SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time ST. RITA CHURCH



Our new parish mission statement is...

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



From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

Our new mission statement was crafted with prayer, inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and the input of many parishioners.

What is it used for? To remind us of who we are and what we are about.

It can be read out loud at the beginning of any ministry or committee meeting and used to inspire that ministry during the meeting to develop or enhance the work they do.

It can be used to evaluate how a ministry or activity has done in fulfilling our Parish's mission. For example, at the end of a ministry's meeting, those involved might take a minute to evaluate how the meeting's conversation and decisions fulfilled the Mission of the Parish.

A ministry might also look back over several months of efforts and use the Mission Statement to evaluate how well it has done and how it can do even better.

This is St. Rita's Mission Statement. It is an expression of who we are and where God is calling our Parish to go. I hope you like it and that it inspires and enlivens your spirit.





Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from September 23 - September 29 in loving memory of Joyce & Danny Tantalo by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.



Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially: **Edeltrud** Riedl **Elizabeth Salem**

> 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

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MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 21/22

MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By Wife & Children MARY FERRARO - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi DAVID HULL - By Nora & Dirk Dunbar ANTHONY COSTANZA - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

8:00AMMass9:00AM & 11:30AMAnointing Service - Church9:00AM & 11:30AMBlood Pressure Screening - Rm 110:30AMChildren's Liturgy at Mass11:45AMConfirmation Session

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

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8:15AM JOHN LONGC) SR. Mass
	- By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
8:45AM	Confessions - Church
4:30PM	Faith Formation
6:00PM	Fiesta Kick-Off Meeting - Rm 1
7:15PM	Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

8:15AM	TED PASSARELL - By Joe Passarell Mass	s s
9:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church	٦
9:00AM	WEROC - Rm 1	1
2:30PM	Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3	

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

8:15AMCommunion Service10:00AMCommunion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point11:00AMCommunion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor6:30PMAdult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 6:00PM MR. & MRS. VINCENT VACCA - By Family Mass 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

8:15AM	ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNE	Mass
	- By Jean Buongiorne	
9:00AM	Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Pa	rish Office

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 4:00PM - 4:30PM

Confessions - Church Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

5:00PM

8:00AM	Mass
10:30AM	Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass
11:45AM	Confirmation Session
11:45AM	Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 28/29

JOANNE VERGONA - By The Brown & Lembach Families JOHN FOGARTY - By Family SUSIE VINNERO - By Steve & Maria Palermo PATRICK CUMMINGS - By Pat Hurley

> LINEN CLEANING: SEPTEMBER 22 CAROL SCIOLINO

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

"If Anyone Wishes To Be First, He Shall Be The Last Of All And The Servant Of All"

In our readings this Sunday, we hear of the sinful, jealous, prideful nature of humankind contrasted with the humility and gentle love of God in caring for His chosen ones.



There is a new understanding of discipleship that Jesus called His disciples to. It was hard for them to understand the ways of this new world in contrast to the world they knew only too well.

In our first reading from the Book of Wisdom

(<u>Wis 2:12,17-20</u>), we hear of the wicked leaders who put the "*just one*" to the test, eerily prophetic of the disdain the Jewish leaders had for Jesus. *"With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test."* Like the "suffering servant" passage of last week's reading from Isaiah, this passage is seen by scholars as a prophesy of the passion of Christ.

In our Epistle reading (James 3:16 – 4:3), St. James calls out the wickedness and disorder of the world that seeks to destroy and offers the heavenly alternative – peace, gentleness, and mercy. "The wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits..." This peaceful nature is most evident in the person of Jesus. Jesus calls us to be like Him.

In our Gospel reading (Mark 9:30–37), Jesus, for the second time in Mark's Gospel, predicted His passion, death and resurrection. His disciples just could not understand this. They argued instead about who among them would be the greatest. Jesus responded with further teaching about the nature of discipleship. He used a lowly child as an example of servant leadership.

This new nature of discipleship that Jesus exemplified was contrary to the wisdom of the world both then and now. The humility of servanthood is the basis of what Jesus calls us to be. He came not to be served but to serve. We are called to do and be the same. There is a

saying that may help put this into perspective: "If you seek greatness, you will be disappointed. Rather, seek to serve others and greatness will find you." May we lose ourselves in the service of others.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092224.cfm

"Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible"

By Jeff Cavins and Sarah Christmyer

Sundays at 11:45 AM - September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17

OR

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM - October 2, 9, 16, 23, 20, November 6, 13, & 20

Eight weekly sessions in Room 1. You may mix or match sessions each week. Each session will contain three main parts: The Video; The Workbook Questions ; Discussion Sessions are about 90 minutes each.

The cost of materials including workbook is \$30.

