

JUNE 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

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.



Imagine the fear the apostles experienced when Jesus ascended to the Father and left them with only the hope of “the Advocate.” Now imagine the relief when that hope was realized at Pentecost. Hope realized is what gives us an innate permission to hope again, and to hope bigger. All our smaller hopes encourage us to hope in our greatest hope – eternal life with our Lord.

Pondering Point

When have you hoped for or in something small and seen that hope realized?



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from June 9 – June 15 for the intentions of Doreen Alvito by Tom & Terri.

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



Emma Riley Cali
Briella Kennedy Galen
Luca Dominic Montante

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

New Members:

Peggy Noel and Judy Mariotti
Lewis Mariotti and Mike Ternent

Youth Representatives:

Dylan Brown and Emi Nicolay

They join our continuing members of Parish Council:

Paul Cordy, Tony Kehoe, Theresa Passero, Nettie Schiano, Terry O'Toole, Marie Torrens, and Mark Torrens.

We pray that those who serve on our Parish Pastoral Council find unity and strength in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to our outgoing members who have given generously of their time, especially Joe Holleran, Jeff Kiser, Leticia Rivera-Andolina, and Maurini Strub.

Thank you also to our youth representatives Sophia Smith and Annika Van Damme who served this past year.

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JUNE 7/8

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 ART & RUTH YAEGER - By Tom Yaeger
 RICHIE DINARDO - By Family
 EDWARD & MICHAEL LANGEN - By Diane Langen



SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Gym
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

8:15AM GAIL BIERWORTH - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

8:15AM DAWN VOGLER-ELIAS Mass
 - By Kathy & Charlie Rosenzweig
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 10:00AM Mass at Baywinde - Castle Pointe
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 6:30PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM Mass
 6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rm 1

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

8:15AM Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JUNE 14/15

JOHN FOGARTY - By Family
 ANGELO CALI - By John & Michele Caceci
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Joan & Leo Maring
 DAVID, RICHARD, MARILYN, & DICK DIMARIA - By Lynn DiMaria

LINEN CLEANING: JUNE 8
SANDRA KUEBEL

NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

After the 8am & 10:30am Masses
 Stay for a donut and coffee (or juice) after Mass

SF Sensory Friendly Mass

CL Children's Liturgy of the Word

C Count It All Joy

I Incense Used

F Family Mass

Reflections on Readings for Pentecost Sunday

*"The Advocate, The Holy Spirit . . .
 Will Teach You Everything"*

Today is the Feast of Pentecost.

It commemorates the coming down of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus. The original Pentecost feast (Shavuot) commemorated the day that the first fruits of the harvest were brought to the temple.



It also commemorated the day God gave the Torah to the people of Israel. It is now also the day the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples to enlighten them and remind them of all that Jesus taught them.

Our first reading (Acts 2:1-11) tells the story vividly. Ten days after Jesus had been taken up to heaven, the disciples were celebrating the harvest festival of Pentecost. Jerusalem was filled with "devout Jews from every nation under heaven . . . Both Jews and converts to Judaism". "And suddenly, there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind". They were instantly enlightened and empowered and were given the grace to speak in tongues, so that everyone could understand them.

In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13), St. Paul explains the many different spiritual gifts and forms of service that come from the same Holy Spirit. Each of us are called in some unique way by the Spirit to do God's will and God's work. Together, though we are many parts, we make up on body, the body of Christ, His Church.

In our Gospel reading (John 14:15-16, 23-26), Jesus, at the last supper, promised His disciples that the Father would send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, and He would teach them everything; and Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, will come and make their dwelling with them. This promise is given to all those who love Jesus and keep His commandments (including us).

We have been reading in the Acts of the Apostles all during this Easter season of the "mighty deeds and wonders" performed by the Apostles and disciples of Christ. We also have heard of their incredible bravery and even joy in the face of terrible persecutions and martyrdom. All of this happened because of the gifts and graces given to them by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Could the Holy Spirit, would the Holy Spirit give these same gifts to us? Would accept them? It starts with loving Jesus and keeping His word.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/060825.cfm

Cameron Soup Kitchen Charity Bike Ride

Have you ever thought "wow, I sure am fortunate"? - Yeah, me too...all the time!
Have you ever thought about those around us who aren't? - Yeah, me too...all the time!

Well if you want to make a difference, I have a way. We are holding a charity bike ride to raise money, 100% of which will go directly to buying food to feed patrons of Cameron Community Ministries Inc, an urban outreach community center in the Lyell-Otis neighborhood in the city of Rochester. They provide food to those in need and regularly serve 120-175 meals a day free of charge. The recent government changes are resulting in their funding being cut at a time when there's unfortunately great need.

