Sugar
Cooking Oil
Laundry Soap
Dish Soap
Boxed Pasta (Please no whole wheat.)
Jarred Pasta Sauce
Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Hearty Varieties of Soup
Canned Peas, Pineapple, Beets



LAST YEAR'S PALMS

Did you know that you can dispose of your palms from last year? They need to be burned (in a fireplace or grill for example) or bury them in the ground.

You may also drop off your old palms in the basket at Church.

Thank you for your financial support of St. Rita parish!

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.