

JANUARY 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

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ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome

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. Also, everyone is invited to 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!



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

Theresa Lindsay

James McCann

Mary Brunette



2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Together We Bring Hope
...and Hope does not disappoint

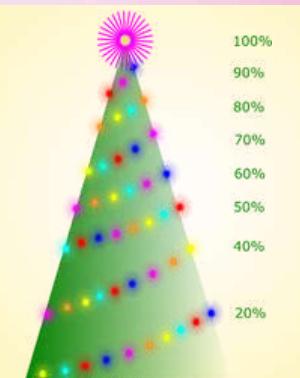
We did it! **Thank You!**
We reached our goal!

GOAL
\$155,000

PLEDGES
\$164,421.46

We are at 106% of our goal from 388 households.*

*UPDATED AS OF 1/6/26



Join us for this informal meeting with others who are experiencing the loss of someone they love. We do not offer counseling; we offer support to one another.

For more information, contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at julie.cohn@dor.org or 671-1100 ext:103.



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



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 JANUARY 10/11

VIOLET DAVIS CLARKSON - By Albertha & Family
 ROBERT BEIKIRCH - By Kim, Nick, & Ian Avery
 ANNAMARIE MCGRATH - By Debbie & Rick Sanza
 MARGARET FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM CL Mass
 11:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

8:15AM TIM O'LOUGHLIN - By The Odenbach Family Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 4:30PM Faith Formation
 6:45PM Rochester Hope Planning Committee - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026

8:15AM ELMER MAURER - By Family Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3
 10:15AM Mass at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:45PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 6:30PM Faith Formation Vision Meeting - Rm 1
 7:00PM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Online

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM THOMAS & KATHLEEN BIFARELLA Mass
 - By The Bifarella Children
 6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1
 6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Chapel

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026

8:15AM Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 10:15AM-3:15 PM Teen Retreat
 10:30AM F Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 17/18

SHIRLEY MATTHEWS - By Jo Anne Carr
 MICHAEL SPOLETA - By Wife and Children



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from January 12 - January 18
 in loving memory of the deceased
 members of St. Rita Parish.

Reflections on Readings for the
 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*"This Is My Beloved Son,
 With Whom I Am Well Pleased"*

This Sunday is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It marks the close of our Christmas season, the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and liturgically, the return to ordinary time.



This feast is the revelation of Jesus as the Anointed One, the Messiah, the beloved Son of God.

Our readings today draw an unbroken line from the Old Testament prophesies of Isaiah, prefiguring "*the chosen one in whom I am pleased*", the one who will "*open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement*".

Our first reading ([Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7](#)) is an excerpt from one of four poems of Isaiah called the "servant songs". Isaiah wrote of a meek and humble servant, anointed by God as "*a covenant to the people*." He will be a "*light to the nations*". It is this prophesy that comes alive in the Baptism of Jesus that we hear in today's Gospel.

Our Epistle reading ([Acts 10:34-38](#)) is an excerpt of a speech given by St. Peter to the household of Cornelius, a Gentile Roman Centurion. It would have been highly improper for a Jew of Peter's stature to enter into the home of an unclean Gentile. And yet, Peter recognized the will of God in "*showing no partiality*" to "*whoever fears him*." At the end of this speech, Peter baptized Cornelius and his entire household. Thus, Jesus was a "*light to the nations*", not only to the Jews.

Our Gospel reading ([Matthew 3:13-17](#)) is Matthew's account of the Baptism of the Lord. John wanted to refuse to baptize Jesus but Jesus insisted, so as "*to fulfill all righteousness*"; in other words, to fulfill the Old Testament prophesies. Jesus may have had in mind today's prophesy from Isaiah. Even though Jesus had no need for baptism, as He did not know sin, He chose to enter into a sinful world in solidarity with those He sought to save. At the baptism's conclusion, the heavens opened and the Spirit of God descended upon Him.

In a sense, Jesus' act of entering into a very human baptism is an extension of His entering into the human condition, to become one with us, to live among us. He entered into this dark, messy world of ours in order to "*bring out the prisoners from confinement*" - a confinement of sin and darkness.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011126.cfm>



SF Sensory Friendly Mass
 Count It All Joy



CL Children's Liturgy of the Word
 Incense Used



F Family Mass

Catholic Social Teaching

Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

As we continue looking at the themes of Catholic Social Teaching, we come now to the third theme, **The Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable**.

This phrase is relatively new, but the idea is as old as our scriptures.

For example, **Psalm 34:7** reads,

"This poor one cried out and the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him."

And, of course, the Gospels are filled with examples of Jesus teaching, healing, and socializing with the poor, the ill, and the most vulnerable.



"God's heart has a special place for the poor, so much so that he himself became poor.' (2 Cor 8:9). Salvation came to us from the 'yes' uttered by a lowly maiden from a small town on the fringes of a great empire. The Savior was born in a manger, in the midst of animals, like children of poor families; he was presented at the Temple along with two turtledoves, the offering made by those who could not afford a lamb; he was raised in a home of ordinary workers and worked with his own hands to earn his bread. When he began to preach the Kingdom, crowds of the dispossessed followed him, illustrating his words: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor' (Lk4:18). He assured those burdened by sorrow and crushed by poverty that God has a special place for them in his heart: 'Blessed are you poor, yours is the kingdom of God' (Lk6:20); he made himself one of them: 'I was hungry and you gave me food to eat,' and he taught them that mercy towards all of these is the key to heaven (Mt 25:5)."



