

FEBRUARY 1, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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!

My Hope is in You

Bible and Faith Sharing

February 23 - March 30

9:30am or 6:30pm - Mondays
***No evening session on March 2**

*How does this reading apply to me today?
What is the significance of water during Lent?
Why did Paul write such long sentences?*

Join this series of **Topics with Fr. Tim** for engaging faith sharing and learning sessions on Mondays. Where will the conversation go? You never know!

Come to one or come to all - the morning and evening sessions will be on the same readings and prayers - attend whichever fits your schedule.

Childcare is available! Send an email to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org with the session time and age(s) of your child(ren).



This fourth-century Armenian saint was a bishop and martyr and is venerated as the patron of those who suffer from illnesses of the throat. Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Blessing of the Throats will immediately follow all Masses this weekend.



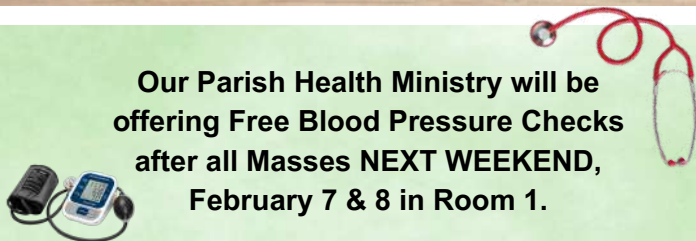
Our Tabernacle Light will burn from February 2 – February 8 in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Church.



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

Carmela Latkowski

Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering **Free Blood Pressure Checks** after all Masses **NEXT WEEKEND**, February 7 & 8 in Room 1.



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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MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JAN. 31/FEB. 1

BETTY HURLEY - By Nora Hurley Dunbar
MARY ARMSTRONG - By Ellen Samuelson

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

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

Confessions - Church
Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

8:00AM Mass
8:30AM - 10:00AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
9:15 AM Ministry Morning - Parish Center
10:30AM **CL** Mass
11:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1
11:45AM Confirmation Session
1:00PM Summer Service Trip Info Session - Rm 1
4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026

8:15AM Mass
8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
4:30PM Faith Formation
6:45PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1
7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

8:15AM Mass
9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3
10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
7:00PM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Online

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:00PM **MARILYN E. FRANZ - By Family** Mass
6:45PM Holy Beginnings - Rm 1

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2026

8:15AM **ROBERT BEIKIRCH - By Diane Langen** Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

8:00AM Mass
9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
10:30AM **CL** Mass
11:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1
11:45AM Confirmation Session

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 7/8

DONALD BROWN - By The Knights of Columbus #7707
DOREEN BONDER - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
CAROL ANN ROGERS - By Kathy & Charlie Rosenzweig
BRIELLE - By Carol Pospula & The Bifarella Briggs Family

Reflections on Readings for the The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Seek Justice, Seek Humility"



For the next three weeks, just before Lent begins, we will be hearing from Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount. Today, we hear Jesus preach on what God considers worthy of blessing—and it is not the high and mighty, the wealthy, the powerful, or the boastful. God chooses the lowly to bring down the high and mighty. He chooses the weak to bring down the strong; the humble to bring down the proud.

In our first reading (**Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13**), we hear the prophesy of Zephaniah of the terrible day of the Lord, when all the nations would be punished for their wrongdoing. But, the Lord promised that He "will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord." So, Zephaniah's admonition to the people of Israel was to "seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord's anger."

In our Epistle reading (**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**), St. Paul explains the wisdom and power of God's calling, which is to be found, paradoxically, where one would least expect. God chooses the foolish (by the world's standards), the weak and the lowly. God chooses us in Christ! "It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption," So, we should never boast in ourselves; "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

In our Gospel reading (**Matthew 5:1-12**), we hear the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which began with eight Beatitudes or blessings. They are a declaration of God's grace on groups of people whom the world would consider the foolish, weak, and lowly. This is a radical departure from what had been considered meriting God's blessings. It is the "remnant" God promised in Zephaniah's prophesy that he "will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly."

In today's readings, we are reminded of the countercultural nature of Jesus and His ministry. It is the lowly, the meek and humble of heart who will inherit the kingdom of heaven. So, we would do well to follow the admonition of Zephaniah, "seek justice, seek humility."

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020126.cfm>

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From the desk of the St. Rita Racial Justice Ministry...

FEBRUARY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Carter G. Woodson & Black History Month

Each February, parents and students across the United States recognize Black History Month through school programs, special lessons, and assignments highlighting figures such as Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Martin Luther King Jr., and Rosa Parks. Yet far fewer students learn about Carter G. Woodson, the scholar known as the "Father of Black History."

In the early 1930s, Woodson pioneered Black History Week to address the absence of African American history in schools. His efforts later evolved into Black History Month, which by 1976 was widely celebrated in schools, colleges, and universities. During the nation's Bicentennial, President Gerald Ford formally placed Black History Month on the national calendar in February. Today, it remains a vital part of education, guided by annual themes developed by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH).

