

APRIL 13, 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.



We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about St. Rita Church or to register, please go to our website at www.saintritawebster.org and click the "Join the Parish" link.

Sign up to receive our weekly E-Newsletter to keep up with all that is happening. On our website, click on "Newsletters".

We are happy to have you with us!

Blessing of Easter Food and Easter Baskets

**Saturday, April 19th
Noon in Church**

Come and be part of this wonderful Easter tradition. Children are invited to bring their Easter baskets.



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

Virginia Nolan

Holy Week

Holy Thursday - April 17
Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm
(please arrive by 6:45)
followed by Eucharistic Adoration
until Night Prayer at 9:45pm

Good Friday - April 18
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - April 19
Blessing of Easter Food at Noon
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday - April 20
7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Please Note:
These are not our regular weekend Mass times.

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 APRIL 12/13

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 THOMAS N. DAVIS - By Albertha & Family
 SAVERIO & ROSEMARIE PALUMBO - By Family
 ALPHONSO & FRANCESCA MAGRI - By Anthony & Angela Magri



SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2025

8:15AM LOUISE FALVO - By Family Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 6:30PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

8:15AM MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025

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

THE TRIDUUM & EASTER MASSES

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025

7:00PM **I** Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Eucharistic Adoration will follow the
 Mass of the Lord's Supper until Night Prayer at 9:45PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2025

3:00PM Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

12:00PM Blessing of Easter Food & Baskets - Church
 8:00PM **I** Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

7:30AM, 9:30AM, & 11:30AM Masses

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES APRIL 19/20

THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. RITA CHURCH



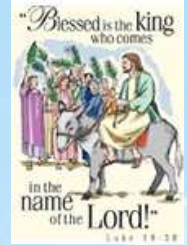
Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from April 14 - April 20
 in loving memory of Joseph Gabriele
 by Marie & Daughters.

LINEN CLEANING: APRIL 13
 DEBBIE WHITEHAIR

Reflections on Readings for
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

**"Father, Forgive Them For They
 Know Not What They Do"**

Palm Sunday begins our Easter Holy Week. We walk with Jesus on His final journey to the cross—His triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Passover supper with His friends, His betrayal, passion and death and then, His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.



We begin today's Mass with the Gospel reading at the Procession of the Palms (**Luke 19:28-40**), before the procession enters the main part of the Church.

Then, in our first reading (**Isaiah 50:4-7**), we hear part of Isaiah's lament of the suffering servant, which so fittingly foretells the passion that Jesus will endure. Persecuted for His righteousness, He does not flinch. *"My back I gave to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting."*

In our Epistle reading (**Philippians 2:6-11**), St. Paul reminds us of the humility of Jesus, the meek and humble servant, coming in human likeness. Because of this, *"God greatly exalted Him."*

Our Gospel reading (**Luke 22:14 - 23:56**) is St. Luke's account of the passion and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. He then stressed with His disciples the importance of servant leadership, *"Let the greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as the servant."* Jesus forewarned Peter of his coming denial. After the supper was over, Jesus went out to the Mount of Olives to pray, *"Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done."* Then came His betrayal by Judas, His arrest and trial before Pilate, Peter's denial, and Jesus' violent scourging, mockery, and crucifixion. As He hung, dying on the cross, He pleaded with His Father, *"Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."* At His death, Jesus cried out, *"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."*

Lent is a time for reflection and prayer on the mysteries of Christ's salvific gift. It would be good to take the time to prayerfully read Luke's full Gospel account of Christ's passion (**Luke 22:14 - 23:56**) so that we may more fully enter into the mystery of our Lord's gift of self to us and also to consider our response to that gift.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm

SF Sensory Friendly Mass

CL Children's Liturgy of the Word

C Count It All Joy

I Incense Used

F Family Mass

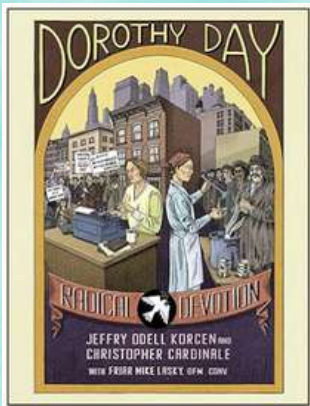
St. Rita Reads...

