NOVEMBER 23, 2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

ST. RITA CHURCH



Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.



Dear Friends,

We are well into our Catholic Ministries Appeal efforts and the response has been very encouraging. As I write this, 268 households have made the choice to participate in the CMA and ten percent of you have chosen to make your contribution as a pledge to be fulfilled between now and next May. Many choose this path because it allows them to contribute more to the CMA and I appreciate it.

With the help of one another, we will complete our responsibility for the CMA before Christmas!

Raising the needed funds is not the only measure of our success – the participation of more households, at whatever amount, is also key.

"Our CMA Contribution has been made! Happy to be able to contribute to this worthy cause!" - a parishioner

If you have not yet participated, please prayerfully consider what you can do and join in the support and success of this endeavor! Thank you!





GOAL \$155,000

PLEDGES \$121,403

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 78% of our goal from 268 households.*

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

*UPDATED AS OF 11/14/24



ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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!



Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us—our family, our friends, and the abundance of Your love.

Grant us hearts full of gratitude, and help us to remember those in need. May this time of thanksgiving draw us closer to You and to one another, as we seek to live in Your grace.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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 NOVEMBER 22/23

LEONARD & GERTRUDE PROVOST - By Family MARGARET FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family LEONARD SCHWARTZ - By Casey Magin VIRGINIA NOLAN - By Linda Cunningham

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

4:00PM - 6:00PM
4:00PM - 4:30PM
5:00PM
5:00PM
5:00PM
Kids' Night Out - Gym

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM CL Mass
11:45AM Confirmation Session

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

8:15AM

- By Domenic & Linda D'Ambrosio
8:45AM - 9:15AM
9:30AM
4:30PM - 7:00 PM
6:30AM
Waiting with Hope (Week 1) - Church
Advent Extravaganza - Gym
6:30AM
Waiting with Hope (Week 1) - Rm 3
7:15PM
Confirmation Session

GERALDINE "GERRY" D'AMBROSIO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2025

8:15AM DUANE DEWISPELAERE - By Joan & Jim McGrath Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Happy Thanksgiving

9:00AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. RITA PARISH Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2025

NO MASS/PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
1:00PM Troop 163 Alumni Reunion - Gym

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025 4:00PM - 4:30PM

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

8:00AM 10:30AM Mass Mass

Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 29/30

FRED LEWANDOWSKI - By Deacon Jim & Chris Fien MARTIN AMATO - By Norine Amato CHARLES & ANTONIA KAESSER - By Family BETTY JANE DICK - By The Family of Bob & Mary Jo Lafferty



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from November 24 – November 30 in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.

NEXT WEEK there will be a second collection to support Catholic Universities and Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions.



Count It All Joy



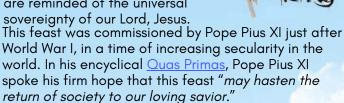




Reflections on Readings for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Jesus, Remember Me When You Come Into Your Kingdom"

During this last Sunday of our liturgical year (before we begin anew with the Advent season), we are reminded of the universal sovereignty of our Lord, Jesus.



In our first reading (2 Samuel 5:1-3), we hear the story of the anointing of King David by the twelve tribes of Israel. David was the forebearer and precursor of Christ, the King. It was to David that God spoke this covenant, "I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever." (2 Samuel 7:12-13)

In our Epistle reading (Colossians 1:12-20), St. Paul offers a brief prayer of thanksgiving to the Father for our inheritance in the kingdom of His beloved son. Paul then proceeds to describe the sovereignty and majesty of our King, Jesus Christ. He is the "Image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation".

In our Gospel reading (Luke 23:35-43), we hear of the Son of David, a completely different kind of King. This King is hung on a cross, mocked, reviled and spit upon. This is a King who reigns from the throne of the cross, with humility, compassion and love. This King has power no other earthly king could ever have, the power to save souls. In today's Gospel, the criminal on the cross next to Jesus acknowledged his sins and simply asked Jesus, "remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus' response was forgiveness and eternal salvation. This is similar to what happens in every Sacrament of Reconciliation as we acknowledge our sins and ask Jesus for forgiveness. Jesus' response is love, forgiveness and eternal salvation.

