

NOVEMBER 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

Mary and the Saints

Question:

Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer:

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

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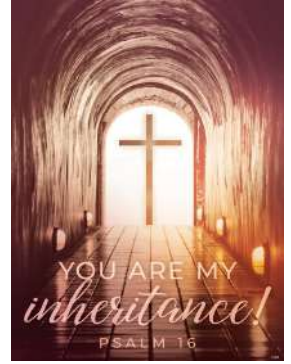
Wedding Banns

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Jaime Benza & James Ling

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold", please call the Parish Office at 671-1100 and let us know the dates you will be away and when you will return.



2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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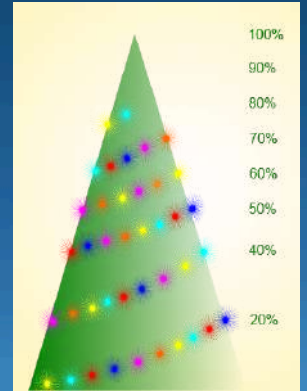
Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

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

We are at 75% of our goal from 270 households.*

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

*UPDATED AS OF 11/12/24



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

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 NOVEMBER 16/17

MICKEY MOREHOUSE - By Joe & Julie Cohn
 ERIC ANDREW STRUB - By The Music Ministry
 PAUL RIZZITANO - By Norine Amato
 ANGELINE PECORA - By Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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, NOVEMBER 17, 2024 DONUT SUNDAY! 🍩

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1
 10:30AM Student Sunday Mass
 11:45AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

8:15AM CHARLES & KATHLEEN NAGEL Mass
 - By Mark & Diane Weisskopf
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 4:30PM Faith Formation
 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

8:15AM ADELINE MAYNARD Mass
 - By The Family of Adeline Maynard
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 7:00PM Intercessory Prayer - Church

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 7:00PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM MARGE GALLO - By The Gallo Children Mass
 6:30PM Companions In Grief - Rm 1
 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Greeting Area
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024

8:15AM GARY WAITE - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

2:00PM Jaime Benza & James Ling Wedding 🍷
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Sensory Friendly Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

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

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 23/24

MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER DEBOLE - By Family
 MARGARET FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family
 MARTIN AMATO - By Norine Amato
 EILEEN DAGONESE - By Carl & Josephine Gangarossa

Reflections on Readings for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But Of That Day Or Hour, No One Knows"

On this second to last Sunday in our liturgical year, the Church turns our attention to the Last Things - death, judgement, heaven and hell.



Before we begin with our season of Advent, it is good to ponder our mortality and the passing of all things.

In our first reading ([Daniel 12:1-3](#)), we hear a very clear description of the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life. Its purpose was to promise final deliverance of God's people who are faithful, while others will meet "everlasting horror and disgrace." This vision offered hope to those who were suffering great persecution - just as it should for us today. "The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament." We are also reminded that the Archangel Michael is our protection from evil—remember the prayer: "St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. . . ."

In our Epistle reading ([Hebrews 10:11-14, 18](#)), we hear another comparison between the earthly priests of Israel and our eternal high priest, Jesus, who offered one sacrifice for sins and then "he waits until his enemies are made his footstool." Jesus' perfect sacrifice for our sins is offered once; there need be no further offering for sin. It is through the Eucharist and the Mass that we continually participate in the re-presentation of this sacrifice.

In our Gospel reading ([Mark 13:24-32](#)), Jesus borrowed from another one of Daniel's visions ([Daniel 7:13-14](#)) as He said, "you will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds". Jesus was describing first, the coming destruction of the temple in Jerusalem "in that current generation", which happened in 70 AD, and then His second coming at the final judgement. "But of that day or hour, no one knows....but only the Father."

As we begin to prepare for the close of our liturgical year and look forward to preparations for the awesome and glorious incarnation of Jesus at Christmas, we should keep in mind that God's will unfolds according to His eternal plan. Nothing is happenstance for God. The ultimate triumph of good over evil has been ordained since the beginning of time.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111724.cfm

LINEN CLEANING: NOVEMBER 17
MARY ANN BEIKIRCH

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.

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, November 18 at 7:00pm
Room 1**

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



All are invited to come together for intercessory prayer.

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying to God on behalf of others and ourselves. It is a way to express love and compassion for others, and to imitate Jesus, who prayed for others while on Earth.



Come and pray for your needs and those of others.

**Tuesday, November 19, 2024
7:00 PM
in the Chapel**

Questions ~ contact Julie Cohn ~
julie.cohn@dor.org or 671-1100 ext. 103



**Saints Timothy and Maura
Feast Day: May 3**

The Church has celebrated the witness of many married couples, and some have been canonized. Saints Timothy and Maura are an example, though they were married for only 20 days.

Timothy was the son of a priest in 3rd century Egypt. He became a lector and protector of Holy Scripture and liturgical books. He also copied the books, preached, and read scripture to the people of his village. He did this all during the persecution of Christians in the era of Emperor Diocletian.

The governor ordered Timothy to surrender all the liturgical books. When Timothy refused, he was subjected to cruel tortures. Maura, his young bride, was brought forth and tortured thinking that Timothy would relent. Neither would deny their faith. Timothy and Maura died together by means of crucifixion in the year 286.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from November 18 – November 24 in loving memory of Paul Rizzitano by Norine Amato.

