

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

CMA - Where Does The Money Go?

The Catholic Ministry Appeal funds more than one-half of the diocesan budget covering seven key areas:

- Serving people in need through Catholic Charities
- Providing diocesan-wide services to our parishes & institutions
- Educating our youth in the Catholic Faith
- Supporting Seminarians, Deacons & Pastoral Leaders
- Funding the Ministries of our Pope & Bishop
- Funding Operations & Support Services
- Supporting the CMA Campaign

For more details about the 2024-2025 CMA Allocations, please go to dor.org/cma.

All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy settlement costs associated with abuse.



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

Josephine Argentieri

Antonio Barilla

REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 2.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - ENDS - TURN BACK YOUR CLOCKS!



Wedding Banns

Jaimie Benza & James Ling

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



GOAL **\$146,000** PLEDGES **\$92,327**

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 63% of our goal from 204 households.*

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

*UPDATED AS OF 10/29/24



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

1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580 (585)671-1100 www.saintritawebster.org

All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 2/3

ROBERT NOLAN - By Wife Virginia
 MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family
 PETER DIGIORGIO - By Family
 VINCENT CARUSO - By Charlie & Kathy Rosenzweig

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

11:00AM Mass of Remembrance
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Euchre Tournament - Gym

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

8:00AM Mass
 8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Gym
 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass
 11:45AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 11:45AM Blessing of the Graves - West Webster Cemetery

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

8:15AM RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON Mass
- By Mark & Diane Weisskopf
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 4:30PM & 6:00PM Faith Formation Family Night
 6:45PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

8:15AM JOSEPH DONAHUE - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi 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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 7:00PM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM JOHN A. SHAUGHNESSY Mass
- By Dan Viola & Family
 6:45PM Holy Beginnings - Rm 1
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

8:15AM JAY GILBERT - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass
 1:00PM SRS Veteran's Day Prayer Service - Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass
 11:45AM Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 9/10

EMMA & JOHN POLLIT - By Phil Pollot
 OTTO & PAULA REISCH - By The Spears Family
 VIRGINIA NICASTRO - By Martha & Paul Winterton
 MARY THOMER - By Tom & Karen DiSalvo

**LINEN CLEANING: NOVEMBER 3
 PATRICIA KUBY**

Reflections on Readings for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Hear O Israel! The Lord Is Our God, The Lord Alone"

Our readings this Sunday ask us to ponder a most important question - How should our lives be ordered? Jesus gives us the answer in today's Gospel.



In our first reading ([Deuteronomy 6:2-6](#)) we hear Moses teaching the Israelites the central theme of the Mosaic Law, what ultimately became known as the Shema Prayer. Shema, in Hebrew, is the first word of the prayer, "Hear O Israel. . . ." This prayer is still prayed to this day by devout Jews every morning and every night.

In our Epistle reading ([Hebrews 7:23-28](#)), we hear of the Jewish high priests, who would offer sacrifice once each year and would ultimately die and be replaced by another high priest. He would offer atonement for his own sins as well as those of the people by going behind the veil of the sanctuary and making whole burnt offerings to the Lord. Then we hear of Jesus, who is our eternal high priest. Because He remains forever, He offered His own body and blood as sacrifice once, for all people and for all time. Paul writes, "He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day....He did that once for all when He offered himself."

In our Gospel reading ([Mark 12:28-34](#)), Jesus was questioned by a scribe (scholar of the law), "What is the first of all commandments?" Jesus answered by reciting the Shema prayer we hear in our first reading. This is a prayer every Jew would learn from a very early age and recite three times per day. But Jesus then took His answer a step further, "Love your neighbor as yourself." In answering this way, Jesus distilled the ten commandments into its two basic sections—love of God (commandments 1–3) and love of neighbor (commandments 4–10). In responding, the scribe said that these two commandments "are worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

What Jesus puts to us succinctly in today's Gospel is the thought that sin is in one form or another an offense against God, another person, or our own person. That is why all the commandments can be summarized in these two great commandments—Love of God and Love of Neighbor. This might make for a good nightly examen - "How have I offended my God today; how have I offended my neighbor, how have I offended my own person?"

