FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Sixth 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 . . .



A couple of years back, I presided over the wedding of some friends of mine at the campus of Canisius College in Buffalo where they had met one another in the church choir. Their music minister was Russell J Weismann who used Mass at their wedding which he had composed that the couple was very fond of, called Mass in Honor of St. Ignatius. I was especially struck by the setting he used for the Universal Prayer. It was unique, using a sung verse to open and close the prayers and with no individual refrain after each Intercession. Rather than a response after each Intercession, it gave a significant pause after each for personal prayer. This encourages the active participation of everybody.

I brought it back to our music minister, Ms. June Frosino, who also liked it. She wrote for permission, and we have been using it ever since.

I thought you might be interested in the origin of the Universal Prayer we use here at St. Rita. Even more, I hope this encourages each of us to more fully enter into our Universal Prayer as we pray in our hearts for each intercession that is spoken.

For example, if an intercession were, "For a lasting peace in the world from God," then one person might pray for peace in Ukraine, another for peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and still another might pray for peace in their own heart. One Intercession can lead to a wide variety of individual prayers.

Working together with the wonderful volunteers who author the Intercessions each week, we are trying to write prayers that are even more inviting to prayer. Working together with our lectors, we are trying to maintain a cadence that encourages prayer. We, therefore, as the ones who are invited and encouraged, can put even more effort into making the prayer our own and more fully expressing our Baptismal Priesthood.

May we all develop an ever growing awareness and appreciation for every part of the Mass, as well as receive more fully the graces that it contains from our God.

> Yours in Christ, Fr. Tím

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

l'elcome:

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



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

1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580 (585)671-1100 www.saintritawebster.org All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 15/16

LUCIANO & SALVATRICE BOLOGNA - By Family VIRGINIA NICASTRO - By Jon & Karen Ritter/Richard & Melisande Bianchi RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Joyce Lochner MARILYN, DAVID, RICHARD, & DICK DIMARIA - By Lynn DiMaria

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Mass 6:00PM BCCR Rosary & Reception - Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

 8:00AM
 Mass

 10:00AM
 Obstacle Course - Gym

 10:30AM
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 11:45AM
 Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

8:15AM	GIUSEPPE MISTRETTA Mass			
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9:00AM 9:00AM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church WEROC - Rm 1			
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025				
8:15AM	Communion Service			
10:00AM	Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point			
11:00AM	Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor			
6:30PM 7:00PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3			
7.00PW	Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1			
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025				
5:30PM	Eucharistic Adoration - Church			
6:00PM 6:30PM	ROBERT FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family Mass			
9:00PM	Companions In Grief - Rm 1 Men's Basketball - Gym			
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025				
8:15AM	JIM (PAPA) NELSON - By The Odenbach Family Mass			
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025				
4:00PM -				
5:00PM	Mass			
6:00PM	Game Night - Rm 1			
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025				
8:00AM	Mass			
10:30AM	CL Mass			
11:45AM	Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1			

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 22/23

ARTHUR KELLER - By Carl & Josephine Gangarossa ANNAMARIE MCGRATH - By James & Michael Kelliher JOAN "JO" CASTON-LEWIS - By The Music Ministry ROBERT FIEN SR. - By The Reinhardt Family



Reflections on Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed Are You Who Are Poor, For The Kingdom Of God Is Yours"

Our readings this Sunday teach us that with the Kingdom of God, up is down and down is up. The poor are rich and the rich are poor. We are given a simple choice — Put your trust



in mankind and you will be like a "barren bush in the desert." Put your trust in God and you are like a "tree planted beside the waters."

In our first reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8), the prophet Jeremiah paints a very clear choice—"Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings" vs. "Blessed is the one who trusts in God." One turns our hearts away from the Lord while the other turns us toward the Lord.

In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20),

St. Paul also gives us a clear choice—Do we believe Christ was raised from the dead or don't we? Do we believe that we will also rise with Christ? If we do not, then Paul says that we are "the most pitiable people of all."

In our Gospel reading (Luke 6:17, 20-26), we hear Luke's account of the Sermon on the Plain, similar to Matthew's Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapter 5-7). Here, Jesus lists four beatitudes or blessings and four woes or opposites. It can be said that the beatitudes are the countenance of Jesus. Jesus was poor, Jesus was hungry, Jesus wept, Jesus was persecuted. He was preparing us for the life of following Christ. But the rewards in heaven are joy and blessedness for eternal life. Jesus contrasted this with being blessed in this life and thus being distracted from the things of God and of the next life. Is it possible to be blessed in this life and blessed in the next? Yes, but it is more difficult when the blessings of this life lead us away from God. The answer is to detach ourselves from anything that distracts us from God.