Companions in Grief

Thursday, November 21st
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!



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



- Wesley Truman Calhoun
- Lillian Constance Higham
- Fiona Sullivan Rodriguez

Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Information?

Please let us know on our Website Link "Join the Parish" then "Update you Information if

you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.



Women's Faith Sharing

**Thursday, November 21
7:00pm in the Greeting Area**

Women's Faith Sharing will meet once a month to discuss topics to strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

Please contact Jane Murray at **jmurr66@yahoo.com** for more information.



SHARING THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS



We will be delivering Thanksgiving Meal ingredients to over 30 families in Webster. We greatly appreciate your generosity in sharing your blessings with others as food and other costs continue to rise!

Let us know which of the list(s) below you will be donating by signing up in the greeting area, emailing elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org, or calling the parish office at 671-1100.

Please drop off items to the **Parish Office**
Monday, 11/18 - Friday, 11/22 from 9 am-Noon

or to the

Kitchen (go around behind the church & look for the loading dock) on

Thursday, November 21 from 4-6 pm

Friday, November 22 from 4-6 pm

Saturday, November 23 from 4-6 pm

Non-perishable items may be left in the greeting area when the church is open for Mass from November 16-23. *Please do not leave frozen or refrigerated items outside of the times listed above.*

**A big THANK YOU to
Cub Scout Pack 163 for
helping with sorting,
packing, and delivery!**

Monetary donations (cash, checks made out St. Rita Church, or electronic) are also welcome – please indicate that it is for Thanksgiving Baskets .

Frozen turkey (any size) - we are taking turkeys any time between now and November 23. Please contact the Parish Office to drop off outside of office hours or the above times.

List A

1. Cranberry Sauce
2. Jar of Applesauce
3. Cream of Mushroom Soup
4. Carton of Broth
5. Gravy (jar, carton, or can)
6. Reusable Shopping Bag

List B

1. Apples
2. Potatoes
3. Onions
4. Celery
5. Reusable Bag

List C

1. Butter (sticks)
2. Eggs
3. Refrigerated Pie Crust
4. Tube of Biscuits

List D

1. Cornstarch
2. Evaporated Milk
3. Pepper (3 oz tin)
4. Salt (26 oz canister)
5. Baking Powder
6. Reusable Bag

List E

1. Canned Yams
2. Stuffing Mix
3. Vegetable Oil
4. Canned Pie Filling (any type, total of 20+ oz.)

be a christmas angel & share some christmas joy!

Your gift donations go to 8 agencies to help make Christmas special for everyone. Our goal is to collect 1500 gifts!



New, **unwrapped** gifts can be dropped off:

- to church the weekends of 11/23 & 11/24 and 11/30 & 12/1
- to the Parish Office 9 am - noon, November 18 to December 1

Visit the tree in the greeting area to pick up a tag with a gift suggestion.

All gifts are due by NOON on Sunday, December 1.



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God Drop Corner



- It was a short, but busy week at SRS that ended with 1st quarter report cards being delivered to parents. We couldn't be more proud of all the hard work and learning our God Drops have been doing during the beginning of the school year and we look forward to all the growth that will come the rest of the year.
- Our 3rd and 4th graders showcased their talents during "The Very Patriotic Pageant." Bravo to all the performers - you were outstanding!
- Thank you to everyone who attended the 3rd Annual Meat Raffle this weekend. It was a night of laughter and fun while raising money for our amazing school. We already can't wait for next year's event!

Youth Group
 STRENGTH IN
JESUS
 GRADES 7-12
 SUNDAY, 11/17
 4-5 PM
 ROOM 1

Join Sofia Bosco for fellowship, fun, and making posters & skits for a "campaign for Jesus"

Upcoming dates: 12/8 and 12/15

Hands of Christ

If you know any High School Seniors who:

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

Nominate them! Visit our website for details.



St. Rita Troop 163
Scout Alumni Reunion



Saturday, November 30
 2:30pm - 4:30pm
 St. Rita's Gym

Join us for our 4th 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 corinnekohrt@yahoo.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.

ADVENT EXTRAvaGanza
Monday, December 2
Free! 4:30-7:00 pm ALL AGES!
 in the Parish Center

Learn about Advent and Christmas traditions from around the world, create a unique Advent calendar, make a gift to share, enjoy some treats, sing the night away, and more!



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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

Fr. Tim Niven, Pastor - Niven@dor.org
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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 November/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)



Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team



Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (**MOLST**) is a program designed to improve the quality of care individuals receive at the end of life. An individual's desires for what care they want to receive are translated into goals of care and preferences for care. These goals and wishes are translated into medical orders, the **MOLST**.

The **MOLST** is a medical order form printed on bright pink paper and signed by a physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant. The form tells others what the individual's wishes are for life-sustaining treatment.

The **MOLST** serves as a document that contains an individual's goals and preferences regarding:

Resuscitation

Instruction for intubation and mechanical ventilation

Artificially administered fluids and nutrition

Antibiotics, dialysis and other treatments

MOLST can be downloaded from the NYS DOH Website: [health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/patient rights/molst](http://health.ny.gov/professionals/patients/patient%20rights/molst)

Additional information regarding the **MOLST** program is available on the webpage above, as well as www.molst.org (a non-government sponsored website).

Consider having a conversation with your health care provider and your health care proxy regarding the **MOLST** and your preferences for end-of-life care.



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