

JUNE 15, 2025

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

From the Desk of Deacon Jim. . .

Happy Father's Day

It has only been a few months since my dad's passing and so I wasn't sure how I would feel on this Father's Day. A certain emptiness for sure. The Father's Day picnic won't be quite the same.

Whether your father is still with you on this journey or not, for me, knowing with confidence where he is brings great comfort and joy. Today is also a reminder that father figures come in many forms! In today's world, we all need to play a role in being a father figure for someone. We do so by being generous with our time, compassionate, supportive and with strong character and values, responsible, fair, and dependable. Who does that sound like? Who models fatherhood for us? Sounds a lot like being Christlike.

So, as we celebrate this day, as we honor the father figures in our lives, let us say a prayer and give thanks for our Father, Christ Jesus. Amen.

Love,
Deacon Jim



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



Alora Jane Natale
Lena Sophia Stackwick

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 today's Gospel, Jesus recognized the limitations of the disciples due to where they are on their faith journeys. Pilgrimages help us grow and move along our faith journey, bringing us into a deeper relationship with God and the Church, and opening us to more truths that we may not have been open to at the start.

Pondering Point

We are about halfway through our Jubilee Year. How have you grown over this Jubilee?

**June 14 - 15
Jubilee of Sports**

Lord Jesus Christ, you encourage us to do our best at all times. May those who play sports always give their best and inspire others to give their all. Keep them healthy and safe. We ask this through Christ our Lord. (Go Bills!)



How many acres of land were originally included when St. Rita Church purchased this property?

Look for the answer in next week's bulletin.

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 JUNE 14/15

JOHN FOGARTY - By Family
ANGELO CALI - By John & Michele Caceci
RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Joan & Leo Maring
DAVID, RICHARD, MARILYN, & DICK DIMARIA - By Lynn DiMaria

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM F Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

8:15AM JUSTIN VENT - By John Caceci Jr. & Nicole Natale Mass
8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

8:15AM SHERYL GOLDWASSER - By Rosemary Cooper Mass
9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025

8:15AM PATRICIA DONNER Mass
- By Mr. & Mrs. Charles Plummer

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JUNE 21/22

DONALD BROWN - By Carol Brown
OTTO & PAULA REISCH - By The Spears Family
SHEILA KOROL-JOSEPH - By Jim Joseph
THE INTENTIONS OF THE RITTENHOUSE FAMILY
- By The Campbells



The Parish Offices will be closed for the Juneteenth holiday on Thursday, June 19th.

LINEN CLEANING: JUNE 15
PAM KUNZER

Reflections on Readings for The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
When The Lord Established The Heavens, I Was There



This Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The thing about mysteries is that they are mysterious and unknowable within the limits of our human understanding.

Many Catholics invoke this mystery multiple times a day in blessing themselves, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...", yet we rarely give thought to its importance. Our readings for today give us a glimpse into this mystery of who is the Holy Trinity - three distinct persons in one God.

In our first reading from the book of Proverbs (Prov 8:22-31), we hear of the mysterious creature Wisdom, who was there with God before the beginning of creation. Today's passage calls to mind the opening of the Gospel according to John, referring to Jesus, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without Him nothing came to be." (John 1:1-3)

In our Epistle reading (Romans 5:1-5), St. Paul explains the fruits of our relationship with the Trinity - God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the outflowing of the perfect love between the Father and the Son. It is through this unity and through the gift of faith that we receive pardon for our sins (justification) and peace in our lives. Paul gives us a clearer understanding so that we can "even boast of our afflictions". This is an opportunity to unite our sufferings with Christ and thus be strengthened by it.

Our Gospel reading (John 13:12-15) is another excerpt from Jesus' farewell discourse to His disciples at the last supper. Jesus was preparing them for the days to come within the limits of their capacity to understand. When the Spirit comes, "he will guide you to all truth." In this brief passage we find references to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

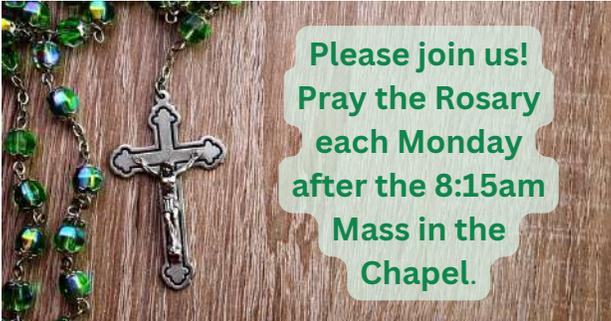
By our human nature, God has given us the desire to seek and to understand the unknowable and to come closer in relationship to our Creator. It is the Holy Spirit and the presence of Jesus that draws us closer to the Father. We find this presence in no greater place and in no greater measure than in the Mass and the Holy Eucharist. Through it, we become one with God.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/061525.cfm

Icons for Sensory Friendly Mass (SF), Children's Liturgy of the Word (CL), Count It All Joy (C), Incense Used (I), and Family Mass (F).

