Sixth Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

Thank You!

Thank you to all who continue to support our vision of United in Faith and Community through your attendance at Mass, participation in our ministries, welcoming of others, and ongoing financial support. Your help is essential in growing our parish and school community.

If you haven't already done so, please consider increasing your offertory gift to Saint Rita.

For more information on how to do this, please visit our website at: www.saintritawebster.org/united-in-faith-and-community/.

With my sincere gratitude, $\mathcal{F}r$. $\mathcal{T}im$

UNITED IN FAITH

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.

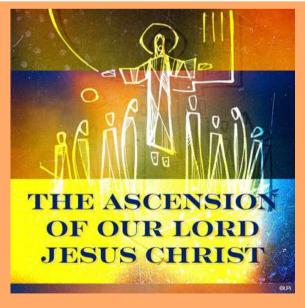
On our website, click on "E-news".

We are happy to have you with us!



Please drop off store-bought cookies, cakes, pies, and brownies on May 28-30

- to the Parish Office between 9 am-2 pm
- inside the gym doors between 4-8 pm



HOLY DAY MASS TIMES FOR THURSDAY, MAY 29 SCHOOL LITURGY - 9:30AM MASS - 6:00PM



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

Arnold Amering
Brother of Art Amering



The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day.

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 MAY 24/25

POP & ANNE MUIR - By Karen & John Muir-Smith and Family LOUIS & OLIMPIA GILYARDI - By Family ROBERT FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family DON BELL - By Family

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

Altar Server Training - Church 3:00PM 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

8:00AM 10:30AM

Mass **CL** Mass

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

SHARON V. GERSEY - By The Viola Family 8·15AM Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

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

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025 Acersion of the Lord

School Liturgy 9:30AM 5:30PM **Eucharistic Adoration - Church** 6:00PM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. RITA PARISH

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

8:15AM 5:00PM - 9:00PM

Mass ST. RITA Fiesta BUEST!

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

2:00PM - 9:00PM

Fiesta

No Confessions Due to Fiesta Schedule

Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

8:00AM Mass 10:30AM **CL** Mass 12:00PM - 3:00PM 75th Anniversary Parish Picnic - Fiesta Tent

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 31/JUNE 1

JOHN STEINMULLER - By Carol Montante GEORGE MAYNARD - By Eunice Pomeroy ROBERT J. FIEN - By Joe & Julie Cohn REV. WALTER CUSHING - By Pat and Sharron Trimaldi

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: MAY 25 CAROL SCIOLINO



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from May 26 - June 1 in loving memory of Audrey Gardner by Her Family.







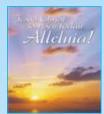




Reflections on Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

"Peace I Leave With You; My Peace I Give To You"

Our readings this Sunday give us a alimpse into the past, present, and the future of our faith and our salvation. The past is the struggles our early Church leaders went through in unifying their fledgling communities of love.



The present is Jesus' dual gifts of His Spirit to guide us and His blessed peace to sustain us. The future is John's vision of the New Jerusalem to come that will be like a massive fortress, gleaming with the splendor of God and basking in the light of the Lamb.

In our first reading (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29), we hear of Paul and Barnabas' great success in converting many Gentiles as disciples. But not without controversy, because many in Jerusalem expected the new converts to conform to all Jewish laws and customs, including circumcision. A Council in Jerusalem, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, settled the matter. This was the first of many 'Ecumenical Councils' that would be called to settle matters of Church doctrine and morality. The most recent was the Second Vatican Council that met from 1962 to 1965.

In our second reading (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23), St. John describes what the New Jerusalem will look like in symbolic terms that the Jews of his day would have understood. Despite their current trials, they had something to look forward to.

In our Gospel reading (John 14:23-29), we continue to hear from Jesus' farewell address to His disciples at the Last Supper. Here, Jesus gave them two gifts that would guide them and sustain them in their difficult days ahead. The "Advocate" is the Spirit of love shared between the Father and the Son and will be their teacher and guide; and the "Peace" Jesus left with them would comfort and sustain them like nothing the world had ever seen.

