

MARCH 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am Liturgy of the Word

12:00pm Liturgy of the Word

6:00pm Mass

Ashes will be distributed at all services.

Bags of ashes will be available to bring to those who are unable to attend a service in person.

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 hoping for life with Jesus, we must also prepare and live that way. Today's Gospel reminds us that before we look at others' faults, we must first examine our own conscience. In doing that, our hope for eternal life with Jesus becomes more certain.

Pondering Point

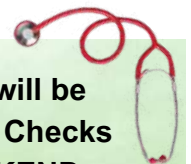
As we prepare for Lent, what wooden beams do you want to remove from your eyes? How do you want to make your hope for life with Jesus more real?

March 8 - 9 Blessing of Volunteers

Next weekend, the Pope has invited all those who give of their time through volunteering in particular to observe a jubilee celebration.

At St. Rita, there will be a special blessing after all Masses next weekend.

Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, March 8 & 9 in Room 1.



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



CHECK OUT OUR PILGRIMAGE WALL!

Each time you attend an event at church or do any type of Lenten activity (prayer, service, etc.), you help us travel on our Pilgrimage of Hope.

Fill a pocket on the wall to see how far we can go as a community!



See the wall in the narthex for more details.



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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 1/2

MARY KATHERINE OSSWALD - By The Reinhardt Family
 OTTO & PAULA REISCH - By Family
 GABRIELLA GASBARRE - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
 JOHN, SHANNON, & MICHAEL GALLAGHER - By Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

9:00AM - 11:00AM Kid Zone - Gym
 1:00PM - 6:00PM Confirmation Retreat - Yr. 2
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Gym
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 1:00PM - 6:00PM Confirmation Retreat - Yr. 2

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

8:15AM HUGH O'FLYNN - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 4:30PM & 6:00PM Sacramental Preparation - Gym
 6:45PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

8:15AM Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm 1
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 6:30PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

7:00AM Liturgy of the Word
 9:30AM School Mass
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 12:00PM Liturgy of the Word
 6:00PM Mass
 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

4:30PM - 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration with Reconciliation - Church
 6:00PM Mass
 6:45PM Holy Beginnings - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

8:15AM THE INTENTIONS OF DOREEN ALVITO Mass
 - By Tom & Terri
 9:00AM Buildings & Grounds - Parish Office
 5:00PM Guided Stations of the Cross - Church
 5:00PM Game Night - Rm 1
 5:00PM - 6:30PM Fish Fry - Gym

TEACHING MASSES THIS WEEKEND**SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025**

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** OCIA Rite of Sending at Mass
 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 8/9

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 MARTINA FAME - By Jean Galofaro
 THOMAS THOMER JR. - By Joanne Facci
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Jennifer & Greg Medina

Reflections on Readings for the
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***"A Good Person Out Of The Store Of
Goodness In His Heart Produces Good"***

Our readings this Sunday remind us that our speech and our actions are a reflection of the goodness in our heart. It is a reflection of our upbringing and of the care we have for others; it is a reflection of the image of God within us. Jesus teaches us in our Gospel that "Every tree is known by its own fruit."



For every tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. Luke 6:44

In our first reading (**Sirach 27:4-7**), the author, a wise sage known as Yeshua ben Sira, reminds us that our faults appear when we speak. Our speech discloses the bent of our mind, especially in times of tribulation. Ben Sirach teaches us, "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just."

In our Epistle reading (**1 Corinthians 15:54-58**), St. Paul teaches us that the sting of death is sin, but through Christ Jesus, God gives us victory. We must remain firm and steadfast in our faith, fully devoted to the work of the Lord. It is in this victory that death is swallowed up. Paul writes this beautiful poem,

*"Death is swallowed up in victory
 Where, O death, is your victory?
 Where, O death, is your sting?"*

In our Gospel reading (**Luke 6:39-45**), we hear the conclusion of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, which we've heard from for the past two weeks. Here, Jesus speaks about the blind leading the blind, not judging others and looking inward at our own failings rather than outward at the faults of others. Jesus said, "How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?"

