St. Rita Church

1008 Maple Drive Webster, New York Phone (585) 671-1100

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

<u>Daily Mass Schedule:</u> Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays (Communion Service) and Fridays at 8:15am Thursdays at 6:00pm



ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us either in person or virtually online. If you would like more information about St. Rita Church or to register, please go to our website at www.saintritawebster.org and click the "Join the Parish" link. Also, everyone is invited to sign up to receive our weekly E-newsletter to keep up with all that is happening. On our website click on "Newsletters".

We are happy to have you with us!



Prayer Services at 4:30pm & 6:00pm in Church

Dinner served from 5:00pm - 6:00pm in the front circle

Learn about groups you could get involved with at St. Rita and ways we can support you on your faith journey!

Meet our Parish Council representatives!

Celebrate the new season with us!

Children are encouraged to bring their backpack* for a special blessing and a gift (*or any other bag)

To RSVP - Scan the QR code above or fill out a response form on the table in the greeting area at Church.

August 25, 2024 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



ALL Masses are livestreamed on our Website: www.saintritawebster.org

Our 8:00am Sunday Mass is live-streamed on Facebook.

From the Desk of Deacon Jim . . .

What Ministry Is Calling You?

As our ministries begin to meet again after a restful summer, and as we have our upcoming St. Rita Fall Picnic on Monday, September 9th, people often ask themselves, "What ministry suits me best?"
While discernment of your charisms is needed in order to joyfully give of yourself in service to others, I would like to offer my own thoughts on discernment – don't overthink it!

For instance, I have been asked what drew me to the Racial Justice Ministry and to the Holy Beginnings LGBTQ+ Outreach ministries. Let me start by stating I wasn't looking for something to do! God simply put people in my life who are part of the LGBTQ+ community – friends and family. God put people of color in my life. I listened to their stories. I learned of their past and current struggles. And, once I knew of their pain and their struggle, I couldn't just ignore it. I didn't think much beyond that. I prayed on it. I asked for strength and courage...and off we went!

Now I know I made that sound easy. The point is, you may not have to look too far...God may be putting it right in front of you. Just stop, listen, and go for it!

Much love to you all!

Deacon Jim

Have you Moved or Changed your Contact Information?

PLEASE LET US KNOW on our Website Link "Join the Parish" then "Update your Information" if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.



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

> Mackenzie Rose Alderdice Henry Alexander Rozanski

Mass Intentions / Weekly Calendar

Intentions for Weekend Masses August 24/25:

MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By Wife & Children RUTH YAEGER - By Family KENNETH KEILMAN - By Wife Diane THE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF CHRISTOPHER & KARIANNE DIGIOVANNI - By Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 2024

8:00AM Mass 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy at Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 2024

8:15AMGLORIA CRUMB - By John & Julie OdenbachMass8:45AMConfessions - Church5:30PMCYO Soccer - Soccer Field6:30PMLeadership Team Meeting - Gym

TUESDAY. AUGUST 27. 2024

8:15AM FRANK & VICTORIA MIRABELLA - By Daughter **Mass** 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024

8:15AM

10:00AM

11:00AM

5:30PM

7:00PM

Communion Service at Baywinde Castle Point Communion Service at Baywinde Sage Harbor CYO Soccer - Soccer Field Faith Formation Catechist Meeting - Rm 1

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2024

5:30 PM CYO Soccer - Soccer Field 5:30 PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 6:00 PM GERRY ERNST - By Husband John Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 2024

8:15AM MARY THOMAR - By The RJM Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

8:00AM Mass 10:30 AM Children's Liturgy at Mass



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from August 26 – September 1 in loving memory of Anthony Costanza By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi

LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 25 Debbie Whitehair

Intentions for Weekend Masses August 31/September 1:

RITA D. BALCONI - By Jim & Barb Hurley NORM MAGIN - By Family LUCIANO & SALVATRICE BOLOGNA - By Family THE KUCHMAN & DIGIOVANNI FAMILY - By Jilly

Reflections on Readings for The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time "MASTER, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE"

This Sunday we come to the conclusion of our multiweek meditation on the Eucharist. Our readings today ask us to consider this burning



question—Do we choose to follow Jesus or is there someone else?

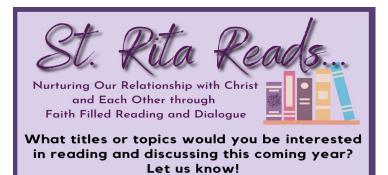
In our first reading (Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18), Joshua assembled the Israelites as his life on earth was coming to a close. As they were now well established in their promised land, Joshua sought to renew the covenant promise their ancestors made at Mount Sinai. Joshua instructed them, "Decide today whom you will serve . . . As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

In our Epistle reading (Ephesians 5:21-32), St. Paul is frequently teaching us how we should live as Christians. Today's passage is often understood without considering to whom it was written or the time and culture in which it was written. The central theme is that the marriage bond is akin to Christ's intimate, loving relationship with His Church. We are called to "be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ"; to love each other as Christ has loved us.