Our faith not only has a past and a present, but it has a future. No matter how dire our past has been or our present seems, our future is what God has planned for us. Our future is the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven, where every tear shall be wiped away and God Himself will provide the radiance and the light to warm us. In the meantime, we have the Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us and the Peace of Christ to sustain us. Ours is to believe it, and prepare our souls to receive it.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052525.cfm

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Saturday, May 31 from 2-9 pm

All of the above, plus:



3-4 pm

Mass 4 pm

Pony Rides 4-7 pm Inflatables 4-9 pm

Music by Katie Hicks 4-5 pm

Chicken BBQ 5 pm until sold out!



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Last Golfer Standing 6-8:30 pm Raffle Basket Drawings 8:30 pm \$5000 Raffle Drawing 9:00 pm

St. Rita's Prayer Line

If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please send your intention request to Julie at <u>Julie.Cohn@dor.org</u> or call 671-1100 ext. 103.

Would you like to become one of our "prayers"?

Let Julie know and she will add you to our phone/email chain.

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Ever wonder how those Synod meetings have helped change the church?
Holy Beginnings is one outgrowth of listening to the voices of the faithful.

Holy Beginnings Outreach cordially invites you to join us for an evening of prayer and praise.

Voices from Within Catholic LGBTQ+ Faith Journeys

Stories from people in the pews!

Thursday, June 5th 7:00 - 8:00pm Reception to follow

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

Please consider attending, not only to support your fellow parishioners, but to listen and perhaps learn something new that can help us continue to grow in compassion and love of one another.

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: <u>holybeginnings.org</u>
Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org

ST. RITA CHURCH IS CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY!

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www.saintritawebster.org/75th-anniversary







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 this week's Gospel Jesus prepares His disciples for His Ascension. Pilgrimages always require preparation, and sometimes that includes preparing those who do not take the journey with us. But traveling without someone never means we forget them.

Pondering Point

When have you had to travel and make arrangements for what you leave behind? Maybe someone to watch your pets, or pick up the mail. How could that relate to our faith journey?

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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St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet! God Drop Corner

• Our 4th and 5th grade students proudly represented SRS as they celebrated Mass with Bishop Matano at the Sacred Heart Cathedral last week as part of the Diocese of Rochester's annual Catholic Schools Mass and May Crowning. Our students were honored to be there with students from all 16 of the Diocese of Rochester's Catholic schools. Some of our SRS students also served as alter servers or carried

flowers & banners for this special Mass.

As we get closer to the end of the year, classrooms are wrapping up their field trip adventures out in the community. Second Grade visited the animals at the Seneca Park Zoo and First Grade enjoyed a trip to the Strasenburgh Planetarium to continue learning about the sun, moon, and stars.

Story Time

"And now I have told you this before it happens," Jesus says in today's Gospel, "so that when it happens you may believe." I always laugh just a tiny bit at Gospel moments like these. After all, all of us throughout human history who read the Gospel don't get to hear Jesus predict it before it happens so that we may believe when it does. But this is the nature of the Gospel: Jesus Himself is the Word of God, and the Gospel is written so that we may hear the Good News and believe. Moments like these are the witness of the Gospel writers to the truth, told to us the same way Jesus often taught: as a story. Because God knows we learn from stories!

So I feel inspired today to reflect on the power of story in teaching children. When I was my kids' age, I remember watching Star Trek: TNG with my parents, and talking about the questions it asked: about being human, about what it looks like when the common good is our priority. I don't think they deliberately chose a TV show as a parenting tool, but they didn't miss the opportunity to let story do what it does best: inspire, imagine, question.

What stories are the children in your life engaging with? How are you entering into conversation with them about their stories? What stories are you sharing with them?

Anne Thomas - Faith Formation Coordinator

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 20251 JULY 28-AUGUST 1 9 AM - NOON REGISTRATION NOW OPENI



Registration is now open for students ages 4-10 and volunteers in grades 7+. Join us for a summer week of games, Bible stories, and tons of fun! Adults, if you're interested in finding out how you can use your gifts to help, please contact Anne Thomas at anne.thomas@dor.org!

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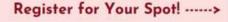
> Wednesday, June 4 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 1

Life is busy, but your health and faith don't have to take a back seat. In this interactive workshop, learn practical, faith-based strategies to take care of your body, mind, and spirit—even on the busiest days.



Kerri Howell, owner and founder of The Hourglass Mom, LLC, is a Catholic working mother balancing work, family, fitness, and nutrition daily. A certified personal trainer and nutrition coach, she helps faithful women balance health and life, particularly those with full-time jobs and busy families.

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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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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:

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http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/

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http://www.websternyhope.org

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