OCTOBER 5, 2025 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

Together We Bring Hope

As Francis of Assisi grew in his faith but was not yet fully converted, he suffered from an extreme disgust of those who suffered from the disease of leprosy. Even seeing a leper at a distance would cause him to double over with nausea. He would go well out of his way to avoid the places where they lived.

One day, while riding home on his horse, there was suddenly a leper in his path. The leper stood there with his hand out and with pleading in his eyes, begging for alms. Francis, made stronger than himself, got down from his horse and not only gave the man alms, but also kissed the open sores on his hands.

Francis turned and got back on his horse and when he turned back to the path, the leper had vanished.

This is my favorite story of my favorite saint. I have always loved how the Grace of God transformed Francis' heart and made him "stronger than himself".

Another way that God helps us to be stronger than ourselves is when we come together as a faith community.

Joyfully living the Gospel of Jesus, we can do so much more when we journey through life together. We do this as St. Rita Parish and as the Diocese of Rochester. When we realize our unity as a diocese, we are literally made stronger than ourselves. The work and love extend so much further and bear so much more fruit than we could ever hope to accomplish on our own.

Please support our parish and our diocese. Please give generously and early to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

For six straight years, we have finished before Christmas. The CMA is important and deserves our attention and energy.

But we also have other important things that God is calling us to do. So, let's do the CMA well, complete our responsibility before Christmas, and move into the new year able to devote ourselves to other ministries.

And also, if at all possible, please increase your ongoing regular contributions to St. Rita. In your envelopes, or even better, online, support all the ministries that St. Rita is involved in. There is so much more happening and being accomplished than any of us could hope to do on our own. But it all does happen. It happens by the grace of God and because together we are made stronger than we are on our own.

Thank you for all that you do. I am so proud of the people of our parish.

Yours in Christ, $\mathcal{F}r$. $\mathcal{T}im$



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

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 4/5

PIETRO DIGIORGIO - By Teresa DiGiorgio ELEANOR CIMINO - By Daughter & Family STELLA IPACS - By Kathy & Charlie Rosenzweig NATALIE MABE - By Mom, Nicholas, & Olivia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

12:00PM Pet Blessing - Front Loop 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

Mass 8:00AM 8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast at St. Rita - Parish Center CL Mass 10:30AM Confirmation Session 11:45AM 11:45AM Bible Study Session 1 - Rm 1 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

8:15AM Mass Confessions - Church 8:45AM - 9:15AM 4:30PM Faith Formation 6:45PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

ALEX & LAURA KESSELRING - By Tom Yaeger 8:15AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1 10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm 1 1:30PM RJM Education Committee - Rm 1 6:30PM Rochester Hope Planning Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

Communion Service 8:15AM 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3 7:00PM Bible Study Session 2 - Rm 1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

5:30PM - 6:00PM **Eucharistic Adoration - Church** 6:00PM EDWARD LANGEN - By Diane Langen Mass 6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rm 1

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

TOM & SHARON BAYER IN CELEBRATION 8:15AM Mass OF THEIR 40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 Mass 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1 & Greeting Area 10:30AM **CL** Mass 11:45AM Confirmation Session 11:45AM Bible Study Session 2 - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 11/12

ROBERT FIEN, SR. - By Carol Montante DR. LOUIS GIORDANO - By Larry Sr. & Kathryn Oberlies RODGER DENNING - By The Ciccarelli Family DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PROVENZALE FAMILY - By Mario Provenzale



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from October 6 - October 12 in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.











Reflections on Readings for Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Just One, Because Of His Faith, Shall Live"

Our readings today show us an aspect of faith that we rarely consider. It is a faith borne out of hope for salvation despite our current sufferings. It is realized through the charity of a servant heart.



Our first reading is from the Prophet Habakkuk

(Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4). Habakkuk was writing during a time of tyranny and oppression in Judah. The evil and hardship of Habakkuk's lament in today's reading is not unlike our own today, as we struggle to understand God's ways in dealing with our ways. God's response to Habakkuk was one of patience and faith. The vision God refers to is the promise of Salvation. Even if delayed, it will surely come and it will not disappoint.

Our Epistle reading (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14) is from one of St. Paul's letters from prison to his disciple Timothy, offering words of encouragement as Timothy continued with the pastoral work begun by Paul. St. Paul reminds us to "stir into flame" God's gift we received at Baptism and Confirmation— "the spirit of power and love and self control." It is not a spirit of cowardice; we should never feel ashamed of our faith or afraid to defend it. This letter to Timothy is often taken to heart by pastors as a guide to their ministry. We, too, in our baptismal role as priest, prophet, and king, can take it to heart.

In our Gospel reading (<u>Luke 17:5-10</u>), we hear an exchange between the apostles and Jesus that, at first reading, sounds odd. To their request to "increase our faith", Jesus told them even a small amount of faith can move mountains. Then He told them that they should be as servants, seeking no reward for their service to their master. What He may have been telling them was that they will find their faith in service to others. Jesus was the living example of this selfless servant. Our task is simply to do our duty, to do what God asks of us. That is our faith.

Jesus' instruction that we must be like servants, simply doing our duty, may make more sense when we consider what Jesus said in His own words, "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28).

He may be telling us that faith is realized through service to others and service is its own reward. He taught us this not only by His words but by His life and example. It is the life He calls us to live. Our faith is our duty.

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100525.cfm

LINEN CLEANING: OCTOBER 5 PAM KUNZER

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.



In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about having faith the size of a mustard seed. Through the Gospel reading, however, we also hear about hope. While faith may give us something today, hope assures us that we will have it in the future.

Pondering Point

What hopes of an increase in faith do you have? How can you grow your faith and your hope this fall?

