

MAY 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

UNITED IN FAITH + COMMUNITY

What is St. Rita "United in Faith and Community"?

United in Faith and Community is a multifaceted initiative at St. Rita to strengthen our parish and school. The primary goals of this initiative are to increase Mass attendance, ministry participation, and regular financial support, to ensure the continued long-term growth and success of St. Rita Parish.

Why is St. Rita Parish undertaking this initiative?

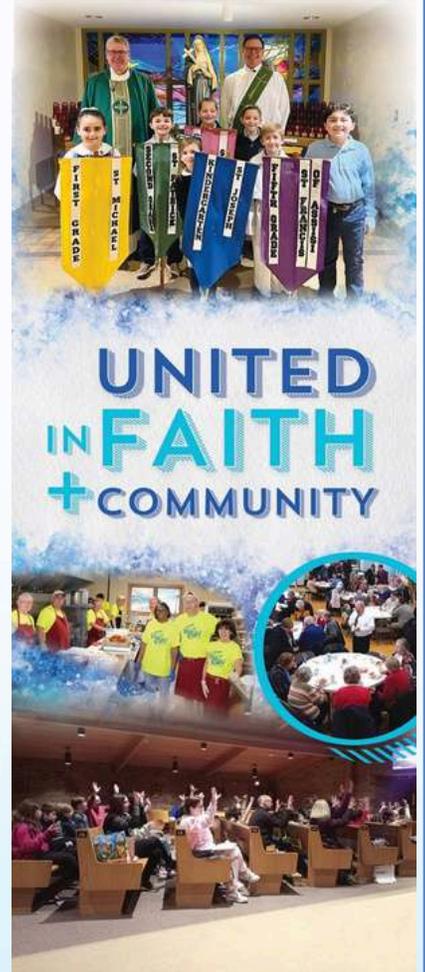
This initiative started in April 2024 to especially address worship attendance and offertory collections which had decreased significantly from pre-pandemic levels. More recently, St. Rita Parish is seeing renewed faith and vitality. Engagement in our ministries is growing again, opportunities for education of all ages and fellowship have increased significantly, we have started new ministries for education, hospitality, and service, our school enrollment is up by 45%, and there has been a 5% increase in Mass attendance.

Since starting United in Faith and Community, offertory collections have increased 7%. This, along with other income such as tuition and fees, has helped the parish meet operating expenses and undertake campus improvement projects that had been sidelined for more than five years.

This last year has been very helpful; however, we recognize it is going to take an ongoing effort to sustain our parish and school and to be able to make needed capital improvements. We appreciate your contributions to St. Rita Parish and ask, where possible, to support increased collections.

For more Q & A, please go to the tab for United in Faith and Community on the St. Rita website.

Peace,
Fr. Tim



Prayer for Mothers

Heavenly Father,
from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.



COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, May 17th at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our "Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

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 MAY 10/11

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 JIM "PAPA" NELSON - By The Odenbach Family
 JANET & PAUL PERDUE - By Molly Perdue
 SEAN HUGHES - By The LeFrois Family



SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:45AM Summer Service Project Information Meeting - Greeting Area

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2025

8:15AM **DR. LOUIS GIORDANO - By Sharron Trimaldi** Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church

TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

8:15AM **DOROTHY VINCI - By Castle Pointe Friends** Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 10:15AM Mass at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 6:30PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Community Dinner - Gym
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025

10:00AM Balance and Fall Prevention Presentation - Rm 1
 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM **L. RONALD "RON" WHITLOCK - By The Viola Family** Mass
 6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025

8:15AM Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass
CL

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 17/18

JOAN "JO" CASTON-LEWIS - By Joe & Julie Cohn
 BEATRIX VOELLINGER - By Mark Voellinger
 ELLIE THORNTON - By Robert & Roslyn Patti
 SAMUEL COLOMBO - By Mom & Dad



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from May 12 – May 18
 in loving memory of Dr. Louis Giordano
 by Sharron Trimaldi.

Reflections on Readings for the
 Fourth Sunday of Easter

***"My Sheep Hear My Voice; I Know Them,
 And They Follow Me"***

This Sunday is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Our readings today are tied together in a shepherding theme. This is also a time to pray for vocations and an increase in the number of shepherds in our church.



We hear about a Church of united followers of Christ, spreading in leaps and bounds to the ends of the earth. This is a Church in right relationship with God, following their shepherd wherever He leads them. The shepherd will lead them to the Father and their heavenly grace.

In our first reading (Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43-52), we begin to hear about the many missionary journeys of St. Paul, St. Barnabas, and their companions. Paul's first journey was to Antioch and other cities in Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey). Paul's success, especially with the Gentiles, bred jealousy in the Jewish leaders and they expelled him from the city of Antioch. Undaunted and "filled with joy and the Holy Spirit", they continued on to many other cities.