In our Gospel reading (John 6: 60-69), we hear the conclusion of Jesus' Bread of Life Discourse in John, Chapter 6. His disciples found it hard to understand and accept Jesus' command to eat His very flesh and drink His very blood. Many of them left and returned to their former way of life. Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Imagine being there in that moment. Would we answer as Peter did, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Today, we hear two burning questions, "Decide today whom you will serve."; and "Do you also want to leave?" Perhaps we could sit down and consider the consequences of this decision. What happens if I choose A; what happens if I choose B? For the apostles, they had already made their decision, "Master to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" Just like the apostles, we are asked this same question: Do we believe Jesus or not? If we do, we know what we must do.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082524.cfm



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

DID YOU KNOW?

If you attend a different church for weekend Mass, you can place your **St. Rita Church Offering Envelope** in that church's collection basket/donation slot and it will be sent back to us. We do this in turn for other parishes whose parishioners are here visiting our church.

We have **Low Gluten Hosts** available at all Masses. When you arrive for Mass, let the greeter know you would like a low gluten host. Please come up the center right hand aisle any time during Communion.



SAVE THE DATE! Mt. Irenaeus Men's Retreat October 13th - 15th (Sunday - Tuesday)

For those who are not familiar with "The Mountain", it is a Franciscan Mountain Retreat House located just outside of Olean , NY, about a 2 hour drive from Webster. The Franciscan Friars who live at The Mountain will be our hosts.

The format is very relaxed and is designed for quiet, contemplative time for yourself, with God, and with others in the group. There are plenty of hiking trails and places to spend time in restful thought with our Lord.

The suggested donation amount is \$80 per night. Space is limited to 12.

Mt. Irenaeus - www.mountainonline.org.

If you have any questions or to reserve a spot, please email Deacon Jim at James.Fien@dor.org or call 585-233-0334.

Peace, Deacon Tim



Holy Beginnings Outreach, a collaboration of several local parishes, began (and continues) as a response to synod feedback at a local and national level calling for the Church to be more welcoming. In addition, Holy Beginnings Outreach aligns with the message of the Eucharistic Revival to live as Eucharistic people - to BE the living presence for others, most especially people who may not feel welcomed by the Church, including the LGBTQ+ community, women, people of color, those who are divorced, and those with special needs (cited in the synod).

Over the past year, we began with a series of welcoming gatherings for the LGBTQ+ community, for people of color, and for women, as well as hosted our first Sensory Friendly Mass! While it has been a busy year, this upcoming year promises to be just as exhilarating. Keep a look out for bulletin as well as website updates on meetings and events. If you are interested in learning more about Holy Beginnings Outreach, or perhaps joining one of the groups, please contact Deacon Jim at James.Fien@dor.org

Please see our Holy Beginnings website at www.holybeginnings.org for more information.
We need and appreciate your thoughts and ideas to make our church more welcoming.

Blessings, Deacon Jim

Holy Beginnings Outreach

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

First Thursday Every Month

Beginning Thursday, September 5th Mass at 6pm Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm

> St. Rita Church 1008 Maple Drive Webster, NY 14580

This month's topic- Debrief of Outreach Conference 2024

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 authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

RSVP: holybeginningsrochester@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish, St. Paul Parish, St. Rita Parish, and Kateri Tekakwitha Parish:

We are writing to let you know about an initiative in which all the above parishes, along with their schools, are participating. It is a change that will be generally "behind the scenes" and most of you will not even notice. This Fall, these four parishes and their two schools will be combining their Business Offices into a single central location at St. Cecilia in Irondequoit. In addition, we will be consolidating weekend collection counting into two centralized locations, one in Webster and one in Irondequoit. Each parish will continue to provide parishioners to count their own collections.

It is important to understand that with this move there will be absolutely no sharing of finances. Each of our parishes and schools will maintain their individual finances and remain independent organizations. The only thing we are combining are our business offices; there will be no change to the Parish Offices at each site. There will be no staff reductions or layoffs because of this move.

This model of shared resources has been successfully implemented in other areas throughout the Diocese of Rochester. If you have any questions about this change please contact our Finance Director, Joan Sullivan, at 585-671-1100 or joan.sullivan@dor.org.

Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity and your prayers.

