OCTOBER 12, 2025 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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From the Desk of Father Tim . . .



2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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

St. Rita's Catholic Ministry Appeal is one of the many important responsibilities that we take part in every year. As you have heard me say, it is important enough to spend some significant time and effort on, but there is no reason we need to take a whole year to meet this responsibility. As a parish, we have met our CMA responsibility six years in a row, and been among the first parishes in the Diocese each year to do so.

This year's goal is \$155,000, up from last year's goal of \$144,000. This is still well within our reach, since last year, parish households contributed a total of over \$160,000. Last year, about new 40 households participated, with a modest gain in total number of households. The average gift was \$366.

UNITED IN FAITH + COMMUNITY

United in Faith and Community set some lofty goals for St. Rita two years ago and I am very encouraged by your response. Over the past two years, our total weekly collections have increased from \$675,826 in the fiscal year 2022-23 to \$790,316 in 2024-25. This is a 17% increase across two years. This is wonderful.

It has helped us keep up with many repairs and upgrades around our campus, as well as remain "in the black" as other costs have risen. Please consider an increase in your weekly giving again this year.

We also set an ambitious goal of increasing our attendance and we have seen a positive, if modest, increase of 7% from 492 people attending weekend Mass in 2023 to 531 people attending during the same time of year in 2025. Please continue, with gentleness and faith, to invite those who have not been attending Church to come to St. Rita and accompany you to Mass. Perhaps invite them to breakfast afterward.

Thank you for all the time, prayer, effort, and love you pour into St. Rita!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Tím



NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

After the 8am & 10:30am Masses
Stay for a donut and coffee (or juice) after Mass



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

Gabriella Marie Pizzo



Join us **next** Saturday, October 18th at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our "Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

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 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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

Mass 8:00AM 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1 & Greeting Area 10:30AM CL Mass 11:45AM Bible Study Session 2 - Rm 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025 HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

JAMES STEVES - By Daniel & Gloria Parsons 8:15AM Mass 9:00AM **Eucharistic Adoration - Church** 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1 10:15AM Mass at Baywinde - Sage Harbor 2:30PM Altar Server Training - Church 6:45PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Altar Server Training - Church 4:00PM 5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 6:00PM FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM THE LOSS OF A CHILD - By The Campbells

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

6:30PM

CHRISTOPHER BASILE - By Maria 8:15AM Mass 9:30AM School Liturgy

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church **C** Mass 5:00PM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY! 8:00AM Mass 10:30AM Mass F 11:45AM Confirmation Session w/ Mass 11:45AM Bible Study Session 3 - Rm 1 2:30PM Doyle/Bruno Wedding

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 18/19

JOSEPHINE ARGENTIERI - By Joe & Wendy Lynch SAMUEL COLOMBO - By Mom & Dad DONALD BROWN - By Carol Brown SIMON PETER HARRIS - By The Bell/Harris Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from October 13 - October 19 in loving memory of Don Bell by Family.

Incense Used



Count It All Joy





Companions in Grief - Rm 1

Reflections on Readings for Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Stand Up And Go, Your Faith Has Saved You"

Our Readings this Sunday continue our discussion from last week about the importance of faith. But also this week, we hear of God's healing touch in response to our faith and then, our response to God's healing.



Our first reading from the Second Book of Kings

(2 KGS 5:14-17) compliments today's Gospel reading very nicely. It is the story of Naaman, a pagan army general who was healed of his leprosy by the Prophet Elisha. In the pagan world, there were many local gods, but no overarching God of all. Naaman, in his gratitude, recognized the Lord as the one true God of all the earth. Naaman's response to his healing went beyond gratitude to actual conversion.

In our Epistle reading (2 Timothy 2:8-13), St. Paul reminds his readers of the Gospel he preached and his suffering in prison for preaching the Gospel, gladly on their behalf. He offered encouragement to remain faithful despite their current sufferings. But he also offered a word of caution of the consequences of denying that which they knew to be true—that Christ brought salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. "If we have died with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we persevere, we shall also reign with Him."

In our Gospel reading (<u>Luke 17:11-19</u>), we hear the story of ten lepers who came to Jesus begging to be healed. Jesus sent them off to show themselves to the priests. On the way, they were healed. One of them, a Samaritan, realized he was healed and immediately returned to the Lord in thanksgiving. The others, presumably, went on to show themselves to the priests. The Samaritan, though, had his priorities straight—first, give thanks and praise to God. As a result, he was not only healed physically, but spiritually. "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you."

The Greek word used for "Thanksgiving" in today's Gospel reading is, "Eucharist". Coming to Jesus in the Eucharist could be our surest way to give praise and thanksgiving to God for His healing touch in our lives. Today, it might be good to take stock—in what ways have we been healed by God? Has there been healing in our lives where we haven't even noticed? How have we responded to God? This is a good thought to have in our minds the next time we come to Jesus in the Eucharist.

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101225.cfm

LINEN CLEANING: OCTOBER 12 DEBBIE WHITEHAIR

The Parish Offices will be closed for the Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day Holiday on Monday, October 13th.

There will also be no Daily Mass or Confessions.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY



NEXT WEEKEND, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Leo XIV invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, parts of Latin America, and parts of Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities.

Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in **next week's collection** for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

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 heals ten lepers and only one returns to give thanks.

When we undertake a pilgrimage, it is important to remember that when the pilgrimage is done, we do not stop growing.

