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Our Vision...

To nurture and grow the spiritual vitality of each and every Saint Rita parishioner and support them along their life journey as Disciples of Christ while fostering a vibrant, engaging, welcoming faith community.

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am and 10:30am
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE: Monday – Friday at 8:15am - Please see Bulletin or call 671-1100 x 25
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30- 4:30pm and Wednesday at 8:45am or by appt.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents who would like their children baptized should call Julie Cohn at the Parish Office to arrange a meeting.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements for marriage must be made at least 6 months in advance. Please call the Parish Office to arrange for a meeting.
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: The Eucharist and Sacramental Anointing are available to the homebound and those in need. Please make arrangements by calling Julie Cohn at the Parish Office.
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! We would love to meet you! Please pick up a New Parishioner Welcome Folder from the Parish Office to learn more about our parish.

FAX NUMBER: 671-5446
ST. RITA’S E-MAIL: wstritat@ dor.org
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

All registered parishioners and I have received a letter from Bishop Matano asking for our support of this year’s Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). Your gifts to the CMA provide essential operating support for diocesan programs that provide direct services to both St. Rita parish and thousands of people throughout the twelve counties that comprise our Diocese.

A successful Catholic Ministries Appeal is vital to the continued health of our parish and our local Church. As our parish and Diocese are one, comprising the Body of Christ, neither can exist without the other and both need your support. We can and do make a difference.

I am asking that every family in our parish join me in support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your support of this appeal ensures that our schools, faith formation, and sacramental programs remain vital sources of learning and support for the young people who will one day lead our Church. It ensures that the profound needs of the sick, the troubled and elderly are continuously met by the various offices of Catholic Charities. It ensures continuous and essential training for all those who are called to ministry within our Diocese. It ensures that our church remains a vital, faith driven community.

If you did not receive a mailing from the Diocese, information is available in the back of Church or you can go on-line to www.dor.org where you can also make your gift by credit card if you like. Please be sure to indicate St. Rita Church #327 as your church.

Thank you all for what you’ve done to help make St. Rita Parish a vibrant faith community. Your presence and support are most appreciated.

May God bless you this week!
Fr. Gonyo

As Bishop Matano wrote in January of this year in a public statement concerning the plight of refugees:

"Kindly keep in prayer our sisters and brothers seeking a place of freedom, a place of safety, a place of refuge from oppression. The two commandments bring to life the words inscribed on the Statue of Liberty: ‘Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free….’ Our prayer is rooted in those two great commands: to love God and to love our neighbor.

In 1952, Pope Pius XII referred to the Holy Family as the icon for refugees: “The émigré Holy Family of Nazareth, fleeing into Egypt, is the archetype of every refugee family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, living in exile in Egypt to escape the fury of an evil king, are, for all times and all places, the models and protectors of every migrant, alien and refugee of whatever kind who, whether compelled by fear of persecution or by want, is forced to leave their native land, their beloved parents and relatives, their close friends, and to seek a foreign soil.”

(Pope Pius XII, Exsul Familia Nazarethana, 1952).

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Patron Saint of Animals

Fr. Gonyo will hold a PET BLESSING
Sunday, October 8 at 1:00pm
Rain or Shine!
Meet in the front of the School in the loop (in case of rain – meet in the Gym)

All pets are welcome!
Please have pets on leashes or in crates if needed 🙂
EUCHARIST INTENTIONS
Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017
8:15AM DONNA TOOMEY – Jane Gisel

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017
8:15AM ROSEANNE HARRIS – The Maddock Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2017
8:15AM FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CATHERINE LOU KIROUAC – Lise Farnand
9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY - All are Welcome! FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IMPACTED BY HURRICANES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017
8:15AM JANET MITRANO – Lise Farnand

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017
No Mass on Fridays

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017
5:00PM DONALD BROWN – Family

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017
7:30AM MARGARET KLEIN – The Genesky Family
9:00AM MAJOR DON HOLLEDER – US Citizens
10:30AM JOSEPH LO VERDE – Regina LoVerde

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn for the intentions of The People of St. Rita Parish

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Do you knit or crochet?
Join our PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
We come together each month in prayer and create Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets. These are given to anyone we hear of who may be facing serious illness, major surgery, or extended treatments or those who are going through hard times in their life medically or emotionally. Father has blessed the shawls and blankets and there is a prayer included as a reminder of our parish’s love and support. If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl please contact Julie at 671-1100 ext. 13. All are welcome to come and create!