We are reminded in this Feast of Christ the King that our Jesus is not only King of Catholics, or King of Christians, He is King of all creation - from the beginning of time to the end of time and beyond. May we proclaim His sovereignty with our daily lives.

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112325.cfm

LINEN CLEANING: NOVEMBER 23 CAROL SCIOLINO

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 the midst of his crucifixion, Jesus reminds the sinner at his side that he is loved and will be saved. He takes a moment from the turmoil to reach out, even when his hands are unable to leave the cross and give the thief comfort.

That is the definition of jubilee!

Pondering Point

When have you felt Jesus' comfort in the midst of turmoil and suffering?

November 22-23 Jubilee of Choirs

Since the time of David, your people have sung Psalms to you. May those who lift their voices in song do so in your praise, raising the spirits and hearts of others. And may those who offer music for your worship always do so with humility and in service to your people.

Amen.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY YARN REQUEST

Prayer shawl members are donating their love and time, but also their money to make prayer shawls, lap robes, and baptism blankets.

They purchase all the yarn themselves.
Yarn is getting more and more expensive
and they would be very appreciative to
have able parishioners donate yarn for
the robes, shawls, and blankets.



The preferred yarn brands are "Red Heart, Caron, and Big Twist".

Any color for the prayer shawls.

(To complete a whole shawl, they would need at least two skeins.)

Pure White for the baptism blankets (2 skeins per blanket).

A box for yarn will be in the Greeting Area. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity. Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:



Paisley Emerson Noto



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

Judith Lawyer

Happy Thanksgiving

St. Rita Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday Wednesday, November 26
Thursday, November 27
Friday, November 28

As always, in the event of a pastoral emergency that needs the immediate attention of a priest, please call 671-1100 Ext: 106

We wish you all a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!

It's time to order!

St. Rita 75th Anniversary Keepsake Cookbook

To Order:

Order forms:

Forms are on the table by the entrance of church. Fill it out and leave it in the box. Forms are also available at the parish office. Office hours 9 am to 12 pm

Order online at https://tinyurl.com/75thcookbook



St. Rita School News Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

SRS students filled boxes with *CANDY* & *CARDS* for Operation Share Joy – our service project to send candy and handmade cards of thanks to deployed soldiers in Japan, Romania, and Germany through the work of Blue Star Mothers ROC. We thank our students for sharing their JOY and thank all of the members of the military - past and present - for their service to our country.





Our Fifth Graders led a beautiful Veterans Day Prayer Service. Master Sergeant Eric Smith shared his experiences with our students in a touching tribute.



Master Sergeant Smith holds a special connection to our school as an SRS alumnus and a current SRS PreK parent. We were honored to have him, along with many other Veterans, join us for this special service. We are deeply thankful for all of the brave men and women who have selflessly served our country.

WAITING WITH HOPE

Times of Sharing, Prayer, & Listening

WEEK 1: MON. NOV. 24 AT 9:30AM OR 6:30PM

WEEK 2: MON. DEC. 1 AT 9:30AM OR TUES, DEC. 2 AT 6:30PM

WEEK 3: MON. DEC. 8 AT 1:00PM OR 6:30PM WEEK 4: MON. DEC. 15 AT 9:30AM OR 6:30PM

Spend some time together with Fr. Tim and the Scripture readings and prayers of Advent to help our experience of the Sunday Masses come even more alive.

Attend either session each week.

odvent extravaganzo monday, november 24 4:30-7 pm

Join us in preparing for Advent through songs, storytelling, snacks, crafts, games, and more at this great family event! Volunteers and donations needed!



Check out the list of roles and items here:





St. Rita Troop 163 **Scout Alumni Reunion**

Friday, November 28th 1:00pm - 4:00pm St. Rita's Gym

Join us for our 5th Annual Reunion! All alumni scouts and their families are invited to gather, reconnect, and reminisce.

Please consider bringing a snack, dessert, or appetizer to share.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Corinne Kohrt corinnekohrteyahoo.com

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Do you know any High School Seniors who:

- + Demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example
 - + Are involved in their parish and school community
 - + Are a positive role model for their peers

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- Ability to provide own transportation for job-related responsibilities.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude, reliability, and willingness to work and interact with colleagues and visitors.
- · Ability to honor and maintain confidentiality.