Nurturing Our Relationship with Christ
and Each Other through
Faith Filled Reading and Dialogue



Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion

Sunday, April 27th and May 4
11:45am-1pm (after 10:30 Mass)



Join us for a short,
two-part
St. Rita Reads
series on
Dorothy Day:
Radical Devotion.

The book is a
graphic novel: a
quick read,
appropriate for
teens and adults, showing Dorothy Day's
life through illustrated panels and text.

Sign up in the Greeting Area!

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 starts with a pilgrimage into Jerusalem.
We see the disciples preparing for Jesus' entry,
and then the crowd's reaction to His procession
into the city. Pilgrimage is all about preparation
and journey.

Pondering Point

When have you made preparations for a
journey, maybe as simple as finding a jacket,
that paid off and made the journey easier?

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.



Thank You to All Who Helped with the Lenten Soup Suppers!

We would like to express our sincere
gratitude to all who helped make the
Lenten Soup Suppers and Reflections so
wonderful. Many thanks to all who
brought food, helped with set up and
clean up, and provided prayer in word
and song. We are so grateful.

Thanks for generously sharing your
time and energy with us!

St. Rita has such a wonderful, warm
parish family. While your acts of
kindness may seem small, their impacts
on our parish are immeasurable.
We are so blessed for your assistance.



Save the Date!

Rain or Shine!

75 YEARS 1950-2025 ST. RITA PARISH

**St. Rita Church
75th Anniversary
Potluck Picnic**

SUNDAY, JUNE 1
UNDER THE FIESTA TENT AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS

St. Rita Church will be celebrating 75 years
this September. Come and help us kickoff
our year-long celebration with fun, food,
and fellowship!

MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UPS COMING SOON



St. Rita School
Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!
God Drop Corner

Our God Drops participated in the Kids Heart Challenge for the 12th year in a row!



Thanks to the guidance from Mr. Mutrie, over the past 12 years our school has raised over \$70,000 for the American Heart Association, earning us new PE equipment.

Families learned hands-only CPR and gained access to outstanding resources to help make more healthy choices every day!

GREAT JOB!

BORROW A KID KIT DURING MASS

These bags are designed to encourage children's participation in the Mass by providing activities that connect to what is happening in Church.



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.



Make a Glass Plant Stake or Suncatcher

Sunday, May 4
between 8:30-10:30 am

Stop by the Parish Center for this activity and a free* Breakfast!

*donations are appreciated, but not required

FAITH! Youth Group **FUN!**

Youth Group Gatherings for Teens
Sunday, April 27th

4:00PM -5:00PM in Room 1

7th-12th Grade *Join us!*

Please RSVP to Sofia at srbosco01@gmail.com by 9am on Saturday, April 26th.

New friends are welcome to drop in any time and try it out!



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Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of April 12 & 13.

70th Annual



Friday, May 30 5-9 pm
Saturday, May 31 2-9 pm

Fun for all ages - spread the word!

Games! Food!
Music! Inflatables!
Ponies! Raffles!
...and more!

On Good Friday, there will be a collection in support of the ministries in the Holy Land.

If you are able to support this collection, you may put your monetary gifts in the donation slot.

There are two collections on Easter that St. Rita relies on for our operating budget. The first is the regular Sunday Collection and the Second is the Special Easter Collection.

We will pass the baskets only once for both collections.

THANK YOU for your spiritual and financial support of St. Rita Parish!

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR EASTER

St. Rita Parish Staff will be taking time off for the Easter Triduum from Holy Thursday through Easter Monday.

In the event of a pastoral emergency that needs immediate attention of a priest, please call 670-1100 ext: 106.



St. Rita Health Ministry is sponsoring...

PREVENTING FALLS IN OLDER ADULTS: KEY FACTS AND STRATEGIES

Presented by Judy Mariotti, PT, DPT

May 15th at 11:00am
in Room 1



Join us for this educational and interactive presentation given by fellow parishioner Judy Mariotti. Learn all about ways to enhance balance and lower your risk of falling.

