NOVEMBER 16, 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

Dear Friends,

GOAL & SHARE & RESPONSIBILITY

There are times when I refer to our Catholic Ministry Appeal goal also as our share and our responsibility. I use these three different words because each of them describe a different aspect of the CMA.

The word "goal" is the traditional way that is used throughout the Diocese of Rochester to refer to the amount of money that each parish is trying to raise for that year's CMA. Our goal this year is \$155,000.

I also call this amount our "share". This indicates that we are not in this alone. The Diocese has an overall goal of \$7.1 million, which is only 6% more than it was before covid and is shared by all the parishes. Our share has increased this year, but it is still lower than it was in 2020.

"Yes indeed, this year has been a rollercoaster ride! But we are grateful for all the blessings that God has sent our way. We want to share some of what we have received with others through a donation to the Catholic Ministry Appeal." - a parishioner

"Responsibility" is another important way to understand our participation in the CMA. Diocesan ministries are also our ministries and we have a responsibility to share in the work of the Diocese.

I am so grateful for your participation. If you have yet to take part, please plan on doing so soon. And remember, we are especially relying on the participation of parish households who have not been a part of our CMA efforts in recent years.

If you are new to the CMA, I will add \$5 to your gift or pledge. Also, for every household over 438, I will give an additional \$5.

> Peace, Fr. Tim



GOAL \$155,000 PLEDGES \$109,768

Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

You can also make your gift online at www.dor.org/cma (St. Rita Parish number is 327)

We are at 71% of our goal from 235 households.*

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the success of our CMA!





Thank you very much for

your financial and prayerful

supportof this year's CMA!

COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, November 22nd at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our "Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

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

> Jonathan Edward Spoleta Griffin Blake Lindskoog

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 NOVEMBER 15/16

LUKE HOYSIC - By The Family of Eileen Hoysic MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family JAN KRAMER - By Candy & Larry Fischbach BELINDA LARNER - By Daughter Lisa

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Craft Sale - Parish Center 10:00AM - 3:00PM 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church SE Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

Mass 8:00AM 10:30AM Mass 11:45AM Confirmation Session 11:45AM Rescheduled Bible Study Session 6 - Rm 1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

8:15AM PAUL RIZZITANO - By Norine Amato 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church 4:30PM Faith Formation 6:30PM Rochester Hope Planning Meeting - Parish Office 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

8:15AM ADELINE MAYNARD - By The Maynard Family Mass Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1 2:30PM 4:30PM & 6:00PM Sacramental Preparation 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Dinner - Gym 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Thanksgiving Food Drop-Off - Kitchen 4:00PM - 6:00PM 5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 6:00PM CHRISTINA BUCKNER - By Julie Odenbach 6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Chapel

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

8:15AM MARGE GALLO - By The Gallo Children Mass Thanksgiving Food Drop-Off - Kitchen 4:00PM - 6:00PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

4:00PM - 6:00PM Thanksgiving Food Drop-Off - Kitchen 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM Mass Kids' Night . - Gym 5:00PM

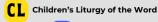
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Mass 10:30AM Mass Confirmat CL Session 11:45AM

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 22/23

LEONARD & GERTRUDE PROVOST - By Family MARGARET FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family LEONARD SCHWARTZ - By Casey Magin VIRGINIA NOLAN - By Linda Cunningham

Sensory Friendly Mass









Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"By Your Perseverance You Will Secure Your Lives"

Reflections on Readings for the

This is the next to the last Sunday in Ordinary Time before Advent begins. Today, our scripture readings direct our attention to the final judgement day, known as the "Day of the Lord".



There are questions that have pestered humanity since the earliest times—When will the end come? How will we be judged? What do we do while we wait?

In our first reading (Malachi 3:19-20), God offers a stern warning to those of Judah, both leaders and people alike, who have turned away from God and God's law. For them, the day of judgement will be a horrible day, but those who love the Lord and fear His name will bask in the healing rays of the sun of justice.

In our Epistle reading (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12),

St. Paul admonished the beloved in Thessalonica to model themselves after the work ethic he and his companions exhibited when they lived among them. Apparently, some of them thought Jesus' second coming was so imminent that they stopped working for a living and became disorderly busybodies.

In our Gospel reading (<u>Luke 21:5-19</u>), Jesus described for His disciples what the end-times would look like and what things must happen before that day would come. He then described for them that "before all this happens", they would endure many persecutions and trials for His name's sake. Butdespite all that, despite even being put to death, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed".