~ Pope Francis

Our responsibility to also hear the cry of the poor is not only to do good for the individual, but leads to the common good of society. In Pope Leo XIV's the Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi te*, the

Holy Father affirms: *"I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry."* We have the responsibility to relieve the plight of the poor and also to bring about justice by addressing the ways that oppression is built into the systems that our communities rely upon. Documents of Vatican II call for a change in international economic structures and stress the right of the poor to share the earth's goods.

There are at least five different "senses" of poverty in the Christian tradition: material poverty, an unfulfilled spiritual longing, religious vows of poverty, material simplicity, and poverty of spirit - that is, choosing to live with a spirit united with the poor. One can see from this list that some forms of poverty contain objective disvalue (e.g. material poverty, spiritual poverty), while others contain value (religious vow of poverty, material simplicity, poverty of spirit).

This preferential option for the poor is not "optional" for Christians. The Bishops of the United States write,

"A special emphasis must be given to the Church's preferential option for the poor. While the common good embraces all, those who are weak, vulnerable, and most in need deserve preferential concern. A basic moral test for any society is how it treats those who are most vulnerable."

Peace,
Fr. Tim

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor



LUKE 6:20-23

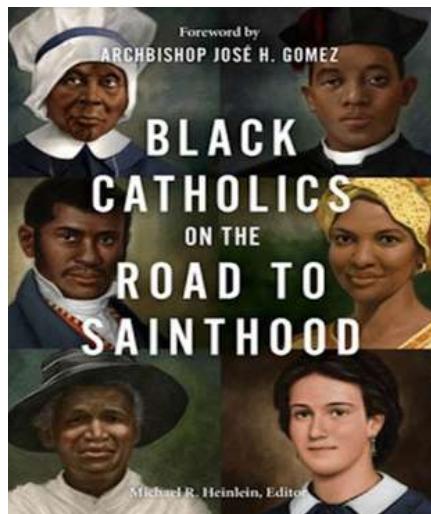
**OPTION FOR THE POOR
AND VULNERABLE**

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SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH 5PM

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Black History Month Book Discussion

Mondays, February 2, 9, & 23
7:00pm-8:30pm

In celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for an engaging Zoom book discussion of Michael R. Heinlein's book *Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood*.

This is the first book to explore the lives of the six Black Catholics from the United States whose causes are under formal consideration by the Catholic Church for canonization.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful conversation.

Please contact the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) at blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com for additional information.

On Zoom!

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NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

After the 8am & 10:30am Masses

Stay for a donut and coffee (or juice) after Mass



2026 Catholic Calendars

Available for pick up in the Church Greeting Area before and after Masses

Thank you to Falvo Funeral Home for sponsoring our annual Catholic Calendars!

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The next C.O.M.E.

Webster Community Dinner at St. Rita is on Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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or scan the QR Code:



Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of January 17 and 18 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area. Thank you so much for your generosity.

More information: [585-671-1100 ext. 103](tel:585-671-1100) julie.cohn@dor.org



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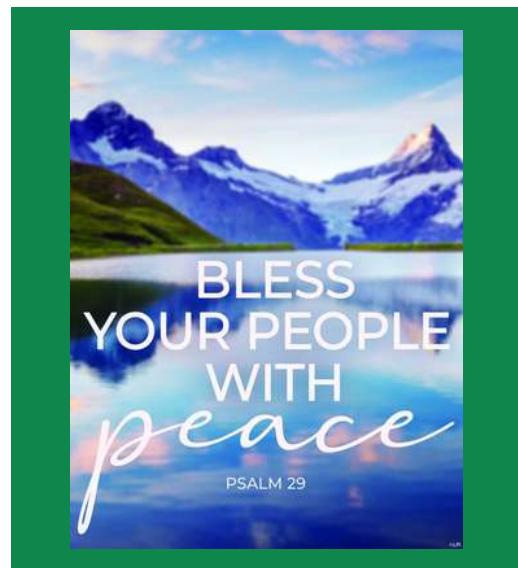
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Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

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 or (585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!

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Sunday January 11

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7th-12th Grade

4-5PM in Room 1

FAITH & FUN!

Please contact Sofia Vollo with any questions at srbosco01@gmail.com

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.

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.


CONTACT US
WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Dec 21	160	208	375	743
Dec 28	165	132	255	552
Jan 4	197	173	230	600



**FOR THE SAFETY OF
ALL PLEASE NOTE!**

If 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 January & February Wish List:



Laundry Detergent
 Cleaning Sprays
 Toilet Bowl Cleaner
 Liquid Hand Soap
 Canned Pineapple & Canned Beets
 Four & Sugar
 Cooking Oil
 Gently used children's clothing (all sizes)

Thank you 

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected in 2024
month of Nov	\$ 80,935	\$ 70,675	+\$10,260	\$ 16,187	\$68,111
week of Dec 14	\$12,364	\$14,135	-\$1,771	--	\$14,542
week of Dec 21	\$15,874	\$14,135	+\$1,739	--	\$13,961

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