Please join us on Tuesday, October 3 from 10:30am – 12:00 Noon in the Parish Office

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ST. RITA SCHOOL
Spirit of Learning Corner

WHAT’S HAPPENING?

+ Could you smell the sweet scent of grilled hot dogs coming from North Ponds Park on Saturday morning? If you could, you knew the 31st Annual School Marathon was in full force. Pre-K through Fifth Grade students, their families, alumni, faculty, and staff came out to support St. Rita School and helped raise money for our programs, equipment, supplies, activities and/or Field Trips. Students and families walked or ran anywhere from one to six miles. This is the school’s biggest and main fund raiser of the school year. Thank you to all those who have supported our extraordinary school.

+ Ask any Third through Fifth Grade student at St. Rita School to show you the seven continents and they’ll all be able to point and name each one on a blank map! This past week St. Rita’s began its monthly Passport Program which helps to prepare your child for Middle School Social Studies. This program goes above state standards by having students learn the seven continents, the larger bodies of water and deserts, and all of the countries, as well as some of their capitals. Mrs. Sutley, the Fifth Grade teacher, has done a phenomenal job organizing and managing our Passport program for over 16 years.

+ This week students from St. Rita’s, along with Catholic School students across the nation, collected money to help Catholic Schools that were affected by the recent hurricanes. Each student was encouraged to bring in $1 which would go towards “Student to Student: A Catholic School Response for Hurricane Relief 2017”. As always, our St. Rita School families were extremely generous with their contributions.

+ We are happy that our Pre-K class will now be attending all of our monthly school liturgies along with the entire student body. Beginning with our school mass on Wednesday, October 4th they will be sitting in the first few rows in the chapel. We are delighted they will be with us – and all are welcome too!

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SAVE THE DATE!
ST. RITA SCHOOL
33rd Annual CRAFT SALE
Saturday, October 14 from 9:00am – 3:15pm

Get a jump-start on your holiday shopping with arts and crafts from over 100 vendors, at our 33rd Annual St. Rita School CRAFT SALE.

There will be a wide variety of crafters as well as food and raffles throughout the day. Free admission and free parking. For information call the school at 671-3132.

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WEDDING BANNS
Jonathan Matt & Mary Cushman

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We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

*Natalie Marie Russo
Hayden Shay Hughey
Harper Evelyn Ramsey*

**BIBLE READINGS:**

2. **Mon** The Holy Guardian Angels Zec 8:1-8 Ps 102:16-23,29 Mt 18:1-5,10
3. **Tue** Zec 8:20-23 Ps 87:1-7 Lk 9:51-56
4. **Wed** St. Francis of Assisi Neh 2:1-8 Ps 137:1-6 Lk 9:57-62
5. **Thu** Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos Neh 8:1-4a,5-6, 7b-12 Ps 19:8-11 Lk 10:1-12
6. **Fri** St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher Bar 1: 15-22 Ps 79:1-5,8-9 Lk 10:13-16
7. **Sat** Our Lady of the Rosary Bar 4:5-12,27-29 Ps 69:33-37 Lk 10:17-24

**CARE FOR GOD’S HOUSE:**

Week of October 1

**LINENS:** Next week October 8
Carol Seitz

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**BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!**

This isn’t a “club” you need to join - All are Welcome each Sunday morning from 8:30-11:00am in the Parish Center for a warm delicious meal served with a smile!

We offer a “Special” each Sunday but always have our full menu offering eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc. So sit back and let our Breakfast Club volunteers serve you on Sunday mornings September through May!

**Next week’s special:** FRENCH TOAST served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee. Our ministry runs on donations only which are greatly appreciated!

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**PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS!**

**FREE REGIONAL HEALTH FAIR!**

Thursday, October 5, 2017
10:00am to 3:00pm
At the RIT Inn and Conference Center
5257 West Henrietta Rd.

This event will feature flu shots, screenings, e.g.) vision, hearing, blood pressure and glucose, as well as healthy living seminars.
The Knights of Columbus
Recruitment after all Masses
Next weekend - October 7 & 8

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal group in the world, comprising over 1.8 million men. We serve our local parishes and community through a variety of charitable, faith based and service programs.

Trinity Council embraces the Webster and Ontario parishes and is involved with such activities as supporting seminarians, sponsoring masses at Hill Haven Nursing Home for over 30 years, supporting the Special Olympics and hosting local picnics for the developmentally disabled, raising money to give coats to children each winter, an annual charity dinner for a specific charity, athletic events for children, as well as financial and physical support of pro-life activities and the annual March for Life in Washington, DC.