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110324.cfm



Saint Maurice
Legionnaire and Martyr
Feast: September 22nd



Saint Maurice was the leader of the legendary Roman Theban Legion in the 3rd century, and one of the favorite and most widely venerated saints of that group.

According to the tradition, the legion, entirely composed of Christians, had been called from Thebes in Egypt to Gaul in order to assist Maximian, the Roman Emperor, to defeat a revolt. However, when Maximian ordered them to harass some local Christians, they refused and Maximian ordered the unit punished. Every tenth soldier was killed, a military punishment known as decimation.

More orders followed, yet they still refused under Maurice's encouragement. As a result, a second decimation was ordered. In response to their final refusal to use violence against fellow Christians, Maximian ordered all the remaining members of the unit executed. The place in Switzerland where this occurred is now Saint Maurice-en-Valais, site of the Abbey of Saint Maurice-en-Valais.

Saint Maurice is traditionally depicted in full armor, in Italy emblazoned with a red cross. As a result of his unwavering protection of fellow Christians, he became a patron saint of soldiers, swordsmiths, armies, and infantrymen and the Holy Roman Emperors. Also, in 1941 Pope Pius XII declared Saint Maurice to be patron Saint of the Italian Army's Alpini Mountain Infantry Corps.

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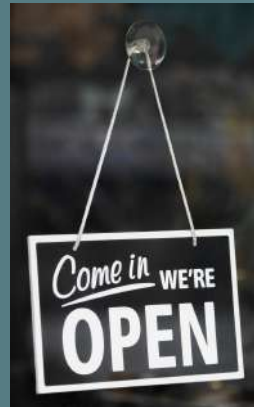


November 8, 2024
Revival with Fr. Huguley
Music featuring AKOMA



(Rochester's African American Women's Gospel Choir)

445 Frederick Douglass St.
Rochester, NY 14608
6:00pm - 8:30pm (refreshments served)



How to Be a Church of Open Doors

Thanks for helping to make our parish a place known for being very welcoming to newcomers, persons with disabilities, and special needs, families with children...and everyone else!

+ If you see a parent struggling with a child's behavior, offer a friendly smile, a sympathetic nod, or a helping hand.

+ If you see a person physically struggling, hold open a door, move down in the pew, or offer to carry something.

+ If you see a person exhibiting unusual behavior, understand it might be a sign of a disability. Remember that each of us has different ways of receiving and communicating God's love.

+ Some people may struggle to get to or sit through Mass. Acceptance and understanding go a long way!
A word of welcome or a small kindness can make all the difference.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

Please join us!

Pray the Rosary each Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.



Hands of Christ

If you know any High School Seniors who:

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

Nominate them! Visit our website for details.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from November 4 – November 10 in loving memory of Virginia Nicastro by Martha Winterton.

Thank You!

Thank you for your returnable bottle donations! This year we have received **\$1690** from Nickel Back and Can Kings to benefit St. Rita School and Church.

Please continue to drop off returnable bottles and cans directly to:

Can Kings - 1183 Bay Rd.

Nickel Back - 659 Ridge Rd.

Just mention that they are for St. Rita for us to receive credit.



Blessing of Graves at West Webster Cemetery Sunday, November 3

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.

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

It's rain or shine so bring an umbrella.



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am

Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Holy Beginnings Outreach

Thursday, November 7th

Mass at 6:00pm

Gathering 6:45pm - 7:45pm Room 1

Learn more at: holybeginnings.org

RSVP at:

holybeginningsrochester@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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

Tuesday, November 5
10:30am - 12:00pm in Room 1

Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets are given to anyone facing serious illness or hard times in their life. Blankets are blessed by Father Tim and a prayer card is included with our love and support. We also give small white knitted blankets to each of our recently baptized children. If you are able to share your time and talent, please join us here or make an item at home and leave it in the greeting area in Church.

