

AUGUST 23, 2026

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



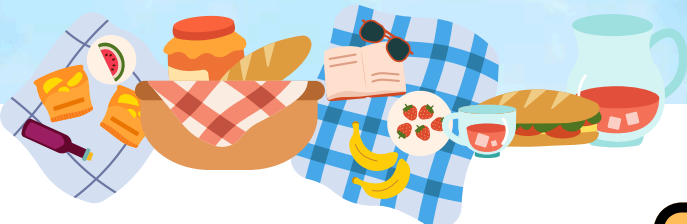
Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**MASS WITH OUR NEW BISHOP
...AND PARISH PICNIC!**

**Sunday
Sept. 20th 10:30AM**

Join us to celebrate the beginning of fall, a new school year, and another year together with our parish family! We would love your help with set up, cleanup, or a dish to pass. Please RSVP by scanning the QR code, checking our e-newsletter for the link, or signing up in the Greeting Area.



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.Cohnedor.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.

Would you or a college student in your life like to receive a care package from us?



Fill out a card in the back of church or use this online form to give us your information:



Marriage Banns

II
*Sarah Kymble
&
Jack Samuelson*



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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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 22/23

ANTHONY LIPARI - By Anne Marie
 MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By His Wife & Children
 HARVEY COLEGROVE - By Kathy & Chuck Rosenzweig

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM

Confessions - Church
 SF Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026

8:00AM
 10:30AM

Mass
 CL Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026

8:15AM
 8:45AM - 9:15AM
 11:00AM

Mass
 Confessions
 Faith Formation Team Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026

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

Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026

5:00PM

Faith Formation Parent Orientation - Gym

Eucharistic Adoration Cancelled Today

6:00PM

Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026

8:15AM
 6:00 - 8:00 PM

FRANK & ANNA COSTANZA - By Teresa DiGiorgio
 Mass
 Feeling Crafty - Rm 1

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

9:00AM - 2:00PM
 9:00AM - 12:00PM
 4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM

Red Cross Blood Drive - Gym
 Rochester Hope Donation Collection - Greeting Area
 Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

8:00AM
 10:30AM

Mass
 CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 29/30

PATRICK PASSERO - By Tony Fusilli
 LOIS & SHERWOOD SIMMONS - By Their Children
 LUCILLE MARY KUNZ - By Husband, James
 FOR THE HEALING OF E.A. - By Janine



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from August 24 – August 30
 in loving memory of
 the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.

SF

Sensory Friendly Mass

CL

Children's Liturgy of the Word

C

Count It All Joy

I

Incense Used

F

Family Mass



LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 23
DEBBIE WHITEHAIR

Reflections on Readings for The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church"

Our readings for this Sunday teach us the foundation of the office of Pope (Papa / Father) and its ancient Jewish roots. The office of Pope, granted to Peter, is a direct commission by Jesus. However, it also has its roots in the Jewish royal office of 'al Bayit' or "father over the house".



Our first reading ([Isaiah 20:19-23](#)) is the account of the replacing of Shebna as master of the palace (of the kingdom of Judah) with Eliakim. In this passage, we hear virtually the same duties and authorities that are given to Simon Peter by Jesus. His is the father to the people, he has authority over them, he is second only to the king, has the "key of the House of David", and has the power to open and to close—bind and loose. Even the vestments of robe, sash, and keys remain today with our Pope.

In our Epistle reading ([Romans 11:33-36](#)), St. Paul concludes his long lament that he is heartbroken at the rejection of Jesus by his brethren but sees it as God's pathway to including the Gentiles in his salvation plan. Paul celebrates the wisdom of God's plan of salvation and can only marvel at the "inscrutable judgements" of the Lord. The wisdom of God's plan for salvation is so far beyond our understanding, we can only marvel at its invitation to faith. Glory to God!

In our Gospel reading ([Matthew 16:13-20](#)), Jesus went to the region of Caesarea Philippi and asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?". Many are not lost to the irony that Jesus went to Caesarea Philippi, a prominent monument to King Caesar, to ask this question. Their responses indicated that the people understood that Jesus was no ordinary man, at least on a level with the prophets of old. Peter's response was that Jesus was not only the Messiah, the Anointed One, but He is the "Son of the living God". Jesus appointed Peter to the office of prime minister of His Church on earth and gave him the "keys to the kingdom of heaven", with the same powers and authority granted to the ancient 'al Bayit' or 'Father Over the House' of the kingdom of Judah.

Imagine what would have happened to Christianity if the office granted to Peter had ended when he died and there was no succession, no continuance of the role of Jesus' designated representative on earth.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082326.cfm



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.



Please join us!
Pray the Rosary each Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.

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.



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.



We have votive prayer candle lights located in the back of Church for you to offer special intentions. You may place your offering in the Donation slot.

DID YOU KNOW?

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

If you know someone who is sick, recovering from surgery, or homebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital, please speak with Julie, Elizabeth, Fr. Tim, or contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 to make appropriate arrangements.

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.



**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

Bring a friend!



Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

The Churches Offering Meals to Everyone (C.O.M.E.) program in Webster, New York, includes rotating free community dinners hosted by local church congregations.. These meals are open to everyone in the community, especially those facing food insecurity or loneliness.

**The first C.O.M.E. Dinner of the season at St. Rita is
Wednesday, September 16, 2026.**

Would you be willing to donate
items needed?

To sign up, go to the following
link:

<https://tinyurl.com/COME9-26>



Or scan the QR Code

Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of September 12 and 13
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

Holy and Beloved Women's Retreat

**Notre Dame
Retreat House**

5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua, NY 14424

October 2, 5:00 PM – October 4, 12:00 PM

**Register at
www.notredameretreat.org**

**Note: When registering, mention in the
notes that you are with St. Rita Church.**



*Both a description of
who we are and a call
to become who God
created us to be,
"Holy and Beloved" is
a retreat to inspire
our desire for
continued growth in
holiness.*

St. Rita's women have been enjoying Notre Dame Retreats for years, meeting new friends and allowing ourselves 40 hours to enjoy being surrounded by peace and joy. The October session is earmarked as our parish time this year.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Jane Murray (585) 734-6061

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**



CYO Soccer Registration is now open!

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Register online:



stritawebster.org/cyosoccer/

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

Celebrate **Blood Drive**
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1008 Maple Drive
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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

Deacon Rick Rall - bernrick@frontiernet.net
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Jennifer LeFrois - Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org
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	
Aug 2	173	161	282	616
Aug 9	185	147	225	557
Aug 16	171	154	215	540

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

Due to summer schedules, collection numbers have been delayed.

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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