

APRIL 20, 2025  
ST. RITA CHURCH

Happy Easter!

If you are visiting us this weekend, we are glad you could join us today!  
We extend our warmest welcome to you!

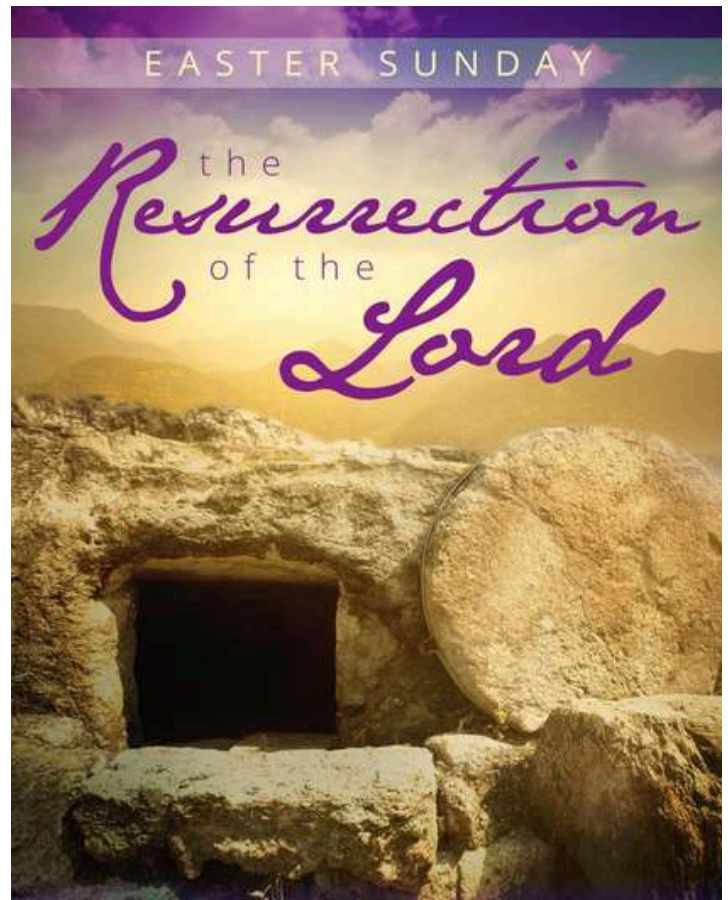


*Fish Fry* **THANK YOU!**

**THANK YOU** to all who supported our Lenten Fish Dinner Program!

**Once again, it was a huge success!**

Our **WONDERFUL** volunteers spent many hours ordering, preparing, and serving dinners each Friday. **THANK YOU** for all your hard work and dedication to this great tradition.



*From the Desk of Father Tim . . .*

My dear friends,



I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for being at St. Rita this Easter. You make our worship and our Eucharist so very special when we are gathered together like we are on Easter.

**Together we both receive and celebrate the Good News: Alleluia! He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!**

Easter is the very heart of who we are as Christians. It is a day overflowing with Joy, New Life, and Recreation. It is a day when all those words deserve capital letters and many sentences end in exclamation points! This Easter Day catapults us into rarified air and we do not come down until we hit the ground running, renewed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

One of the questions we are faced with on this day is, "Where is Jesus?" Our Gospels do not show Him to us. Instead we are confronted with an empty tomb.

We don't encounter Jesus at the empty tomb because we are His Tabernacle, we are His Temple. He is the Word made Flesh and He has made His home with us and all the human race.

We all know our lives are better when God is in them. We all know that our lives are better when we live them in the light of gratitude and service.

Thank you again for being here. You are always welcome. Your friends and family are always welcome.



Rejoice and be Glad! Jesus is not at the empty tomb. Jesus has made His home with you and gives Himself to you lovingly at every Eucharist.

**Carry with you always the Good News of Easter: Alleluia! He is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed!**

Have a blessed Easter,  
*Fr. Tim*

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

## MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

## INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES APRIL 19/20

THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. RITA CHURCH

## Easter Weekend

## HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

12:00PM Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets - Church  
8:00PM **I** Easter Vigil Mass

## EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

7:30AM, 9:30AM, & 11:30AM **Masses**

## MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

HOLIDAY - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS  
7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

## TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

8:15AM MARYANN GANGI - By Her Family & Friends **Mass**  
9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church  
9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1  
6:00PM Fiesta Team Meeting - Rm 1

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

8:15AM **Communion Service**  
4:30PM & 6:00PM First Communion Rehearsal  
7:15PM Confirmation Yr. 1 Parent/Candidate Session - Church


## THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church  
6:00PM JOHN FOGARTY - By Family **Mass**  
7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1

## FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

8:15AM **Mass**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church  
5:00PM **C** MassSUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY! 8:00AM **Mass**  
10:30AM **CL** Mass  
11:30AM St. Rita Reads - Rm 1  
2:00PM **SF** Mass  
4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

## INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES APRIL 26/27

RALPH WEATHERSPOON - By The Weatherspoon Family  
JOHN KUEBEL - By Patricia Kuebel & Family  
THE INTENTIONS OF DOREEN ALVITO - By Tom & Terri  
ROBERT J. & ROBERT B. FIEN - By The Michels Family

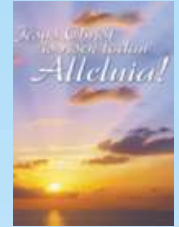
*Our Tabernacle Light will burn  
from April 21 - April 27  
in loving memory of Domnica Boghian  
by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.*

**LINEN CLEANING: APRIL 20  
ANN MARIE LIPARI**

Reflections on Readings for  
Easter, The Resurrection Of The Lord

**"Do Not Be Amazed! He Has Been Raised;  
He Is Not Here."**

It is Easter! We have come to the climactic conclusion of our forty days of Lenten preparation and our Holy Week liturgies. This is considered the most joyous and most sacred liturgy of the year.



Our Christ, who had come to live among us, suffered and died for our sins, and rose from the dead. Thus, He broke the bonds of death and leads the way for all of His faithful back to the Father.

**There are two liturgies for our Easter celebration—  
Saturday Vigil and Easter Morning.**

**The Vigil Mass on Saturday night** features numerous Old Testament readings that highlight many of the key moments in salvation history beginning with **our first reading** of the creation story (**Genesis 1:1-2:2**). **In our second reading** comes the story of God parting the Red Sea so the Israelites could escape their slavery in Egypt (**Exodus 14:15 - 15:1**). **Our third reading** is the prophesy of the Prophet Isaiah near the end of the Israelite's exile in Babylon. It is an invitation to God's grace and blessings (**Isaiah 55:1-11**). **In our fourth reading**, the Prophet Baruch (**Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4**), writes on the importance of Wisdom. She is seen as being very close to God.

**In our Epistle reading (Romans 6:3-11)**, St. Paul teaches us that as we also died with Christ, so too, we will receive new life in Christ.

**Easter Sunday Mass**—The Easter morning readings are shorter and focus more succinctly on Jesus' resurrection. **The first reading** is from the Acts of the Apostles (**Acts 10:34, 37-43**) and is an excerpt of St. Peter's speech in Caesarea where he boldly proclaimed the risen Christ.

**Our Second reading (Colossians 3:1-4)** is a short reminder of what we should be doing—always focused on Christ, seek what is above, instead of the things of the earth.

**Our Gospel reading (John 20:1-9)** is John's telling of the events on Easter morning. Mary of Magdala was the first to see the tomb empty and ran to get Simon Peter and the others.

**Easter Vigil:**

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041925.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041925.cfm)

**Easter Sunday:**

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042025.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042025.cfm)



From the Desk of Deacon Jim . . .



### The Triduum Journey Explained

It is always my practice to go through Holy Week, like a disciple, not knowing that the joy of Easter would soon come.

Experiencing the joy of a Passover supper on Holy Thursday showed us the love they all had for one another and the institution of the Eucharist, when the body and blood of Christ is understood to be Christ Himself, being with us and part of us as we endeavor to live as Jesus modeled for us by the washing of the disciple's feet - love one another as I love you.

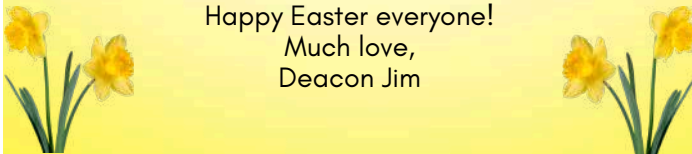
This night has me wonder if I am as passionate for God as He is for me? I reflect upon how I can love others as much as God loves others.

On Good Friday, we wept over the death of Jesus in the context of the Passover supper the night before. We are asked to consider whether we similarly weep over the pain and suffering in our world today.

Which brings us to Easter- the resurrected Christ! The events of the past week bring us the understanding that Jesus had to leave us for us to understand the resurrection. The way back to the Father.

By what transpired this past week, we understand what God has done for us, what He has given us. The power of the Eucharist gives us all we need to be each other's salvation...by forgiving, by listening, by being selfless...to love one another.

Happy Easter everyone!  
Much love,  
Deacon Jim



# Breakfast @ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Sunday, May 4th  
8:30am - 10:30am

St. Rita Parish Center



featuring  
**Eggs Benedict**

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



Breakfast @ St. Rita  
May activity:  
**Make a Glass Plant Stake or Suncatcher**

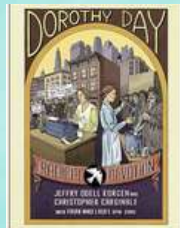
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## St. Rita Reads...

Nurturing Our Relationship with Christ and Each Other through Faith Filled Reading and Dialogue



### Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion

Sunday, April 27th and May 4  
11:45am-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 in the Greeting Area!**

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**St. Rita Church  
75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Potluck Picnic**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1**  
UNDER THE FIESTA TENT AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS

St. Rita Church will be celebrating 75 years this September. Come and help us kickoff our year-long celebration with fun, food, and fellowship!

**MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UPS COMING SOON**



**EASTER  
PRAISE CONCERT**

Sunday, May 4th  
2:00 PM - in Church

Featuring:

- St. Rita Angel Choir
- Immaculate Conception/
- Count It All Joy
- St. Bridget's Church
- St. Rita Festival Choir
- Soloists and Friends

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!**  
**JULY 28-AUGUST 1**  
**REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 5**



Registration opens for students ages 4-10 and volunteers in grades 7+. Join us for a summer week of games, Bible stories, and tons of fun! Adults, if you're interested in finding out how you can use your gifts to help, please contact Anne Thomas at [anne.thomas@dor.org](mailto:anne.thomas@dor.org)



*Pasta*

**FUNDRAISER**

SCOUT TROOP 163

APRIL 26th 4:30-7:30  
St. Rita Church

**FAITH!** *Youth Group* **FUN!**

**Youth Group Gathering for Teens**  
**Sunday, April 27th** *Join us!*  
 4:00PM -5:00PM in Room 1  
 7th-12th Grade

Please RSVP to Sofia at [srbosco01@gmail.com](mailto:srbosco01@gmail.com)  
 by 9am on Saturday, April 26th.

New friends are welcome to drop in any time and try it out!

# 7 Reasons to Attend the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Rita Fiesta

## May 30 & 31

### #1 - Live Music!

Enjoy music by Different Every Time, Count It All Joy, Katie Hicks, All In Brass Band, and Open G.



### #2 - Great Food Options!

Fish Fry, Chicken BBQ, Plates, Burgers, Hots, Kettle Corn, Fried Dough, Cotton Candy, Ice Cream, Cookies, Pie, and so many more festival favorites.

### #3 - Games for All Ages!

Play your favorite carnival games, including Darts, Ring Toss, and Dunk the Deacon. Win great prizes! Feeling lucky? You could be a big winner at the Money Wheel (adults only).



### #4 - Raffles, Raffles, Raffles!

Check out the great selection of gift baskets or purchase tickets for the \$5,000 Spectacular Raffle.

\*Tickets on sale after Masses starting May 3.



### #5 - Best Deals on Plants & Books!

You can't beat these prices on plants, books, puzzles, games, and more.

\*Donations accepted starting May 1.

### #6 - Pony Rides, Foam Darts, Inflatables, Robots, and More!



### #7 - Celebrate Our Community!

Your support helps us keep this event one of the longest running and only remaining of its kind in our area. Please consider volunteering a few hours or joining the planning team.

Spread the word - all are welcome!

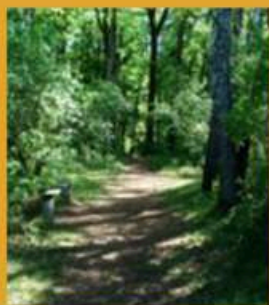
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# SUMMER 2025 RETREATS



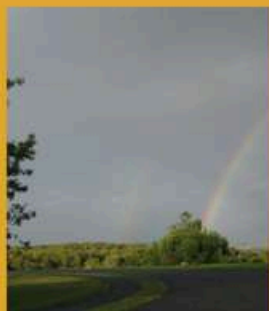
## JULY 13-18, 2025



### **Meeting God: The Path of Entering Quiet in the Midst of Everyday Life** with Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM

This retreat provides the space to deepen our relationship with God and our capacity to incarnate the spirit of quiet and spaciousness in the reality of our everyday lives.

## JULY 20-25, 2025



### **Silent Directed Retreat: Meeting God in the Silence** with Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R, Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ, Fr. Peter Murray, SJ and Jodie Scordo

A silent retreat for women and men. Each retreatant is assigned a spiritual director to meet with daily. Eucharist is offered daily and there are opportunities for adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation.



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[www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org)

# Fill Your Soul Day

**May 13**

9:00am - 3:00pm

\$35.00

***“Blessed Are You: A Closer Look at the Fundamental Message of Jesus”***

With Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ

**This day-long reflection will examine each of the Beatitudes in the context of Jesus’ total message and how they can transform our own “attitude” toward our lives**

**Register online at [www.notredameretreat.org](http://www.notredameretreat.org) or  
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ST RITA SCHOOL PRESENTS

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**5/8/25 -  
5/18/25**

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Vouchers will be sold after all Masses  
the weekend of April 26 & 27.  
Cash or check accepted.



**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

**There are two collections on Easter that St. Rita relies on for our operating budget. The first is the regular Sunday Collection and the Second is the Special Easter Collection.**

We will pass the baskets only once for both collections.

**THANK YOU for your spiritual and financial support of St. Rita Parish!**

**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/>

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

**Webster HOPE**  
1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580  
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**No opened or expired items please.**

**Webster HOPE Spring Wish List:**

Spaghetti Sauce (Jarred)  
Applesauce (Jarred)  
Canned Beets  
Canned Potatoes  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Diapers - Size 6 (We take open packages.)  
Diaper Wipes



We are always in need of children's clothing, new underwear, and socks.

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