Sincerely,

Fr. Paul, Fr. Gonyo, Fr. Tim and Fr. Jorge





Mary Cariola Center's school age and preschool programs serve children with complex disabilities by utilizing a variety of interventions and services. The food pantry at Mary Cariola Center has assisted many families who are struggling with food insecurity. This support allows them to address a variety of additional needs that may be present for their children due to their disabilities

Please help us restock our food pantry to help those in need.

Donations can be left in the Greeting Area at Church through September 1st.

Donation Wish List:

Macaroni and Cheese Soup Fruit Cups Apple Sauce Oatmeal Cereal

Pasta

Pasta Sauce (Plastic containers if possible)
Granola Bars

Rice Crackers Chef Boyardee-type entrees Peanut Butter Instant Mashed Potatoes Tuna

(本義) Growing in Faith

Choices

We hear in today's Gospel how many of Jesus' disciples returned to their homes and their old lives because they found His teachings too difficult. When faced with the same choice - to leave or follow Jesus, Peter speaks for the twelve apostles. He acknowledges that Jesus has the words of eternal life, and he chooses to stay with Jesus.

We face the same decision the first apostles faced. Daily we make choices that either follow Jesus' teachings or turn away from His words. Some of those choices are easy, but we will also be faced with more challenging choices. Those difficult choices are not something we have to face alone. The Holy Spirit is always with us, guiding us towards the Kingdom of Heaven. This might be a good week to reflect as a family or as an individual on the times in our lives when the Holy Spirit has been active in our life, helping us to make those difficult decisions to follow the path of Jesus.

Blessings, *Mary Dangler - Children's Liturgy Coordinator*





Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday at 10:30am Mass!

This special opportunity is offered every Sunday except on the 3rd Sunday of each month when Father Tim will preside over a Family Mass in Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to give children in Pre-K thru Grade 2 an opportunity to hear and share about the Sunday readings at a level of their understanding. Children will be dismissed from church to Room 1 before the first reading and will return approximately at the Offertory Prayers.



St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!



St. Rita School is happy to welcome two new faculty members this year! Join us in welcoming Mrs. Jacqueline Zahn (Kindergarten) and Mrs. Sharon Babij (Second Grade)! Please take a moment to read about our new teachers as they introduce themselves to our school community.



My name is Jacqueline Zahn. I have had a busy few months. I graduated with my Master's degree in Special Education in May. I moved to the Rochester area from a small town in Pennsylvania called Bangor. This year will be my 6th year teaching. Some of my experience includes Kindergarten and



High School Special Education. In my free time I enjoy going for walks with my dog, going to the beach, drinking coffee, shopping, and spending time with my family and friends. I am very excited to be a part of the St. Rita's Community and to grow more in my faith.

Sincerely, Mrs. Jacqueline Zahn



My name is Sharon Babij and I was born and raised in Rochester, NY. I attended St. James School for grades K-8 and then moved on to Our Lady of Mercy for High School. I have been in education for 18 years in both general and special education, the last 4 spent teaching 2nd grade in

Clearwater, Florida. After moving back to Rochester this past March, I am excited to be continuing my teaching career at St. Rita's School, which already feels like home.

Sincerely, Mrs. Babij





Walk In Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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HELPING THOSE IN NEED



THANK YOU to all the Saint Rita parishioners that have provided 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 help!

We continue to distribute on a weekly basis items dropped off at church 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.saintioeshouse.org/blog/donate/

Webster HOPE

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

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE Ministry Wish List:

Cooking Oil Flour & Sugar Spaghetti Sauce (jarred) Corn & Peas (canned) Granola Bars Toothpaste & Deodorant Household Cleaners Diapers - Sizes 3,4,5,6, & 7*

Adult Depends - Men & Women's size small/med.* *We accept open packages of these items.

UNITED IN FAITH COMMUNITY

Offertory Collections				
	July, 2024	Year to Date		
Envelopes	\$23,761	\$23,761		
Electronic/Automatic	\$18,951	\$18,951		
Loose Plate	\$2,249	\$2,249		
Total Collections	\$44,961	\$44,961		
Collections Last Year *	\$60,039	\$60,039		
Over (Under) Last Year	(\$15,078)	(\$15,078)		
* included annual donation of \$10,000				

rear to Date Operating Results July, 2024				
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	<u>Difference</u>	
Operating Revenue	\$51,362	\$68,067	(\$16,705)	
Operating Expense	\$65,482	\$74,111	(\$8,629)	
Net Revenue	(\$14,120)	(\$6,044)	(\$8,076)	

Average Weekly Attendance Jul-24 Jul-23 Increase/Decrease 499 475

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