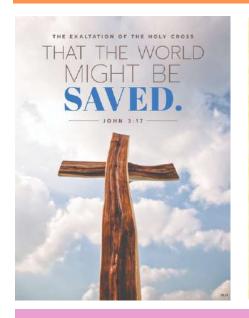
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

ST. RITA CHURCH





Eucharistic Adoration



Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

NEXT WEEK there will be a special collection to support the

Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.



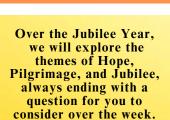
Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially:

Anna Wagner Dick Wagner's Mother (Anita)

Cheryl Chamberlain Matt Chamberlain's Mother (Margo)

Sharon Jackson Fink James Joseph's (J.J.) Sister in Law

Robert (Bob) Beikirch





When we think of hope, we often think about our short-term desires. But the virtue of Hope is a certainty that eternal life with Jesus is a reality we have access to. Today's Gospel gives us insight to this virtue by reminding us that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish, but might have eternal life." What a hope-filled gift!

Pondering Point

Do your short-term hopes align with the virtue of Hope? How does your hope for today move you closer to eternity in Heaven?

Men's Faith Group

Join us to discuss topics that strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

Monday, September 15 at 7:00pm Room 1



Contact John Matina at 585-314-6096 if you have any questions.



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

> Gabriel Lee Gonzalez Josephine Rose Secrest

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 SEPTEMBER 13/14

JAMES SHERIDAN - By John & Elaine Andrews VIRGINIA NOLAN - By Susan Mickey LINDSEY HEGEDORN - By John & Julie Odenbach CHRISTOPHER GULLO - By Roger & Heather Scalzo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

8:00AM Mass
9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
10:30AM CL Mass
2:00PM ST Sensory Friendly Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

8:15AM GUY BORRELLI - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi Mass 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

8:15AM KATHLEEN ELLIOTT - By Tom Yaeger 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1 6:30PM Rochester Hope Ministry Planning Committee - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
5:00PM C.O.M.E. Community Dinner - Parish Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 6:00PM JIM FOSTER - By Kathy 6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

8:15AM VIRGINIA & BOB NOLAN - By Family Mass 9:30AM School Liturgy

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY! 8:00AM

10:30AM



INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 20/21

MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By Wife & Children FRED LEWANDOWSKI - By Carol Reisch BETTY GUIDO - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi JUSTIN VENT - By John Caceci Jr. & Nicole Natale



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from September 15 – September 21 in loving memory of Guy Borrelli by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

LINEN CLEANING: SEPTEMBER 14 MARY ANN BEIKIRCH











Reflections on Readings for Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"He Humbled Himself, Becoming Obedient To Death, Even Death On A Cross"

This Sunday's scripture readings ask us to contemplate the divine paradox of Jesus subjecting Himself to the most horrible death conceived by mankind in order to bring forgiveness of sins and salvation to humanity.



Gazing upon this torturous instrument is what will lead us to Christ.

Our first reading (Numbers 21:4-9), is the story of the serpents afflicting the Israelites in the desert. They were ungrateful for the food and water and freedom from slavery that God had provided. In response, God sent serpents among them to bite them so that many of them died. They repented and upon God's command, Moses erected a bronze serpent on a pole and lifted it high so that anyone who had been bitten and gazed upon it would be healed. This serpent on a pole is the same one that Jesus referred to in today's Gospel reading.

In our Epistle reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 2:6-11)), St. Paul describes the humility and obedience with which Jesus accepted "death, even death on a cross", so that all humankind would be freed from their own sins. "Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name . . ."

In our Gospel reading (John 3:13-17), Jesus establishes that He, "the Son of Man" has indeed come down from heaven and yet, while stressing His divinity, He must suffer, die and be held up high on the cross, just as Moses held the serpent up in the desert (see today's first reading). This is so that all humanity would be healed. John's Gospel puts it so clearly in this famous passage (John 3:16), "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life."

This is a strange comparison that Jesus makes in today's Gospel reading, "And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up . . ." The first is a type or foreshadows the second. Both were terrifying instruments of death, and yet, it was in both instances what God chose for His people to gaze upon to know healing and salvation. So now, the Cross of Jesus, exalted in today's liturgy, is embraced and revered by those who love and believe in Jesus.