Although the pilgrimage ends, we still give thanks and praise.

Pondering Point

As our Jubilee Year approaches its end, how can you continue to live as a pilgrim of hope next year?

October 11-12 Jubilee of Consecrated Life

We pray for those who follow Christ by consecrating their lives to His way.

Jesus, Guide and Master, hold them in your heart and be a light for their path.

May they inspire us to follow in our own way, faithful to your teachings.

Amen.

My name is Princess Fame and I was born into a Pentecostal and Baptist family who believed "God would make a way out of no way". I was baptized as an infant, and later, at the age of 12, I was immersed in a pool of water, just as Jesus was, giving me new life, inspiration, and shaping my faith journey.



In my early twenties, I stepped away from the church for a few years, but always kept my heart on Jesus. I met my husband, who was a cradle Catholic, on a job. I believe that God placed me in this path because, growing up, I always had a deep interest in the stained-glass windows of the Catholic Church. In 1995, we began attending St. Rita Church, where I enrolled in the RICA program, which provided me with a deeper understanding of the sacraments and Catholic teachings.

I later participated in Cursillo, which was a blessing and a gift to receive and be a part of. It wasn't easy to switch my religion, and I struggled down this path of uncertainty. Yet, I grew closer to God because I was surrounded by so many faith-filled people, both within and outside the church, whom God placed in my path to help me continue to grow. The list of names is extensive, and it would be unfair to name just a few. I hold all of them dearly in my heart.

I have also been blessed with the voice of reason, a voice that breaks down barriers, which has not been an easy task; much heartache and pain have come with it. But God pulled me through. Hebrews 11-12 teaches on faith and showed me that through faith and belief, I will receive the promises of the Trinity.

The Trinity gave me the voice to be a Lector. Oh, how I delight in lectoring because it's not me that is delivering the message, it is that of the Holy Spirit, and as I prepare to proclaim the Word and before speaking, I ask God to let His children hear His voice through me. I feel blessed, just as Mary felt blessed when she said, "Yes to the Lord and Let it be done!"

As I continue to want more of the Trinity, I was introduced to Mercy Associates. The Sisters of Mercy and Mercy Associates are a community inspired by God's call to Mercy and compassionate service, as exemplified by Catherine McAuley, who dedicated her life to helping others. After attending group sessions for a year, I recently became a Mercy Associate.

-Princess J. Fame

"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." -Hebrews 4:16

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me, and Holy is His name." - Luke 1:49

For more information about vocations in the Diocese of Rochester, visit dorvocations.org or contact the Office of Vocational Awareness.



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:



(\$\) 585-671-1100 ext. 103 (2) julie.cohn@dor.org



From the Desk of Deacon Jim. . .

What is a Christian?

If a non-Christian was trying to figure out who we Christians are based on what they see on the news and social media, they could be understandably confused. Honestly, even Christians might be confused. Remember these words: "We must not be fooled by false prophets or strange teachings" (Hebrews 13:9). The world is noisy, and what we see in headlines can make us question who we truly are.

Do the ways we are being portrayed contradict who we are as followers of Jesus? In the face of the fears and phobias of the world, as we have been told by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount, we must love our neighbor, feed the poor, show kindness, and do unto others as we would have them do unto us. This is all the simple, foundational truths we learned as children. At the beginning of His ministry, after calling Simon and Andrew to drop their nets and follow Him, Jesus laid out what that calling meant for us in the Sermon on the Mount - especially the Beatitudes.

Through the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us a blueprint for how to live as his followers. When I need to check myself, I return to them. It's a powerful standard to apply to our lives and to evaluate how well we are living as He commands.

Especially in today's world, blessed indeed are the peacemakers. We all need this gentle nudge, a reminder to play our part and show the world who we are as Christians.

Love,



Compensation: \$17-\$19 per hour

St. Paul's Catholic Church

783 Hard Rd. Webster, NY 14580

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.
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- · Be proficient in Microsoft Office computer programs and applications.

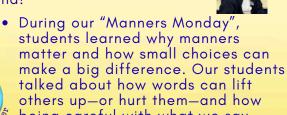
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St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

- Our Pre-K4 students have been hard at work on their journal writing. It's amazing to see their creativity and we love watching their confidence grow each day!
- Our First Grade God Drops had a blast during library time with Mrs. Campbell. They got creative and made their very own LEGO glasses. It was a unique LEGO experience and lots of smiles all around!







being careful with what we say helps build trust and friendship.



Training sessions for Altar Servers are Tuesday, October 14 at 2:30 pm and Thursday, October 16 at 4:00 pm (choose one).

Choose a date and time at your convenience for Tech Minister training (great for teens or a parent & child).

RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org

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CONTACT ELIZABETH.KWIATKOWSKI@DOR.ORG WITH QUESTIONS

8th Annual Pink Game @ Aquinas

Come cheer on our CYO soccer teams as they play under the lights at the Aquinas field!

Saturday, October 18

Games at 6:45 & 8:00 PM

- "Entry fee" is a non-perishable food item for the **Aquinas Little Free Pantry**
- · Check out the selection of Gift Baskets
- Donations go to the Breast Cancer Coalition of

SWEET TREATS!







WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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)
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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



MASS
ATTENDANCE
LAST WEEK:
OCTOBER 4/5
SAT. 5:00PM 194
SUN. 8:00AM 174
SUN. 10:30AM 215

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