October 4-5 Jubilee of Migrants

As a Church we are called to be welcoming to migrants and travelers seeking a home.

May we look with compassion on those who must move from their homeland, and may our parish and society help them find a home free from persecution and full of opportunity.

May almighty God bless and protect all migrants and those who welcome them. Amen.







What long-time ministry began on January 9, 1951 with President: Loretta Wheeler, Vice President, Inez Ryan, Secretary, Ruth S. Yaeger and Treasurer, Mary Stumpf?

ANSWER: St. Rita Society

The St. Rita Society was a group of women who provided service to the parish, such as helping at funerals, planning prayer experiences, and fund raising for parish needs. They hosted social events, planned arts and craft projects, and invited guests speakers on topics of interest to the women of the parish. The Society continued to thrive for many, many years.

Would you be interested in coordinating and planning events like these? If so, please email Elizabeth.Kwiatkowski@dor.org

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



Carson Thomas LaClair Briella Jane Guarino-Hyde Cayden Michael Guarino-Hyde



Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially:

Dora Arena Katie Sue Adkins
Phyllis Conn Robert Statt

Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND,

October 11 & 12 in Room 1.

Do You Like To Knit or Crochet? Come and join us!

Tuesday, October 7th 10:30am - 12:00pm in Room 1

Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets are given to anyone facing serious illness or hard times in their life. Blankets are blessed by Father Tim and a prayer card is included with our love and support.

We also give small white knitted blankets to each of our recently baptized children.



If you are able to share your time and talent, please join us here or make an item at home and leave it in the greeting area in Church.

If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl, please contact Julie Cohn at: <u>julie.cohn@dor.org</u>
671-1100 ext. 103.



The next C.O.M.E. Webster Community Dinner at St. Rita is on Wednesday, October 22, 2025

We are again seeking your help with donations.

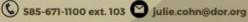
To sign up, go to the following link: https://tinyurl.com/OctCOME25 or scan the QR Code:



Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of October 18 and 19 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

More information:





A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team



Stay Healthy This Flu Season

Flu season occurs every year in the U.S. when Influenza circulates (along with other respiratory viruses), beginning in fall and peaking in the winter months. Annual flu vaccinations are recommended for everyone 6 months and older. Get your flu shot **before** flu begins circulating for the best protection.

In addition to receiving the flu vaccine, here are some ways to protect yourself and others from dangerous infectious illness:

- stay at home if you are sick to avoid infecting others
- cough or sneeze into your elbow or a tissue to avoid spreading germs onto your hands and nearby surfaces
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- clean and disinfect frequently used objects and surfaces in your home, office, or school
- follow current guidance on masking

Flu vaccinations are convenient and free!



Vaccinations are available at local pharmacies, clinics, doctors' offices, and grocery stores. For more information and guidance, contact your care provider and check out:

www.vaccinateyourfamily.org www.cdc.gov



Compensation: \$17-\$19 per hour

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Classification: Part-Time Non-Exempt, 10-15 hours per week

Parish Life Coordinator

Performs a wide range of parish life activities and collaborates with the pastor and other staff in implementing the mission of the parish.

List of Possible Duties:

- · Coordinates opportunities for spiritual development for the
- Coordinates the parish's outreach to persons who are homebound, disabled, and/or ill.
- Work with Grief Group Volunteers as staff liaison.
- · Coordinates CASE training and record keeping for the parish.
- Maintain Parish Website.
- Backup and assist with Funeral Planning.
- Attend Parish Pastoral Council meetings as staff liaison.
- Collaborate with the pastor and other staff in implementing Advent and Lenten Programs.

Requirements:

- · Active member of a Roman Catholic parish faith community
- Undergraduate degree in Religious Studies or equivalent work experience preferred.
- Demonstrated ability to articulate one's personal faith journey and, as appropriate, enable others to do the same
- Background and expertise in Catholic liturgical practice.
- Able to provide own transportation for job-related responsibilities.
- Able to honor and maintain confidentiality.
- Be proficient in Microsoft Office computer programs and applications.

For more information or to apply, please email: WebIronFinance@dor.org

St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

 Thank you to everyone who participated in the 7th Annual SRS Golf Tournament this weekend. Beautiful weather made for some great golfing and lots of fun! All proceeds raised will go towards the School Building Improvement Initiative (including classroom and bathroom

updates).

• Our Kindergarteners had a wonderful time celebrating Johnny Appleseed last week. They learned about his adventures, sang songs, and enjoyed fun activities together while discovering the story of this American legend.











Please support Cub Scout Pack #163 with the purchase of popcom and nuts after Masses NEXT WEEKEND on October 11th & 12th

> All Children in grades K-5 are welcome to join our co-ed pack.

Please email us at srspackl63@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for your support!



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.

Webster HOPE Oct./Nov. Needs List:

Macaroni & Cheese (boxed) Pasta (all types except spaghetti) Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple Shampoo & Conditioner Coffee & Tea Crackers Tuna (albacore preferred) Canned Chicken Applesauce Oatmeal (instant or regular) Baby Wipes **high need** Deodorant & Toothpaste

Dish Soap & Hand Soap

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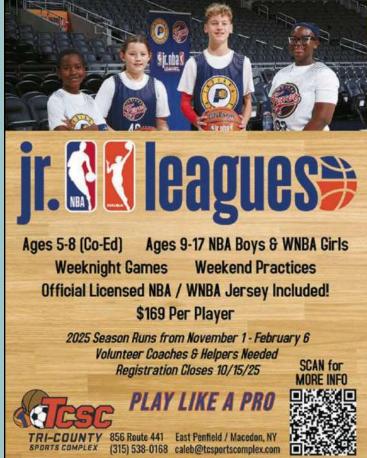


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