REGISTER for this exciting program, please E-Mail or call the parish office at <u>wstritap@dor.org</u> or 671-1100.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

If you have specific questions please call or email Jerry Lupien at 794-3666 / galupien@gmail.com.

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

5 weeks until Voter Registration deadline - Oct 26 6 weeks until Election Day - Nov 5 Are you registered to vote? Check here: https://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

Pope Francis



Please support Cub Scout Pack #163 with the purchase of popcorn and nuts after Masses this weekend.

Interested in learning more about Pack #163? Join us on September 27th in the St. Rita School bus loop from 6:00pm - 8:00pm to learn more about scouting.

> Please email us at srspack163@gmail.com for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!

@ St. Rita

Breakfast @ St. Rita will once again be starting up on Sunday, October 6.

Come and join us for food, friendship, & fun! 8:30am - 10:30am St. Rita Parish Center

If you are looking for great company, awesome food, and a fun way to give back to our parish community, then please considering joining our Breakfast & St. Rita team. Please contact Marie Torrens or Evelyn Powe if interested.

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FIESTA KICK-OFF MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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Interested in being a part of the 2025 Fiesta? Join us to discuss new ideas, figure out roles, and get the party started!

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RITA PARISH CENSUS

BACKGROUND

St. Rita will conduct a parish-wide census. The goal is to ensure all parishioners have updated contact information, specifically email addresses, and phone numbers to strengthen pastoral care, stewardship, and enhance communication.





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WAYS TO ENGAGE

There will be many opportunities to participate in the Parish Census:

- Stay Connected: Submit Your Details Digitally through the Parish Email
- Convenient Options: Join us at the Census table after Mass on September 28th or 29th
- Guided Assistance: Join the In-Pew session in October for step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the census form

DATES TO REMEMBER					
Date	Census Activity	Participation			
Mid September	Parish Wide Email	Complete the digital census with the link provided in the email			
October 19-20	In-Pew	Complete the census with in-pew cards provided during service			

QUESTIONS? REMINDER HUB Call: 585-671-1100 Keep an eye out on your inbox Visit the website: for the census EMAIL https://www.saintritawebster.org/

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month began as a way to promote the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic Americans – specifically those whose ancestors came from Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Each year Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15. September 15 coincides with the Independence Day Celebrations of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico celebrates independence on September

16, Chile on September 18, and Belize on September 21.

"It's crucial," says the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Latino, "to make sure that the contributions of the Latino community are showcased, and that Latinas and Latinos have a voice. According to 2020 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, one in every four children in the United States is Hispanic/Latino."

For more great facts, see our column on page 5.

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 Thursdays Every Month

Thursday October 3rd Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm) Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm

St. Rita Catholic Parish 1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580

This month's topic- How does our faith inform us on the LGBTQ+ Community? Referencing work by renowned Professor of Biblical Scholarship Walter Brueggemann

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: holubeginnings.org RSVP at holybeginningsrochester@gmail.com



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE

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5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424

For More information about the retreat house and what we have to offer please scan our QR code



Attend a retreat or use our facility for your group's retreat

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- Spanish-speaking Catholics have lived in what is now the United States for twice as long as the nation has existed
- About 43% of all Catholics in the US are Hispanic
- More than half of US Catholics under the age of 25 are Hispanic
- 64% of Hispanics were born in the US

Meet some saints!



St. Mariana of Jesus

- Ecuador's first saint
- survived only on the Eucharist
- offered her life as a sacrifice to end earthquakes in Quito
- a lily bloomed from her blood after her death

St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

- a law student nominated to lead the Archdiocese of Lima, Peru before he was even ordained a priest
- baptized nearly half a million people
- predicted the date and hour of his death





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

- We are so thankful for the beautiful weather we have had to start the new school year. There have been lots of smiling, laughing, and very happy God Drops playing outside and enjoying the sunshine with friends!
- Over the summer, our playground equipment had a fun refresh with our school spirit colors of blue and gold!



- Our first school liturgy was led by Ms. Sutley's 5th grade class this past Friday and what an excellent job they did leading our school in JOY! We are so proud of them and the rest of our students for their wonderful behavior and engagement during the liturgy.
- We loved welcoming our youngest and newest God Drops to the St. Rita Family at Friday night's Ice Cream Social event. Families enjoyed delicious ice cream sundaes at the playground and connected with other families who are now part of our wonderful school community.







INDIVIDUAL(S) ATTENDING DINNER ONLY: \$35/PERSON NAME(S) FOR DINNER ONLY: Click the "Online Giving" tab at the top right

FOR QUESTIONS/INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: MICHELLE.ODENBACH@GMAIL.COM, 585-746-2048

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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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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 <u>http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/</u>

> Webster HOPE 1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580 <u>http://</u>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.

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.



Thank You and May God Bless You for your support!

Webster, NY 14580



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