

FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Fifth 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 . . .



Universal Prayer (Wow, it must be big!)

It is big! Not so much because of its size, but because of its importance. "Universal Prayer" is the official title of the prayers we say during Mass that we sometimes refer to as "the Prayer of the Faithful". We also call them "the Intercessions," though this is a more of an informal name and better refers to the individual prayers which the Universal Prayer contains. The Universal Prayer is unique within the liturgy as the one part of the liturgy that we can compose ourselves. It has a flexibility that allows us to address local needs as well as worldwide concerns.

It is an expression of our baptismal priesthood as we pray for the good and salvation of all. The General Instruction to the Roman Missal, which are the rubrics (rules) which govern how the Mass is conducted, adds this:

70. The series of intentions is usually to be: a) for the needs of the Church; b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world; c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty; d) for the local community.

71. . . . The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community.

The people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention or by praying in silence.

While the Intercessions are authored by volunteers and are led by lectors or a Deacon, we are all encouraged to make them our own in the prayer of our hearts.

Next Week...The Universal Prayer at St. Rita Church: Where did it come from?

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tim

Hands of Christ 2025

Each year, the Diocese of Rochester recognizes high school seniors in our communities who have been the "Hands of Christ" through their positive Christian example and involvement in the parish, school, and community.

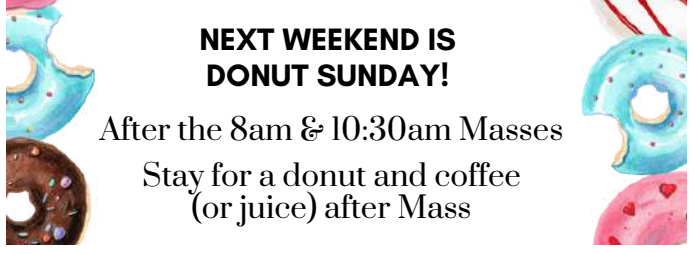


This year we recognize the following students from St. Rita Church. Congratulations!

Joseph Baller	Lindsay Ruffalo
Kristina Baller	Kessa Sangasy
Ella Griffin	Vanh Sangasy
Juliana Moses	Emmy Valentino
Sophia Moses	Annika Van Damme

NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

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



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 FEBRUARY 8/9

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 MARY NUGENT - By Annamarie Samperi
 GEORGE MAYNARD - By Trinity Council #4618
 INTENTIONS OF DAVID & EVELYN POWE AND FAMILY
 - By Lynn Fulmore

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM **SF** Mass
 6:00PM Game Night - Rm 1
 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screenings - Greeting Area

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:45AM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1
 11:45 AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 4:30PM Faith Formation Session
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025

8:15AM **SALVATORE DEBIASE - By Wife & Family** Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 9:00AM Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Parish Office
 10:15AM Mass at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 1:00PM Intercessions Team - Parish Office
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 6:30PM RJM Meeting - Room 1
 7:00PM O.C.I.A Meeting - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Community Dinner - Gym
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 7:00PM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025


1:00PM Fellowship & Friends - Glass Pin Craft - Rm 1
 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM Mass
 6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rm 1
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

8:15AM **CHUCK & KAY NAGEL - By Family** Mass
 9:30AM School Liturgy

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 **F** Mass
 11:45AM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session

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



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

Reflections on Readings for the
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*"Here I Am, I Said; Send Me!"*

Our readings this Sunday remind us that God calls each of us to mission in our own unique way. He does not call us because we are worthy or capable or talented.

WHO WILL I SEND?
 AND I SAID
**HERE I AM!
 SEND ME!**
 ISAIAH 6:8

He calls us to cooperate with His grace because He loves us and wants us to be like Him. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to be prophets—to speak God's truth to every one who will hear, especially within our families and social circles. Jesus depends on us to be His eyes and ears, hands and feet, and His mouth.

In our first reading (Isaiah 6:1-8), we hear Isaiah's description of his call by God to be his Prophet. Isaiah's initial response to God was typical of the reluctant servant – I am not worthy, I am sinful, send someone else. Yet, God, in His Grace, did not regard Isaiah's sinfulness; He sent him on a mission to speak God's word. Isaiah's response then was, *"Here I am . . . Send me."*

In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 15:1-11), we hear about the results of Paul's acceptance of his call by Jesus. Like Isaiah and Simon, Paul saw himself as unworthy, *"For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle"*. And yet, Paul accepted Jesus' call to preach the cornerstone truths of our faith – *"that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day."*

In our Gospel reading (Luke 5:1-11), we hear about the call of Simon (Peter) by Jesus, with the miraculous catching of an overabundance of fish. Simon's response was similar to Isaiah's – *"Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man"*. Jesus did not see his sinfulness. He saw a loving and capable leader of His disciples and of His Church. Jesus said to Simon, *"Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching men."* Simon's acceptance was similar also to Isaiah's: *"They left everything and followed Him."*

How does all this apply to me, you might ask? We, in our own way, are all Isaiah; we are all Paul; we are all Simon. We are all unworthy, sinful people. And yet, we are all given the ability and responsibility to accept the Gospel in faith and to proclaim it in word and deed; and without hesitating, to courageously identify and denounce evil. With God's grace (not our own), we will accomplish God's will.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020925.cfm



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from February 10 – February 16 for the healing of Ella.