Yes, the "Day of the Lord" will come and yet we know "neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). What today's scripture readings help us focus on is how we should live our lives in these "in-between" times" - the time between Christ's first coming and His second. That is the only thing we can control. Following St. Paul's example to the Thessalonians in today's Epistle would be a good place to start. Being Paul to others would be an even better way. May we imitate St. Paul's life and courageous example to those who come into our lives.

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111625.cfm

Please join us! Pray the Rosary each Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel. 🐒



LINEN CLEANING: NOVEMBER 16 MARY ANN BEIKIRCH

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.



Today's Gospel could be one of fear. Jesus promises that "nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place..." But these are regular events in human history, from before Jesus and since. What is important is the promise of what is to come ... of WHO is to come!

That is our hope.

Pondering Point

What in the world today has you afraid? How is it like what society has already faced and overcome? Knowing how we as a people grew – do you feel hope?

November 15-16 Jubilee of the Poor

Merciful God, we pray for those who suffer from poverty and lack. Open our hearts to their needs and guide us to be instruments of your love and generosity, bringing them comfort, hope, and a path to a better life.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY YARN REQUEST

Prayer shawl members are donating their love and time, but also their money to make prayer shawls, lap robes, and baptism blankets.

They purchase all the yarn themselves.
Yarn is getting more and more expensive
and they would be very appreciative to
have able parishioners donate yarn for
the robes, shawls, and blankets.



The preferred yarn brands are "Red Heart, Caron, and Big Twist".

Any color for the prayer shawls.
(To complete a whole shawl, they would need at least two skeins.)

Pure White for the baptism blankets
(2 skeins per blanket).

A box for yarn will be in the Greeting Area.

THANK YOU in advance for your generosity.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from November 17 – November 23 in loving memory of Adeline Maynard by The Family of Adeline Maynard.

A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team



Diabetes: Screening and Prevention

Diabetes is a long-term condition that happens when the body cannot make enough insulin or use it properly, causing high blood sugar levels. The most common type, type 2 diabetes, is often linked to being overweight, not getting enough exercise, and unhealthy eating habits.

Screening helps find diabetes early so it can be managed before serious health problems develop.

People at higher risk – such as those over 45, overweight, or with a family history of diabetes – should get tested regularly. Common tests include blood sugar checks like the fasting glucose test or HbAlc test.

Prevention focuses on healthy habits. Eat more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. Be active most days of the week. Maintain a healthy weight. Avoid smoking and limit alcohol. With early screening and simple lifestyle changes, many cases of type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed.

For more information, head to the American Diabetes Association at https://diabetes.org



It's time to order!

St. Rita 75th Anniversary Keepsake Cookbook

To Order:

Order forms:

Forms are on the table by the entrance of church. Fill it out and leave it in the box.

Forms are also available at the parish office.

Office hours 9 am to 12 pm

Order online at https://tinyurl.com/75thcookbook



St. Rita School News Where Faith and Knowledge Meet



In honor of All Saints Day, our 2nd Grade classes completed an important project about Saints. Each student was given a Saint to research and spent time inside and outside of the classroom learning about what makes them unique, where they were from, what they stood for, and how we celebrate them today.



Students dressed up as their Saint during our November school liturgy and Mrs. Babij's 2nd graders helped lead the Mass for our staff, students, and families. We are so proud of their hard work!



Men's Faith Group Monday, November 17th at 7:00pm Room 1

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

Hands of Christ

Do you know any High School Seniors who:

+ Demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example + Are involved in their parish and school community + Are a positive role model for their peers

Nominate them! Visit our website for details

advent extravaganza

monday, november 24 4:30-7 pm

Join us in preparing for Advent through songs, storytelling, snacks, crafts, games, and more at this great family event!

Volunteers and donations needed!



Check out the list of roles and items here:



Companions in Grief

Thursday, November 20th 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.cohnedor.org or 671-1100 ext:103.



Two weeks ago there was an announcement in the bulletin that St. Rita Parish has adopted Rochester Hope, a nonprofit located at St. Michael's Church in Rochester.

Rochester Hope provides hot meals, a food pantry, clothing services and more to those in need in the City of Rochester and surrounding areas.