Often in life, we are presented with choices -- Do we put our trust in God or do we trust in humankind? Are we detached from the things of this world or do we cling to wealth and possessions? Do we believe Christ rose from the dead? Do we believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist? We are defined by our choices. Our choices define our actions and our actions define our destiny. Straddling the fence is not a luxury we have.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021625.cfm



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from February 17 – February 23 in loving memory of Mary Katherine Osswald by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

LINEN CLEANING: FEBRUARY 16 PATTY ZACHMAN

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.



Today we hear about 'a great crowd of His disciples and a large number of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.' People journeyed to hear what Jesus had to say, in a sort of pilgrimage. And what they heard – the beatitudes – has the potential to change their lives. Our jubilee pilgrimage, if it includes Jesus as the destination, has the same potential.

Pondering Point

Imagine journeying to hear a celebrity, only to find out it was the Son of God who would save the world!

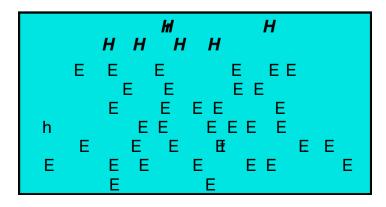
February 15 - 16 Blessing of Artists

Heavenly Father, you have created a beautiful world for us to live in. Bless the artists with inspiration to give you praise through their works. May their works and creations inspire those who experience the beauty to see your glory.

Stop by the table at the entrance to Church for a special St. Rita art project!

Next weekend, the Pope has invited all Deacons in particular to observe a jubilee celebration.

At St. Rita, there will be a special blessing after all Masses next weekend.



A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team



Be Smart About Your Heart

In this month of February, we are reminded that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the US, but it can often be prevented. Adopting a heart-healthy lifestyle can help you reduce the risk of heart disease and its risk factors.

Take action to protect your heart by following these tips.

- Get enough quality sleep. Lack of sleep or getting poor quality sleep increases the risk of having high blood pressure, heart disease, and other medical conditions. Try to aim for 7 – 9 hours of sleep a night.
- Healthy Eating. A balanced eating plan can help lower blood pressure and improve your cholesterol. Read nutrition labels to pick foods lowest in saturated fat, sodium, and added sugars.
- Stop Smoking. Any amount of smoking, even light or occasional, damages your heart and blood vessels. Talk with your healthcare provider about programs and products that can help you quit. You can call 1-800-QUIT-NOW and visit smokefree.gov to get support.
- Be More Active. Getting enough physical activity helps to lower your risk of heart disease and stroke. Sit less! Take the stairs. Park farther away. March in place or take a walk around the block (once the weather is better). If you don't have a lot of time in your day, try being active for 10 minutes at a time. Anything that gets your heart beating faster counts!
- Manage your stress. Stress is often under-recognized as a risk factor contributing to heart disease. Different types of stress reduction work differently for each of us. Some people find meditation, prayer, or yoga works; others may prefer a walk in nature or other physical activity. Speak to your healthcare provider for other suggestions, but keep your stress in check.

For more information visit www.heart.org



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

> Sr. Dolores Ann Stein Toni DiBella Angelina Bohannon

Men's Faith Group

Join us to discuss topics that strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

> Monday, February 17 at 7:00pm Room 1

> > Contact John Matina at 585-314-6096 if you have any questions.

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.Cohnedor.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.



Can you spare your Time and Talent to count our Treasure?

Do you have about 90 minutes on a Monday morning once a month?

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help with our collection counting teams. You will work in teams of 3 to count and deposit our weekly collections.

If you can help or want more information please reach out to Kasey @ Kasey.Baker@dor.org 544-8889 ext.2118.



The Parish Offices will be CLOSED for **Presidents Day** on Monday, February 17th.

There will be no daily Mass or Confessions on February 17th.

Companions in Grief Thursday, February 20th at 6:30pm in Room 1 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.

All are welcome!



Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am Thursdays

5:30-6:00pm

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #4618 **Fundraiser**







Trinity Council #4618, Knights of Columbus, is conducting a Cooperstown Vacation (and more) Fundraiser to benefit the Trinity Council Charitable Fund. One Grand Prize and Six Second Place prizes will be awarded. The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$1,250 value package to the luxurious Otesaga Resort Hotel on Glimmerglass Lake in Cooperstown, NY, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. There will also be six Second Place prizes. Each Second-Place winner will choose from among the remaining second place prizes, which include: four Box Seats to a Rochester Red Wings 2025 regular season home game, a Rochester Red Wings Hoodie, six 100 Level vouchers for any 2025-2026 Rochester Amerks home game, one autographed Rochester Amerks player jersey, six 100 Level vouchers for any 2025–2026 Rochester Knighthawks home game, one autographed Rochester Knighthawks player jersey.

