

OCTOBER 27, 2024

30th 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 . . .



When you vote in this election, your ballot will include the New York State "Proposition 1" (It's on the back, so you will have to flip the ballot over to vote "yes" or "no"). It is also called the Equal Rights Amendment. The Bishops of New York State are strongly opposed to this proposal and their reasons are clearly laid out in articles in the Catholic Courier.

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person. (USCCB)

Where law and religious beliefs intersect, especially when emotions and personal experiences are involved, things can get complicated.

As a priest, my specialty is not the legal side of the issue. Rather, it is the spiritual side. I am here to listen to anyone who has been affected by or is struggling with any issue raised by these topics. If you are in need, please contact me so that we can find time to have this important conversation.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tim




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.

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

Lucille Millner

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



GOAL \$146,000 PLEDGES \$74,557

Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

You can also make your gift online at www.dor.org/cma
(St. Rita Parish number is 327).

We are at 51% of our goal from 155 households.*



Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the success of our CMA!

*UPDATED AS OF 10/21/24

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

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 26/27

MARTINA FAME - By Family & Racial Justice Ministry
 SALVATORE DEBIASE - By Wife & Family
 BEATRIX VOELLINGER - By Family
 MARCELLO MOLISANI - By Millie & Peter Pecora

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2024

1:00PM Confirmation Yr. 1 Retreat
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2024

8:15AM NIKOLINA TIANELLO GIONTA Mass
 - By The Viola Family
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 4:30PM Faith Formation with Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2024

8:15AM LEN LACARA - By Ron & Mary Ferraro Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 6:30PM Fiesta Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024

8:15AM Communion Service
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 7:00PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024

NO DAILY MASS OR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024

Holy Day - All Saints Day
 8:15AM MARY DESARRO & REBECCA COHN Mass
 - By Their Children
 9:30AM School Liturgy
 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

11:00AM Mass of Remembrance
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Euchre Tournament - Gym

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

8:00AM Mass
 8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Gym
 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass
 11:45AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 11:45AM Blessing of the Graves - West Webster Cemetery

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 2/3

ROBERT NOLAN - By Wife Virginia
 MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family
 PETER DIGIORGIO - By Family
 VINCENT CARUSO - By Charlie & Kathy Rosenzweig

**LINEN CLEANING: OCTOBER 27
 CINDY WAHL**

Reflections on Readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus, Son Of David, Have Pity On Me"

Our readings this Sunday speak to us about the hope of those who are lost, especially the blind and the lame, and those who are separated from loved ones, both physically and spiritually.



We call out from our woundedness, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

In our first reading ([Jeremiah 31:7-9](#)), the prophet Jeremiah offers hope to those in exile, those who were carried off and resettled to other nations. In the future age of salvation, all of the lost, including the blind and the lame, will be gathered from the ends of the earth and brought back home to the new Jerusalem. "I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst..."

In our Epistle reading ([Hebrews 5:1-6](#)), the author instructs us in the traditional role of the high priest - one of human estate, called by God to offer sacrifice for our sins. Christ, like us in every way but sin, experienced the sufferings of humanity firsthand. He fills this role of high priest with perfection. He was chosen and sent by his Father. He deals patiently with us; He is our high priest for ever.

In our Gospel reading ([Mark 10:46-52](#)), we hear of the healing of Bartimaeus, who was blind since birth. He is a symbol of the lost, the alienated, the spiritually blind, calling out to Jesus with persistence, calling Him "Son of David." His faith and his persistence are models for us. Jesus heard his cry, called him and told him, "your faith has saved you."

In many ways, we live in a form of exile; at times alienated from God and/or one another, blinded by the effects of sin. We long for our return from exile. We take hope from Jeremiah that God "will gather us in." Sometimes, we call out "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me." Let no one silence us. It is the faith and persistence of Bartimaeus that gives us hope. We must be ready for when we hear the call, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." When Jesus ask us, "What do you want me to do for you", what is it we will say to him?

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102724.cfm

In Loving Memory



Join us for our

Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 2 at 11:00am

Join Fr. Tim for this special annual liturgy in remembrance of all those who have gone before us. We will read the names of the deceased from the past year and a candle will be lit for each person whose name is read.

If you would like to include a family member or friend's name to be read at this liturgy, please email Julie Cohn, julie.cohn@dor.org or call her at 671-1100 ext. 103. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful remembrance liturgy.

All are invited to come together for intercessory prayer.

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying to God on behalf of others and ourselves. It is a way to express love and compassion for others, and to imitate Jesus, who prayed for others while on Earth.



Come and pray for your needs and those of others.

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

7:00 PM

in the Chapel

Questions ~ contact Julie Cohn ~ julie.cohn@dor.org or 671-1100 ext. 103

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold", please call the Parish Office at 671-1100 and let us know the dates you will be away and when you will return.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from October 28 – November 3 in loving memory of Gary Palmiere by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

Blessing of Graves at West Webster Cemetery Sunday, November 3

Immediately following the 10:30am Mass

All are welcome to gather at the site of their loved one's grave across the street at the West Webster Cemetery. Fr. Tim will bless the graves of any of your friends and family members who are buried there. Each grave with a family member or friend standing by it will be sprinkled with Holy Water and blessed.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this special remembrance of our faithful departed.

It's rain or shine so bring an umbrella.