We who speak ill of others while ignoring our own faults reflect the sadness of our own hearts. As Jesus said in our Gospel, it is like the blind leading the blind. In the words of Father Eugene Lobo, S.J., "Instead of criticizing others, it would do a world of good if we cared for them."

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030225.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from March 3 – March 9 in loving memory of Gabriella Gasbarre by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

The STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent beginning March 7th 5:00PM in Church
Come and join us for a new guided stations experience every week.

**Do you like to knit or crochet?
Come and join us!**



**Tuesday, March 4
10:30am - 12:00pm in Room 1**

**Teaching Mass
Why do we do the things we do?**

Have you ever wondered what's the point behind "Catholic aerobics?" or "why does the priest put a piece of bread in the wine?" At all of our weekend Masses on March 8th and 9th, Fr. Tim will teach us about the Mass while we celebrate, and we'll find out! These teaching Masses are especially for our young friends about to celebrate their First Communion, but there's always something new for all of us to learn!



Mondays March 10 - April 7 in Room 1
9:30am - 11:00am
OR
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Join Fr. Tim for prayer, study, and faith discussions. Each day's sessions will be on the same readings and prayers - attend whichever fits your schedule and embrace the joy of sharing God's Word.

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Thursday, March 6th
Mass at 6:00pm
Gathering 6:45pm - 7:45pm Room 1
Learn more at: holybeginnings.org

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Lenten Soup Suppers & Reflections

Tuesdays during Lent
6:00pm Soup Supper in the Gym
6:45pm Reflection in Church

Join us at 6:00pm for a light meal, fellowship, and a chance to spend time with other families and friends.

Our Lenten Reflection Series will follow our soup dinners in Church starting at 6:45pm

March 11
"Achieving Hope through Suffering"
with Deacon Jim

March 18
"The Way to Santiago: Hope in Every Footstep"
with Maurini Strub

March 25
"Taize Prayer Service"
with St. Rita Music Ministry

April 1
"Our Everyday Journey, Our Everyday Hope"
with Fr. Tim Niven

April 8
"Dorothy Day: Champion of the Poor"
with Donna Ecker

All weeks will include a child or family friendly activity option during the reflection, so bring the whole family!

**LINEN CLEANING: MARCH 2
ANN MARIE LIPARI**

Lent Soup Suppers
Five weeks of Tuesday Lent Soup Suppers begin on March 11.
Sign up to bring soup, bread, cookies.
Set-up and clean-up help is also needed.
The link and QR code to sign up are here.
<https://tinyurl.com/SoupSuppers2025>

**There will be a second collection
NEXT WEEKEND to support The Black,
Native American, and Hispanic
Ministry Fund.**

Join us for
FISH FRY FRIDAYS!



Fridays 5:00pm - 6:30pm

March 7 - April 11

St. Rita Parish Center

Sit down service or take out available.

Fish Dinner	\$15/\$14 for seniors
Child's Portion Fish Dinner	\$8
Cheese Pizza	\$9 whole/\$5 half
Extra Applesauce	\$1
Extra Coleslaw	\$1
Extra Potatoes	\$2

Dinners include fried or baked fish, potato wedges, coleslaw or applesauce, and a roll.

Drinks and desserts will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds support St. Rita School.

Churches Offering Meals To Everyone
St. Rita's will be hosting a C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner on Wednesday, March 12, 2025
We thank you for your generous support in the past. We are again seeking your help with donations. To sign up, go to the following link or scan the QR Code:
<https://tinyurl.com/COMEMarch>
Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of March 8 and 9 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area.
Thank you so much for your generosity.

More information: 585-671-1100 ext. 103 | julie.cohn@dor.org

O.C.I.A.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which an interested person becomes a member of the Catholic Church.

St. Rita is blessed to have eight people who have expressed a desire to receive the sacraments of initiation of the Catholic Church and have been meeting weekly with our O.C.I.A. team.

Our six candidates are **Christa Abugasea, Marium Abugasea Heidt, Madeline McClure, Jeff Riedl, Jason Tucker and Natalie Zazubec.**

We have two catechumens **Lindsey Kester and Amelia Scalzo.**

Please keep our candidates and catechumens in your prayers.



