

AUGUST 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

Holy Helpers Grades 3-6*

1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:15 am

starting September 6

Meet in the chapel

"Why are there bells ringing?"

"What does 'Alleluia' mean?"

"Why do we sit and stand so much?"

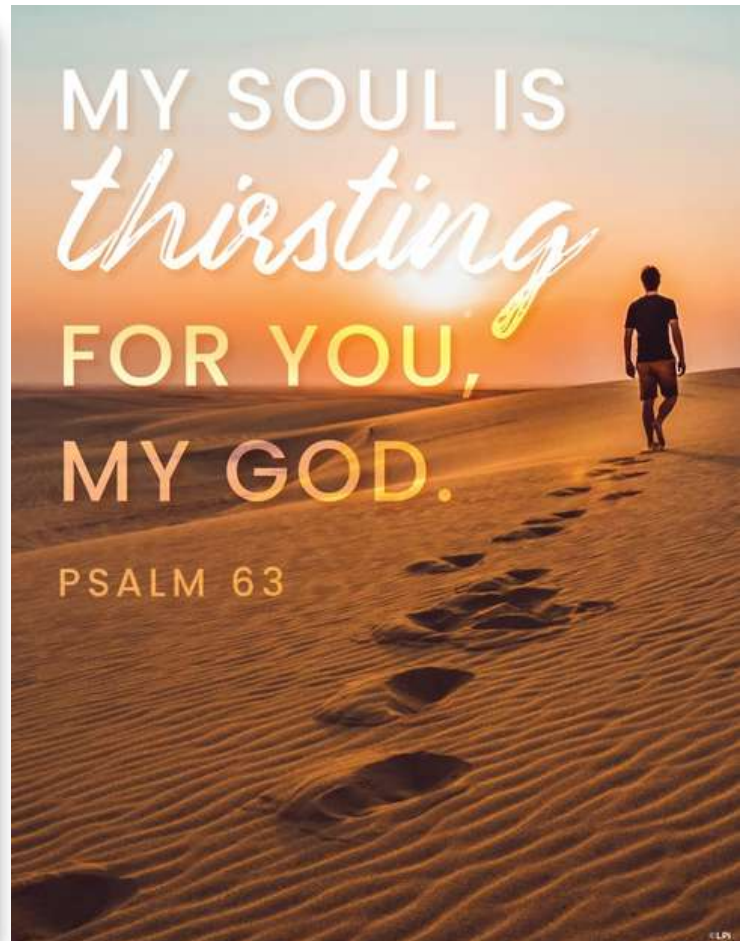
"Mass is boring. What can I do?"

If you've heard these questions or others from your child, bring them to Holy Helpers! Through fun games and activities, we'll learn about and prepare for roles in the Mass.

**No RSVP required.
Come to one or all!**

*Older children are welcome to assist!

Questions? Contact Elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org or call 671-1100 x104



FOLLOW THE LEADER
A RETREAT FOR GRADES 6-12

9/26
1-6 PM
MORE INFO / SIGN UP:



**"BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE AND
YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE."**
-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Marriage Banns



III
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 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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026

9:00AM - 2:00PM Red Cross Blood Drive - Gym
 9:00AM - 12:00PM Rochester Hope Donation Collection - Greeting Area
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions
 6:30PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 10:30AM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026

6:00PM LOUISE FALVO - By Family Mass
 6:45PM Holy Beginnings Meeting - Rm 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 2:00PM Kymbble/Samuelson Wedding - Church

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:45AM Faith Formation Aide/Sub Meeting - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 5/6

AMBROSE RYAN - By Wife
 NANCY & FRANK POLLATTA - By Deb Gippe
 NORM MAGIN - By Family
 LUCIANO & SALVINA BOLOGNA - By Josie DiGiorgio and Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from August 31 – September 6
 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

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

"Whoever Loses His Life For My Sake Will Find It"

Today, we hear a tale of two suffering servants, both answering the call of God. The first, Jeremiah, cried out in anguish of the pain and rejection from his people, yet discovered he could not refuse



God's call, *"It burns like fire in my heart."* The second, Jesus, embraces His passion and willingly goes to the place of His suffering and calls His disciples to imitate him. Both are examples for us today.