Next weekend, November 22 and 23, Fr. Tim and Fr. Daniel Ruiz will be "swapping" churches. Fr. Tim will preside at masses at St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish so Fr. Dan, the founder of Rochester Hope, can preside at masses here at St. Rita.

Fr. Dan will tell us about the history and services of Rochester Hope and ways that St. Rita can help in this important Ministry.

After all masses there will be representatives from our parish to talk with those interested in learning more about ways to get involved.

What is your favorite part of Thanksgiving dinner?

Make this Thanksgiving special for almost 50 families in Webster who could use a little help this holiday season. Your generosity in sharing your blessings with others as food and other costs continue to rise is greatly appreciated!

Please drop off items to the <u>Parish Office</u>
Monday, 11/17 - Friday, 11/21 from 9 am-Noon
<u>or</u> to the

Kitchen (go around the church - look for the loading dock)
Thursday, November 20 from 4-6 pm

Friday, November 21 from 4-6 pm Saturday, November 22 from 4-6 pm

Non-perishable items may be left in the greeting area when the church is open for Mass from November 15-22. Please do not leave frozen or refrigerated items outside of the times listed above.

A BIG THANK YOU TO CUB SCOUT PACK 163 FOR HELPING WITH SORTING, PACKING, AND DELIVERY!

Want us to do the shopping?
Monetary donations (cash, checks
made out St. Rita Church, or
electronic) are also welcome
– please indicate that it is for
Thanksgiving Baskets.

Choose one or more of the shopping lists below! Let us know what you are donating by emailing elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org, on the sign up sheet in church, or by calling the parish office at 671-1100.

Frozen turkey (any size) - drop off any time between now and November 22. Please contact the Parish Office to drop off outside of office hours or the above times.

List A

- I. Cranberry Sauce
- 2. Jar of Applesauce
- 3. Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 4. Carton of Broth
- 5. Gravy (jar, carton, or can)
- 6. Reusable Bag

List B

- 1. Apples
- 2. Potatoes
- 3. Onions
- 4. Celerv
- 5. Reusable Bag

List C

- I. Butter (sticks)
- 2. Eggs
- 3. Refrigerated Pie Crust
- 4. Tube of Biscuits

List D

- I. Cornstarch
- 2. Evaporated Milk
- 3. Pepper (3 oz tin)
- 4. Salt (26 oz)
- 5. Vegetable Oil
- 6. Reusable Bag

List E

- I. Canned Yams
- 2. Stuffing Mix
- 3. Can of green beans
- 4. Can of corn
- 5. Canned Pie Filling (any fruit, total of 20 oz.)

Are you a Christmas Angel?

New, unwrapped gifts are being collected at church or the Parish Office from II/29-I2/7.

Choose tags with suggested items from the tree or donate any items of your choice.

Gifts are distributed to 8 local agencies.

Monetary donations are also accepted - we'll do the shopping for you!

We accept checks (made out to St. Rita Church with 'Christmas Angel' in the memo) or online donations through our Giving Page.

ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS

If any of you are heading to warmer climates for the winter, please contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 so that we may schedule your envelopes to stop being sent while you are gone.

Women's Faith Sharing Thursday, November 20 at 7:00pm in the Chapel

Women's Faith Sharing meets 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 **jmurr66eyahoo.com** for more information.



WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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.

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE Oct./Nov. Needs List:

Macaroni & Cheese (boxed) Pasta (all types except spaghetti) Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple Shampoo & Conditioner Coffee & Tea Crackers Tuna (albacore preferred) Canned Chicken Applesauce Oatmeal (instant or regular)

Baby Wipes **high need** Deodorant & Toothpaste Dish Soap & Hand Soap



ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK: NOVEMBER 8/9

SAT. 5:00PM 175

SUN. 8:00AM 181 SUN. 10:30AM 215



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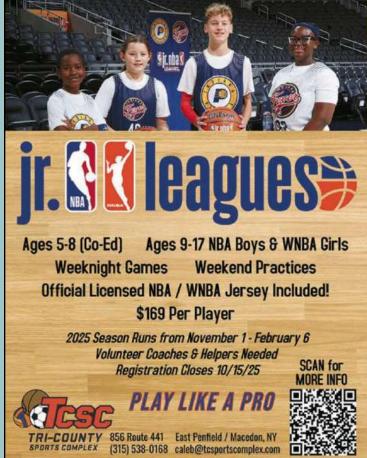


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