

AUGUST 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

As part of our Annual Missionary Cooperative Plan through the Diocese of Rochester, this weekend we welcome Fr. Michael Greco, OFM Cap.



Fr. Michael Greco entered the Capuchin Order in 1999, professed final vows in 2005 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. From 2017 - 2023, he served as Minister Provincial and now currently serves as the Director of Development for the Capuchin Franciscans of the Province of St. Mary.

Fr. Michael has always been involved in the preaching ministry and can often be found providing assistance at Capuchin as well as other local parishes.

We will have a SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND, to aid the Capuchin Franciscans.

Your generosity supports their vital ministries, including serving the poor and marginalized; preparing new Capuchins for a lifetime of service; sharing Franciscan ideals locally and internationally; caring for friars in their later years; and building strong, faith-based relationships with young people and their families to expand the Catholic community.

**Envelopes will be at the end of each pew.
If you write a check, please make it out to St. Rita Church (marked "Missions" in the Memo field).
Your mission donation can also be placed along with your weekly Mass envelopes in the "Donation" slot at the entrance to church.**



Fr. Michael Greco, OFM Cap.
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www.capuchin.org

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**Please visit our website at
www.saintritawebster.org
if you'd like to make an
electronic donation.**

ASSUMPTION of the blessed virgin Mary

While not a holy day of obligation this year, this is an opportunity to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother.

We will be having an additional Mass on Saturday, August 15th at 9:00am to celebrate this holy day.

Note: This will not fulfill your weekend Mass obligation.

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 8/9

FRANK & ANNA COSTANZA - By Teresa DiGiorgio
 OTTO & PAULA REISCH - By Family
 NINA ANDOLINA - By John & Mary Beth Klofas

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM

5:00PM

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

8:00AM

10:30AM

CL Mass
 Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

8:15AM

9:00AM

9:00AM

Communion Service
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM

6:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 Communion Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

9:00AM MARTHA SZCZERBINSKI

- By Mary Washburn

Feast of the Assumption Mass

4:00PM - 4:30PM

5:00PM

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026 - DONUT SUNDAY

8:00AM

10:30AM

F Mass
 Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 15/16

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



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from August 10 – August 16
 in loving memory of
 the deceased members of St. Rita Church.

We have Low Gluten Hosts available at all Masses.

When you arrive for Mass, let the greeter know you would like a low gluten host.

Please come up the center right hand aisle any time during Communion.



LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 9
 PAM KUNZER

Reflections on Readings for The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take Courage, It Is I; Do Not Be Afraid"

This Sunday, our readings describe for us two theophanies, or manifestations, of God. God is in the "tiny whispering sound" in our first reading. He also appears to the apostles walking on the water as He calms the raging sea.



Our first reading ([1 Kings 19:9,11-13](#)) is the story of Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, which began as a flight from the evil queen Jezebel. The prophet made his solitary way to Mount Horeb where the Lord had once appeared to Moses and the Israelites. Elijah was told to "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the Lord." God appeared to Elijah, but not in the wind, or earthquake, or the fire as He did with Moses. God appeared in the "tiny whispering sound".

In our Epistle reading ([Romans 9:1-5](#)), St. Paul shares his anguish over many of his brethren who had rejected Jesus. The Israelites were God's chosen people. The final and greatest gift to these chosen people was the Messiah, one of their own flesh. As Paul wrote, "I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people..."

Our Gospel reading ([Matthew 14:22-33](#)) is the account of Jesus walking on the raging sea, immediately following the miracle of feeding the five thousand. It is a clear manifestation of Jesus' divinity and He is recognized as such by the apostles in the boat as they proclaim, "truly, you are the Son of God." An additional level is Peter's exuberance as he walked on the water to Jesus—until he was overcome by his doubt and fear. He took his eyes off Jesus and paid more mind to the raging storm around him. That's when he began to sink, but a simple call to his Master—"Jesus save me" was all it took to be rescued.

We are reminded that God can come to us as a "tiny whispering sound" or in the midst of the raging storm around us, saying "take courage, it is I, do not be afraid." We look for God in both places. We can learn from Peter's faith as he got out of the boat and walked to Jesus. We can also relate to his lack of faith as he began to doubt and sink. How often do we have that same sinking feeling when we take our eyes off Jesus? We can also lament, as Peter did in our Epistle, about loved ones who may have rejected Christ. We can only trust in Jesus, that He is there in the midst of their storm, saying to them, "Take courage, it is I."

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080926.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



**Webster Hope is collecting
NEW school supplies for area
students in need.**

**Please drop off items in the
labeled box
in the Greeting Area by
Sunday, August 16th.**

Backpacks & String Bags
Washable Fine-Point Paint Markers
Washable Bold/Broad Line Markers
Crayola Washable Watercolor Paint (12 colors)
Markers
Colored Pencils
Pre-Sharpended Pencils, Yellow #2
Ticonderoga Pencils
Crayons, 24-Pack
Crayola Twistable Crayons
Ballpoint Pens, Black & Blue
Dividers for 3-Ring Binders
3 Ring Binders - 1", 1.5" & 2"
1-Subject Spiral Notebooks, Especially Red
Post-It Notes - 3"x3" & Page Markers
Wide-Ruled 3 Subject Spiral Notebooks
New Socks & Underwear - All Sizes
Highlighters
Plastic Pencil Boxes - Lots!
Elmer's Glue
Scissors & Erasers
Plastic Folders, 2 Pocket
Composition Notebooks
4x6 Index Cards
Facial Tissue & Hand Sanitizer

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.Fien@dor.org.

This might be just what God ordered for you!

**Space is limited to 12.
Contact Deacon Jim to reserve your spot!**

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!"*

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.**



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



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am

Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm

Come and spend some quiet time
with the Lord.



NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

After the 8am & 10:30am Masses
Stay for a donut and coffee
(or juice) after Mass



Belong, Serve, Grow - What Are You Looking For?

Are you looking to belong, serve, or grow in your faith? We want to hear from you! Tell us what events or resources you (and your family) are interested in and how we can best make these opportunities work for your schedule.

**Leave your completed survey in the basket in the
greeting area OR complete online here:**



Thanks for sharing your input!





CYO Soccer Registration is now open!

**Grades 3-6
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Register online:



stritawebster.org/cyosoccer/



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

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.Cohn@dor.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.

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.



**Rochester
Hope**



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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Deacon Jim Fien - James.Fien@dor.org
233-0334

Deacon Rick Rall - bernrick@frontiernet.net
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Parish Life and Liturgy Coordinator
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671-1100 ext. 105 or call/text 585-362-0708

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	
July 19	160	157	195	512
July 26	174	132	250	556
Aug 2	173	161	282	616

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

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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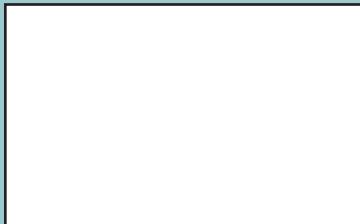
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