

AUGUST 16, 2026
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. RITA CHURCH



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



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!



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am

Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm

Come and spend some quiet time
with the Lord.

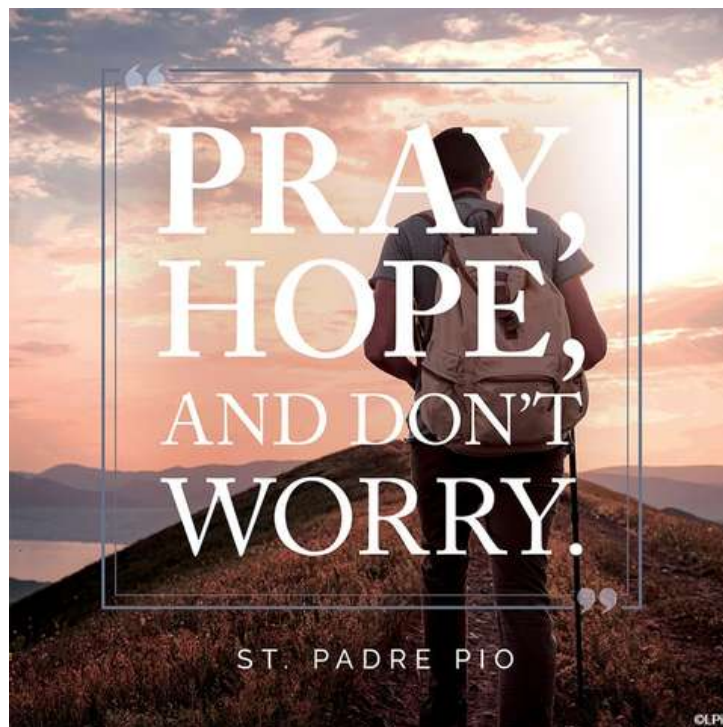
Men's Faith Group

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, August 17th 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:*



Caleb Anthony Arduin

Emma Marie Preziosi

Sophia Antonella Preziosi

Nella Marie Ruffalo

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



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Sarah Kymble
&
Jack Samuelson

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 15/16

MARILYN E. FRANZ - By Family
 JOHN PASTORELLA - By Daughter Pam & Family
 ESTER LOMBARDO - By Jackie Colicchio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

9:00AM MARTHA SZCZERBINSKI **Feast of the Assumption Mass**
 - By Mary Washburn
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 - DONUT SUNDAY

8:00AM Mass
 9:15AM Faith Formation Parent Orientation - Church
 10:30AM **F** Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026

8:15AM MARIE BASILE - By Maria Humphreys Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions
 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:00PM Faith Formation Team Meeting - Rm 1

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

8:15AM ANNAMARIE MCGRATH - By The McGrath Family Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 22/23

ANTHONY LIPARI - By Anne Marie
 MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By His Wife & Children



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from August 17 – August 23
 in loving memory of
 the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 16
PATTY ZACHMAN

Reflections on Readings for The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My House Shall Be Called A House Of Prayer For All Peoples"

Our readings for this Sunday teach us about the wideness of God's mercy—that one day, all peoples, all nations will be included in the Kingdom of God. But there was an order to salvation in that first Israel, then the Gentiles.



In our first reading ([Isaiah 56:1,6-7](#)), the prophet Isaiah tells of the future time when all peoples (including all Gentiles) who "join themselves to the Lord" will be welcomed into the house of the Lord. In biblical language, the term "nations" or "peoples" usually refers to the Gentile, non-Jewish world. It is a time when all people, Jew and non-Jew, will worship the Lord and minister to the Lord equally.

In our Epistle reading ([Romans 11:13-15, 29-32](#)), St. Paul is writing to the mixed Church in Rome of Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians. In this passage, Paul describes the duality of his mission. Yes, he is the "Apostle to the Gentiles" but also so that they will serve as an example to his fellow Jews—"I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them." If you remember in last week's Epistle, St. Paul talked about his anguish that his fellow Jews rejected Jesus as the Christ. So yes, his mission is to the Gentile world, but he never loses sight of his desire to bring Christ to his fellow Jews.

Our Gospel reading ([Matthew 15:21-28](#)), is the seemingly rude transaction between a Canaanite (Gentile) woman and Jesus, who ignored her plea for help; and at one point even likening her to a dog. But her faith and persistence triumphed and Jesus granted her request to save her daughter from the demon. Jesus used the encounter as a teaching moment to highlight that there is an order to salvation—Israel first, Gentiles second. This Canaanite woman, in a sense, modeled Isaiah's prophesy in our first reading, in that she joins herself to the Lord, and thus is welcomed by Jesus. Jesus also used her as an example in patience and persistence in prayer.

Most of our ancestors were once Gentiles (non-Jews) who worshiped other gods. And at some point, through the efforts of St. Paul and so many others, and the courageous witness of the martyrs, they came to "join themselves to the Lord". And thus we have come into the wideness of God's mercy. May we lead others to that same mercy through our example and witness.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081626.cfm

News From Our Neighbors at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Church
1460 Ridge Rd.
Webster, NY 14580



Job Posting: Faith Formation Coordinator

Holy Trinity is seeking a full-time Faith Formation Coordinator. The coordinator will serve under the supervision and direction of the Pastor, for a full range of pre-adolescent Faith Formation functions including planning, overseeing, and administration of pre-adolescent religious education, sacramental preparation, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Vacation Bible School. Nights and weekends are required for this position.

