

MARCH 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



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.



The Church uses a 3-year cycle of reading, and we are currently in “Year C,” but when a parish celebrates the scrutinies for those entering the Church at the Easter Vigil, the readings from “Year A” are used for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. In the Gospel, we hear about a Samaritan woman who meets Jesus at a well. Even though she has been shunned by her community Jesus accepts her and her past, but encourages her to a better future. This is true Hope! Despite all we may have done, God wants a better future for us.

Pondering Point

What areas of my life do I need to face in order to have a better future with Jesus?

March 29 - 30 Blessing of Health Care Workers

This year, Pope Francis has invited specific groups to join the Jubilee through particular gatherings and celebrations. **Next weekend**, the Pope, has invited all health care workers in particular to observe a jubilee celebration.

At St. Rita, there will be a special blessing after all Masses next weekend.



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

Lyla Marie DeMarco
Camryn Christine Sturm

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



Anointing of the Sick

Following all Masses
March 29 & 30

Anyone facing illness, life challenges, and those seeking spiritual or emotional healing can be anointed.

To receive the Sacrament, remain in church for a brief prayer service.

Lenten Soup Suppers & Reflections

Tuesdays during Lent

6:00pm Soup Supper in the Gym
6:45pm Reflection in Church

March 25

**“Taize Prayer Service”
with St. Rita Music Ministry**
Feel God’s presence in the quiet candlelight, peaceful readings, and beautiful songs.

April 1

**“Our Everyday Journey,
Our Everyday Hope”**
with Fr. Tim Niven

All weeks will include a child or family friendly activity option during the reflection, so bring the whole family!

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 22/23

ROBERT J. & ROBERT B. FIEN - By Tom & Elaine Nespeca
 NICOLE RANALLETTA - By Christine Ranalletta
 PHIL TRAVIS - By Bonnie & Family
 THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE MICHELS FAMILY - By Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM O.C.I.A. First Scrutiny at Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

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

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

8:15AM DR. LOUIS GIORDANO - By The Viola Family Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 9:30AM Topics with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
 4:30PM Faith Formation
 6:30PM Topics with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:15AM HOWARD "BOB" ECKER - By Jim & Dawn Waver Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 1:00PM Holy Week Liturgy Meeting - Parish Office
 3:00PM - 5:00PM Open Church Time
 6:00PM Lent Soup Supper - Gym
 6:45PM Lenten Reflection Series - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

4:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 4:30PM - 5:30PM Confessions - Church
 6:00PM ANGELO CALI - By Lisa & Rick Bauer Mass
 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1
 7:00PM RJM Meeting - Parish Office

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

8:15AM JOAN RONCO - By Robert & Roslyn Patti Mass
 1:00PM - 2:00 PM Practice the Presence of God - Church
 5:00PM Guided Stations of the Cross - Church
 5:00PM - 8:00PM Game Night - Rm 1
 5:00PM - 6:30PM Fish Fry - Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Anointing Service - Church

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

8:00AM O.C.I.A. Second Scrutiny at Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Anointing Service - Church
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 29/30

LYNN RAINONE - By Roselane Marcella
 LEONARD SCHWARTZ - By Joe & Julie Cohn
 JOHN PASTORELLA - By His Family
 JOAN CASTON-LEWIS - By Joe DiJames & Karen Franz

LINEN CLEANING: MARCH 23
CAROL SCIOLINO

Reflections on Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent

*"Whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst"*

In this Sunday's readings, we hear about water that quenches physical thirst and the "living water" that quenches our thirst for the fullness of life with God. Both are gifts from a loving and merciful God.



In our first reading (**Exodus 17:3-7**), we hear how the Israelites grumbled in the desert about their thirst for water, "the people grumbled against Moses, saying, 'Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?'" God responded to their lack of trust with mercy as God instructed Moses to "Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."

In our Epistle reading (**Romans 5:1-2, 5-8**), St. Paul reminds us that this grace that God has given us through the passion and death of His Son is truly unmerited and given purely out of the love God has for us, even while we were still sinners. Paul writes, "But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us."

In our Gospel reading (**John 4:5-42**) we hear the story of the Samaritan woman who encountered Jesus at Jacob's Well. In their conversation about water and thirst, the woman is led into a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and the true nature of the "living water" of which He speaks. Her increasing understanding and faith led her to lead others to Jesus - a mission we Christians are called to as well. (The Gospel readings for the next few weeks—the woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus—focus on the theme of conversion, healing and eternal life and in a particular way relate to the instruction of our Catechumens preparing for full communion with our Catholic Church.)

In some ways, we may be like the Samaritan woman and the Israelites in the desert, with our minds fixed on our physical needs while Jesus is leading us to thirst for our spiritual needs, conversion, and the fullness of life in Him. Would it be that we were as quick to recognize Jesus as was the Samaritan woman.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032325-YearA.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



NEXT WEEKEND we will have a second collection for The Catholic Relief Services. It works to provide for basic humanitarian needs, protect vulnerable children, reunite families, and encourage legislation that reflects the importance of family in society. The reach of this Collection spans the globe, helping families on every continent from an array of ethnicities and backgrounds, addressing a myriad of needs.



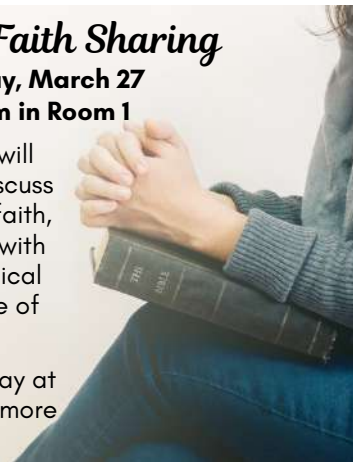
Our Tabernacle Light will burn from March 24 - March 30 in loving memory of Lynn Rainone by Roselane Marcella.