We will be riding a 25-mile loop starting in Webster Park, 255 Holt Rd, Webster, NY on Saturday July 12, at 8 AM and doing up to 125 miles. You can sponsor us by going to our online donations page or by donating via Venmo. Cameron is a 501c and we can provide you with a receipt if you would like one.

Thanks for considering supporting our neighbors in need!

Many thanks - James Stockmaster



Donation information:

Venmo Jim Stockmaster at @james-stockmaster (585-406-0153)

Our Pledge Reg online page:

<https://www.pledgereg.com/5569/jamesstockmaster>

Here's how to participate in the ride:

You can ride along with us by signing up at the following Bike Reg link.

Sign-up is free: <https://www.bikereg.com/2025-cameron-charity-bike-ride>

For more information visit: www.cameroncommunity.org



Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

If you know someone who is sick, recovering from surgery, or homebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital, please speak with Julie, Elizabeth, Fr. Tim, or contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 to make appropriate arrangements.

Fr. Reif Celebrates 60 years of ministry!

From the time he was ordained, Father John T. Reif was strongly attracted to the prospect of being a parish priest — and that's exactly how his entire active ministry was spent.



"It was what I always envisioned," he said. "I do love people." Father Reif grew up in Rochester's Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish. He attended Aquinas Institute and St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries, and was ordained at Sacred Heart Cathedral June 5, 1965, by Bishop James E. Kearney. He went on to serve as assistant pastor at St. John of Rochester, Fairport (1965-70); St. Michael, Rochester (1970-74); and Our Mother of Sorrows, Greece (1974-78).

In 1978, Father Reif began a 20-year tenure at Webster's St. Rita Parish, first as copastor from 1978-81 and then as pastor until 1998. He oversaw construction of a new St. Rita Church building that was dedicated in 1984 and a parish center that opened in 1995.

In 1999, he became parochial vicar at Holy Cross Parish in Rochester/Charlotte. A strong supporter of Catholic education, Father Reif noted proudly that every parish at which he's served operated a Catholic school during his tenure.

He remained at Holy Cross after reaching senior-priest status in 2008, staying highly involved in parish life while also assisting at other parishes. In addition, Father Reif has been an ardent pro-life advocate over the years.

Father Reif relocated to the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in 2019. He said he enjoys frequent outings and visits with his priest brethren, former parishioners, and other friends.

One such event is set for June 22: a 60th-anniversary Mass and reception at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross.

Article courtesy of Mike Latona - Catholic Courier - May 7, 2025

Please join us!

Pray the Rosary each
Monday after the 8:15am
Mass in the Chapel.



ST. RITA CHURCH IS CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

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

www.saintrita Webster.org/75th-anniversary

St. Rita's Prayer Line

If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please send your intention request to Julie at Julie.Cohn@dor.org or call 671-1100 ext. 103.

Would you like to become one of our "prayers"?
Let Julie know and she will add you to our phone/email chain.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!

JULY 28-AUGUST 1
9 AM - NOON
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Registration is now open 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!

THIS WEEK there will be a special collection to support the Catholic Communications Campaign.

This campaign connects Catholics with Christ in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Rochester to fund local communication efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and some projects across the United States and abroad.

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 votive prayer candle lights located in the back of Church for you to offer special intentions.
You may place your offering in the Donation slot.

DID YOU KNOW?

From the Desk of Deacon Jim. . .



Why it is important to acknowledge and celebrate Juneteenth?

The St. Rita Racial Justice Ministry is celebrating its 5th year (hard to believe!) and we felt it was important to address the reason we celebrate Juneteenth. Simply put, Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in the United States (June 19th, 1865).

It is a time to recognize and honor the resilience of our African American friends and neighbors. It is a day to reflect on the past, celebrate the progress towards freedom and equality, and remember the ongoing struggle for justice. In addition to honoring freedom and progress, it is also a time to promote education and dialogue. It is an opportunity to foster community and recognize the contributions of African Americans while acknowledging the struggle continues.

Last but not least, our faith calls us to speak out and actively seek peace and justice in our world.

There are numerous events around town to celebrate this important day in our history (I have listed a few below). Please consider attending one or more!

Peace and all good,
Deacon Jim



Upcoming Juneteenth Community Events

Saturday, June 14th

City of Rochester- Maintaining Infinite Hope- Join us for the 2025 Juneteenth Festival and Parade, organized by the MLK Commission. Grammy Award winner Robert Glasper is heading the event.

