SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

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!



There will be a special collection THIS WEEKEND to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

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.



One of the joys of a jubilee is the time to reflect on who we are called to be, and how we are doing with that. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we cannot serve two masters. A jubilee is the perfect time to determine if we are trying to do just that.

Pondering Point

When have I tried serving a second master – money, prestige, worldly acceptance, political ideologies – that did not bring me in line with my call to be a Child of God?

September 20-21 Jubilee of Justice

Heavenly Father, we know that justice is far removed from revenge. Help us to understand justice in the Jubilee sense of righting relationships after pain and suffering. Let us see in your Son's merciful act of redemption, true and lasting justice for our world, and may we always seek what is right and just.

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



Taylor Mickael Weatherspoon Lucia Rose Nickel Bryson Ronald Lansing

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 SEPTEMBER 20/21

MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By Wife & Children FRED LEWANDOWSKI - By Carol Reisch BETTY GUIDO - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi JUSTIN VENT - By John Caceci Jr. & Nicole Natale

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM 10:30AM



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

8:15AM PRIMO DIFELICE - By Attilio & DiFelice Families Mass 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

8:15AM RANJIT AHLUWALIA - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 6:00PM DON & MARY KAY MILLER - By Mary & Tim Welch Mass 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

8:15AM ROBERT BEIKIRCH - By Carol Bonczyk Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

8:00AM Mass 10:30AM St. Rita Church 75th Anniversary Mass 11:30AM 75th Anniversary Reception - Parish Center

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 27/28

ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNE - By Jean Buongiorne ANNAMARIE MCGRATH - By Family VINCENT & ROSE VACCA - By Family JOHN FOGARTY - By Family

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.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from September 22 – September 28 in loving memory of Betty Guido by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

LINEN CLEANING: SEPTEMBER 21 CAROL SCIOLINO











Reflections on Readings for Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You Cannot Serve Both God And Mammon"

Today's readings focus our attention on service to God rather than the material things of this world. A Just Person is one who does not lie, cheat or steal; one who lives in right relationship with God, neighbor, and



environment. Today, we are asked to choose: with whom are we in right relationship — God and neighbor or ourselves and our possessions?
We cannot choose both.

In our first reading (Amos 8:4–7), the Prophet Amos calls out the leaders of Israel for their trampling on the rights of the poor by cheating and stealing to enrich themselves. Their dishonest methods destroyed the poor while portraying themselves as righteous and holy. Their treachery has not gone unnoticed by God. "Never will I forget a thing they have done!", says the Lord.

In our Epistle reading (1 Timothy 2:1–8), St. Paul reminds us that God seeks salvation for all humankind and it is the Christian obligation to pray for everyone, including those in positions of leadership. Paul writes, "First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority." The purpose of such prayer is so "that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity." This prayer could never be more true or more needed than it is today.

In our Gospel reading (<u>Luke 16:1-13</u>), Jesus cited the example of a dishonest steward who was prudent in protecting his own self-interest. Jesus seemed to be urging His followers to work as hard for the Kingdom of God as those with "dishonest wealth" worked for their own worldly goods. As disciples, we must choose —do we serve the wealth of this world or the "true wealth" of the Kingdom of God.

Our readings today remind us that there is injustice in our world, a world where the poor and the downtrodden can be mistreated by those who serve to prosper their own wealth at the expense of those in their care. Jesus tells us that we cannot serve two masters. We cannot serve our own wealth and our own selfish interests and at the same time serve God. "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092125.cfm



SENIOR LUNCHEON SERIES





Sept 19th Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace with Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ

11:30-12:15 Lunch 12:15-1:00pm Presentation



Oct 17th Stroke Prevention: BE Fast

with Julie Battaglia, Lifespan/URMC Neurosurgery 11:30-12:15 Lunch 12:15-1:00pm Presentation



Nov 21st Planning Your Funeral

with Nancy DeRycke 11:30-12:15 Lunch 12:15-1:00pm Presentation



Dec 19th Christmas Carols

with Canandaigua Middle School Choral Group 11:30-12:15 Lunch

12:15-1:00pm Presentation

5151 Foster Road Canandaigua, NY For more details and to register online for these events, please visit our website www.notredameretreat.org or Call 585-394-5700

Email: info@notredameretreat.org

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

If you know someone who is sick, recovering from surgery, or homebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital, please speak with Julie, Elizabeth, Fr. Tim, or contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 to make appropriate arrangements.



Mt. Irenaeus Men's Retreat

OCTOBER 12TH - OCTOBER 14TH
(Sunday - Tuesday)

"The Mountain" is a Franciscan Mountain Retreat House located just outside of Olean , NY, about a 2 hour drive from Webster. The Franciscan Friars who live at The Mountain will be our hosts.

