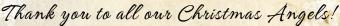
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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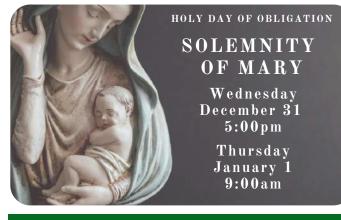
Thank you to all of our Christmas Angels who donated over 1400 gifts to help make this a special Christmas for so many people!

A special thanks goes to our team who coordinates sorting, packing, and delivery to the organizations we support!





May all of <mark>our giver</mark>s and receivers have a blessed Christmas!





Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

GOAL \$155,000 PLEDGES \$145,818

We are at 94% of our goal from 342 households.*





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

Annette Colombo



COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, January 3rd 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 DECEMBER 27/28

JOHN FOGARTY - By Family THOMAS N. DAVIS - By Albertha & Family JOHN PASTORELLA - By Pam & Family DAVID & CHERYL CHAMBERLAIN - By Matt, Margo, Nathan, & Maggie

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

8:00AM Mass 10:30AM CL Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

8:15AM CARL & HELEN KAESSER - By Family Mass 8:45AM - 9:30AM Confessions - Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025

8:15AM Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

5:00PM The Solemnity of Mary Anticipated Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY - HOLY DAY
9:00AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. RITA PARISH Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026 HOLIDAY - NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026 4:00PM - 4:30PM 5:00PM

Confessions - Church
Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

8:00AM Mass
8:30AM - 10:00AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
10:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 3/4

ANNE MELI - By Granddaughter, Lisa Celestino RICHIE DINARDO - By Family GABRIELE SFAVILLANTE - By Eileen Zegarelli JOHN GALLAGHER - By Family

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.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from December 29 – January 4 in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.

LINEN CLEANING: DECEMBER 28 CAROL BONCZYK

Incense Used



Count It All Joy





Reflections on Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"And Over All These, Put On Love"

On this Holy Family Sunday, our readings focus our attention on the family model set for us by Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Above all, they were holy, living in right relationship with God and with each other.



Their life was one of obedience and respect.

Our first reading (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) can be summed up simply - Honor thy father and thy mother. It is a call for love and respect within the family that is as holy as the holy family itself. Sirach writes, "God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons . . . Whoever reveres his father will live a long life . . . he stores up riches who reveres his mother."

In our Epistle reading (Colossians 3:12-21), St. Paul offers a lesson in the virtues that should thrive within all Christian families, "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another; if one has a grievance against another, as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." After offering this list of virtues, Paul put the icing on the cake, "And over all these, put on love."

In our Gospel reading (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23), we hear how Joseph, being warned in a dream by an Angel, took his family and fled to Egypt to escape the slaughter of Herod. Then on the death of Herod, he returned to Galilee and settled in the town of Nazareth. All the while, they remained a family, holy and obedient to God.

With His incarnation, Jesus not only entered into the human family of God's chosen people, He also entered into a singular family, obedient and respectful of His mother and earthly father. The ethics and values listed in Paul's letter to the Colossians are those lived by Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They lived their lives within the context of God's power and purpose. This is the example set for us today. While we may stumble and fall short at times, we can always desire and aspire to live as they lived.

God will bless the effort.

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122825.cfm

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's Gospel starts a major pilgrimage for the Holy Family – from the comfort of their home in Nazareth to the unknown land of Egypt. The journey itself was certainly full of hardships, from living in an unknown land to speaking a new language, and yet it reflects the inner journey the Holy Family was taking from the chaos of a birth in a barn to the stability of the Kingdom of God. In this example, the physical pilgrimage was much shorter than the inner one.

Pondering Point

What chaos has marked your Pilgrimage of Hope through 2025? What is your hope of stability in the future?

Holy Beginnings Outreach

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

First Thursdays of the Month

Thursday, January 8th

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.Fienedor.org

The Parish Office will be CLOSED

Monday, December 29th - Friday, January 2nd for the New Year Holiday.



As always, in the event of a pastoral emergency that needs immediate attention of a priest, please call 671-1100 ext: 106

Happy New Year!

@ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship next Sunday.

Sunday, January 4th 8:30am - 10:30am St. Rita Parish Center

Monetary donations will be accepted, but not expected.

