DECEMBER 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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From the Desk of Father Tim . . .



Catholic Ministries Appeal Update

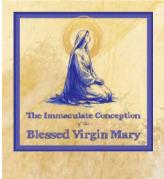
Thank you to everyone who has contributed to St. Rita's Catholic Ministries Appeal success so far. We have been leaders in our diocese this year and had some fun along the way with our weekly CMA drawings.

It is time to wrap things up to meet our three goals:

- our financial goal of \$146,000 as I write this on Dec 2nd, we are 90% of our way there.
- to fulfill this responsibility before Christmas when you read this on Dec 8th, we will have just about two weeks to make this happen!
- and to have an even greater number of parish households participate this year as of now we have had 330 households participate this year, over 100 shy of last year's participation. This is what needs most of our attention. Every gift matters in expressing how important the CMA is to us as a parish. Every gift matters in supporting all those who minister in our name. We need everyone who can to play your part, with a donation small or large.

Thank you so much for making our participation in the CMA really express our support to others in need and those who minister to them.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Tím



Monday - December 9 Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass Times

St. Rita Church 8:15am and 9:30am

St. Joseph Church 5:30pm

St. Paul Church 6:30pm

Holy Trinity Church

5:30pm followed by The Night of the Little Candles celebration (RSVP if you want to attend the reception)



NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

After the 8am & 10:30am Masses

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



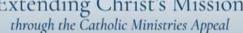


Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 8
2 pm

Join us for a joyous celebration of the holiday season through music and word as we retell the story of the birth of Jesus with members of all of our musical groups.

Extending Christ's Mission





GOAL \$146,000

PLEDGES \$1

\$131,424

Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

You can also make your gift online at www.dor.org/cma (St. Rita Parish number is 327).

We are at 90% of our goal from 330 households.*

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the success of our CMA!

*UPDATED AS OF 12/2/24



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 DECEMBER 7/8

MARTINA FAME - By Joe & Julie Cohn NICOLE RANALLETTA - By The Ranalletta Family RUTH YAEGER - By Family GIUSEPPE MISTRETTA - By Maria Mistretta & Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Rite of Enrollment at Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

Rite of Enrollment at Mass MA00:8 10:30AM Rite of Enrollment & Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass 11:45AM Confirmation Session 2:00PM Lessons & Carols - Church 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY 8:15AM MARY THOMER - By Helena Kessler Mass 9:30AM School Liturgy

4:30PM Faith Formation Session 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

8·15AM SALLY HUTT - By W.E.R.O.C. Mass 9:00AM **Eucharistic Adoration - Church** 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1 7:00PM Racial Justice Ministry Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

8:15AM Communion Service 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

5:30PM **Eucharistic Adoration - Church** 6:00PM THOMAS N. DAVIS - By Albertha & Family Mass 6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rm 1 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

8:15AM FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Count It All Joy Music Ministry at Mass 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8.00AM Mass 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1 10:30AM Student Sunday Mass 11:45AM Confirmation Session Youth Group - Rm 1 4:00PM

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 14/15

DONALD GALLO - By Amy Gallo ROBERT FIEN - By Virginia Nolan DICK JOHNSON - By John & Jeannine Thomas

LENA SPAZIANO - By Kathy & Charlie Rosenzweig

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.

> **LINEN CLEANING: DECEMBER 8 SANDRA KUEBEL**

Reflections on Readings for the Second Sunday of Advent

"Prepare The Way Of The Lord, Make Straight His Paths"

The readings for this Second Sunday of Advent fill us with hope for who is to come - the promised Messiah, the one who would gather in the lost



souls of Israel in a new exodus and return them to a heavenly Jerusalem. As John the Baptist proclaims, "Prepare ye the way".

Our first reading for this Sunday comes from the Prophet Baruch, the scribe to the great Prophet **Jeremiah** (Baruch 5:1-9). The situation in time is the most dire of circumstances, the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple, and exile to Babylon. The people of God felt as if their loving God would never love them again, a feeling that may be a reality for many people suffering in our own time. Baruch speaks with utter confidence as he heralds the day when the Lord will come in His glory, when the scattered people of Israel will be brought back to a new heavenly Jerusalem. He pictures Jerusalem as a mother waiting for her lost children to return, overjoyed at the reality of it.

In our Epistle reading (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11),

St. Paul instructs his readers how they should live as they wait for "the day of Christ", Christ's triumphant return, when those faithful to Him would share in His glory. Paul writes, "And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ....

In our Gospel reading (<u>Luke 3:1-6</u>), we hear Luke's introduction to John the Baptist. It was a time when Israel longed for the promised Messiah. Luke places the setting in history by naming the political and religious leaders of the day. He describes John's primary role as a call from God to prepare the way of the Lord. Luke borrows from Old Testament prophets like Isaiah and Baruch using the descriptive images of God coming in glory, filling the valleys and leveling the mountains.