Parade: 11 a.m. Festival: 12 - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18th

Juneteenth Block Party - Freedom Day Celebration
11am-2pm Austin Steward Plaza Genesee Riverway Trail
Food, Music, and Art

Thursday, June 19th

RMSC Celebrates Juneteenth

Join us for a joyful day featuring live performances by local community members, our Black-Owned business bazaar, sweet treats, hands-on activities and crafts, delicious food, education about Juneteenth history, and more! This free celebration will take place in the Eisenhart Auditorium - Noon-5pm

Saturday, June 21st

Irondequoit Juneteenth 5K and Festival
5k Starting at 8:30 AM at St. Josaphat's Church, with proceeds benefiting scholarships for college-bound Black and Brown students.

Juneteenth Festival: Following the race, the 6th Annual Juneteenth Festival will be held at the Irondequoit Town Hall starting at noon. Family Fun: The festival includes free kids' activities, food, and live performances.



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MAKING MEMORIES

- There have been so many fun events happening-Red Wings Game to celebrate Rochester Catholic Schools, Bill Grays night fundraiser for SRS, and the annual Mother/Son nerf event! What an exciting way to start the last month of school.

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !

- Congratulations to our "Girls on the Run" team as they completed their season with a 5K run last week! We are very proud of all the hard work and training they have done over the last several months.

Thank You!

Thank You to all who donated the **GORGEOUS** gift baskets for the **Fiesta Gift Basket Raffle** - and Thank You doesn't seem like enough!

The baskets were so incredible and people viewing them were truly in awe of not just the baskets themselves, but the generosity of our wonderful parishioners!

Even with the unfortunate weather on Saturday, we sold more tickets than ever!

God Bless you all!

Jeannine Thomas

JOIN US!

Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely reading.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at:

julie.cohn@dor.org
(585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!

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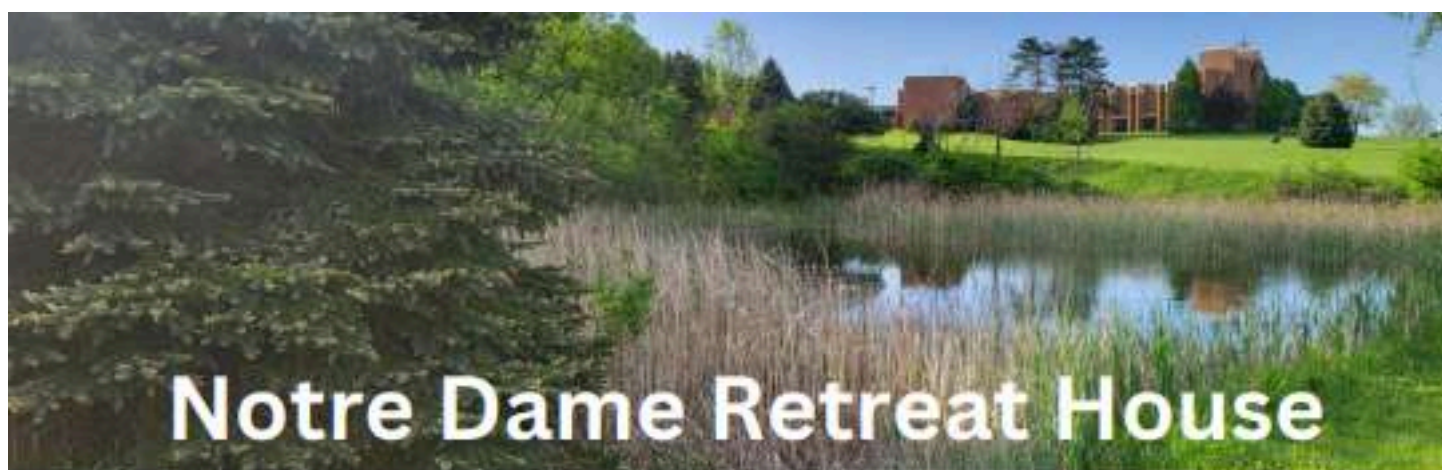
SATURDAY, JUNE 21 AT 5PM

We want to make a home for all here at St. Rita, including our members and neighbors who are neurodivergent, have developmental disabilities, or who find our usual Masses overwhelming due to sensory needs.

This Mass is for you - or someone you know!

Come join us or share the news with a neighbor who needs a more relaxed environment.





June 17

"Poetry & Prayer - A Presentation for our Jubilee Year"

With Fr. Peter Murray, SJ

9am-3pm

June 18

John Dady & Friends Concert

6pm-8pm

Benefit Concert - Donations welcomed

June 22-27

"Mary in the Scriptures"

With Fr. Elliott Dees

Women Religious & Third Order Women

July 13-18

*"Meeting God: The Path of Entering Quiet in the Midst of
Everyday Life"*

With Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM, MA

Open to Men & Women

July 20-25

"Six Day Silent Directed Retreat"

With Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Fr. Peter Murray, SJ, Sr. Elaine
Englert, SSJ & Jodie Scordo

FULL

**WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday 9:00am – Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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. 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.

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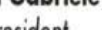


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