

DECEMBER 10, 2017

***“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”***



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A transformation is underway as lights are strung, decorations are fitted and plans are made for the Advent of Jesus' birth and our anticipation of Jesus' second coming. On this second **Sunday of Advent**, we hear from the Gospel of Mark about John the Baptist boldly proclaiming that "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." May we also hear the words of John the Baptist and make a straight path for the Lord!

Are you experiencing pre-Christmas stress? Then please come join us for an Advent pre-Christmas concert this Sunday at 2:00pm in Church. All of our choirs will be participating for this playful and reflective musical masterpiece called **"Lessons and Carols."** A special thanks to Joe Kwaitkowski and Chrisanne Gates for organizing this truly beautiful musical extravaganza. The event is free!

This Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00pm in Church we will have our **Advent Penance Service**. If it has been a while since you have celebrated the Sacrament, don't worry. We will have materials available to guide you through everything for an anxiety-free experience of God's mercy and grace. Bring the whole family and the kids too! We all need the opportunity to experience the blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I will have neighboring priests assisting me for a private reception of the Sacrament.

This week our school children present their annual **Christmas Pageant**. What a wonderful way to step back from the business and enjoy the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome to see our talented and gifted young people.

Join us for a **Visit with Santa** next Sunday after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses. Come down to the parish center for some tasty treats and see Santa. All are welcome!

Finally, be sure to carefully check the Christmas schedule of mass times listed in the bulletin.

May God bless you this Week!
Fr. Gonyo

CMA UPDATE - We are currently at 60% of our goal of \$160,859. We need everyone's help in order to reach our goal! Thank you everyone for your continued prayers and support!



**ADVENT SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**
This Sunday, December 10
at 2:00pm in Church

All of our music groups and choirs participate!

Our mixed choir, children's choir, contemporary group, lite choir, and soloists. The service consists of short scripture readings from the old and new testaments, which tell the prophecy and events leading up to Christ's birth.

The highlight of the service is all the wonderful seasonal music that helps to enlighten the stories. The songs are classical, traditional, and contemporary. There are Advent and Christmas texts, arranged with joyful rhythms and melodies.

Why not take out a little time this season to listen to the story again in word and song.

**Come and enjoy our biggest musical event of the
year and invite your friends and family!
Refreshments will be served.**

PENANCE SERVICE
with Individual Confession
(English and Spanish)
Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm

Regular times for Confession:
Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30 pm and
Wednesdays at 8:45am (after morning Mass)

FOURTH WEEKEND OF ADVENT - MASS TIMES

Saturday, December 23 Mass at 5:00pm
Sunday, December 24 Masses at 7:30am & 9:00am
(there is No 10:30am Mass on Dec. 24)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve ~ Sunday, December 24
3:00pm, 5:00pm and
10:00pm (Carols begin at 9:30pm)
Christmas Day ~ Monday, December 25
9:00am and 10:30am



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

Among the intentions for those who gather for the Eucharist this week will be

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017

8:15AM FREDERICK TADDEO – Barney & Ann Quinlan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

8:15AM DAVID ALEXANDER – Judy & Bob Tannascoli

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

8:15AM SAM DE FRANCO – Pat & Sharron Trimaldi

11:00AM MASS AT BAYWINDE at Sage Harbor

1:00-3:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

7:00PM PENANCE SERVICE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

8:15AM MARIE DEVOGELAERE – Elaine & Geoffrey King

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2017

No Mass on Fridays

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2017

9:15AM FUNERAL MASS FOR GLADYS HICKEY

2:00PM *Wedding: Sara Gleisle & Adam Engel*

5:00PM HILDA DI CLEMENTINE – Daughter Debbie

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2017

7:30AM WALTER & MARY KUCY – Carol

9:00AM MARTY YAEGER – Family

10:30AM JOSEPH PULICI – Wife

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn in loving memory of Augustino & Anna Pulici

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Will be held on Wednesdays:

**December 6, December 13, December 20
from 1:00 - 3:00pm in Church**

Advent is a joyful season as we await the celebration of the Lord's coming among us. Take some quiet time to spend with our Lord.

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Wedding Banns
Sara Gleisle & Adam Engel



ST. RITA SCHOOL Spirit of Learning Corner

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

+ **St. Rita's School Advent Project** began this week. This year they are pairing up with Rochester Early Childhood Education Center, donating gently used and new clothing for the students and families that attend that school. Many of these families fall under the poverty line and would be grateful for warm winter clothes. They are specifically looking for Winter Boots in children's size 8-12, Snow Pants and Coats sizes 3T-6T as well as water-proof Gloves. Used or New Toys are accepted as well. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, donations are being collected until December 18th and can be dropped off at the school.

+ On Wednesday, Mrs. Sutley's Fifth Grade class presented their **St. Nicholas Day** skits to each of the lower classes. Fifth Grade students were broken up into small groups and each assigned a class to present their skits. Roles included St. Nick, a Narrator, a father and his three daughters. This annual tradition is one that everyone in the school enjoys.