Raffle tickets for these fabulous prizes are only \$35.00 each and sales will be limited to 180 tickets. A random drawing will be held at the Trinity Council March meeting on March 6, 2025. To obtain a ticket, contact David Powe at 585-627-1716 or dmpowe@aol.com.





Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday at 10:30am Mass!

This special opportunity is offered every Sunday except on the 3rd Sunday of each month when Father Tim will preside over a Family Mass in Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to give children in Pre-K thru Grade 2 an opportunity to hear and share about the Sunday readings at a level of their understanding. Children will be dismissed from church to Room 1 before the first reading and will return approximately at the Offertory Prayers.

VAGATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 20251 JULY 28-AUGUST 1



Look for enrollment to open after Easter! Contact Anne Thomas (anne.thomas@dor.org) if you'd like to help.

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.

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!

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



St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet! God Drop Corner

 Auditions for the production of "Seussical Jr" took place this week for interested 2nd-5th graders. We can't wait to watch the production here at SRS in early May. Ju

- Happy Birthday to our God Drops with February birthdays. We hope you enjoyed celebrating with a special dress down day this week.
- SRS was full of love and joy on Valentine's Day. Our 4th graders led us in a beautiful school liturgy and students had fun dressing down in pink and red to help celebrate St. Valentine. Students also exchanged valentines with classmates before heading home for February Break.

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.





Join us for a morning of relay race style fun. Participants will speed from one activity to another in a race to the finish line. Everyone is a winner in this high-energy event!

February 16, 2025



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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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COMMUNITY

Collections For th	e Week of
February 2, 2	2025
Actual Collection	\$13,632
Budget Goal	\$13,702
Variance	-\$70

Attendance February 2, 2025	604
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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!

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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. 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 January/February Wish List:

Ground Coffee Tea & Hot Chocolate Flour & Sugar Cooking Oil Laundry Soap Dish Soap



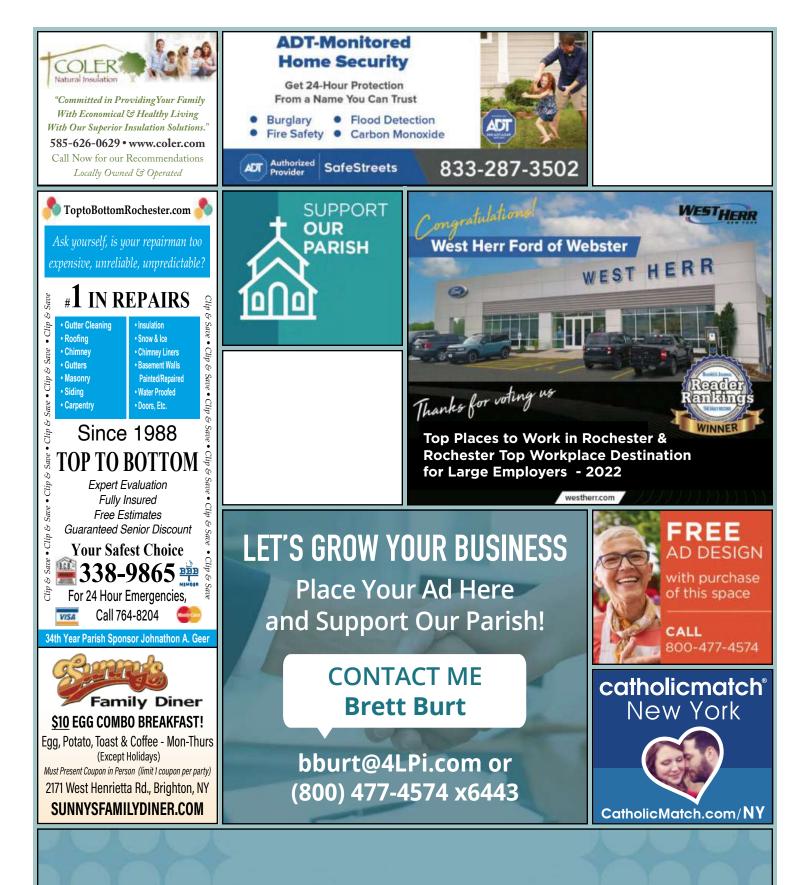
Boxed Pasta (Please no whole wheat.) Jarred Pasta Sauce Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Hearty Varieties of Soup Canned Peas, Pineapple, Beets

Thank you for your financial support of St. Rita parish!

Your generosity helps us continue our good works and much needed ministries.

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

If you attend a different church for weekend Mass, you can place your St. Rita Church Offering Envelope in that church's collection basket/donation slot and it will be sent back to us. We do this in turn for other parishes whose parishioners are here visiting our church.



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