Women's Faith Sharing

Thursday, March 27
7:00pm in Room 1

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.



Mondays March 10 - April 7 in Room 1
9:30am - 11:00am
OR
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Join Fr. Tim for prayer, study, and faith discussions.

INCENSE DID YOU KNOW?

Incense must be used at any liturgy which includes the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is a symbol of sanctification and purification and this is why incense will be used on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil.



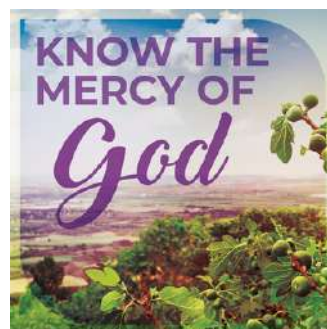
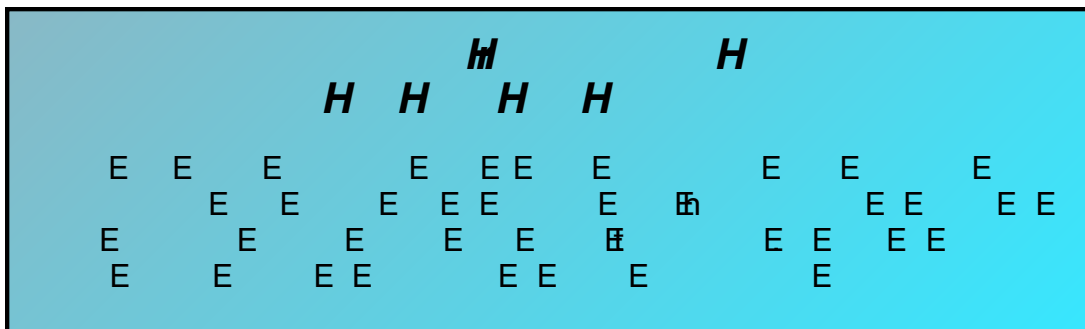
CHECK OUT OUR PILGRIMAGE WALL!

Each time you attend an event at church or do any type of Lenten activity (prayer, service, etc.), you help us travel on our Pilgrimage of Hope.

Fill a pocket on the wall to see how far we can go as a community!



See the wall in the narthex for more details.



How is your Lent going?
Have you grown closer to God? Spent more time with Jesus?
Taken a break to breathe?

Try The Practice of the Presence of God! Friday, March 28 from 1-2 pm

Join us for an hour (or 15 minutes!) in church each week
(different days/times - check the schedule).

Surrender your worries to Jesus,
reflect on some ideas from
Brother Lawrence, do a hands-on
activity, & listen to some
contemporary music.



All ages welcome!

Lent Soup Suppers

Five weeks of Tuesday Lent Soup Suppers begin on March 11.

Sign up to bring soup, bread, cookies.

Set-up and clean-up help is also needed.

The link and QR code to sign up are here.

<https://tinyurl.com/SoupSuppers2025>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent beginning March 7th
5:00PM in Church
Come and join us for a new guided stations
experience every week.

Game Nights!

5-8 pm on Fridays, March 7-April 11



Come on up to Room 1 to play board
or card games. All ages welcome!

Join Us
FOR A FISH FRY!

Fridays
5:00pm - 6:30pm
March 7 - April 11

St. Rita Parish Center
Sit down service or
take out available.
Proceeds support
St. Rita School.



If you attend a different church for
weekend Mass, you can place your
St. Rita Church Offering Envelope in that
church's collection basket/donation slot
and it will be sent back to us. We do this in
turn for other parishes whose parishioners
are here visiting our church.



We have votive prayer candle lights located in the back of
Church for you to offer special intentions.
You may place your offering in the Donation slot.

DID YOU KNOW?

Mondays 8:45am - 9:15am

**Thursdays during Lent
4:30pm - 5:30pm**

Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:30pm

**Day of Penance and Mercy
Wednesday, April 2**

7:00am - 10:00am

1:00pm - 3:00pm

5:00pm - 8:30pm

*"Don't be afraid to go to the
Sacrament of Confession, where
you will meet Jesus who
forgives you."
~ Pope Francis*



GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY

This weekend we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. Girl Scout Sunday celebrates the powerful ties between Girl Scouting and faith. Girl Scouts are encouraged to connect their faith to the Girl Scout Law and earn the religious recognitions of their faith. Let's honor the Girl Scouts and adult volunteers who give their time and talents in service of others!



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.

family night

Living Stations of the Cross

**Monday, March 31
4:30 PM OR 6:00 PM**

We'll all participate in a rehearsal-free Living Stations of the Cross. Kids grab a role and a prop on their way in, and together, we'll tell the story of Jesus' journey to the cross.

All families with kids in grades K-7 are welcome!

Questions?
Contact anne.thomas@dor.org



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God Drop Corner

- Our Kindergarteners enjoyed our annual "Donuts with Dad" on Friday morning. They invited a special person in their life to join them in the classroom for some breakfast and quality time together. It's always a treasured 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.



FAITH! Youth Group

Youth Group Gatherings for Teens

Sunday March 30th	7th-12th Grade	4-5PM in Room 1	Join us!
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Please RSVP to Sofia at srbosco01@gmail.com by 9am on Saturday, March 29th.

New friends are welcome to drop in any time and try it out!

CYO Kickball

Register now!

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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 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



LAST YEAR'S PALMS

Did you know that you can dispose of your palms from last year? They need to be burned (in a fireplace or grill for example) or bury them in the ground.

You may also drop off your old palms in the basket at Church.

Thank you for your financial support of St. Rita parish!

Your generosity helps us continue our good works and much needed ministries.

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