If you are interested in learning more or applying for the position, please email a resume and cover letter to Helen Sleeman at Helen.Sleeman@dor.org

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)

Thursday, September 3

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

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

Join others from around the diocese!

Join us for prayer, fellowship, and a look ahead as we share plans for the coming year, inspired by your survey responses and insights from the Outreach Conference at Georgetown University.

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



**Survey results are in...
...and service opportunities are
coming your way!**



SERVICE SUNDAY

Sunday, August 30

Litter pick up with
Walking for Rochester



☀️ Meet between 3:30-3:40 pm at St. Rita to carpool or meet us at the corner of Culver Rd. and Atlantic Ave. at 3:50 pm.

- ☀️ Under 18 with a guardian.
- ☀️ All supplies are provided.
- ☀️ Wear comfortable walking shoes.
- ☀️ About an hour
- ☀️ Weather permitting



SERVICE SATURDAY

Saturday, September 26

10 am - noon

Cleaning and organization of
parish facilities



- 🧻 Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian or receive prior permission.
- 🧻 Check in at the church doors for your assignment.
- 🧻 All supplies are provided.

**RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org
or call 671-1100 x104**

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St. Rita Choir

rehearsals on Wednesdays
at 6:30pm; sing at Mass on
Sundays at 10:30am
First rehearsal this season
is on Wednesday,
September 2nd at 6:30pm

Festival Choir

a short term time
commitment with our
larger group for different
special seasons or
events: Christmas, Easter,
Lessons & Carols, and
other events

Angel Choir

children in grades 2-5;
sing at Mass on the
third Sunday of the
month at 10:30am
(Family Mass)
Rehearsals after school
on Wednesdays starting
September 23,



From the desk of June Frosino - Music Director

St. Rita Music Ministry



Join us!

Whether you are a long-time parishioner, new
to the parish and/or new to music ministry,
please consider yourself personally invited to
join us this year in Music Ministry!

We minister at our weekend liturgies (including
welcoming Bishop Bonnici on Sunday,
September 20th at the 10:30am Mass), prepare
for the different Liturgical Seasons of Advent,
Christmas, Lent, Easter; Lessons and Carols;
Webster Festival of Choirs, Praise and Worship
Concert and more!

In all that we do, we lead and actively support
our Parish in worshipping the Lord. We are
members of the parish who humbly share our
love of singing or playing an instrument and
offer it to the Lord for His Glory and Honor!

*As St. Augustine said,
"He who sings prays twice!"*



Saturday Contemporary Group

rehearsals on Saturdays
at 4:00pm; sing at Mass
Saturdays at 5:00pm

Instrumentalists & Cantors

please contact June
directly if interested

Select Ladies & Men's Ensemble

for special liturgies or
events

If you are interested in learning more or would like to join us, **please contact June Frosino, Director of Music at june.frosino@dor.org, call 585-671-1100, or stop by the piano after Mass.**

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ITEMS FOR YOUR COMFORT.

Questions? Contact Deacon Jim Fien
at james.fien@dor.org

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 readings.

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!

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Feeling crafty?

Join us for some all-age friendly craft activities! Make for yourself, a friend, or to sell* at the October 10 craft sale.
*for a donation that goes to a church ministry

Friday, August 28 → bookmarks!

Friday, Sept 11 → magnets!

Friday, Oct 2 → keychains!

Can't stay the whole time? Stop by for some supplies to take home.
RSVP to Elizabeth Kwiatkowski**
**not required, but helpful

6-8 PM ROOM 1 ALL AGES!

Celebrate **Blood Drive**
St. Ritas Church

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1008 Maple Drive
Webster, NY 14580

Saturday, August 29, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

American Red Cross

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...

Collection of cereal and canned meat to support our brothers and sisters of the Rochester Hope Community.



St. Rita parishioners have all been very generous with time, talent and treasure. This is another opportunity to continue our high level of support to **Rochester Hope**.

There will be a **table in the greeting area** to accept your welcome donations of **cereal and/or canned meat** before/after all Masses on **August 29/30 and September 5/6 and Saturday morning, August 29 9:00 – 12:00.**

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.'

**WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

Fr. Tim Niven, Pastor - Niven@dor.org
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233-0334

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St. Rita School Principal
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 Summer Wish List:

Jarred Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
Flour & Sugar
Cereal
Beets (canned)
Pineapple (canned)
Jarred Applesauce
Cooking Oil
Deodorant
Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent

Thank you!



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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
July 26	174	132	250	556
Aug 2	173	161	282	616
Aug 9	185	147	225	557

Thank you ♥

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of May	\$ 44,085	\$ 70,675	-\$26,590	\$ 8,817	\$57,169
week of July 5	\$14,173	\$14,135	+\$38	--	\$14,585
week of July 12	\$12,047	\$14,135	-\$2,088	--	\$12,483

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