+ On Friday, Mrs. Farley's 4th Grade class led the School Liturgy celebrating the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**. The students did a beautiful job!

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St. Rita School Christmas Play

"The Legend of the Christmas King"



All are invited to share the true meaning of Christmas!

Our St. Rita School Kindergarten, First and Second Graders will be presenting their **Christmas Pageant**

**Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 pm
and**

Friday, December 15th at 10:00am and 7:00pm

All are invited to see some of our youngest God Drops in this very special performance. This is their special gift to their families, and the St. Rita Community. Please join us! We hope that all will be truly inspired with the real spirit of the season.

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COMPANIONS IN GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



**Thursday, December 14
at 7:30pm in Room 1**

Join us for this time together before the holiday! If have experienced the loss of a friend or loved one through death we invite to attend. All are most welcome!

PLANS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2017

SUNDAY 12/10

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
NOON Christmas Angel Gifts are due by Noon
2:00pm LESSONS & CAROLS – Church

MONDAY 12/11

4:30-5:45pm FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
 6:15-7:30pm FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
 6:15pm Confirmation Group A - Youth Center (Barn)
 6:30pm Men's Faith Group – Rm 1

TUESDAY 12/12

9:00-10:00am WEROC Women's Group – Rm 3
 6:30pm Finance Council – Parish Office
 7:00pm Christmas Party – Gym

WEDNESDAY 12/13

8:45am Pray the Rosary – Church
 8:45am Reconciliation Available in Church
1:00-3:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
7:00pm PENANCE SERVICE – Church
 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

THURSDAY 12/14

1:00pm Christmas Play – Gym

FRIDAY 12/15

10:00am Christmas Play – Gym
 7:00pm Christmas Play – Gym

SATURDAY 12/16

8:15-8:45am Pray the Rosary – Church
 3:30-4:30pm Reconciliation Available in Church

SUNDAY 12/17

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 After 9:00 & 10:30 Masses **VISIT with SANTA – Gym**

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend ~ December 2 & 3

Last Week	Budget	Variance
\$ 19,608	\$ 15,402	+ \$ 4,206
Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Variance
\$ 317,250	\$ 322,286	- \$ 5,036

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/17 – 6/30/18)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
We all grow spiritually when we share.

2017 HOLY CHILDHOOD ORNAMENTS

Ceramic angels and wooden crosses made and packaged by the School of the Holy Childhood are available for \$8.00. Each year there is a new angel to add to your collection. The proceeds are donated to St. Damien Pediatric Hospital (Haiti's only pediatric free hospital). They are available now at St. Rita's Parish Office during the week.

BIBLE READINGS:

- 10 Sun **Second Sunday of Advent** Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8
- 11 Mon **St. Damascus I** Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9-14 Lk 5:17-26
- 12 Tue **Our Lady of Guadalupe** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,10ab Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- 13 Wed **St. Lucy** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30
- 14 Thu **St. John of the Cross** Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13 Mt 11:11-15
- 15 Fri Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19
- 16 Sat Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13
- 17 Sun **Third Sunday of Advent** Is 61:1-2a,10-11 Lk 1:46-50,53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
NEXT Weekend ~ December 16 & 17

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Braden Merle, Graceann Merle, Giulia Puccio

Sunday, 7:30am:

Patrick Childs, John and Joseph Giarizzo-Hoyle

Sunday, 9:00am:

Regan Daley, Connor Burdick, McKenna Loncao

Sunday, 10:30am:

Olivia Momot, Nathan Chamberlain, Liam Clark, RJ Barnard

ALTAR SERVERS:

Please be sure to sign up for the Christmas Masses in the greeting area in Church. Thank you for your help!

CARE FOR GOD'S HOUSE:

Week of December 10

Mary Ann Beikirch

LINENS: Next week December 17

Linda Erck

BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS



Join us for breakfast Sunday mornings from 8:30-11:00am in the Parish Center. We offer a "Special" each Sunday as well as a **traditional menu**.

NEXT WEEK (December 17) - Team 3's Special is: Eggs Benedict served with a bottomless cup of coffee. Our ministry runs on donations only which are greatly appreciated.

Sign Up to LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH!

Anyone wishing to light the Advent wreath at any of the weekend Masses should sign up on the bulletin board in the greeting area. Families, couples, singles and friends are all welcome to sign up.



2017-2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal
(as of 12/6/17)

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$160.859
Pledges Received to Date	<u>\$ 95,258</u>
Balance	\$ 65,601

of Gifts: 469 Households

This annual appeal allows each of us the opportunity to support real needs throughout the Diocese and to meet the challenges and opportunities of strengthening our faith. Money raised is used to fund programs and ministries. St. Rita Church directly benefits from the support of the CMA to provide services that we'd be pressed to supply on our own.