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.



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 Julie.Cohn@dor.org 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.



Eucharistic Adoration
 Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am
 Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm
 Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Thank You!

Thanks to all who donated so generously by purchasing sweets for the **FIESTA SWEETS BOOTH.**

Also, a huge thanks to all who volunteered with us preparing, packaging, and selling all the yummy desserts.

We couldn't have been successful without each and everyone of you!

Love & Blessings to you All!
Theresa & Tom Passero



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from June 16 – June 22 in loving memory of Judy Adams & Pete Jones by Debbie & Mike Ternent.

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, June 16th at 7:00pm
Room 1

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



Thank You!

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Many thanks to our Prayer Shawl Ministry! You have touched so many lives with your creations ~ knitted and crocheted with love and prayers. You are an outstanding example of our mission statement in action ~ serving with love.

ST. RITA CHURCH IS CELEBRATING OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY!



SHARE YOUR FAVORITE OR FIRST MEMORY OF ST. RITA HERE:



www.saintritawebster.org/75th-anniversary



American Red Cross

Honor your hero. Be a hero. Donate blood.

Blood Drive @ St. Rita Church
Tuesday, July 1
1-6 pm in the Parish Center



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

George Bowen
Father of Anita Wagner

Joseph Pellegrino

Thank You

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** from Holy Beginnings!
 The Voices from Within Catholic LGBTQ+ Faith Journeys' didn't disappoint. It was an inspired evening of sharing by people of deep faith. We are grateful for all who made it such a beautiful night - the speakers, the music ministers, and our readers. We wish to also thank all those who turned out in great numbers to sing and shed a tear or two. It was an evening that defined what Church is. Thank you all so much.

Love and prayer,
 Deacon Jim



Upcoming Juneteenth Community Events

Wednesday, June 18th

Juneteenth Block Party - Freedom Day Celebration
 11am-2pm Austin Steward Plaza Genesee Riverway Trail
 Food, Music, and Art

Thursday June, 19th

RMSC Celebrates Juneteenth
 Eisenhart Auditorium - Noon-5pm

Saturday, June 21st

Irondequoit Juneteenth 5K and Festival
 5k Starting at 8:30 AM at St. Josaphat's Church
 Juneteenth Festival: Following the race, the 6th Annual Juneteenth Festival will be held at the Irondequoit Town Hall starting at noon. Family Fun: The festival includes free kids' activities, food, and live performances.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!

JULY 28-AUGUST 1
9 AM - NOON
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



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!

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, 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 in the greeting area.
- We include a Children's Liturgy of the Word or children's homily at our 10:30am Sunday Masses.



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God Drop Corner



- Our school celebrated Flag Day a few days early. All students were able to dress down on Thursday in their red, white, and blue and engaged in fun classroom activities to show pride for our beloved flag. Great job to our Kindergarten God Drops who helped lead a school wide ceremony with festive songs!

Moving Up

- We ended the week with our annual Moving Up Liturgy. Mrs. Manarchuk's 3rd grade class did a beautiful job leading our Mass. We love this tradition and students were full of excitement for their new grade level for next school year.
- Our treasured 5th graders were also honored as they prepare for the GodSpeed celebration this coming week. Following the Moving Up Liturgy, SRS parents hosted a lovely brunch for departing 5th grade families as they get ready to move on to new school communities in the fall. We will miss you all!



SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS



**FOR FAMILIES + ADULTS
OF ALL AGES!
SATURDAY, JUNE 21 AT 5PM**

We want to make a home for all here at St. Rita, including our members and neighbors who are neurodivergent, have developmental disabilities, or who find our usual Masses overwhelming due to sensory needs.



"During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind."

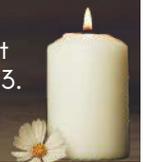
Companions in Grief

Thursday, June 19th
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!



2025 Diocesan Social Ministry Conference

The Jubilee Year and the Legacy of Pope Francis

Can we foster HOPE and JUBILATION in these times?

Wednesday June 18, 2025

9:30am-3:30pm

Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua NY

\$30 - \$40 sliding scale registration fee, includes lunch and materials

To register, contact: Laurie.Konwinski@dor.org or 607-272-5062, ext. 12

*Debt Forgiveness - Solidarity with Immigrants-
Prison Reform - Hunger Relief*



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.


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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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



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*
 Diapers - Size 6 & 7*
 Diaper Wipes
 *We take open packages.



We are always in need of children's clothing, new underwear, and socks.

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

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

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.

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.



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