Please join us and bring your family.

Ministry Opportunity

Do you have a calling to make a difference?

Want to minister but don't have a lot of time:

Acolytes,

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"Serve one another with the gifts you have received"

1 Peter 4: 8-11

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.

w.E.R.O.C.

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!

WOMEN
ENJOYING
REDISCOVERING
OUR

CATHOLICISM

THE CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

As a "Cradle Catholic", I learned early the principles of Catholic Social Teaching in my family, although I couldn't name them as such! But I saw them when my Mom made fried egg sandwiches and coffee for the hungry homeless men who came to our door and when she served on the parish council. Or when my Dad ran for public office in my hometown or when we all cared for my grandfather for months when he lived and died in our home. It was home where I was taught to share my gifts with others.

In college, I realized that teaching was my gift. This was the time of racial tension in our country, and I felt called to serve the poor – feeding those hungry for a safe, secure education in the Rochester City schools where I taught for 35 years. I was also called to lovingly serve as a wife and still now as a mother. After retirement, I served those hungering for mercy and justice in Monroe county jail. I then served those hungering for a deeper relationship with God at the Mercy Spirituality Center. And now I serve here at St. Rita's on the Racial Justice committee and in the Rochester Hope ministry. Whether we're 8 or 80, I believe we are called to share our God given gifts.

I wonder what God will ask of me next.

By: Jean Galofaro

ןן Catholic Social Teaching 101

Our Racial Justice Ministry will host this
7-part discussion series from the United States
Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and Catholic
Relief Services. Videos, scripture, prayer, and
discussion will highlight our core Catholic values and
inspire us to put our faith into action.

Sessions include 30 minutes of video and 30+ minutes of discussion.

Choose from Sundays at 11:30 (in-person) or Wednesdays at 7 pm (online), starting January 4 for 7 weeks.

Sign up in the Greeting Area, online at www.saintritawebster.org, or by calling the Parish Office at 671-1100.



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Family Night

Monday, January 5 Epiphany Party

Celebrate the visit of the three Kings

4:30PM or 6:00PM

All families with children in grades K-7 are welcome! We will pray and party together!

If you have any questions contact Anne Thomas at 671–1100 x: 110 anne.thomas@dor.org



Contact Fr. Tim or Elizabeth Kwiatkowski to sign up!



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.



Have you recently started attending St. Rita?
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.





WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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Jennifer LeFrois - <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> St. Rita School Principal St. Rita School Office 671-3132

UNITED IN FAITH

Ма	Total			
	5pm	8 am	10:30 am	
Nov 23	150	205	340	695
Nov 30	185	182	310	677
Dec 7	215	226	345	786



our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled. You may also call the Parish Office at 671-1100 or visit our website at www.saintritawebster.org for the most up to date closing information.

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.



No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE December Wish List:

Macaroni & Cheese (boxed)
Pasta (all types except spaghetti)
Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo & Conditioner

Coffee & Tea Crackers ner Applesauce Canned Chicken Tuna (albacore preferred) Oatmeal (instant or regular) Baby Wipes **high need** Deodorant & Toothpaste

Deodorant & loothpaste
Dish Soap & Hand Soap

Thank you COLLECTIONS

	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Variance</u>	Weekly Average	Collected in 2024
month of Nov	\$ 80,935	\$ 70,675	+\$10,260	\$ 16,187	\$68,111
week of Nov 30	\$11,832	\$14,135	-\$2,303		\$14,544
week of Dec 7	\$17,527	\$14,135	+\$3,392		\$16,325

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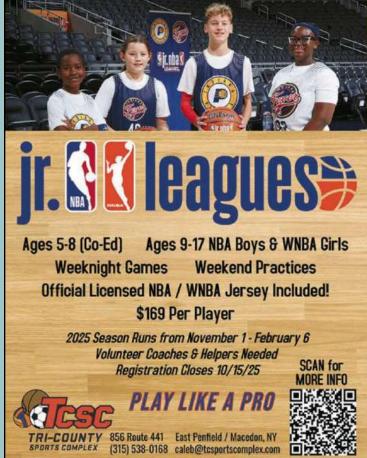


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