Our second reading (Revelation 7:9, 14-17) is yet another apocalyptic vision of John. This writing offers comfort and reassurance to those of John's time who were experiencing many persecutions. People of every nation on earth would one day stand before the throne (God) and the Lamb (Jesus) in white robes, having "survived the time of great distress", and God will "wipe away every tear from their eyes".

In our Gospel reading (John 10:27-30), Jesus was speaking about His relationship with His followers and how, like the good shepherd, His sheep know His voice and follow Him. This is the "right relationship" Jesus has with us and we with Him as He leads us to eternal life.

Today, we are reminded to think of Jesus as our Good Shepherd and of the intimate, loving, and caring relationship Jesus has with us. It was this relationship that certainly sustained the apostles and disciples on their missionary journeys throughout the territories of Israel, Turkey, Syria, and Greece. Will it not sustain us as well on our missionary journeys throughout the territories of our lives?

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051125.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

**LINEN CLEANING: MAY 11
CAROL BONCZYK**

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

We are asking everyone to RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to pass. The parish will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks. Please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/75StRita> or by calling the Parish Office 671-1100 Ext: 101 by Friday, May 30th

If you like to talk, listen, or know what's going on, we want you on PARISH COUNCIL!

One meeting per month + countless opportunities to engage and support the parish

More info is available on the blue forms or online. Please return your nominations by **MAY 12**.

opportunity to minister!

If you've been an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** (Eucharistic Minister) at another parish or in the past and would like to start serving here, please join us for a **Training Session on Monday, May 19 at 6 pm.**

New ministers are also welcome.

Must be Confirmed and over 16.

RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org

Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita will be hosting a C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner on Wednesday, May 14, 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: <https://tinyurl.com/3btXHda3> or scan the QR Code:

Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of May 10 and 11 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

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.

When Jesus says that His sheep hear His voice and follow Him, He is inviting us ever deeper into our relationship with Him. He is a constant companion on our pilgrimage through life, and through Him, we find eternal life.

Pondering Point

What can you do this week to deepen your relationship with Jesus?
How have you heard His voice lately?

**May 10-11
Blessing of Marching Bands**

Through Your music, You give the rhythm of life, O Lord. May those who share this talent inspire us to walk humbly with our God. Help them to know Your presence as they guide others to march in harmony, glorifying You with their works. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TRINITY COUNCIL #4618 OPEN HOUSE**

**Sunday, May 18
9am - 1pm**

McGivney Center
1460 Ridge Rd. in Webster
(located on the Holy Trinity Campus)

CHARITY ● UNITY ● FRATERNITY ● PATRIOTISM

**Come and see what the Knights are all about!
Join us for refreshments!**

ST. RITA Fiesta! **Fiesta 2025** Readiness Checklist May 30 & 31



Buy raffle tickets

Win \$5,000! \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Stop by the Greeting Area or the Parish Office. Cash, check, or credit.



Sign up to volunteer

Help out for a couple of hours to get an awesome shirt and a meal ticket. Sign up online or stop by the Fiesta table in church. Great for teens and families!



Drop off Book Sale donations

Wanted: good condition books, games, puzzles, movies, and music. Drop off at church or the Parish Office.



Make a Raffle Basket



Choose a theme, fill a container, and drop it off to the Parish Office between May 12-23. Please include a list of the contents*.

*Value of \$25+, no alcohol



Buy Inflatable Wristbands

Pre-purchase unlimited use wristbands for up to 6 inflatable attractions for all the kids in your life. Buy online or in church.

Get 5 free game tokens with every wristband purchased before May 23.



Tell the neighbors

Your support helps us keep this event one of the longest running and only remaining of its kind in our area. Invite everyone you know!

See more information at
www.stritawebster.org/fiesta

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!

JULY 28-AUGUST 1

9 AM - NOON

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Registration is now open for students ages 4-10 and volunteers in grades 7+. Join us for a summer week of games, Bible stories, and tons of fun! Adults, if you're interested in finding out how you can use your gifts to help, please contact Anne Thomas at anne.thomas@dor.org!

SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT



FRENCHVILLE, PA

JULY 13-18

Open to: High schoolers, middle schoolers with a parent, and adults 21 years or older

We will have an informational meeting on Sunday, May 11 at 11:45 in Room 1.

Please sign up in the Greeting Area or RSVP to niven@dor.org.

Companions in Grief

Thursday, May 15th
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.cohn@dor.org or 671-1100 ext:103.

All are welcome!



NEXT WEEKEND is Diocesan Missions Sunday and there will be a **SECOND COLLECTION**.

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 17th & 18th, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair, and emptiness prevail.



