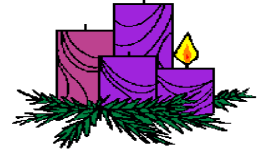


DECEMBER 3, 2017

“Lord, make us turn to You and we shall be saved.” Psalm 80



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Happy Advent! We begin the season of Advent this weekend with the lighting of the Advent wreath. Many people have already begun decorating inside and outside with lights, wreaths and trees.

My great appreciation to our Boy Scout troop 163 for helping us put up our giant trees behind the altar in church. This is a huge task. These trees will be lit on Christmas Eve.

This Friday, December 8th, is the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary**, a holy day of obligation. There will be a Holy day mass of anticipation at 7:00pm on Thursday evening, December 7th. Then on Friday December 8th we will have an 8:15am mass and a 9:15am mass which our school children will be leading and attending. All are welcome!

On Wednesday, December 13th we will have our **Parish Advent Penance Service** beginning at 7:00pm. Visiting priests will be joining us for individual confessions. As an option, confessions can be also heard in the Spanish language. Additionally, confessions are offered after every Wednesday following mass at 8:45am and on Saturdays between 3:30-4:30pm.

Be sure to check the bulletin and our Website and mark your calendars for many upcoming advent opportunities:

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction will be offered every Wednesday during advent from 1:00pm-3:00pm beginning this Wednesday, December 6, December 13 and December 20.

On Sunday December 10th at 2:00pm we will have **Lessons and Carols**, a musically prayer-filled afternoon event you won't want to miss! Beautiful advent prayers and songs will be presented by all of our choirs and music groups led by our Music Director Joe Kwiatkowski and with the gracious assistance of Chrisanne Gates, our former Music Director.

Visit with Santa following the 9:00am and 10:30am masses on Sunday, December 17th. Join us for donuts and juice and even a picture with Santa! Breakfast Club will still be served that weekend.

On Tuesday, December 12th (Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe) our St. Rita Society is hosting an exciting, super fun, musical, **Pre-Christmas party** with snacks and all the Advent/Christmas songs you can sing! All are welcome!

Bring everybody along to all of these events and much more!

May God bless you this week!
Fr. Gonyo

**LECTORS – LEADERS
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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!



**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.

**USHERS ARE NEEDED
for Christmas / New Year's Masses**

Men, women and teens are invited to join our usher ministry for the extra holiday liturgies of Christmas & New Year's (and beyond, if you like!) A lot of supervision is needed to keep our parishioners and visitors safe and comfortable at these liturgies. If you can help at the mass you will be attending, sign-up sheets are located on the usher table in the back of church. Thank You!

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.



EUCHARIST INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

8:15AM ELLEN MARY KENNEHAN AMYOT – Jan

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017

8:15AM MARIE DEVOGELAERE –
Chuck & Jackie Volo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017

8:15AM SHIRLEY ISAAC – Carol Osterling

1:00-3:00 PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of our Blessed Virgin Mary**
(A Holy Day of Obligation)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

NO MORNING MASS

7:00PM FOR THE PEOPLE OF ST. RITA PARISH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2017

8:15AM JOSEPHINE MANUSE –
Husband Roger & Family

9:15AM ST. RITA SCHOOL LITURGY All are Welcome!
Rochester Early Childhood Education Ctr. Families

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017

5:00PM WILLIAM KARR – Betty Karr

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017

7:30AM DON & MARIE VITALE –
Brother Frank Saverino

9:00AM THERESA BAKER – Husband & Family

10:30AM DR. ROBERT CIACCIO – Wife, Phyllis

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This week the Tabernacle Light will burn
in loving memory of Frank & Ann Matroniano

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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)**



ST. RITA SCHOOL Spirit of Learning Corner

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

+ On Thursday the Fourth and Fifth Graders at St. Rita School took part in the **National Geography Bee**. Two students from each class were chosen to move on to the next level of competition. Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work.

+ Friday morning the Kindergarten students and their fathers enjoyed the annual **"Donuts with Dad"** breakfast. What a wonderful way to start the day for both fathers and students! Next month will be the moms' turn to share breakfast with their child.