**LINEN CLEANING: FEBRUARY 9
PAM KUNZER**



Fellowship
and Friends

SPRINGTIME GLASS PIN MAKING

**Thursday, February 13th
1:00pm in Room 1**

Seniors and Retirees! Please join us for a Springtime Glass Pin Making event with artist Dan Hohl. We will work on this beautiful jewelry (no experience necessary!) and enjoy each other's company and refreshments. Make one for yourself or as a gift to someone you love!

Please RSVP on the Sign Up Sheet in the Greeting Area or email: June.frosino@dor.org

Stay tuned for more events in the coming months!



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Rory Thomas Miller

**St. Rita
needs you!**

**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.**

Lord,
Help us to remember when we first met and the strong love that grew between us.
Help us love in practical ways so that nothing can divide us.

May our words be kind and our thoughts be gracious.

May we remain humble enough to ask for forgiveness and wise enough to freely forgive.

Amen.



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, Simon Peter gives his boat to Jesus to use. Jesus taught from the boat to avoid the pressing crowds, but his greatest lesson came after Simon caught the miraculous catch of fish. It's a reminder that hope includes an openness to God's plan.

Pondering Point

Imagine you were like Simon Peter, exhausted after a long day (or night) at work, and being asked to do something you knew in your bones would be fruitless only to have it be better than you could have dreamed (or hoped)!

February 8 - 9 Blessing those in Armed Forces, First Responders, & Security

Lord God, thank you for the courageous people who have chosen to help protect, serve, and defend your people at home and throughout the world. Give them the gifts of wisdom and discernment to make the necessary decisions in troublesome situations.

Guard them with your protection as they go through their daily work of protecting and serving your people and bring them home safely to their loved ones at the end of the day.

Amen.

This year, Pope Francis has invited specific groups to join the Jubilee through particular gatherings and celebrations. Next weekend, the Pope, as invited all artists in particular to observe a jubilee celebration. At St. Rita, there will be a special blessing after all Masses next weekend.



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

Leonard Schwartz
Ruby Morganti

From the desk of the St. Rita Racial Justice Ministry...

The Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) along with the Notre Dame Retreat House is sponsoring

"Stations of the Cross: An African American Saint Worthy Journey"

at the Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Rd.
Canandaigua, NY 14424

Tuesday, February 11th
9:00am - 2:30pm

For more information and to register please go to
www.notredameretreat.org

Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita will be hosting a C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner on Wednesday, February 12, 2025
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Anyone in our St. Rita Community and the Webster Community is welcome to join us. Especially individuals and families who are looking for fellowship and would like a home-cooked meal in a friendly atmosphere.

More information: 585-671-1100 ext. 103 julie.cohn@dor.org

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- signage
- food booth lead

If you can help, send a note to
elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org

Check out this year's sponsor options on our website at
www.stritawebster.org/fiesta

World Day of Prayer Against Human Trafficking

February 8, the Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita, is the day our Church prays for an end to human trafficking in our world; a problem that is just as large today as it was in her time. Josephine was kidnapped and sold into slavery as a young child.



O St. Bakhita, Assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery;

Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.



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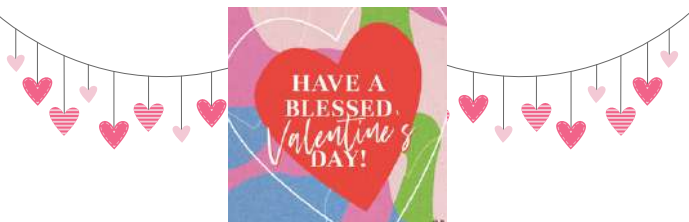


- Our 1st graders have been exploring the fascinating world of animal habitats. To build on this learning, each student created a diorama research project about their given animal, showcasing that animal and its' habitat and proudly presented their hard work to some 3rd grade buddies. Way to go 1st Grade!
- Kindergarten students have been busy learning about Polar Animals. Last week they did a fun science experiment to demonstrate how most polar animals have lots of fat (blubber) that helps keep them warm. Hands on learning is the best!
- The Annual Father Daughter Dance took place Friday evening and it sure was a night to remember. Fathers, Grandfathers, and special guests attended with SRS daughters and danced under the lights in a Winter Wonderland. What a beautiful memory for all!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025! JULY 28-AUGUST 1

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



FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES!



Let's do dinner!
Bring a dish to share.
Scan the QR code to let us know what you are bringing.

<https://tinyurl.com/gamenightsjanfeb2025>

GAME Nights

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
6-8 PM in Room 1

Bring your favorite game or learn something new!

FAITH!

Youth Group

FUN!

Youth Group Gatherings for Teens

Sunday
February
9th

Join
us!

7th-12th
Grade

4-5PM
in
Room 1

St. Rita's Youth Group is a place for teens to grow in faith, community, and service. Explore multiple ways to live out your faith and connect with peers! Our fun and welcoming environment will help you grow no matter where you are on your faith journey. We look forward to meeting you!

Please RSVP to Sofia at srbosco01@gmail.com by 11am on Sunday, February 9th.

...AND FOOD!

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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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.

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



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Collections For the Week of January 26, 2025	
Actual Collection	\$15,654
Budget Goal	\$13,702
Variance	+\$1,952

Year To Date Collections July 2024 - January 2025	
Actual Collection	\$415,748
Budget Goal	\$411,060
Variance	+\$4,688

Attendance	
January 26, 2025	562

Collections Compared to Previous Year Year to Date	
As of January 2024	\$380,580
As of January 2025	\$415,748
Variance	+\$35,168

Average Weekly Attendance	
January 2024	496
January 2025	542
Variance	+46

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