Every gift is needed and important. If you did not receive a mailing from the Diocese, information is available in the back of Church or please go on-line to www.dor.org (you can also make your gift by credit card if you like). Be sure to indicate: St. Rita Church #327. Thank you all for what you've done to help make St. Rita Parish a vibrant faith community and **thank you for your prayers and support!**

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St. Rita Men's Faith Group

This group meets monthly to support one another in our faith and to discuss topics that explore our faith and the challenges we face day to day. We hope that by supporting one another, all members will each deepen his relationship with Jesus.

All men are welcome, no matter where you are in your faith journey. No commitment is required. Come to as few or as many meetings as you desire.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to reach out to John Matina at jmatina@rochester.rr.com

Our next gathering will be Monday, December 11 6:30-8:00pm in Room 1. We hope to see you there!

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2018 "MARCH FOR LIFE" BUS TRIP

We are now taking reservations for the **2018 "March for Life" Bus Trip** to Washington, DC. The bus leaves on Thursday, January 18th at 9:00pm. All are welcome - If you would like to attend please visit our website at <http://march4life.gmsander.info> and fill out a reservation request form. The cost this year is \$40.00 per person. For more information, visit the web site, or call Gerry Sander at 585-503-3256 or email us at committeeforlife@yahoo.com.

Our St. Rita Society is hosting a
 **CHRISTMAS PARTY** 

**Musical entertainment with
 our Music Director Joe Kwiatkowski
 Tuesday, December 12
 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center**

December is here and we are ready to have our annual Christmas party, complete with entertainment and holiday treats. We are pleased to have with us Joe Kwiatkowski, our music director, who will lead us with a medley of Christmas tunes.

Members are asked to please bring an appetizer, chips & dip, cheese & crackers, or a dessert to share with our guests.

Everyone is invited and please feel free to bring your husband, a friend, or a guest!

Also, please bring unwrapped health care products (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.) that will be donated to those in need in shelters and nursing homes.

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St. Rita's Boy Scout Troop #163

FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Wednesday-Friday	6:30 - 8:30pm
Saturday	9:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday	10:00am - 5:00pm



(Closed Mondays & Tuesdays)

**Visit us behind Bill Gray's Restaurant
 Off of Hard Road
 (in the BJ's plaza)**

Up to 8 Ft. tall = \$40 ~ Over 8 Ft. tall = \$50

Money raised will help to pay for camping gear, scout books, awards, badges and camping/backpacking trips. The boys thank you for your support.

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**LECTORS – LEADERS – EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 USHERS and ALTAR SERVERS!!**

We Need You!

If you are able to serve at any of our Holy Day and Christmas / New Year's masses please sign up on the bulletin board in the greeting area!

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THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

Thanks to everyone who supported our Florida Fruit Sale and also our C & B Raffle this fall. Thanks to your generosity, the proceeds helped many in need in our area. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



**Do you like people? Do you know a lot of people?
Do you have a sales history? Do you enjoy sharing
your enthusiasm about our parish events?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we need you to join our Fiesta Sponsor Team or Raffle Team! We are looking for help approaching potential sponsors, as well as marketing our Spectacular Raffle and selling tickets. Please contact one of these people (Ed Butka, Corinne Kohrt, Elizabeth Kwiatkowski, Chris Parsnip, David Powe, John Thomas) or through the Parish Office at 671-1100 if you want to be a part of the 64th Annual St. Rita Fiesta. We look forward to hearing from you!

SAVE THE DATES!

**Our 64th Annual St. Rita Fiesta will be held on:
Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2, 2018!**

St. Rita School . . .

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!

St. Rita School invites you to our



PROSPECTIVE FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT

**Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 pm
(Meet in Church)**

Tours will be given - Babysitting will be provided!



Did You Know?

- We have a very active **PRAYER LINE** here at St. Rita Parish? Your request of any kind can be passed along to over 100 people who will remember your need in their daily prayer. If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line or be included as one of our prayers, please call Julie at 671- 1100 x 13.
- Our Pastoral Staff is here for you to provide **PARISH VISITATION**. Do you have a loved one at home, in a nursing home, or hospital that is in need of a visit? Please call Julie at 671-1100 ext. 13. Also, please have someone let the parish office know if you or a loved one is admitted to the hospital and in need of a visit.
- You can call the parish office at **671-1100 x 25** anytime for the most up to date weekend, daily and holy day **MASS SCHEDULE**.
- Remember - if **Webster Central Schools are Closed** due to inclement weather, our daily morning Mass will be cancelled as well. This is for the safety of all our daily Mass participants.
- Some of our newer parishioners may wonder why we kneel after the recessional hymn at the end of Mass. It is a tradition at St. Rita Church to take a moment to say **THREE HAIL MARY'S** for the next person from our parish who will join the Lord in heaven.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR
A VISIT FROM SANTA!**

Next Sunday, December 17

**After BOTH the
9:00am and 10:30am Masses**

Stop down to the Parish Center to visit Santa!

ENJOY SOME TRULY TASTY TREATS!

BRING THE FAMILY AND GRANDMA TOO!

(Breakfast Club will be serving from 8:30-10:30am)