To apply for this position, please email your resume and a cover letter to Helen Sleeman at helen.sleeman@dor.org



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.





On June 27, 1954 Bishop Kearney appointed the first assistant priest at St. Rita.

Who was that priest?

Are you a Christmas Angel?

New, unwrapped gifts are being collected at church or the Parish Office from II/29-I2/7.

Choose tags with suggested items from the tree or donate any items of your choice.

Gifts are distributed to 8 local agencies.

Monetary donations are also accepted - we'll do the shopping for you!

We accept checks (made out to St. Rita Church with 'Christmas Angel' in the memo) or online donations through our Giving Page.

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 7 at 2:00pm

Join us for a joyous celebration of the holiday season through music and word as we retell the story of the birth of Jesus.







We recently heard from Fr. Daniel Ruiz of Rochester Hope – now is your opportunity to take part in this meaningful ministry!

We need volunteers to work at the pantry and in the kitchen so we can feed and clothe the poor of Rochester. There are many different ways to serve, and we can find something that will match your interests and abilities.

You will find pens and brochures in your pew. More copies can be found on the table at the entrance of church.

Please complete the tear-off section of the brochure, and leave it with one of the representatives or put it in the donation slot.

The pen is a gift for you. Please take it with you.

Here is a link to request more information if you'd prefer to sign up online:

https://tinyurl.com/RochHope

Thank you for considering this ministry.

For further info. contact Julie Cohn by email julie.cohn@dor.org or call the office - 671-1100

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

If any of you are heading to warmer climates for the winter, please contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 so that we may schedule your envelopes to stop being sent while you are gone.

Christmas Masses

Wednesday
December 24
3:00pm,
5:00pm, and 10:00pm

Thursday, December 25 9:00am



WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

Fr. Tim Niven, Pastor - <u>Niven@dor.org</u> 671-1100 ext. 106

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Deacon Rick Rall - <u>bernrick@frontiernet.net</u> 545-8467

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Finance Office

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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 Oct./Nov. Wish List:

Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)
Pasta (all types except spaghetti)
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







COLLECTIONS

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.

Thank you for your generosity in your presence and contributions!



ADVENT OFFERINGS

Sacred Stillness Days

December 1st & 15th

Preparing the Way . . . Single Day in Silence and Prayer
Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass
Hospitality and Lunch
8:30am - 3:00pm
\$35.00
\$70.00 if you would like a bedroom for the day

Day Retreat

"Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent meditations on the Virtue of Hope"

With Deacon Ed Knauf

Time

Fee

8:30-3:00

December 13th

\$60.00

5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY ww.notredameretreat.org

info@notredameretreat.org 585-394-5700



Fill Your Soul Days

November 18th - 9am-3pm

"The Body & Soul's Journey Through Grieving"
with Roslyn Karaban, MDiv, PhD and Sr. Melissa Gernon, SSJ

January 20th - 9am-3pm

"The Shroud of Turin"
with Paul Then

Senior Luncheons

November 21st -"Planning Your Funeral"

December 19th - Christmas Carols

January 16th - Scams Fraud and Identity Theft

Advent

December 1st - Sacred Stillness Day

December 13th - Advent Day Retreat

"Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent Meditations on the Virtue of Hope"

with Deacon Ed Knauf

December 15th - Sacred Stillness Day

Special Event

December 5-7 - Noel Retreat Weekend (women in recovery)

"Acting in Stillness"

with Deb Helton







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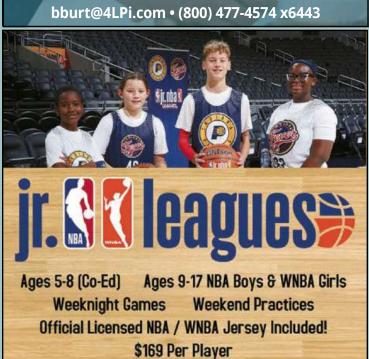












2025 Season Runs from November 1 - February 6

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