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091425.cfm



Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita will again be hosting C.O.M.E.
Webster Community dinners. Our first dinner is on
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
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/SeptCOME25 or scan the QR Code:



Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of September 13 and 14 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

More information:

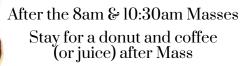


585-671-1100 ext. 103



julie.cohn@dor.org

NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!







Two 3"x5" card recipes were submitted together in an envelope for Ginger Snaps and Never Fail Pie Crust.

We also received a paper submission for Mar-A-Lago Key Lime Pie.

These recipes had no contact information and we'd like to give credit to those that submitted them.

Please contact Theresa Passero at tipassero125@gmail.com ASAP.

Thank you!

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DEADLINE FOR YOUR RECIPE SUBMISSION(S)

SOURCE IS MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 15.



ST. RITA 75TH ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is an enrichment Weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

The next WorldWide Marriage Encounter Weekend is planned for October 17-19, 2025 at Notre Dame Retreat House in Canandaigua, NY.

Register on line at wwme.org.
There is a \$100 application fee.
For information, contact Mike & Kathy Williams,

MikeandKathyw@gmail.com
Or call 585-872-5432 or 585-217-3899.





By Dr. Scott Hahn

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM - October 1,8,15,22,29, November 5
OR

Sundays at 11:45 AM - October 5,12,19,26, November 2, 9

Six weekly sessions in Room 1.

You may mix or match sessions each week.

Each session will contain three main parts: an Introduction, Video, & Discussion Sessions are about 90 minutes each.

There is NO COST for this program and there are NO WORKBOOKS, only online video and discussions.

To REGISTER for this exciting program, please email or call the parish office at <u>wstritap@dor.org</u> or 671-1100.



If you have specific questions, please call or email Jerry Lupien at 794-3666 / galupien@gmail.com.

Drawing inspiration from the 2025 Universal Jubilee Pilgrims of Hope and inspired by Sacred Scripture, we invite all to grow in awareness of their friendship with God through prayer, discernment, and service.

St. Rita Church Weekend Retreats at Notre Dame Retreat House

Women's Retreat: September 26-28
Men's Retreat: October 24-26





Register Online at www.notredameretreat.org or call 585-394-5700

Men's Retreat questions contact John Matina at 585-314-6096

Women's Retreat questions contact Jane Murray at jmurr66@yahoo.com



September 14, 2025

St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

The God Drop theme at St. Rita School is a wonderful reminder to each of us that we are made in the image and likeness of God.



Students and staff have been all smiles as they completed the first full week of the 2025–2026 school year! Everyone has been busy meeting their teachers, reuniting with new and old friends, and learning routines in the classrooms. We are SO excited for all the learning that will be occurring this year!



PLEASE CONTACT LISA DORNAN (585) 613-5086
OR LAUREN ESSLEY (585) 509-6156 WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR TO PURCHASE



Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday at 10:30am Mass!

This special opportunity is offered every Sunday except on the 3rd Sunday of each month when Father Tim will preside over a Family Mass in Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to give children in Pre-K thru Grade 2 an opportunity to hear and share about the Sunday readings at a level of their understanding. Children will be dismissed from church to Room 1 before the first reading and will return approximately at the Offertory Prayers.

Mt. Irenaeus Men's Retreat

OCTOBER 12TH - OCTOBER 14TH
(Sunday - Tuesday)

"The Mountain" is a Franciscan Mountain Retreat House located just outside of Olean , NY, about a 2 hour drive from Webster. The Franciscan Friars who live at The Mountain will be our hosts.

"We believe we are one with all peoples, cultures, and creation in the ancient longing to find and to live in peace. All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new" by creating and nourishing a community that transcends a particular place, open to all peoples, ages, and cultures."

For more information about Mt. Irenaeus, please visit www.mountainonline.org.

If you have never been on a retreat or have any questions, please email Deacon Jim at James.Fienedor.org.

This might be just what God ordered for you!

Space is limited to 12.

Contact Deacon Jim to reserve your spot!

Companions in Grief

Thursday, September 18th 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!



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

Deacon Jim Fien - <u>James.Fien@dor.org</u> 233-0334

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

Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Information?

Please let us know through our Website Link "Join the Parish" 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.

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 Current Needs List:

Spaghetti Sauce (Jarred)
Pasta (not whole wheat)
Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo
Coffee & Tea
Mayonnaise & Cooking Oil
Salad Dressing & BBQ Sauce
Ketchup
Depends - all sizes*
Diapers - Size 6 & 7*

Diaper Wipes *We take open packages.

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

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.

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.
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