+ Friday evening was the annual **Barnes and Noble Book Fair** to support St. Rita School. Members of St. Rita's Faculty read Christmas stories, Santa entertained students with a reading of the Polar Express, and the Junior Girl Scout troop, led by Mrs. Moses on the piano, sang Christmas songs while the crowd joined in. **This fundraiser will be going on until Wednesday, December 6th**. If you plan on shopping at Barnes and Noble please mention St. Rita School upon checkout or use Book Fair ID: 12221362 when purchasing your gifts on line. Our SRS families appreciate your support!

+ On Saturday, December 2nd, the St. Rita School students could be found riding on the SRS float and parading around Main St. handing out Candy Canes to the many attendees of **Webster's Annual Holiday Lights Parade** at 6:30pm. Prayers for good weather were said throughout the week by students and families.

+ Friday, December 8th, St. Rita's students will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception at 9:15AM in the church. All are welcome to join the school community as Mrs. Farley's 4th Grade students lead us in the monthly liturgy.

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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 14 at 1:00 pm and
Friday, December 15 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.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2017

SUNDAY 12/3

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym

MONDAY 12/4

10:00-11:30am Bible Study – Rm 1
 4:30-5:45pm FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
 6:15-7:30pm FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
 6:15pm Confirmation Group B - Youth Center (Barn)
 7:00-8:30pm Parish Pastoral Council – Rm 1

TUESDAY 12/5

9:00-10:00am WEROC Women's Group – Rm 3
 10:30am Prayer Shawl Group – Parish Office
 7:00pm Lite Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

WEDNESDAY 12/6

8:45am Pray the Rosary – Church
 8:45am Reconciliation Available in Church
 1:00-3:00pm **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**
 7:00-8:30pm Bible Study – Rm 1
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal – Rm 3

THURSDAY 12/7

7:00pm **Anticipated Holy Day Mass**
 8:00pm Bible Study – Rm 3
 9:00-10:30pm Men's Basketball – Gym

FRIDAY 12/8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

8:15am & 9:15am Holy Day Masses

SATURDAY 12/9

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

SUNDAY 12/10

8:30-11:00am Breakfast Club – Gym
 2:00pm **LESSONS & CAROLS – Church**

We welcome the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

*Kylie Marie Colombo
 Jonathan James LaRosa
 Caiden Francis O'Malley
 Lorenzo Miguel Laureano*



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BIBLE READINGS:

- 3 Sun **First Sunday of Advent** Is 63:16b-17,19b; 64:2b-7 Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19 1 Cor 1;3-9 Mk 13:33-37
- 4 Mon **St. John Damascene** Is 2;1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
- 5 Tue Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24
- 6 Wed **St. Nicholas** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
- 7 Thu **St. Ambrose** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27
- 8 Fri **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
- 9 Sat **St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8
- 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

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**ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED
 NEXT Weekend ~ December 9 & 10**

Saturday, 5:00pm:

Avery & Annika VanDamme, Ben Dodds, Daniella Fico

Sunday, 7:30am:

Lauren Quatela, Brennan Quatela, Evan Tomcik

Sunday, 9:00am:

TJ Tytler, Luke Tytler, Emma Mathis, Sophie Mathis

Sunday, 10:30am:

Grace & Natalie Colpoys, Tommy & Blaise White

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CARE FOR GOD'S HOUSE:

Week of December 3 Tom Marton

LINENS: Next week December 10 Pam Kunzer

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BREAKFAST CLUB NEWS!

All are Welcome Sunday mornings from 8:30-11:00am in the Parish Center for a warm delicious meal served with a smile! We offer a "Special" each Sunday but always have our full menu offering eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, etc.

NEXT WEEK (12/10): Team 2's Special is: FRENCH TOAST served with your choice of bacon or sausage and a bottomless cup of coffee. This ministry runs on donations only which are greatly appreciated!