Light lunch to follow.

RSVP to Martha O'Connor (585)820-1076; text or voicemail by May 7th.

Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Information?

Please let us know on our website by clicking "Join the Parish", then choosing the option that applies to you if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.



SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT



A team of parishioners will be heading down to **Frenchville, PA** to take part in a Summer Service Project from **July 13 to July 18**.

While there, we will provide ministry to the people of the area in a number of ways. This may include activities like painting a room, removing/creating a stone walkway, building a wheelchair ramp, fixing porches, and visiting with residents in nursing homes.

We stay at the facilities of Bethany Youth Retreat Center. More info can be found at: www.anawimministries.com/missiongroups.

The group is now open to

- high schoolers
- middle schoolers who have a parent of the same gender also participating
- adults 21 years or older

If you are interested, we will have an informational meeting on Sunday, May 11 after the 10:30 am Mass (about 11:45) in Room 1.

The first planning meeting for participants will be Sunday, May 18 after the 10:30 am Mass.

More information can be found by downloading the Youth Leader Handbook at www.anawimministries.com/bethanyyouthprogram.

Fr. Tim


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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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 St. Rita School Principal
 St. Rita School Office 671-3132

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 Spring Wish List:

Spaghetti Sauce (Jarred)
 Applesauce (Jarred)
 Canned Beets
 Canned Potatoes
 Shampoo & Conditioner
 Diapers - Size 6 (We take open packages.)
 Diaper Wipes



We are always in need of children's clothing, new underwear, and socks.

DID YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE A HEARING LOOP!

We have a hearing loop available for hearing aid users. It works best near the outside of the sanctuary, closest to the system wiring.



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.

ST. RITA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL



What does the Parish Council do?

The role of the council is to:

- ❖ Serve in an advisory role to the Pastor by participating in discussions related to parish operations and providing updates on the many ministries of the parish
- ❖ Advance the vision of the parish
- ❖ Unify clergy and laity (that's you!) in leadership and service
- ❖ In the words of Canon Law 536, "...together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, **assist in fostering pastoral activity**"

Who can become a Parish Council member?

To become a member of Parish Council, a nominee must:

- ❖ Be a registered member of St. Rita Parish
- ❖ Be willing to give time and talent to the parish community
- ❖ Be willing to attend monthly meetings (8-10 per year) for a term of 3 years (1 year for youth members)
- ❖ Be willing to bring your support and enthusiasm to parish activities
- ❖ Be open to God's will regarding parish needs
- ❖ Be a good listener and communicator

How do I volunteer to serve or nominate someone?

- ❖ Write name(s) on the form below and drop it in the donation slot in church or the slot at the Parish Office.
- ❖ Go online and submit names through the form on our website – www.saintritawebster.org under Latest News.
- ❖ Send an email to wstritap@dor.org with the names of your nominees.
- ❖ Call the Parish office at 671-1100.

We will be selecting 2 women and 2 men for a three-year term, and 2 youth (15-18) to serve a one-year term. Nominations are due May 11.

What happens next?

- ❖ Nominees are invited to an info meeting, after which they determine if they wish to serve the parish
- ❖ New members are selected from interested nominees through the intervention of the Holy Spirit

Our current council members would be happy to provide information or answer any questions you may have. Feel free to talk to any of them or a staff member.

Jeff Kiser (Chair)	Joe Holleran	Leticia Rivera-Andolina	<u>Youth Representatives</u>
Annette Schiano (Vice Chair)	Nky McGinnis	Maurini Strub	Sophia Smith
Tony Kehoe (Secretary)	Terry O'Toole	Marie Torrens	Annika Van Damme
Paul Cordy	Theresa Passero	Mark Torrens	

Return this form in the donation slot at church or to the parish office OR call the parish office at 671-1100 OR send an e-mail to the parish office at wstritap@dor.org OR fill out a form online at www.saintritawebster.org. We will be randomly selecting 2 women and 2 men for a three-year term and 2 youth (15-18) to serve a one-year term.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS –

<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Youth (ages 15-18)</u>
_____	_____	_____
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