#### OCTOBER 26, 2025 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### ST. RITA CHURCH



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

From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

It does my heart good to see, once again, how great a start we are off to with this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our parish responsibility this year is \$155,000 and as of last weekend (when I am writing this article) we are already at 34% of our goal. The average gift is over \$400 and we have had 111 households participate! More reports will be given as the CMA progresses.

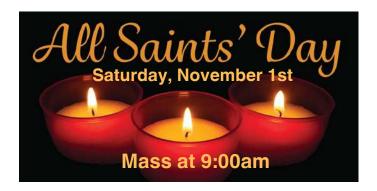
Last week, I wrote about the pastoral ministries that are supported. There are other ministries that are not so well known, but which are just as vital. For example, your CMA gifts support the Vatican ministries, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the New York State Catholic Conference, the work and efforts of Bishop Matano, and the clerical and lay advisory councils that guide diocesan-wide decisions.

It so happens that I have just begun a three-year term as a member of one of those advisory councils known as the Presbyteral Council – a council of about 20 priests (some elected by our colleagues and some appointed by the Bishop). I think this is my sixth term since my ordination. The bishop also has councils that help him with finances, the assignment of priests among the various parishes, and for the development of various policies.

For more CMA information, please go to the official Diocese of Rochester web page at: www.dor.org/cma

Thank you very much for your financial and prayerful support of this year's CMA!

Yours in Christ, Fr. Tim





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

Judith Stahl Kelly Rosselot



GOAL \$155,000

PLEDGES \$63,422

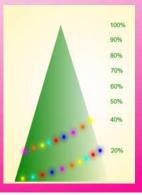
Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

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

We are at 41% of our goal from 129 households.\*

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

\*UPDATED AS OF 10/21/24



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 OCTOBER 25/26**

LOUISE FALVO - By Family BEATRIX VOELLINGER - By Mark Voellinger VIRGINIA NOLAN - By Nancy Mickey DICK DIMARIA - By Carolyn Collis

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

1:00PM Confirmation Yr.1 Retreat 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church 5:00PM SF Mass

#### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

8:00AM
10:30AM
11:45AM
Bible Study Session 4 - Rm 1

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

8:15AM SALVATORE DEBIASE - By Wife & Family Mass 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church 4:30PM Faith Formation 7:15PM Confirmation Session

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025**

8:15AM ROBERT BEIKIRCH - By Joe & Patty Kuby Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1 6:30PM Rochester Hope Meeting - Rm 1

#### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025**

8:15AM Communion Service
2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
7:00PM Bible Study Session 5 - Rm 1

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 6:00PM JUDITH PELLITTIERI - By The Paratore Family Mass

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

8:15AM ROBERT BEIKIRCH - By Jim Wemple Mass

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 - ALL SAINTS DAY

9:00AM MARY OSSWALD All Saints Day Mass
- By The Kwiatkowski Family

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

#### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025**

8:00AM Mass
8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
10:30AM CL Mass of Remembrance
11:30AM Blessing of the Graves - West Webster Cemetery
11:45AM Bible Study Session 5 - Rm 1
11:45AM Confirmation Session

#### **INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 1/2**

MARY DESARRO & REBECCA COHN - By Their Children
NICKY CARLISI - By George Petrone
JAMES SHERIDAN - By The Torrence Family
THE INTENTIONS OF MARIO PROVENZALE
- By Claire & Anthony Silva



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from October 27 – November 2 in loving memory of Luciano & Salvatrice Bologna by Family.











#### Reflections on Readings for Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time "O Lord, Be Merciful To Me, A Sinner"

For the third Sunday in a row, our readings focus on prayer. Two Sundays ago, we focused on prayers of praise and thanksgiving. Last Sunday's readings focused on the need for trust and



persistence in prayer. This Sunday, the focus is on coming to God with a humble and contrite heart. God listens especially to the poor, the oppressed and the humble sinner asking for mercy.

In our first reading (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18), we hear that God is an equal opportunity giver of mercy. "Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet He hears the cry of the oppressed." God has particular concern for the lowly and sufferers of injustice. God is ever the just judge, attentive to those in need of His mercy and to those who "serve God willingly."

#### In our Epistle reading (2 Timothy 4:6-8. 16-18),

St. Paul continues his letter from prison to his protégé Timothy, as he contemplates his impending execution and martyrdom. At its heart, it is a prayer of praise and glory to God for allowing Paul the gift of his ministry to the Gentiles in total service to God. Even though his friends deserted him, his trust in God is what sustained him. Paul wrote, "The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to His heavenly kingdom."

