## ST. RITA CHURCH

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

DECEMBER 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent



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

Nora Rose Gabriele Alessia Visca Ingoglia Capri Grace Ingoglia

### Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24 3pm Family Mass, 5pm, and 10pm (carols starting at 9:30pm)

> Thursday, December 25 9am



DECEMBER 25, 2025 The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas

From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

## Christmas and the Eucharist

What a deep joy it is to celebrate Christmas with so many people – guests, parishioners, children, young adults home from school, and adults of all ages visiting with their families.

Let's take a moment to reflect on why the Eucharist and Mass are such an important part of our Christmas tradition.

On that first Christmas, the farm animals would have come to their manger looking for food - and instead found the tiny, swaddled child who would one day be food for us.

That beautiful, tiny Christ Child is the very same adult Jesus who says at every Mass, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it, this is my body" and "Take this, all of you, and drink of it, this is the chalice of my blood."

### Every Eucharist continues the miracle of Christmas.

Just as Christmas has become a part of our families' identity, it is my joyful hope that the Eucharist also continually becomes more and more of what makes our families who they are.

This is something that can be celebrated throughout the year.



AMerry and Blessed Christmas to you and yours!

Sincerely in the love of Christ,  $\mathcal{F}r$ .  $\mathcal{T}im$ 

# Offeleome!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us.

If you would like more information about St. Rita Church or to register, please go to our website at www.saintritawebster.org and click the "Join the Parish" link.

Sign up to receive our weekly E-Newsletter to keep up with all that is happening. On our website, click on "Newsletters".

We are happy to have you with us!



#### MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### **INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 20/21**

NICKY CARLISI - By George Petrone FRED LEWANDOWSKI - By St. Rita Parish Staff ELAINE VICK - By Carol Yarton ANGELA RENNA - By The Renna Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM 5:00PM

Confessions - Church Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM 10:30AM



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025** 

8:15AM ROBERT & VIRGINIA NOLAN - By Margaret Nolan Mass 8:45AM - 9:30AM Confessions - Church

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025** 

8:15AM PHYLLIS CIRA - By Jim & Pat Polvino Mass 8:45AM - 9:30AM **Eucharistic Adoration - Church** 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3

#### **INTENTIONS FOR MASSES DECEMBER 24/25**

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF ST. RITA PARISH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025 3:00PM

5:00PM 10:00PM Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass Christmas Eve Mass

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025 9:00AM

**Christmas Day Mass** 

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025 **HOLIDAY - NO MASS** 

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025 4:00PM - 4:30PM 5:00PM

Confessions - Church Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025 8:00AM 10:30AM

Mass CL Mass

#### **INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 27/28**

JOHN FOGARTY - By Family THOMAS N. DAVIS - By Albertha & Family JOHN PASTORELLA - By Pam & Family DAVID & CHERYL CHAMBERLAIN - By Matt, Margo, Nathan, & Maggie





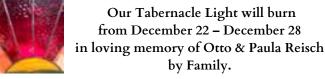




Incense Used



**Family Mass** 



Have you recently started attending St. Rita? Have you moved or changed your contact information?

Please let us know through our Website Link "Join the Parish" if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.

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.



Jubilees are ultimately about fixing relationships. Imagine yourself in Joseph's place in today's Gospel – with a betrothed that it seemed had not been faithful. And yet, God assures him in a dream not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. By not giving into fear, and trusting God, Joseph is able to keep his relationship with Mary healthy.

#### **-• ♦ •**--**Pondering Point**

What relationships in your life need some trust? What hope do you have in those you love?



## Order your St. Rita 75th Anniversary Apparel & Gifts!

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The Parish Office will be

#### **CLOSED**

Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

in observance of the Christmas/New Year Holiday.

As always, in the event of a pastoral emergency that needs immediate attention of a priest, please call 671-1100 ext: 106

We wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas!

## LINEN CLEANING: DECEMBER 21 MARY ANN BEIKIRCH



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

Judith Conerton

Maria Babocsi

## 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.

We have Low Gluten Hosts available at all Masses.

When you arrive for Mass, let the greeter know you would like a low gluten host.

