

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

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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).



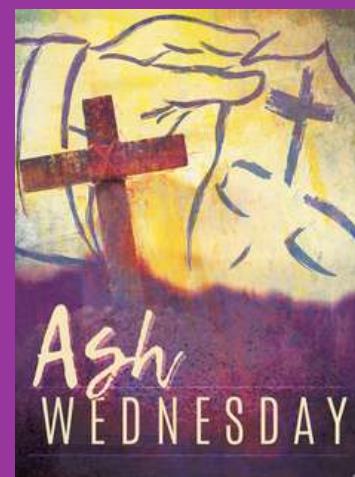
This weekend we celebrate Scout Sunday. It is a special time for Scouts and their families to worship together, give thanks, and recognize the role faith plays in Scouting.

Scouting has a tremendous potential for developing Christian leadership. It offers a unique opportunity for young people to grow in faith, life, and leadership. Scouts BSA have consistently stressed the necessity of the spiritual life for youth and the importance of dependence on God.



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:

Jackson Joseph Sipp



7:00am
Liturgy of the Word

12:00pm
Liturgy of the Word

6:00pm Mass

Ashes will be distributed at all services.

Bags of ashes will be available to bring to those who are unable to attend a service in person.



Fridays during Lent beginning February 20th 5:00PM in Church

Come and join us for a new guided stations experience every week.



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

Diane Perticone

Donald Brown

Margaret "Peg" DeFranco

Joanne Errett
Sister of Peg Ryan

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

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 14/15

JOSEPH & PHILOMENA MARSALA - By Family
 MARY ANN NARKOW - By Sheila Manzella
 LUCIANO & SALVINA BOLOGNA - By Josie DiGiorgio & Family
 RICHARD, MARILYN, DAVID, & DICK DIMARIA - By Lynn DiMaria

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass
 11:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS TODAY
 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

8:15AM PATRICIA A. LONGO - By Kathy Rosenzweig Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

7:00AM Liturgy of the Word
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 12:00PM Liturgy of the Word
 6:00PM Mass
 7:30PM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Online

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

4:00PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 4:00PM - 5:30PM Confessions
 6:00PM Mass
 6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

8:15AM ROBERT FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family Mass
 5:00PM Guided Stations of the Cross - Church
 5:00PM - 6:30PM Fish Fry - Gym
 6:00PM - 8:00 PM Game Night - Rm 1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES FEBRUARY 21/22

MICHAEL LOMBARDO - By Jackie Colicchio
 DIANE PERTICONE - By Vincent Mitrano



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from February 16 - February 22
 in loving memory of Judith Connorton
 by Deacon Jim and Chris Fien.



Sensory Friendly Mass



Count It All Joy



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Incense Used



Family Mass

Reflections on Readings for the
 The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*"I Have Not Come To Abolish But To Fulfill"*

Our readings for this Sunday teach us that the "Law of Moses" is not the ultimate law of God, but the beginning. Jesus has come not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it, to complete it and bring it to perfection.



Our first reading from the prophet Yeshua Ben Sira (Sirach 15:15-20) is a meditation on free will. We are reminded that we are ultimately responsible for our own actions. *"Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him."* We are free to choose between right and wrong, good and evil, life and death, but we will be judged by God for our choices. It is always up to us. This is freedom of will.

In our Epistle reading (1Corinthians 2:6-10), St. Paul taught his followers that God's wisdom far surpassed anything their current culture could understand. It was not revealed to *"rulers of this age who are passing away"*. But *"Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard . . What God has prepared for those who love him"*, through the Spirit.

Our Gospel reading (Matthew (5:17-37) continues with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Two weeks ago, we heard Jesus' teaching on the Beatitudes; last Sunday, we heard about salt and light. This Sunday, Jesus teaches us four of what are known as his six antitheses or statements *"You have heard it said, but I say to you . . ."* Today, Jesus teaches us about the dangers of anger, adultery, divorce and about swearing oaths. His purpose is not to abolish the Law of Moses or the Scriptures, but to fulfill and perfect them. Jesus teaches us that acting on anger and insults are the root cause of violence; that surrendering to or consenting to the disordered desire is a sin against the indissoluble bond that only God can put together. We learn that we should simply speak the truth and not resort to oaths, modifiers or adjectives; simply say what we mean and no more.

Jesus takes the basic law of the Ten Commandments and goes much deeper, to the very heart of the matter. Jesus teaches us that action against God's will begins in the heart and so we learn that evil thoughts, that we give our consent to, also offend God. Now that we know *"God's wisdom"* of which St. Paul speaks in our Epistle reading, we Christians are held accountable to a higher standard. It is our choice! We are responsible for our own behavior. May we choose with the wisdom of God.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021526.cfm>

Are you ready for a holy, hopeful Lent? Here are some ideas!

"Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness." ~ St. John Chrysostom

FASTING

Fast from distractions and temptations -

It's not all about giving up chocolate or meat. Try giving up one of these: judging others, speaking in anger, complaining, worrying, or being too busy to appreciate who or what is in front of you.

Eat a simple supper -

Join us for Saintly Suppers Tuesdays from 6-6:45 pm. This is a great way to share a meal together...and you don't have to cook*!

*food donations or help greatly appreciated

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could."
~St. Gregory Nazianzen

Holy Hour for Peace

**Tuesday, February 24
6:45-7:45 pm**



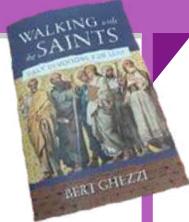
May this Holy Hour be a moment of renewal for our hearts and for our nation. Entrusting our fears and hopes to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, let us ask the Lord to make us instruments of His peace and witnesses to the inherent dignity of every person.