In our Gospel reading (Luke 18:9-14), Jesus addressed this parable to those whose pride and conceit blinded them to God's mercy. He contrasted a boastful Pharisee with a humble and contrite tax collector whose shame and remorse was painfully evident. The Pharisee, it seems, was praying more to himself than to God and seemed to take all the credit for his life of good works. The Pharisee boasted of his station in life while despising everyone else. And yet the tax collector simply begged for mercy and forgiveness.

The Pharisee in today's Gospel did everything right; he followed every prescribed law, but his pride overshadowed and negated his good works. Pride is the opposite of "poor in spirit"; it isolates us from God's mercy. If we were to emulate one ethic in today's readings, it might be the tax collector's humility and true repentance for his sins, not judging others or feeling in any way better than others. Like the poor widow and orphan in today's first reading, we can simply take our sorrow and our troubles and lay them at the foot of the cross.

And then go and do justice to others. https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102625.cfm

#### LINEN CLEANING: OCTOBER 26 PATTY ZACHMAN

#### Blessing of Graves at West Webster Cemetery Sunday, November 2

Immediately following the 10:30am Mass

All are welcome to gather at the site of their loved one's grave across the street at the West Webster Cemetery. Fr. Tim will bless the graves of any of your friends and family members who are buried there. Each grave with a family member or friend standing by it will be sprinkled with Holy Water and blessed.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this special remembrance of our faithful departed.

It's rain or shine so bring an umbrella.



### @ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Next Sunday: Pancakes

Sunday, November 2nd 8:30am - 10:30am St. Rita Parish Center



Monetary donations will be accepted, but not expected. Please join us and bring your family.

If you would be willing to help with breakfast, please contact Marie Torrens at 585–507–2991 or marietorrens740egmail.com or Evelyn Powe at 732–648–4383 or dmpoweeaol.com



#### **In Loving Memory**

Join us for our

## Remembrance Liturgy Sunday, November 2 at 10:30am

Join Fr. Tim during our 10:30am liturgy for a special remembrance of all those who have gone before us.

We will be reading the names of those who are deceased from the past year.

If you would like to include a family member or friend's name to be read at this liturgy, please email Julie Cohn, julie.cohn@dor.org or call her at 671-1100 ext. 103. All are welcome to join us for this beautiful remembrance liturgy.

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.



Jesus teaches us this week about presenting ourselves in a humble manner. Pilgrimage, traditionally, was meant to be humbling, reminding us that God is God and we are not, but despite that vast difference, God desires a relationship with us.

#### **Pondering Point**

How do you present yourself humbly before God? How do you show your love and desire for relationship with God?

#### October 25-26 Jubilee of World of Education

Lord, you made us in your image, with the ability to reason and understand. Bless those who participate in Education. May we learn, teach, and discover your Truths in all we do.

We ask this in your most Holy Name.

Amen.

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#### A Message from Julie Cohn...

In May of this year, the Pastoral Council, who are chosen representatives of our parish at large, began looking at ways to live out Catholic Social Teaching and our St. Rita Parish mission of Joyfully Living the Gospel and Serving with Love. They began the process of selecting a ministry that St. Rita Parish can adopt, support, and with which it can build an ongoing relationship, providing regular volunteer opportunities for our parishioners who are hungering for a chance to serve.

At its June meeting, the Pastoral Council chose to adopt Rochester Hope. Rochester Hope is a nonprofit that began in October 2022 to "bring caring hands to the heart of our city", located at 869 N. Clinton Avenue.

A planning committee has been formed and began meeting in September. The committee has members from the Pastoral Council and the Racial Justice Ministry. Since September, many members of both groups have visited and volunteered at Rochester Hope.

We would like to involve all those interested parishioners in this ministry. Please look for much more information soon for ways you can participate.

In the meantime, we would be grateful if you would pray this prayer for the success of this new St. Rita ministry.

Loving and Generous God,

You sent Your Son to feed the hungry and to remind us that whatever we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for Him.

We lift to You the work of St. Rita Parish in service to Rochester Hope.

Bless the hands that gather, prepare, and distribute.

Bless the hearts that give with compassion and the

voices that speak words of welcome.

Bless those who come in need, that they may find not only nourishment for their bodies but also dignity, hope, and love.

Lord, may this ministry be a true sign of Your Kingdom – where no one is forgotten, and all are invited to the table.

Strengthen our parish community to serve faithfully, with joy and perseverance, so that together with our neighbors we may build a more just and caring city.

Let the light of Jesus that is within us shine through us.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## 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.





In September 1957 a group of 48 women, called "The Belles of St. Rita" was formed.
What was this group's activity?

**Answer:** The group was a bowling team, at the new Empire Lanes. The men of St. Rita also had a bowling team,

"St. Rita's Holy Name".