Please come up the center right hand aisle any time during Communion.





GOAL \$155,000

PLEDGES \$143,093

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 92% of our goal from 335 households.\*

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

\*UPDATED AS OF 12/10/25

DECADES





Rochester Hope







We recently heard from Fr. Daniel Ruiz and Dawn Burdick of Rochester Hope, a ministry selected by our Pastoral Council to build a relationship with.

The goals of this relationship are:

-Living out Catholic Social Teaching and

our Parish Mission of joyfully living the Gospel and serving with love.

-Providing regular volunteer opportunities for parishioners

who are hungering for a chance to serve.

-Creating an enduring relationship between St. Rita Parish and a ministry from the wider community.

Now is your opportunity to take part in this meaningful ministry! Join many fellow parishioners who have already volunteered.

We will be sending groups of volunteers to Rochester Hope beginning in January.

To request more information:

Online - https://tinyurl.com/RochHope Email - julie.cohn@dor.org Phone - 671-1100 ext. 103 Thank you for considering this ministry.



Our Racial Justice Ministry is hosting a 7-part discussion series! Videos, scripture, prayer, and discussion will highlight our core Catholic values and inspire us to put our faith into action.

Sessions include 30 minutes each of video and discussion Sundays at 11:30 am (in-person) or Wednesdays at 7 pm (online)

> Sign up in the Greeting Area, online, or by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.

> > **STARTS JANUARY 4!**



CATHOLIC SOCIAL **TEACHING** 



### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**

(how to build a just society and live lives of holiness)

Each person is SACRED made in God's image, equal in dignitu.

Each person is SOCIAL called to participate in family and community.

All people have the **RIGHT** 

to life and its necessities and the RESPONSIBILITY

to respect the rights of others.

We care for people who are **PNNR** and vulnerable before all else

Workers have rights.

WORK has dignity.

We are one big family in SOLIDARITY. Our responsibility to each other is to work together globally for justice.

We care for CREATION We live in interdependance with all God has made.

WANT TO LEARN MORE? JOIN US FOR

Rochester

Hope



As we continue our Catholic Social Teaching conversations about the Call to Family, Community, and Participation, here are some ways to practice that teaching in our everyday lives:



- Coach a sports team - Volunteer at a nursing home

- Pray as a family - say grace before each meal

Join the Scouts

Volunteer at Webster Hope or Rochester Hope or any place that serves the poor - Host a car wash, bake sale, garage sale and donate the profits Keep bottled water and packaged food in your car to give the homeless you see on the road

> Vote! Drive others to vote! Donate food to St. Rita's food collection in the gathering space

- Work in a community or parish garden

- Attend Mass together each week

· Participate in peaceful demonstrations for a just cause - Visit an elderly neighbor

- Volunteer to babysit for a church or community event















If you have any questions contact

Anne Thomas at 671–1100 x: 110

anne.thomas@dor.org

## Sacraments 2026-2027 How to Seek First Communion and Confirmation

Are you looking for your child(ren) to prepare for their First Communion or their Confirmation in the coming year? Congratulations!
I'm looking forward to supporting you along your family's sacramental journey!

- If you have a child who will be entering 1st grade next school year, Faith Formation next fall will lay the foundation for their First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2nd grade. Catholic schools are also a fantastic foundation in our faith. If you have a child in 1st grade now, but they're not in Faith Formation or Catholic school this year, please reach out to me about Faith Formation so that we can get you ready for next year.
- If you have a child who will be entering 8th grade next school year, Confirmation awaits! This two-year preparation program begins in September and is open to youth in 8th grade and above.

#### Look for enrollment to open on our website this summer.

Enrollment is due in early September, and we get started a few weeks after the new school year begins.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at anne.thomas@dor.org

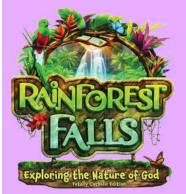
~Anne Thomas. Faith Formation Coordinator







### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026



## Mark Your Calendar!

JULY 27TH-31ST 9AM-12PM

LOOK FOR REGISTRATION IN THE EASTER SEASON SPACE FILLS FAST!





#### WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

**Fr. Tim Niven**, Pastor - <u>Niven@dor.org</u> 671-1100 ext. 106

**Deacon Jim Fien** - <u>James.Fien@dor.org</u> 233-0334

**Deacon Rick Rall** - <u>bernrick@frontiernet.net</u> 545-8467

**Dawn Clark** - <u>Dawn.Clark2edor.org</u> Parish Administrative Assistant General Inquiries, Bulletin, Weddings, Mass Cards 671-1100 ext. 101

Julie Cohn - Julie Cohnedor org Pastoral Minister Funerals, Baptisms, Prayer Line, Visitation 671 -1100 ext. 103

**Elizabeth Kwiatkowski** - <u>Elizabeth Kwiatkowski@dor.org</u> Parish Life and Liturgy Coordinator 671-1100 ext. 104

**Anne Thomas** - <u>Anne.Thomas@dor.org</u> Children's Faith Formation and Sacraments 671-1100 ext. 110 or call/text 585-402-9254

#### **Finance Office**

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**Jennifer LeFrois** - <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> St. Rita School Principal St. Rita School Office 671-3132

## UNITED IN FAITH COMMUNITY

Ма	Total			
	5pm	8 am	10:30 am	
Nov 23	150	205	340	695
Nov 30	185	182	310	677
Dec 7	215	226	345	786



It Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled. You may also call the Parish Office at 671-1100 or visit our website at www.saintritawebster.org for the most up to date closing information.

**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.



### No opened or expired items please.

#### **Webster HOPE December Wish List:**

Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)
Pasta (all types except spaghetti)
Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo & Conditioner

Coffee & Tea Crackers ner Applesauce Canned Chicken Tuna (albacore preferred) Oatmeal (instant or regular)

Baby Wipes \*\*high need\*\*
Deodorant & Toothpaste
Dish Soap & Hand Soap

Thank you

### **COLLECTIONS**

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>	Weekly Average	Collected in 2024
month of Oct	\$54,449	\$56,540	-\$2,091	\$13,612	\$56,957
week of Nov 23	\$27,097	\$14,135	+\$12,962		\$15,673
week of Nov 30	\$11,832	\$14,135	-\$2,303		\$14,544

To set up recurring online payments or make changes to your current giving, please visit our Giving page at www.stritawebster.org/give-online.

Thank you for your generosity in your presence and contributions!



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### **CORE Retreat Weekends**

2026 Theme: "Holy and Beloved"

January 16th - 19th - MEN

with Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R., Dcn. Kevin Carges and Jodie Scordo,

January 23rd-25th - MEN

with Fr. Peter Sousa, C.Ss.R., Deacon Gary Terrana and Jodie Scordo,

February 13th - 15th - COUPLES

with Fr. Jim Dahlinger, SJ; Deb & Keith Northridge and Jodie Scordo,

## Fill Your Soul Days

January 20th - 9am-3pm

"The Shroud of Turin"

with Paul Then

February 11th 9am - 3pm

"The Spirit of Giving"

with Fr. Aaron Kelly and Anna Schlia

## Special Events - LENT

February 3rd - March 24th - Lenten Book Read

"Do Not Judge Anyone: Desert Wisdom for a Polarized World"

Facilitated by Dr. Mike Wischnowski & Retreat Day lead by Fr. Isaac Slater (author)

February 28th - Lenten Retreat Men & Women

"You Have Given All to Me . . . Now I Return It"

with Marie Mozzi

March 7th - Women's Lenten Retreat

"Who Cooked the Last Supper"

with Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ







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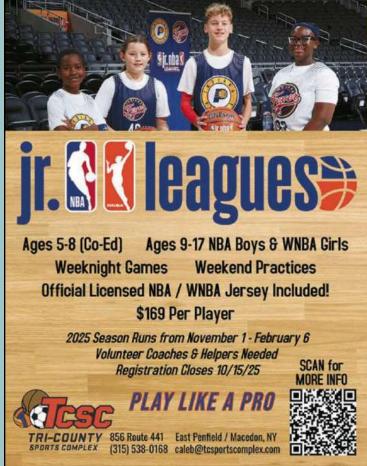


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