St. Rita School

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God Drop Corner

- Smiles & JOY filled our hallways again as everyone returned from February Break and shared the fun they had over break! 
- Our 4th graders have been working hard in art class on a new weaving project. We can't wait to see their final designs! 
- Congratulations to the God Drops that were cast for Seussical Jr. Rehearsals have officially begun- we are looking forward to seeing them perform here at SRS in May. 

Do you want to spend more time with God this Lent, but...
 ...you struggle with silent prayer time?
 ...you find it hard to know what to say to God?
 ...you always need something to keep your hands busy?

Try The Practice of the Presence of God!

Monday, March 10 from 5:30-6:30 pm

hope Join us for an hour in church each week *love*
 (different days/times - check the schedule)

Bring your knitting or another portable craft project!
 Bring a journal or paperwork that needs doing!
 Bring your kids, your parents, or your neighbors!

Learn some lessons about praying through everyday activities from Brother Lawrence, do a hands-on activity, & listen to some contemporary music.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!

JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Look for enrollment to open after Easter!
 Contact Anne Thomas
 (anne.thomas@dor.org) if you'd like to help.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE

St. Rita School's ANNUAL BLUE & GOLD Celebration

SATURDAY, MARCH 15TH 2025
 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM DINNER & AUCTION
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Your Parenting is Not in Vain

I worry a lot as a parent. I especially worry a lot as a parent of disabled children in a world that's not quite built for their needs, and not always kind to people who are "different." I worry because I can't control the world or the kindness of the people in it. But I am taking a lot of comfort in today's second reading: "Be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."

The labor I do as a parent is a large part of my work in the Lord. Anything I do to spread kindness is part of my work in the Lord. Anything I do to advocate for a world where everyone's needs are met is part of my work in the Lord. I may never feel like it's enough. I may never know if it's enough. My kids might have their own opinions on if it's enough (or not). And they might share those opinions - clearly and loudly, whether it's with shouts and tears or smiles and kisses. But it will not be in vain. And today, that reminder means a lot to me. So I pass it on to you, if you need it.

Your work in the Lord is not in vain.

Anne Thomas - Faith Formation Coordinator

Game Nights!

5-8 pm on Fridays, March 7-April 11

Come on up to Room 1 to play board or card games. All ages welcome!





NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE

LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES

<p>Mondays March 10-April 14</p>	<p>Book Read “I Want to See” by Roc O’Connor, SJ with Jodie Scordo In-Person: 1pm-2pm Online : 7pm-8pm</p>
<p>Mondays March 10-April 14</p>	<p>Eucharistic Adoration In Chapel 3pm-6pm</p>
<p>Saturday March 22</p>	<p>Women’s Lenten Retreat “A Lenten Journey ... A Walk to the Well” with Marie Mozzi 8:30am-3:30pm</p>
<p>Weekend March 28-30</p>	<p>Lenten Retreat for Men & Women “Spiritual Exercises as GPS” with Roc O’Connor, SJ Friday 5:00pm - Sunday noon</p>
	<p><i>For more details and updates about these events: www.notredameretreat.org www.facebook.com/NDSpirituality 585-394-5700</i></p>


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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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.



We have votive prayer candle lights located in the back of Church for you to offer special intentions.
 You may place your offering in the Donation slot.

DID YOU KNOW?

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. Peters Soup Kitchen
 PO Box 11031, Rochester, NY 14611
<https://stpeterskitchen.org/>

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 Wish List:

Ground Coffee
 Tea & Hot Chocolate
 Flour & Sugar
 Cooking Oil
 Laundry Soap
 Dish Soap
 Boxed Pasta (Please no whole wheat.)
 Jarred Pasta Sauce
 Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Hearty Varieties of Soup
 Canned Peas, Pineapple, Beets



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.

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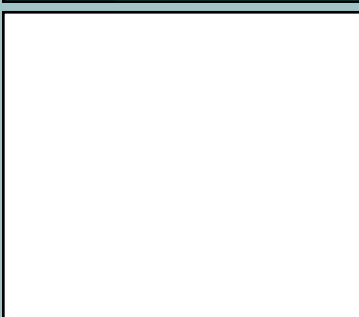
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