St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!

God Drop Corner



- Our 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders completed the NYS Math Tests this week. We are so proud of their hard work!
- Congratulations to all of our God Drops who received their 1st Holy Communion. May God Bless you all!



Happy Mother's Day

Older American's Month Prayer Service & Ice Cream Social

Thursday May 22nd
at 1:00 PM

Look for more
information soon!



Begin YOUR Journey



as an altar server!

All girls and boys who have made their First Communion are welcome to join our team of Altar Servers.

Attend a one-hour training session on:

Monday, May 19 at 2:30 pm

Thursday, May 22 at 4:30 pm

OR

Saturday, May 24 at 3:00 pm

RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org.

Snacks included!

Already a server? We're adding new responsibilities for our more experienced servers.

Reach new heights in the Mass!

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Congratulations to the children in our
community celebrating their
First Communion this Easter season:

Kendall Bell, Ava Bierley, Olivia Bifarella, Harrison Blodgett,
Madilyn Bocchino, Josephine Brasse, Jovanni Caterino,
Dominic Colombo, Kylie Colombo, Cecelia DiFilippo,
Lilah DiMora, Jax Dina, Knox Dwyer, Ruby Eodice,
Jason Essley, Ellis Evangelist, Beckham Foster,

Dominic Fox, Grady Gaffney, Gabriela Gajdek, Adelynn
Gamble, Ethan Graff, Alexandra Grammatico,

Penelope Gregory, Hudson Harris, Holden Harris, Gavin Igharas,
Nora LaGoy, Ella Leach, Charlotte Leunig, Zachary Lord,
Luke MacKenzie, Annabelle Mark, Makinzly McCoy,

Julian Messina, Avery Musial, Lukas Odenbach, Lacey Odenbach,
Juliana Perri, Virginia Ranaletta, Nathaniel Ritchie, Scarlett Roe,
Paul Russello, Natalie Russo, Giacomo Salemme, Sophia Schmitt,
Nico Speranza, George Steenberge, Chandler Story, Bella Story,
Audriana Timkey, Cecelia Tomeno, Carmella Torres, Dru Turk,
Charles Varhol, Cora Voke, Zander Wightman, and Cooper Yacco.



Join us in celebrating



Knights
of
PETER CLAVER

REINSTALLATION

Saturday 17th May, 2025

3pm

Immaculate Conception/St. Bridget's Church
445 Frederick Douglass St.,
Rochester, NY 14608

We warmly invite our parish family and community
to a spirit-filled reinstallation of Council and
Court #106.

Come pray, reflect, and stand with us in faith and
fellowship.



For questions, please contact
Maurini Strub: maurini.strub@gmail.com

SUMMER 2025 RETREATS



JULY 13-18, 2025

Meeting God: The Path of Entering Quiet in the Midst of Everyday Life with Sr. Julie Vieira, IHM

This retreat provides the space to deepen our relationship with God and our capacity to incarnate the spirit of quiet and spaciousness in the reality of our everyday lives.



JULY 20-25, 2025

Silent Directed Retreat: Meeting God in the Silence with Fr. Dennis Billy, C.Ss.R, Sr. Elaine Englert, SSJ, Fr. Peter Murray, SJ and Jodie Scordo

A silent retreat for women and men. Each retreatant is assigned a spiritual director to meet with daily. Eucharist is offered daily and there are opportunities for adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation.



NOTRE DAME RETREAT HOUSE

staff@notredameretreat.org

www.notredameretreat.org



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 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. 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>

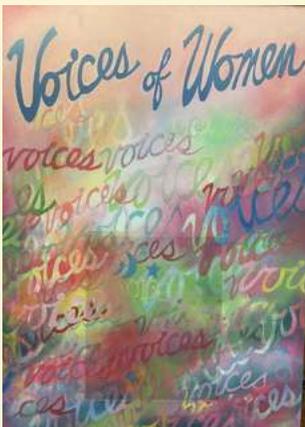
No opened or expired items please.

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.



Voices of Women presents...
"And Mary Said Yes"
Sunday, May 18th 12:30pm

St. Mary's Church
Dugan Center
15 St. Mary's Place
Rochester, NY 14607

VOW's last event before our summer recess is dedicated to Our Lady. We have invited Sr. Barbara Moore to share her thoughts on the Blessed Mother, and her "YES" to God's plan. Sr. Barbara has notable accomplishments as a teacher, author, homilist, executive, and more. She has been a favorite speaker over the years and always offers uplifting insights. Free parking is available on the street and parking lot opposite Geva Theatre. If interested, join us for Mass at 11:15pm. Come early and ask Ros DellaPietra for a tour of our historic church and the iconic stained glass windows! Bring a friend!