

APRIL 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



**EASTER
PRAISE CONCERT**

Sunday, May 4th
2:00 PM - in Church

Featuring:

- St. Rita Angel Choir
- Immaculate Conception/
St. Bridget's Church
- Count It All Joy
- Soloists and Friends
- St. Rita Festival Choir

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 is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday, a day set aside to remember that God's mercy is a gift freely given so we might have a right relationship with Him. During a Jubilee, we are called to do whatever we can to restore our relationships. It's helpful to use God's forgiving nature as a guide.

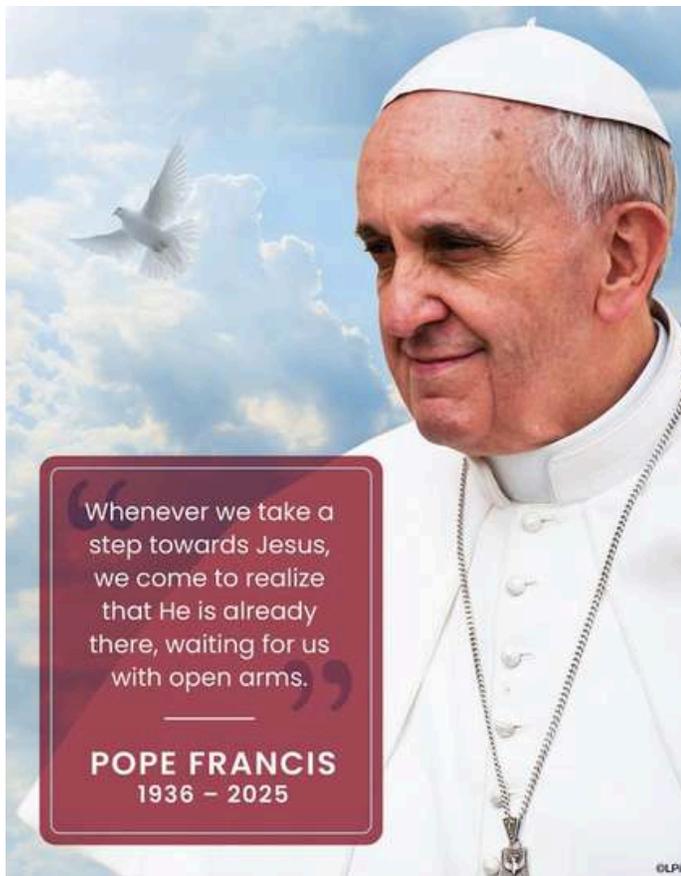
Pondering Point

When have you sought forgiveness but were afraid you didn't deserve it?
When have you forgiven others after thinking you never could?

April 26 - 27 Blessing for People with Disabilities

Lord, we know many people are born with different abilities that may cause them to meet hardships, hurtful people and difficult situations. Give them the strength to see blessings in their world despite the discouragement they feel at times.

Bless them with caring, loving people they encounter who help them with their education, health and daily lives. May they see their disability as a gift to others to learn to find Your goodness in others.



Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

POPE FRANCIS
1936 - 2025



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Solveiga Lucia Benitez

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 APRIL 26/27

RALPH WEATHERSPOON - By The Weatherspoon Family
 JOHN KUEBEL - By Patricia Kuebel & Family
 THE INTENTIONS OF DOREEN ALVITO - By Tom & Terri
 ROBERT J. & ROBERT B. FIEN - By The Michels Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

9:30AM
 4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM

First Communion
 Confessions - Church
 C Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM
 10:30AM
 11:30AM
 2:00PM
 4:00PM

St. Rita Reads - Rm 1
 Youth Group - Rm 1
 CL Mass
 SF Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

8:15AM
 8:45AM - 9:15AM
 4:30PM

JIM "PAPA" NELSON - By The Odenbach Family
 Mass
 Confessions - Church
 Faith Formation - Gym

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

8:15AM
 9:00AM
 9:00AM

Communion Service
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

8:15AM
 10:00AM
 11:00AM
 4:30PM & 6:00PM
 6:30PM

Communion Service
 Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 First Communion Rehearsals - Church
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

5:30PM
 6:00PM
 6:45PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 Mass
 Holy Beginnings - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

8:15AM
 9:30AM

ANGELO SORBELLO - By Dan Viola & Family
 Mass
 School Liturgy

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

9:30AM
 4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM

First Communion
 Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

8:00AM
 8:30AM - 10:30AM
 10:30AM
 11:30AM
 2:00PM

Breakfast @ St. Rita - Gym
 St. Rita Reads - Rm 1
 Easter Praise Concert - Church
 CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 3/4

MICHAEL REITANO - By Mother Jeannette
 NICHOLAS MABE - By Paula, Nicholas, & Olivia
 MARYJO HOHL - By The Family
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Joyce Lockner



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from April 28 – May 4
 in loving memory of Joseph Gabriele
 by Marie & Daughters.

Reflections on Readings for the
Second Sunday of Easter

"Peace Be With You"

Easter is such a momentous event that we celebrate it for fifty days - from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. This is the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



During this Easter season, all of our first readings are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, our Epistles readings are taken from the Book of Revelation and most of our Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to John. It is a special time when we learn about the early life of the Church and who Jesus truly is as He revealed Himself to His disciples and followers.