In our first reading ([Jeremiah 20:7-9](#)), we hear the powerful lament of the prophet Jeremiah, who suffered greatly because of what God had called him to do. He felt *"duped"* by God because he thought his call would be without suffering. *"All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me."* He tried to quit but discovered *"it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in."* He must continue speaking out God's truth, regardless of the cost.

In our Epistle reading ([Romans 12:1-2](#)), St. Paul teaches us just how it is that we are to take up our cross and carry it—by following Jesus example, offering *"our bodies as a living sacrifice . . . That you may discern what is the will of God."*

In our Gospel reading ([Matthew 16:21-27](#)), Jesus teaches us the mystery of suffering. You may remember that in last week's Gospel, Peter was elevated to the *"rock"* upon whom Jesus would build His Church. In this very next passage in today's Gospel, Jesus rebukes Peter for suggesting that Jesus must not suffer and be killed, as He had described to His disciples, *"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me."* Here, we see a very human Peter fearful and resisting, but not Jesus. Jesus understood what Peter and Jeremiah, did not, *"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."*

To most people, it would seem unthinkable to live our lives in *"derision and reproach"* for speaking the truth of God. Few of us would embrace our suffering, whatever it might be, and take up our cross willingly as an offering to God. But that may be precisely what the Holy Spirit is calling us to do in today's readings. When and if we do, we may very well discover, as Jeremiah did, that it *"burns like fire in our hearts"* as we *"grow weary holding it in."* In so doing, we may actually find our life.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/083026.cfm



LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 30 ANN MARIE LIPARI

Save the Date

Mt. Irenaeus Men's Retreat

OCTOBER 11TH - OCTOBER 13TH
(Sunday - Tuesday)

"The Mountain" is a Franciscan Mountain Retreat House located just outside of Olean, NY, about a 2 hour drive from Webster. The Franciscan Friars who live at The Mountain will be our hosts.

"We believe we are one with all peoples, cultures, and creation in the ancient longing to find and to live in peace. All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new!"

For more information about Mt. Irenaeus, please visit www.mountainonline.org.

If you have never been on a retreat or have any questions, please email Deacon Jim at

James.Fienedor.org.

This might be just what God ordered for you!

Space is limited to 12.

Contact Deacon Jim to reserve your spot!

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:



Please join us!

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



The groundbreaking historical drama based on the life of Jesus, The Chosen, is a show like you've never seen before, and it's helping people connect to the Gospel in an entirely new way.

Season 6

Episode 1

is being released early to Churches.

We will come together to watch at St. Rita.

Watch the bulletin for details.



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



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.

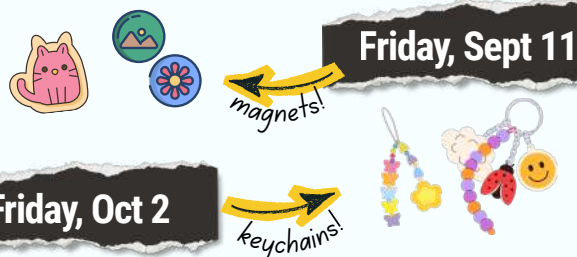
Jane Murray (585) 734-6061

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, Sept 11

Friday, Oct 2

**Can't stay the whole time? Stop by
for some supplies to take home.**

RSVP to Elizabeth Kwiatkowski
not required, but helpful

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.




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**

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.

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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 9	185	147	225	557
Aug 16	171	154	215	540
Aug 23	172	168	260	600

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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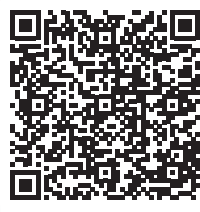
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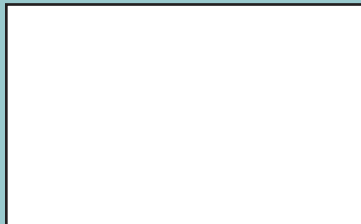
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