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#### What to Bring:

- -A canned good for HOPE
- -A lawn chair or blanket
- -Your favorite game snacks for yourself or to share (no alcohol, please)

RSVP to
elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org
by Nov 5 for an extra door prize entry!
Didn't RSVP? Come anyway!

#### We will provide:

- Lawn games
- Joe D's Awesome
   Chili, Special Touch
   Bakery pie slices, and
   a few other treats
   (for a donation)
- Non-alcoholic beverages
- Large screen showing of the Bills game
- Basket Raffles

Friday, November 14 6:30pm-8:30pm



Refreshments after the event.

African Americans on the Road to Sainthood

#### Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church 445 Fredrick Douglas St. Rochester, NY 14608

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Catholic heritage as we present a cultural dramatization that brings to life the seven Black Americans on the Road to Sainthood.

It will be filled with poetry, drama, and song for an inspiring artistic presentation by the acclaimed theater director, producer, actor, and historical interpreter David Shakes of Rochester, New York.

THERE WILL BE A FREEWILL OFFERING

#### Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

November 1 9:00 am Mass All Saints' Day November 1 5:00 pm Mass All Souls' Day

November 2 8:00 am Mass All Souls' Day November 2 10:30 am Mass All Souls' Day

and Mass of Remembrance

November 2 11:30 am Blessing of Graves

Children are invited to dress up as their favorite saint for the procession during the Litany of Saints at the 10:30 Mass on 11/2.

Accessories will be provided, if needed.

Check out some saint themed activities in the Parish Center from 8:30-10:30 am!



ST. RITA

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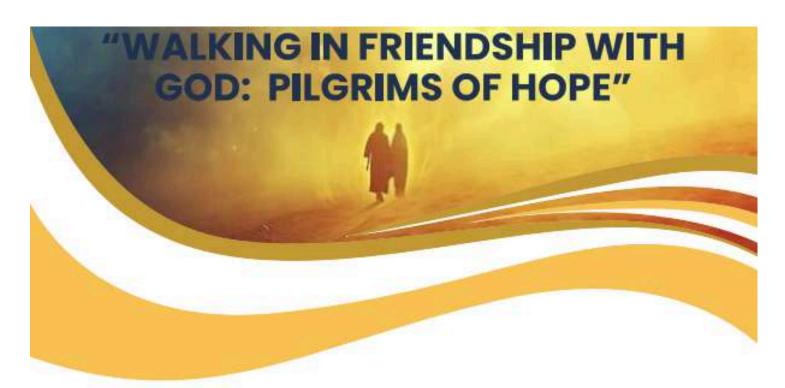
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## **ADVENT OFFERINGS**

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#### December 1st & 15th

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8:30am - 3:00pm
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\$70.00 if you would like a bedroom for the day

#### **Day Retreat**

"Blessed are they that Hope in the Lord: Advent meditations on the Virtue of Hope"

With Deacon Ed Knauf

**Time** 

Fee

8:30-3:00

December 13th

\$60.00

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info@notredameretreat.org 585-394-5700



#### **WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

**Fr. Tim Niven**, Pastor - <u>Niven@dor.org</u> 671-1100 ext. 106

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**Deacon Rick Rall** - <u>bernrick@frontiernet.net</u> 545-8467

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**Jennifer LeFrois** – <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> St. Rita School Principal St. Rita School Office 671–3132

#### St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

All of our classes enjoyed a special visit from the West Webster Fire Department for National Fire Safety Week. They learned about the importance of having working smoke detectors at home, an exit plan in case of a fire, and even got to try on some fire equipment while exploring the inside of the fire truck!









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:

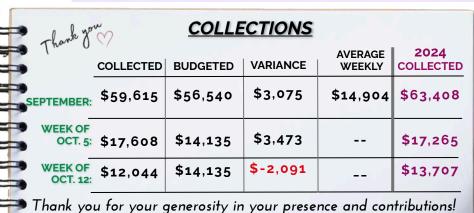
Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)
Pasta (all types except spaghetti)
Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo & Conditioner
Coffee & Tea
Crackers
Tuna (albacore preferred)
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Dish Soap & Hand Soap



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OCTOBER 18/19
SAT. 5:00PM 182
SUN. 8:00AM 179
SUN. 10:30AM 270









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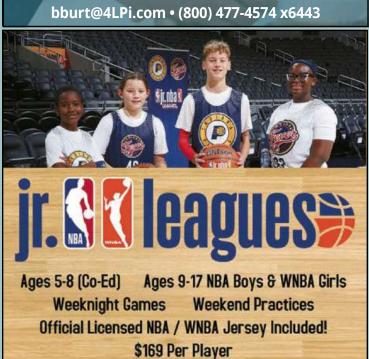












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