During the Jim Crow era, African American students encountered negative stereotypes and curricula that excluded Black history. Woodson, along with W.E.B. DuBois, believed schools were essential to restoring racial pride and consciousness among Black youth. By promoting accurate history, Black History Month helped nurture identity, belonging, and empowerment—contributing to the development of leaders who later shaped the Civil Rights Movement.

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: FEBRUARY 1

CAROL SCIOLINO

Catholic Social Teaching Rights and Responsibilities



As part of our journey exploring the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, Fr. Tim recently preached about God's Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable.

Keep an ear out to hear more about our next theme: **Rights and Responsibilities**. The Church teaches us that all people have rights and asks us to consider the other side of the coin: the responsibilities we have to our neighbors to ensure that their rights are honored, too.



Scout Sunday February 15th



All Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA of St. Rita Parish are invited to attend the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, February 15 in celebration of Scout Sunday. Please meet in Room 1 by 10:00 AM. Scouts will process in and sit together as a group. Full Class A uniforms are requested.

A reception for Scouts and their families will follow in the gym.

Scouts who have completed the requirements for their religious emblem and submitted the necessary paperwork to the Diocese are asked to notify Margo Chamberlain (585-802-5750) by February 8 so they may be recognized during Mass.

This celebration is open to all Scouts in our parish, regardless of Pack or Troop affiliation. Those who wish to participate in a role during Mass may sign up here:

We look forward to celebrating Scout Sunday together!





Do You Like To Knit or Crochet?

Come and join us!

Tuesday, February 3rd

10:30am - 12:00pm in the Parish Office

Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets are given to anyone facing serious illness or hard times in their life. Blankets are blessed by Father Tim and a prayer card is included with our love and support.



If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl, please contact Julie Cohn at: julie.cohn@dor.org 671-1100 ext. 103.

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).

First Thursdays of the Month

Thursday, February 5th

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

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

Join others from around the diocese!

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**

SUMMER SERVICE TRIP JULY 5-10, 2026

Young People Who Care

**WILL YOU JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE
THIS SUMMER?**



**INFO SESSIONS ON 2/1 @ 1 PM
AND 2/9 @ 6:30 PM**

Sign up here!

How much do you know about St. Rita Church?

Join us for a 75th Anniversary



**St. Rita
Trivia
Night**

**Friday, February 13
6-8 pm
in Room 1**

**All ages welcome!
Bring a snack to share.
RSVP here for a bonus:**



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.

Thank you for your continued support of the
Catholic Ministries Appeal!

GOAL \$155,000 PLEDGES \$168,295.46

We are at 108.5% of our goal from 405 households.*

***UPDATED AS OF 1/27/26**

Youth Group

Monthly Gatherings for Teens

Sunday
February 1

Join
us!

7th-12th
Grade

4-5PM
in
Room 1

FAITH & FUN!

Please contact Sofia Vollo with any questions at
srbosco01@gmail.com



**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.

St. Rita School's Annual Blue & Gold Celebration

Saturday, February 28th
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**We're looking for an Athletic Director for
CYO Soccer and Basketball at St. Rita Parish.**

In collaboration with our Parish Life Coordinator, the role includes:

- Managing registration, coaches, and supplies
- Communication with teams/parents
- Providing site manager coverage at home games

Soccer season runs from August to mid-October.
Basketball season runs from October to February.

This role can be divided by sport. Until this position has been filled, registration for upcoming seasons will not open.

For more information or to indicate your interest, please contact Elizabeth at
Elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org or 671-1100 x104.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026



Mark Your Calendar!

**JULY 27TH-31ST
9AM-12PM**

**LOOK FOR REGISTRATION IN THE
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**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.

**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

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PLEASE NOTE!

If Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled. You may also call the Parish Office at 671-1100 or visit our website at www.saintritawebster.org for the most up to date closing information.

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.



No opened or expired items please.

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Flour & Sugar
Cooking Oil
Gently used children's clothing (all sizes)

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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Jan 11	214	180	270	664
Jan 18	94	174	370	638
Jan 25	203	106	140	449

Thank you

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Nov	\$ 80,935	\$ 70,675	+\$10,260	\$ 16,187	\$68,111
week of Jan 11	\$15,959	\$14,135	+\$1,824	--	\$12,327
week of Jan 18	\$12,703	\$14,135	-\$1,432	--	\$12,781

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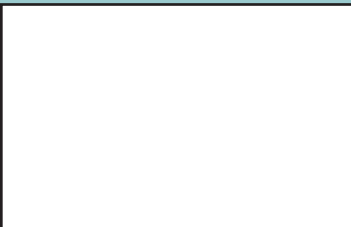
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