

APRIL 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

WELCOME

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. Also, everyone is invited to 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!



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

Barbara Hurley Eileen Kunsman

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD;
I shall not want.
PSALM 23

THIS WEEKEND we will take up a second collection for the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, nearly 40% of the dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.
Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Welcome to the Lord's Table!
Congratulations to the children in our community celebrating their First Communion this weekend:

Jackson Anello	Jackson Fenton
Antonio Carbone	Mia Gilbert
Alejandro Carreras	Margaret Lewis
Rosario Catalano	Claire Marconi
Chase Cattat	Heidi Ruby
Camille Eroy	Caleb Story
Ryan Farley	Silas Virgil
Maximiliano Ferro	

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

Caroline Costich King
Elsie Dodge King

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 25/26

CAROL HUTCHINSON - By Diane Langen
 MICHAEL GEER - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
 CARMELA LATKOWSKI - By Pat Proietti & Barbara Standing

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM **C** Mass
 6:00PM Confirmation Rehearsal

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Bake Sale to Benefit Rochester Hope
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:30AM Bible Study Session 3 - Rm 1

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

8:15AM **BARB HANNA** - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 4:30PM Faith Formation Family Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

8:15AM **NAISH KALOUPEK** - By John & Julie Odenbach Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 7:00PM Bible Study Session 3 - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Yr. 1 Wrap Up

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

NO DAILY MASS OR ADORATION TONIGHT
 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

8:15AM **ANNETTE COLOMBO** - By The Colombo Family Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

9:00AM - 12:00PM Spring Day of Caring - Church Campus
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 8:30AM - 10:00AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:30AM Bible Study Session 4 - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 2/3

MICHAEL REITANO - By Mother, Jeannette
 ALTA BOLAN - By Mark & Julie Bolan
 MARY JO HOHL - By Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from April 27th – May 3rd in loving
 memory of Michael Geer
 by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.



LINEN CLEANING: APRIL 26
PATTY ZACHMAN

Reflections on Readings for
The Fourth Sunday of Easter*"The Sheep Follow Him Because
They Recognize His Voice"*

Now that we are almost half way through our Easter season, our readings are beginning to prepare us for the mystery of Pentecost. It is the great enlightening that gave the apostles and early disciples the wisdom, grace, and courage to proclaim the risen Christ as the primacy of our salvation.



They did this despite all manner of suffering and persecutions, following Jesus as the model.

Our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles

(Acts 2:14, 36-41) is from St. Peter's first homily at Pentecost. In it, he stressed the forgiveness that is offered to everyone through the sacraments, even "those far off" Gentiles, even those who crucified Jesus. "Repent and be baptized . . . for the forgiveness of your sins". Peter's words had great effect, as about three thousand persons were baptized that day.

Our Epistle reading (1 Peter 2:20-25)

offers Christ as the model for patient suffering as "a grace before God". Peter's words echoed those of the Prophet Isaiah's Suffering Servant (Is 53:4-8), "When He was insulted, He returned no insult; when He suffered, He did not threaten . . . He bore the punishment that makes us whole..."

In our Gospel reading (John 10:1-10)

we hear the beginning of Jesus' Good Shepherd Discourse. Jesus spoke to the Pharisees using a metaphor of Himself as the good shepherd and the gate. "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." In this figure of speech, Jesus is the true shepherd, who is the one who will lead us to eternal life. We are His sheep and we know His voice; we follow Him.

The lament of the Jews on hearing the words of Peter on the day of Pentecost was, "What are we to do, my brothers?" This may be our lament, too, as we recall the times we turned away from Jesus. The words of Peter should be as comforting to us.

We should honor our baptism, repent, and be reconciled; believing that Jesus is the "guardian of our souls" and will forgive us and lead us "through the gate" to eternal life.

SF Sensory Friendly Mass **CL** Children's Liturgy of the Word

C Count It All Joy **I** Incense Used **F** Family Mass

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042626.cfm

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Learn how you can possibly save a life!

Informational Meeting on
May 19th @ 6:30pm
Room #1

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- AED use

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training or AED Use

www.shockforlife.com



Spotlight on Vocations

World Day of Prayer for Vocations ~ April 26

We are asked to prayerfully listen to God's call.
Is it to serve as a catechist or teacher of faith?
Is it to join (or start!) a new ministry?
Is it to learn more about religious life?

*Every vocation is an immeasurable gift
for the Church and for those who receive
it with joy. ~Pope Leo*

Lord, my God and my loving Father,
you have made me to know you, to love
you, to serve you, and thereby to find
and to fulfill myself.

I know that you are in all things, and that
every path can lead me to you. But of
them all, there is one especially by
which you want me to come to you.

Since I will do what you want of me,
I pray you send your Holy Spirit to me:
into my mind, to show me what you
want of me; into my heart, to give me
the determination to do it, and to do it
with all my love, with all my mind,
and with all my strength
unto the end of my life.

Amen.

What brings you fulfillment?

**When you look back at the day or
week, where did you see God
pointing you?**



**Knights of Columbus
Learn more about the Knights!
May 2nd & May 3rd
after Masses**



Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism

Current Knights will be available to discuss with
you the true benefits of becoming a Knight and
getting you involved in your church and
community. After each of the Masses next
weekend, May 2nd & 3rd, we will be in the
Greeting Area to answer your questions.

Information about the Knights can be found at:
kofc.org

Stop by and see us!

*Spring Day
of Caring*

*Saturday, May 2
9am- Noon*

Bring gloves, rakes, weed pullers, clippers, or just yourself for some light grounds clean up.

RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org or Tom Bayer.



ST. RITA 75TH ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK

A LIMITED NUMBER OF COOKBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

AT THE PARISH OFFICE. \$10.00 CASH OR CHECK.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO CHECK AVAILABILITY 671-1100.

71ST ANNUAL  **ST. RITA**

Fiesta! 

FRIDAY, MAY 29 4-8 PM & SATURDAY, MAY 30 12-8 PM

HELP MAKE OUR BIGGEST PARISH FUNDRAISER AND SOCIAL EVENT A SUCCESS!

Volunteer or purchase wristbands here! 

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SPECTACULAR RAFFLE!

TICKET PRICE: **\$20** EACH CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT ACCEPTED

WIN \$10,000!

DRAWING ON MAY 30, 2026 8:00 PM

**you do not need to be present to win*

GIFT BASKETS WANTED!  **FOR THE FIESTA**

Donate a themed collection of items in a basket or other creative container - value of \$25 or more. Drop off at church or the parish office by May 15. Please include a list of the contents. Questions? Contact Jeannine Thomas at 585-739-3930.

**Baskets may not contain alcohol or gift cards for liquor stores.*



LAST WEEK FOR COLLECTIONS

Collecting donations for Kid Kits!

We are Julia, Penny and Lily and we are 5th graders at Klem North from Troop 60344. For our Girl Scout Bronze award project, we are collecting items from April 1 - 30 to assemble Entertainment Kits for children in need.

Suggested Items:

- games & puzzles
- activity books
- children's books
- crafts (only craft kits)
- colored pencils, crayons, markers

Donation bins can be found in the Greeting Area at the entrance to church.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

For questions, please contact webstergs60344@gmail.com

HELP US GROW! 

Do you have have plants for the Fiesta?

Leave or take empty pots from the bin outside the main church doors.

Drop off plants for the sale outside the church doors May 23-29.

Contact Linda Williams at 585-329-2351 or lhasmanwilliams62@icloud.com with questions or for assistance.




TOO MANY BOOKS...NOT ENOUGH TIME? READY TO EXCHANGE THOSE PUZZLES? NEED A NEW GAME?

We're collecting good condition books, puzzles, and games for the Fiesta Book Sale.

Drop off items at church or the Parish Office between May 16-28.

If you have a large quantity, need a pick up, or to drop off earlier, please let us know, as we have limited storage space.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - HELP WANTED!

JULY 27TH - 31ST

Registration Opens May 5th!

STUDENTS AGE 4-10 VOLUNTEERS GRADE 7+

Registration opens on Tuesday, May 5th for students and youth volunteers. 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 or 671-1100 ext. 110.



St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

Celebrating Earth Day at St. Rita School

Honoring God's Creation Through Action



This Earth Day, St. Rita students embraced their role as stewards of God's creation.



With hearts full of purpose and hands ready to serve, our young learners demonstrated that caring for our planet is not simply an environmental responsibility, but a spiritual one. By planting flowers across our campus, cleaning up our grounds, and crafting meaningful birthday cards from recycled materials and seeds, our students learned that every action, no matter how small, reflects our commitment to respecting and sustaining the world God has entrusted to us.



Laudato Si', Care for our Common Home Gathering



Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si', is an urgent call to humanity to recognize how our behavior has so altered our common home that clean air and water and livable temperatures are not guaranteed for all, especially the poor throughout the world.

He asks us to commit to change.

The Finger Lakes Catholic Creation Care Covenant (FLCCCC), which has been meeting virtually for the past 2 years, would like to invite parishioners throughout the Diocese of Rochester to join us for an afternoon of discernment and fellowship regarding Care for our Common Home.

**The gathering will be Wednesday, May 20th
3-5:30pm
St. Cecilia's Church Newcomb Center
2732 Culver Rd.**

To assist us in our planning, we kindly ask that you register at:
<https://evite.me/w9qVQR8J5Z> or scan the QR code.
If you do not have internet access you can call Lisa Cook at 585-752-0353 to register.



Breakfast @ St. Rita

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

Next Sunday: Egg Bake

**Sunday, May 3rd
8:30am - 10:00am
St. Rita Parish Center**



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



PreK-12 Families



Share your hopes and needs for programs for kids + families here at St. Rita's in 26-27!

Take this 5-minute survey to tell us what works for YOUR family. Scan the QR code to the right or visit saintritawebster.org/faithformation/ to share your thoughts, needs, and ideas.



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.

CONTACT US

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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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**UNITED IN FAITH
+ COMMUNITY**

Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Easter Weekend				1239
Apr 12	225	173	245	643
Apr 19	294	221	350	865

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 April Wish List:

- Coffee
- Cleaning supplies
- Crackers
- Pineapple
- Beets (canned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Body Wash

Thank you!



Thank you ❤️

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Jan	\$ 57,028	\$ 56,540	+\$488	\$ 14,257	\$53,774
week of Mar 29	\$9,276	\$14,135	-\$4,859	--	\$11,776
week of Apr 5	\$13,788	\$14,135	-\$347	--	\$17,187

To set up recurring online payments or make changes to your current giving, please visit our Giving page at www.stritawebster.org/give-online.

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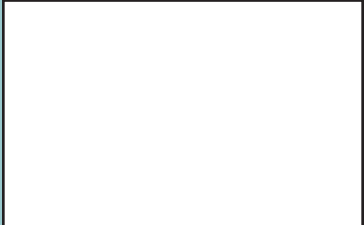
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