As we continue our season of preparing for the coming of Jesus, we may be encouraged by the faith and confidence of our ancestors. We share Paul's confidence that "the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." It was and is a hope that does not disappoint!

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120824.cfm



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from December 9 – December 15 in loving memory of Frank & Ann Matroniano by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.



Have you ever wondered why we change some of the music and prayers of the Mass during different seasons, like Advent and Christmas?

Stay tuned for more events in the coming months!

Well, there are standard elements of the Mass that don't change from season to season. The parts that can be changed are prayerfully chosen to reflect the spirit and tone of the season. We might choose a different Mass Setting (the music that goes with the unchanging text of the "Gloria" and "Holy, Holy, Holy", etc.) to show the expectation and devotion of the Advent Season. The words may not change, but the tune or music can. One example of this is how we are now singing the "Mass of Christ the Savior" musical setting in Advent, as compared to the "Mass of Renewal" setting that we were doing in Ordinary time.

Do you have any questions for our Liturgy Committee regarding the Mass? Feel free to let us know!

June Frosino, Director of Music, can be reached at



2025 Catholic Calendars

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

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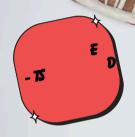
@ St. Rita Parish 1008 Maple Dr., Webster 585-671-1100

Let us help you find some moments of peace and joy during this Advent season with the following events. Questions? Contact elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org.

Kids Night Out







Need an evening to go shopping, go out to dinner, or have a quiet time at home? Drop off your kids at the Parish Center on Saturday, December 21 between 5-8 pm! We'll have games, pizza, snacks, crafts, a movie, & more!

*Limited spot available - don't wait to sign up!

GIFT WRAPPING PARTY

Need a kid-free zone to get your wrapping done?

🌇 Need a hand wrapping gifts? (

Come on over Sunday, December 22 between 6-8 pm!

Bring your gifts and wrapping supplies - we'll provide the tables, refreshments, and a festive

atmosphere.



SIGN UP

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Please plan to arrive at church by 2:15 pm on Christmas Eve.

All children in
grades 2–6
are also invited
to sing with the
Angel Choir
at this Mass!
Contact
june.frosino@dor.org

SIGN UP



We invite all children to participate in a special way during the reading of the Gospel story!
Costumes and directions will be provided.
An optional rehearsal will be held on Sunday, December 22

An optional renearsal will be neld on Sunday, December 2

following the 10:30 Mass. Adult help is appreciated.







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God Drop Corner

- Advent season has officially begun and the halls are buzzing with excitement that December is here!
- Our God Drops enjoyed a night of fun and fundraising at Barnes & Noble on Friday. They wore festive pajamas, shopped for new books for themselves and their classrooms, and Santa surprised everyone with a visit and a read aloud.





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.



Pope Francis has announced a jubilee year for all Catholics around the world, starting on Christmas Eve 2024 and continuing through the Feast of the Epiphany in January 2026.

A jubilee is a special time for asking God to change us and make us holy. It is a time for praying to grow closer to God.

- The theme of this jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". A pilgrim is a person who is on a journey. Our life is a journey to Heaven.
- We journey together with Jesus, Mary, the saints, friends, and family. We try to live better lives and be more like Jesus.
- What do you hope for? As Christians, our hope comes from God and leads us toward working for good things for all people. We hope for peace in our world. We hope for all people to be loved and welcomed. We hope for Heaven at the end of our lives on earth. We trust God and the path Jesus shows us to follow to lead us to that hope.

Ways to Participate in the Jubilee:

- > Forgive those who have hurt you and ask forgiveness from those you have hurt.
- Share food, clothes, and money with those who have less.
- Celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.
- Thank God for all the ways He has blessed you and your family.



WALK IN OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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Jennifer LeFrois – <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> St. Rita School Principal St. Rita School Office 671-3132 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 December Wish List:

Cooking Oil
Flour & Sugar
Spaghetti Sauce (jarred)
Pasta (**NOT** whole wheat)
Hand Soap, Body Wash & Bar Soap
Deodorant & Lotion
Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothpaste & Dish Soap
Shaving Cream/Razors
Laundry Detergent

Peas, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges (canned)
Beets, Potatoes (canned)

NATIVITY ORNAMENTS & SAVE AROUND ROCHESTER COUPON BOOKS

The Parish Office is once again selling Christmas ornaments and coupon books to support the St. Damien Pediatric Hospital Port-au-Prince in Haiti.

This year's ornaments are 3D printed nativity scenes, crafted by the students at St. Michael's Woodshop. St. Michael's Woodshop teaches Rochester city teenagers marketable skills including woodworking and 3D printing.

The ornaments are beautifully packaged and cost \$7 each or 3 for \$18.

Save Around Rochester Books are \$25.

Payment can be made by cash or check.

Please make checks payable to:

St. Louis Church, with Haiti ornaments or Haiti books in the memo line.

Stop by the Parish Office weekdays between 9:00am - Noon to purchase ornaments or coupon books now through December 20th.

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