"We believe we are one with all peoples, cultures, and creation in the ancient longing to find and to live in peace. All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new" by creating and nourishing a community that transcends a particular place, open to all peoples, ages, and cultures."

For more information about Mt.

Irenaeus, please visit

www.mountainonline.org.

If you have never been on a retreat or have any questions, please email Deacon Jim at James.Fienedor.org.

This might be just what God ordered for you!

Space is limited to 12. Contact Deacon Jim to reserve your spot!

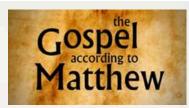
We have Low Gluten Hosts available at all Masses.

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.







By Dr. Scott Hahn

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM - October 1,8,15,22,29, November 5
OR

Sundays at 11:45 AM - October 5,12,19,26, November 2, 9

Six weekly sessions in Room 1.

You may mix or match sessions each week.

Each session will contain three main parts: an Introduction, Video, & Discussion Sessions are about 90 minutes each.

There is NO COST for this program and there are NO WORKBOOKS, only online video and discussions.

To REGISTER for this exciting program, please email or call the parish office at <u>wstritap@dor.org</u> or 671-1100.



If you have specific questions, please call or email Jerry Lupien at 794-3666 / galupien@gmail.com.

Drawing inspiration from the 2025 Universal Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope and inspired by Sacred Scripture, we invite all to grow in awareness of their friendship with God through prayer, discernment, and service.

St. Rita Church Weekend Retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House

Women's Retreat: September 26-28
Men's Retreat: October 24-26





Register Online at www.notredameretreat.org or call 585-394-5700

Men's Retreat questions contact John Matina at 585-314-6096

Women's Retreat questions contact Jane Murray at jmurr66@yahoo.com



St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

- Our first school liturgy was led by Ms. Sutley's 5th grade class this past Friday and what an excellent job they did leading our school in JOY! We are so proud of them and the rest of our students for their engagement during the liturgy.
- We loved welcoming our youngest and newest God Drops to the St. Rita Family at Friday night's Annual Ice Cream Social event. Families enjoyed delicious ice cream sundaes at the playground and connected with other families who are now part of our wonderful school community.



• We are so thankful for the beautiful weather we have had to start the new school year. There have been lots of smiling, laughing, and very happy God Drops playing outside and enjoying the sunshine with new and old friends!



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.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment Weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

The next WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for October 17-19, 2025 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY.

Register on line at wwme.org.
There is a \$100 application fee.
For information, contact Mike & Kathy Williams,
MikeandKathywegmail.com
Or call 585-872-5432 or 585-217-3899.

DID YOU KNOW?

The family room isn't a "crying room" and other tips for families with children:

- We joyfully welcome your children in our community exactly as God made them! We hope you feel welcome to stay in your pew with your vocal or mobile child. If an alternate location to worship would make your family more comfortable, we invite you to take advantage of the family room, narthex, greeting area, or confessional room. The family room at the rear of the church has volume control, a privacy curtain, flexible seating, and books and toys for you to use as needed.
- Our Kid Kits have child-friendly books and fun surprises to help keep your child engaged in the celebration of Mass. Kits are available to borrow in the greeting area.
- We include a Children's Liturgy of the Word or children's homily at our 10:30am Sunday Masses.



PLEASE CONTACT LISA DORNAN (585) 613-5086 OR LAUREN ESSLEY (585) 509-6156 WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO PURCHASE!

We have a hearing loop available for hearing aid users. It works best near the outside of the sanctuary, closest to the system wiring.





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

Deacon Jim Fien - <u>James.Fien@dor.org</u> 233-0334

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

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June Frosino - <u>June.Frosino@dor.org</u> Music Director 671-1100 ext. 105 or call/text 585-362-0708

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. 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 Current Needs List:

Spaghetti Sauce (Jarred)
Pasta (not whole wheat)
Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo
Coffee & Tea
Mayonnaise & Cooking Oil
Salad Dressing & BBQ Sauce
Ketchup
Depends - all sizes*

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Diapers - Size 6 & 7*
Diaper Wipes
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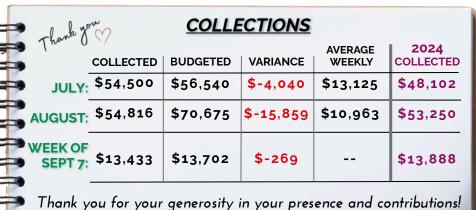
We are always in need of children's clothing, new underwear, and socks.

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AVERAGE WEEKLY
ATTENDANCE:

JULY 2024: 499 JULY 2025: 501

AUGUST 2024: 478 AUGUST 2025: 519





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