Many of our St. Rita’s parishioners are members of Trinity Council and will be available after all masses next weekend to answer questions and provide information about becoming a member of this amazing organization. We hope you will be able to stop in the greeting area after Mass to learn more or you can call David Gilfoy at 410-2040.

Knights of Columbus Charitable & Benevolent (C & B) Raffle Sale

Several of our Knights who are St. Rita parishioners will be selling C&B raffle tickets after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND. This campaign assists the Knight’s in their continuing financial support of local programs planned for the developmentally disabled such as Pierce St. Home in Webster and many other worthwhile projects.

St. Rita parishioners have been very generous in past C&B campaigns allowing the Knights to provide our time and talent to those who need it. Raffle tickets are $1 each; 6 for $5.00, and a book of 12 for $10. The Knights of Columbus Trinity Council is deeply appreciative of your thoughtful participation in this year’s C & B endeavor.

Rochester Catholic Men’s Conference
Saturday October 14
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Rochester

Theme: “Create in me a clean heart” - Psalm 51

Featured Speakers are: Fr. Larry Richards; EWTN Radio host. Chris Padgett; - Musician, evangelist, and author. Fr. Carter Griffin - Catholic convert & Vice-Rector of St. John Paul II Seminary.

Cost is $55 - Students are $15 (includes breakfast, lunch, and snack).

Contact St. Rita parishioner John Matina with any questions: jmatina@rochester.rr.com or 585-314-6096

ST. RITA PRAYER LINE

"For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy."
-CCC, no. 2558, citing St. Therese of Lisieux, Manuscrits Autobiographiques, C 25rr

As many of you know we have a very active prayer line here at St. Rita Church. We receive many prayer requests each week. We would like to recruit some more “prayer warriors”.

We use a phone tree used to contact our prayer warriors. When a prayer request comes in, a call is placed to the two team leaders and they in turn call the next person on the list and so on down the line.

I would like to add an email list for this ministry. When a prayer request comes in, I will email the group. The only thing that you would be responsible for is PRAYER.

If you would like to be part of this very important ministry, please contact me at Julie.Cohn@dur.org and I will add your email address to the list. Let me know if you have any questions by e-mail or call me at 671-1100 ext. 13. Thank you for prayerfully considering this important ministry. Julie Cohn
The St. Rita Society hosts this delicious meal that will include roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetables, salad, bread – and includes beverage and dessert. Tickets are $12 per person and will be on sale the next two weekends after mass and also at the Parish Office during the week. Proceeds will benefit a variety of Society outreach projects. Join us for a great meal!

**IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO HELP** out setting up, serving or clean up – we would love to have you join us! If you are in high school student (grades 9-12) and are in need of community service hours. If you can help, please contact Elaine King at 671-4930.

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**From the Desk of Marie Marton . . .**

**FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS**

This Monday, October 2nd, is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. This feast day is one I'm sure we are all familiar with. One of the best known of the Guardian Angels is St. Michael the Archangel. Here is the prayer to St. Michael:

Saint Michael the Archangel,
    defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
    and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host by the Divine Power of God
    cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits,
    who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.   Amen.

Angels are very powerful beings that were created specifically for the purpose of guarding and watching over us. St Michael is recognized as the most powerful and strong of all the Archangels.

One time, some years ago, I remember listening to a lecture in which the topic and faith of Russia was raised. Mikhail Gorbachev was asked about what it must have been like to grow up in a country in which God was forbidden to exist. His response always impressed me. Gorbachev responded that, while the authorities might have not “allowed” God in Russia, they never made any such proclamation with respect to angels. That was why he and so many other boys were given the name of Michael (Mikhail) by their Russian parents. The parents, including his own, still sought heavenly protection and prayer by naming their sons with the name of St. Michael the Archangel.

These powerful beings were created by God because of His great love for us. They were created before man/woman and for the express purpose of serving and protecting us. They are always praying for us as they gently nudge us on in our faith of God. As Catholics, we believe that we each have our own, individual Guardian Angel.

I don't know about you, but I imagine that my own personal Guardian Angel has reason to shake his/her head in wonderment and confusion. Since I appreciate the consternation of this pure spirit, I plan to say the following prayer to console this poor being and assure him/her that I do appreciate this Angel’s constancy and support. My Angel is sure to look something like this:

.Yours too?   Well, maybe you would be willing to join me in this prayer tomorrow (or any day, for that matter) in honor of your own Guardian Angel.

    Angel of God, my guardian dear,
    To whom God’s love commits me here;
    Ever this day be at my side,
    To light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.
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