Let us pray together, confident that God hears the cry of His people and remains close to all who seek Him.

PRAYER

Pick up a reflection book -

We've got the traditional "black books", "Walking with the Saints", and a stickerbook of "My Lenten Journey!" especially for kids. Set aside a few minutes each morning or at dinner to read and talk about the daily reflection.



Attend "My Hope Is In You: Bible and Faith Sharing" -
Led by Fr. Tim, these Monday morning and evening sessions are a great opportunity to reflect on the Mass readings and prayers more deeply...and in great company!

Pray the Stations of the Cross -

Every Friday at 5 pm, we'll have a guided version of this walk with Jesus. You are also welcome to pray the stations on your own whenever the church is open. Reflection books are available in church.

"Properly speaking fasting consists in abstaining from food, but speaking metaphorically it denotes abstinence from anything harmful, and such especially is sin."
~St. Thomas Aquinas



Fill the cart -

Buy an extra of your favorite or frequently bought groceries for the cart at church, which goes to area food cupboards each week.

Share with others -

If you eat a free meal at church instead of fast food or something ready-made at the store, you could put what you would have spent in a Rice Bowl, which helps support efforts to end hunger and poverty locally and around the world.

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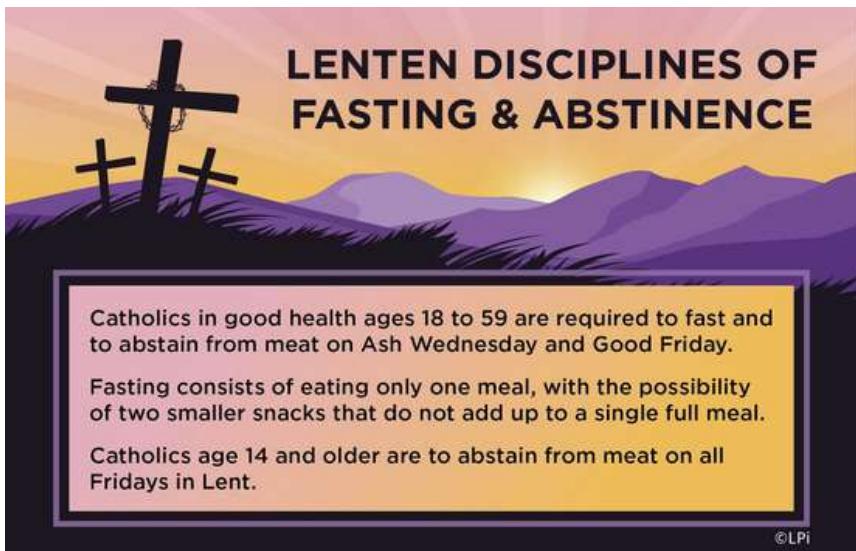
SAINTLY SUPPERS

**Join us on Tuesday evenings
from 6-6:45 pm for a free meal
with our parish family.**

The menu features a variety of soups, bread, and cookies each week, thanks to the generous donations of our talented cooks.

If you'd like to make or bring something, you can sign up here:



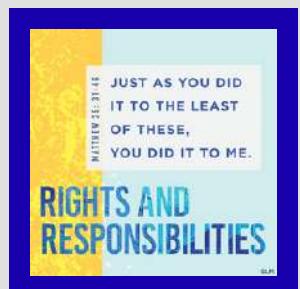


**LINEN CLEANING: FEBRUARY 15
PATTY ZACHMAN**

As we continue our Catholic Social Teaching conversations about *Rights and Responsibilities*, here are some ways to practice that teaching in our everyday lives:

We all have the right to...

- food and water and a **responsibility** to share it with the poor.
- a home and the **responsibility** to advocate for availability of homes for all.
- an education and the **responsibility** to study and learn.
- vote and the **responsibility** to exercise that right.
- worship in our faith tradition and the **responsibility** to practice that right.
- health care and the **responsibility** to care for our health and advocate for health care for all.
- work and the **responsibility** to help advocate for just wages and honorable jobs.
- free speech and the **responsibility** to speak our truth and respect others.
- Read and pray Matthew 25: 31-46.



Check out the Catholic Social Teaching Tree in the gathering space in church for other ideas.

"All human life has potential and human rights"
Pope John Paul II in his speech HUMAN RIGHTS to the United Nations
Oct. 2, 1979



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Got Questions? We've Got Answers!
At all Masses March 7th & 8th

Have you ever wondered "why do we do that?!" at Mass? Now's the time to ask!

Fr. Tim will teach us about the Mass while we celebrate, and he wants to answer our questions. If you have a question about Mass, let us know! You can leave questions in the basket in the greeting area, or contact Anne Thomas at anne.thomas@dor.org.



Would you like this printer?

It's practically unused, but was left sitting too long, so the print head is blocked. The print head was replaced, but it needs a little more work. It comes with refillable ink cartridges and ink. If you want to tinker with it before we send it to recycling, please contact the Parish Office.


CONTACT US
WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Jan 25	203	106	140	449
Feb 1	173	150	235	558
Feb 8	110	98	185	393



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.

Webster HOPE January & February Wish List:



Laundry Detergent
 Cleaning Sprays
 Toilet Bowl Cleaner
 Liquid Hand Soap
 Canned Pineapple & Canned Beets
 Flour & Sugar
 Cooking Oil
 Gently used children's clothing (all sizes)

Thank you 

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Jan	\$ 57,028	\$ 56,540	+\$488	\$ 14,257	\$53,774
week of Jan 25	\$12,273	\$14,135	-\$1,862	--	\$15,070
week of Feb 1	\$10,710	\$14,135	-\$3,425	--	\$13,632

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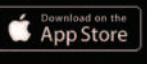
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