Breakfast @ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Next Sunday: Pancakes

**Sunday, November 3rd
8:30am - 10:30am
St. Rita Parish Center**



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

If you would be willing to help with breakfast, please contact Marie Torrens at 585-507-2991

marietorrens740@gmail.com or Evelyn Powe 732-648-4383 dmpowe@aol.com

ST. RITA PARISH CENSUS

⚠ LAST CALL TO COMPLETE THE PARISH CENSUS





Thank you to all who have taken part in the Parish Census! If you missed completing your form during the in-pew census over the weekend, you **still have a chance to participate**. Simply follow the instructions below to submit your census information via QR code. The **deadline for submission is Sunday, November 3**.

📱 COMPLETE THE CENSUS

1. Open the camera function on your phone
2. Point and focus the yellow box so that it frames the QR Code
3. Tap the website displayed at the bottom of your screen "qualtrics.com"



WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

-  The parish will ensure accurate updates to our database.
-  Know that all data collected will be handled with the utmost confidentiality.
-  The information gathered will be dedicated to fulfilling pastoral, stewardship, and communication endeavors.
-  Effective communication is crucial for the church's prosperity.

QUESTIONS?

Call: 671-1100 for the Parish Office
 Visit our website www.saintritawebster.org

★ REMINDER HUB ★

Ensure your household is included in the census by submitting your information no later than Sunday, November 3.

HAPPY RETIREMENT!

After many years of service to St. Rita Parish, we want to wish Gary Staszak a happy and well deserved retirement. Gary has taken great care of our buildings and grounds, not only for the parish, but for St. Rita School. His time, talent, and generosity have been a blessing to us.

 Always willing to lend a hand, we want to wish Gary all the best with much rest and relaxation.

≡ Welcome ≡

We welcome Maurizio Pedone as our new Maintenance Coordinator.



Please introduce yourself and give Maurizio a warm welcome when you see him around campus.

CHURCHES OFFERING MEALS TO EVERYONE
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Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita's next C.O.M.E.
 Webster Community dinner is on
 Wednesday, November 13

We thank you for your generous support in the past. We are again seeking your help with donations. To sign up, go to the following link or scan the QR Code:



<https://tinyurl.com/3uy8bw8d>
 Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of November 9 & 10 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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



Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester Presents

Free Movie Night

A Place at the Table: African-Americans on the Path to Sainthood is a 2022 documentary film that tells the stories of six Black Catholics who are considered candidates for Sainthood.

Friday, November 15th 6:30PM
St. Marianne Cope Parish

Families welcome, most appropriate for children over 10

Free-offering greatly appreciated.

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.




Hands of Christ

If you know any High School Seniors who:

- + Demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example
- + Are actively involved in their parish as well as their school community
- + Are a positive role model for their peers

Nominate them! Visit our website for details.

If you have a child ready to be an Altar Server, let us know! 

Anyone in grade 3 and up who has received their First Communion is invited to be trained. Contact elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org to pick a date.

Join us for a friendly

Euchre TOURNAMENT

Saturday, November 2

\$10 ENTRY FEE (payable in cash at the door) (doors open at 6)

- ◆ Games start promptly at 6:30 pm
- ♣ 8 Rounds
- ♥ Ages 16+
- ◆ Prizes!
- ◆ Non-alcoholic beverages and snacks included

No partner needed! Players will switch tables each round.

Need a refresher on how to play? Come at 6!

SIGN UP >> 



St. Rita Parish Center
1008 Maple Dr. or by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100



St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!

God Drop Corner

- Say “cheese”! School pictures were this week & our God Drops looked fabulous all dressed up for their time to shine in front of the camera. 
- The Annual Family Fall Dance was a blast on Friday night. God drops and their families enjoyed dancing with friends, playing games, eating yummy treats, and checking out all the wonderful costumes. We can’t wait for our Halloween costume parade next week! 
- The Scholastic Book Fair took place this week and it was a huge success thanks to all the hard work of our librarian, Mrs. Campbell. Students were so excited to buy new treasures to read and they helped raise money for new books for our school library, too!



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.

W.E.R.O.C.
WOMEN ENJOYING REDISCOVERING OUR CATHOLICISM

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!



In Honor of Filipino-American History Month

Let’s turn to our neighbors across the Pacific, and the third-largest Catholic population in the world for inspiration in our faith journeys before this month ends.

We invite you to learn about the rich heritage of feasts, processions, and festivals in the Philippines, like Marian devotions Flores de Mayo (Flowers of May) and Santacruzán (Holy Cross), or Santo Nino (Holy Child) and Simbang Gabi (a Christmas novena).

Check out www.catholicsandcultures.org for details. If you share Filipino heritage, we hope you had a joyful and meaningful month!



WALK IN 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. 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.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/>

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

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE September/October Wish List:

Cooking Oil
Coffee
Flour & Sugar
Spaghetti Sauce (jarred)
Corn & Peas (canned)
Pasta (**NOT** whole wheat)
Hand Soap, Body Wash & Bar Soap
Deodorant & Lotion
Diapers - Sizes 5,6, & 7*
Baby Wipes
New Socks & Underwear - All Sizes



*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.
Webster, NY 14580



Thank You and May God Bless You for your support!



ST RITA'S SCHOOL

3rd Annual Meat Raffle

Saturday, November 16th
Ukrainian Cultural Center
1040 Jackson Road, Webster, NY 14580
Doors Open At 6pm | First Pull At 6:30pm

Sponsorship Opportunities

Corporate Sponsor \$500
Ticket Sponsor \$1000
Raffle Sponsor \$1000

TICKET INFO

Cost ~ \$20 a Ticket - or- \$175 for a Table of 10
Admission includes Unlimited Soda & Bottled Water

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