In our first reading (Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16), we hear how the Apostles, especially Peter, were exercising the authority given by Jesus to heal the sick, open the eyes of the blind, and drive out demons. Many people were converted because of their words and deeds. *"A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured."*

In our second reading from the Book of Revelation (Rev 1:9-11, 12-13, 17-19), we hear John describe his first vision where he was called to testify to all the Churches of the risen Jesus' mastery over death and his final judgement and rule on the "Lord's Day" (the final day of judgement). John wrote in a time of distress and persecution and sought to give encouragement to Christians suffering in the name of Jesus.

Our Gospel reading (John 20:19-31) has two distinct messages. One is the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus appeared to His disciples in the locked room and gave them His peace and the authority to forgive sins. The other message is a call to faith, which, by its very nature, is a belief in someone or something we have not seen but know through faith to exist. This is the story of Thomas, who demanded to touch the wounds of Jesus before he would believe that Jesus was risen.

Our readings today urge us to have faith in this Jesus, the crucified, who rose from the dead, thus conquering death and atoning for our sins. In His passion and death, Jesus took upon Himself our infirmities, our sufferings, and transforms them every day into His risen body and blood through the Eucharist.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042725.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

**LINEN CLEANING: APRIL 27
CINDY WAHL**

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Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends, and allies welcome as well).

Thursday, May 1st

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

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

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

**Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at
James.Fien@dor.org**

Please join us!

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



**SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT
FRENCHVILLE, PA
JULY 13-18**



**Do you like to help others?
Are you looking for a great summer activity?**

Join a group from St. Rita as we serve the community through projects such as painting, landscaping, building stairs or ramps, fixing porches, and visiting with residents in nursing homes. We stay at the Bethany Youth Retreat Center.

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.**

WITH HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY

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

William Tisa

Parish Council Nominations



Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner for the Parish Pastoral Council. Members serve as a representation of the Parish Community and are a consultive body to the Pastor.

Extra nomination forms may be found on the table near the entrance to Church. Please return your nomination forms by May 11, either to the Parish Office or the Donation slot at Church.

CHURCHES OFFERING MEALS TO EVERYONE
C.O.M.E.

**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

7 Ways to Help the 70th Annual St. Rita Fiesta Be the Best Ever!

May 30 & 31

#1 - Be a Volunteer!

We have over 250 slots to fill in all areas. Help out for a couple of hours - get an awesome shirt! Sign up online or stop by the Fiesta table in church in May.



#2 - Donate to the Book Sale!

Ready for spring cleaning? Bring us your good condition books, games, puzzles, movies, and music. Drop off at church or the Parish Office starting May 3.

#3 - Donate to the Plant Sale!

When it's finally time to think outdoors, remember our plant sale will take live plants of all types. Contact Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 with questions or to arrange a pick up.

#4 - Donate 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

#5 - Donate Sweet Treats!

Drop off store-bought cookies, cakes, pies, or brownies on May 29 or 30.

#6 - Buy Wristbands Early!



Pre-purchase your unlimited use wristbands for up to 6 inflatable attractions online or in church starting May 3. Get 5 free game tokens with every wristband purchased before May 23.

#7 - Spread the Word!

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**

Breakfast @ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship.

Sunday, May 4th

8:30am - 10:30am

St. Rita Parish Center



featuring
Eggs Benedict

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



**Breakfast @ St. Rita
May activity:
Make a Glass Plant
Stake or Suncatcher**

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.

St. Rita's Prayer Line

If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please send your intention request to Julie at Julie.Cohn@dor.org or call 671-1100 ext. 103.

Would you like to become one of our "prayers"?

Let Julie know and she will add you to our phone/email chain.

St. Rita Reads...

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

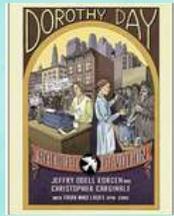


Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion

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

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

Join Us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!
JULY 28-AUGUST 1
REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 5



Registration opens 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!

THIS WEEKEND there will be a second collection to benefit the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the U.S. and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need.

Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Family Room Isn't A "Crying Room" And Other Tips For Families With Children:

- **We joyfully welcome your children in our community exactly as God made them! We hope you feel welcome to stay in your pew with your vocal or mobile child. If an alternate location to worship would make your family more comfortable, we invite you to take advantage of the family room, narthex, greeting area, or confessional room. The family room at the rear of the church has volume control, a privacy curtain, flexible seating, and books and toys for you to use as needed.**
- **Our Kid Kits have child-friendly missalettes and fun surprises to help keep your child engaged in the celebration of Mass. Kits are available in the greeting area.**



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.



The first Thursday of May is the National Day of Prayer. This is a great reminder to pray for our nation, our leaders, and each other.

JOIN US!

Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely reading.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!

W.E.R.O.C.

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ENJOYING
REDISCOVERING
OUR
CATHOLICISM



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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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 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.

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. We do this in turn for other parishes whose parishioners are here visiting our church.

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