PARISH SUPPORT

For Last Weekend ~ November 25 & 26

Last Week	Budget	Variance
\$ 14,284	\$ 13,051	+ \$ 1,233

Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	Variance
\$ 297,642	\$ 306,884	- \$ 9,242

(Our fiscal year is 7/1/17 – 6/30/18)

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



**COMPANIONS IN GRIEF
 SUPPORT GROUP**

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

All who have experienced the loss of a friend or loved one through death are invited to attend. All are welcome!



**ADVENT SERVICE
OF LESSONS AND CAROLS**
Next 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.

Many have told me, "I look forward to this every year", and "This is my Christmas gift to myself".

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

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 reach out to John Matina at jmatina@rochester.rr.com

**Our next gathering will be Monday, October 16
6:30-8:00pm in Room 1. We hope to see you there!**



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.

Our St. Rita Society is hosting a

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Featuring: St. Rita's Musicians and Vocalists

**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 our Joe Kwiatkowski and our own St. Rita's musicians entertain 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.

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 committeeeforlife@yahoo.com.

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.

**Do you knit or crochet?
Do you want to help others?**

**Be part of our
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**



We come together each month in prayer and create Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets which are blessed by Father. These items are given to members of our parish, or those we hear of who are going through hard times in their life medically or emotionally. It provides them with a reminder of our love and support. All are welcome!

**Please join us on Tuesday, December 5
from 10:30am - 12:00 Noon
in the Parish Office**



2017-2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal

(as of 11/29/17)

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal	\$160.859
Pledges Received to Date	<u>\$ 86,928</u>
Balance	\$ 73,931

of Gifts: 436 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!**

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

Tours will be given

**Meet in Church starting at 7:00 pm.
Babysitting will be provided.**

In addition to tours, there will be separate presentations by the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten teachers.

St. Rita School is committed to fostering the God-given gifts of each child. In an atmosphere where faith and knowledge meet, our goal is to shepherd the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth of our students.

St. Rita School offers grades PK3 & PK4 (half & full day options) and full day Kindergarten through Grade 5.

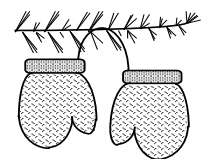
We offer a Before School Care Program which is available beginning at 7:00am and an After School Care Program which is available until 6:00pm.

We are Common Core Compliant
and Middle States Accredited.

Check out our Website at: <http://schools.dor.org/strita/>

"MITTEN SUNDAY"

**At Masses THIS WEEKEND
December 2 & 3**



Each year we collect mittens, hats and scarves for those less fortunate. If you have purchased or knitted any items and have items to donate you can leave them in the greeting area in church. On the weekend of December 2 & 3, baskets will be available in church to collect the mittens at all Masses

Sunday, December 3 at 9:00am will be our Monthly Children's Mass. Children are invited to bring their mittens to the altar when they come forward for the homily that weekend.

CEREMONY OF REMEMBRANCE

**For those who have experienced the loss
of a child, sibling or grandchild of any age.**

Sunday, December 10 at 6:30pm

**at Church of the Transfiguration
50 W. Bloomfield Rd in Pittsford**

Losing a loved one is terrible. Losing a son or daughter, especially if it is your son or daughter, grandchild, niece or nephew, is unimaginable. Please join us for a special way to remember a child – of any age – who has died. This is an annual event held in conjunction with Compassionate Friends World Wide Candle lighting© and a fitting way to include a child – of any age – during the holidays. Please RSVP with the name of the individual you are honoring, the number of people attending and if possible, a picture for the slide show by Tuesday, December 5 to Mary Jane Milano at childrenneverforgotten@gmail.com. If you wish, bring a framed photo, no larger than 8 x 10, to display at 6:15pm before the ceremony begins. All are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD!

4th WEEKEND OF ADVENT - MASS TIMES

Saturday, December 23 Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24
Masses at 7:30am and 9:00am
(there is No 10:30am Mass)

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve ~ Sunday, December 24
3:00pm
5:00pm
10:00pm (Carols begin at 9:30pm)

Christmas Day ~ Monday, December 25
9:00am and 10:30am