If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl, please contact Julie Cohn at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 ext. 103.

Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita's next C.O.M.E.

Webster Community dinner is on

Wednesday, November 13

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/3uy8bw8d>

Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of November 9 & 10 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

FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV 8

VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Friday, November 8
1 pm in Church

Veteran's Day Prayer Service led by the St. Rita School students



"A VERY PATRIOT PAGEANT"

Thursday, November 14 at 1 pm in the gym presented by the St. Rita School 3rd/4th graders followed by a social in Room 1

NOV 14

DEC 12

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Thursday, December 12 at 1 pm in the gym presented by the St. Rita School 1st/2nd graders





St. Rita School

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God Drop Corner

- Thanks to Coach Mutrie for organizing another great Red Ribbon Week during PE classes and other fun activities. Students loved having a dress down day on Tuesday - they wore neon colors to share in the theme of "My future is bright when I stay healthy!"
- There is nothing more exciting than Halloween at an elementary school! Our God Drops enjoyed festive learning throughout the day in their classrooms and ended the day with our annual costume parade, complete with donuts and cider to help celebrate with parents and classmates.
- Thank you to Mrs. McGrath's second graders for leading us in a beautiful All Saint's Day Mass on Friday. They all did a wonderful job and it was the perfect way to kick off the month of November.



The Holidays are Coming! The Holidays are Coming!

So I'm going to say this before we all get wrapped up in turkey dinners, office parties, and Finding the Perfect Gift for Each Kid: slow down, let go, focus on the important things. I know, I know, I'm a broken record - "it's the first month of school, give yourself a break," "it's the holidays, give yourself a break", "it's the end of the school year, give yourself a break", "it's ... Tuesday, give yourself a break." But seriously, look at your calendar now and give yourself permission to take a pass on things that don't bring joy and love into your family, or aren't about sharing God's love and your love and joy with others.

I know what's important to me: the peaceful prayers of Advent, watching my kids smile at the Christmas tree, baking cookies, Christmas morning Mass, Christmas brunch with my brother's family, and steak for dinner with my husband on New Year's Eve. Christmas decorations? Pass. Decorating the cookies? Pass. (Unless it's with my brother's kids, not mine - mine will mix the dough and eat with glee, but they don't decorate.) All of Thanksgiving? Nah. Winter travel? No, thank you. Don't worry, we are going to buy and wrap gifts for the kids, it's just not going to be where we put most of our energy.

Give yourself the peace you can!

Anne Thomas - Faith Formation Coordinator

family night



All Saints' Day Celebration

Monday, November 4
4:30 PM OR 6:00 PM

We'll have trivia, cookies, songs, and more exploring saints from around the world.

All families with kids in grades K-7 are welcome!

Questions?
Contact anne.thomas@dor.org

St. Rita School 3rd Annual

Meat Raffle

Saturday, November 16

at the Ukrainian Cultural Center - Jackson Rd

\$20/ticket or \$175 for a table of 10

**Admission includes soda and water
Bring cash for each round and a cooler
for your winnings!**

Buy tickets at srswebster.org/giving




WALK IN OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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:

Cooking Oil
Coffee
Flour & Sugar
Spaghetti Sauce (jarred)
Corn & Peas (canned)
Pasta (**NOT** whole wheat)
Hand Soap, Body Wash & Bar Soap
Deodorant & Lotion
Diapers - Sizes 5,6, & 7*
Baby Wipes
New Socks & Underwear - All Sizes

*We accept open packages of these items.

**ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS**

If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold", please call the Parish Office at 671-1100 and let us know the dates you will be away and when you will return.



If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.

Webster HOPE is collecting crocheted or knitted cotton dishcloths for their holiday collaborative program. You can drop them off at St. Rita and we'll get them over there!





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