

JANUARY 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. John Paul II | Catholic Schools Week

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403 households.***

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We are so excited to celebrate Catholic Schools
Week all week long with treasured traditions and
some new and fun activities, too.

**tacky tuesday bingo carnival
spirit day soup-er day**



**Thank you to all who participated in our
Kick Off Mass this weekend!**

Breakfast

@ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast
and fellowship next Sunday.

**Sunday, February 1st
8:30am - 10:00am**

St. Rita Parish Center

Monetary donations
will be accepted,
but not expected.
Please join us and bring
your family.



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 JANUARY 24/25

MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family
 LEONARD SCHWARTZ - By Carol Reisch
 JOHN DAVID MAGIN - By Family
 JUDITH PELLITTIERI - By Kate Sherry

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

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

Confessions - Church
C Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

8:00AM
 10:30AM

Mass
CL Mass

11:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

8:15AM
 8:45AM - 9:15AM
 4:30PM

Mass
 Confessions - Church
 Faith Formation

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

8:15AM
 9:00AM
 9:00AM
 10:00AM
 4:00PM

Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 WEROC - Rm 3
 Breakfast Meeting - Rm 1
 First Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

3:00PM

Intercession Writing - Parish Office

7:00PM

Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Online

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

4:00PM
 5:30PM - 6:00PM
 6:00PM
 7:00PM

First Reconciliation
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 Mass
 Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

8:15AM

Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

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

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

8:00AM
 8:30AM - 10:00AM
 9:15 AM
 10:30AM
 11:30AM
 11:45AM
 1:00PM
 4:00PM

Mass
 Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
 Ministry Morning - Parish Center
CL Mass
 Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1
 Confirmation Session
 Summer Service Trip Info Session - Rm 1
 Youth Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JAN. 31/FEB. 1

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



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from January 26 – February 1
 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

Reflections on Readings for the The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The People Who Walked In Darkness
Have Seen A Great Light"*



This could be called the "season of manifestation". Over the past few Sundays, we have seen Christ manifested first, to the Shepherds at His birth, then to the Gentile world through the Magi, then at His baptism as the beloved Son of God, and last Sunday, as the Lamb of God, via John the Baptist. And now this Sunday, Jesus is revealed as the long awaited Davidic King prophesied by the Prophet Isaiah and others.

In our first reading (Isaiah 8:23-9:3), we hear Isaiah's prophecy during a time of great duress as the northern tribes of Israel were being besieged and overrun by the Assyrian Army, beginning with Zebulun and Naphtali. This is the region in which Capernaum is located, the city in which Jesus chose to live and begin His ministry. In great confidence, Isaiah foretold of a future time when a new Davidic King would bring *"abundant joy and great rejoicing"*. We hear this prophecy proclaimed every Christmas Eve during the Mass at night, heralding the birth of the Christ child, the new King of Israel.

In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 1:10, 17), St. Paul sought to end rivalries and division among the Church in Corinth by urging them to focus on Christ as the true center and wisdom of the Church. *"I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose."*

In our Gospel reading (Matthew 4:12-23), we hear repeated this same passage from our first reading, now being fulfilled in Jesus' return to the very same area decimated by the Assyrians so long ago. Jesus began His public ministry as the new Davidic King, himself the *"light shining in the darkness"*. Jesus began choosing His apostles and started preaching and healing throughout Galilee. Jesus *"left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled."*

Again, we see the prophecies of the Old Testament being fulfilled in the New Testament by Jesus. This revelation helps us see that God's plan of salvation has been ongoing since the beginning of creation.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012526.cfm>



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest member of our parish family who was recently baptized:

Violet Evamarie O'Connor

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

Women's Faith Sharing

Thursday, January 29
7:00pm in Room 1

Women's Faith Sharing will meet once a month to discuss topics to strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

Please contact Jane Murray at jmurr66@yahoo.com for more information.



LINEN CLEANING: JANUARY 25

PATRICIA KUBY

JOIN US!

Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely readings.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free

to contact Julie Cohn, our

Pastoral Minister at:

julie.cohn@dor.org or
(585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!

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Reflection - Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

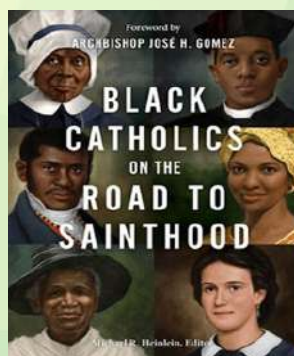
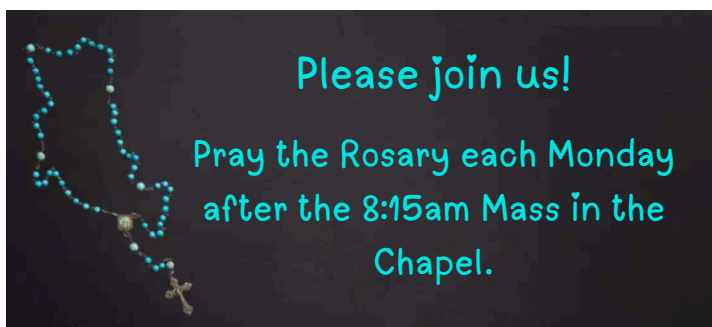
Greetings, my fellow parishioners,

We all have gifts to share with others. Once a week I volunteer at Rochester Hope at St. Michaels' Church. It has been such an enjoyable and rewarding time for me. If I could encourage one person to give a bit of their time, it would be rewarding for you too. By volunteering, you are not just stocking shelves or handing out food, you are embodying Christian compassion and ensuring that no one in our community goes hungry. I hope you accept this invitation and opportunity to share your talent and meet new friends along the way as we help everyone in these uncertain times.

Love and Peace, Albertha Davis

- St. Rita Parishioner/Rochester Hope Volunteer





Black History Month Book Discussion

On Zoom!

Mondays
February 2, 9, & 23
7:00pm-8:30pm

Sponsored by the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR)

In celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for an engaging Zoom book discussion of Michael R. Heinlein's book **Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood**.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful conversation.

Please contact the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) at blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com for additional information.



Introducing Ministry Mornings!

Three times each year, we invite all current liturgical ministers and those interested in finding out more about any of the following roles to an info and development session.

Hospitality
Mass Coordinator
Lector
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Tech

Two of these sessions will be held the first Sunday of the month. One session each year will be an extended Saturday morning with a variety of topics.

Our next Ministry Morning is
Sunday, February 1.

Look for the designated table(s) at Breakfast @ St. Rita around 9:15 am in the Parish Center.

After our breakfast conversation, the session will continue in church until about 10:15 am.

If you've been waiting for an invitation to join a ministry, this is it!

If you know someone who would be great at one of these roles, bring them!



How much do you know about St. Rita Church?

Join us for a 75th Anniversary



Friday, February 13
6-8 pm
in Room 1

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



Youth in grades 3-12 are also warmly welcome to get involved!

Contact Elizabeth Kwiatkowski for more information.

There will be a breakout group at our larger Ministry Morning each year focused on **Music** in the Liturgy. New members are welcome to join any of our musical groups at any time.

Contact June Frosino for more information.



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.

SUMMER SERVICE TRIP

JULY 5-10, 2026

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

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

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Saturday, February 28th
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**Tickets will also be sold after the 10:30am
Mass next Sunday, February 1st.**

Do you value the role of youth sports in creating opportunities for growth in leadership, friendship, and sportsmanship? If so, we need your help!

**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.

St. Rita School News

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet



Our fifth graders have been busy in art class learning how to draw bodies in motion and setting the stage for an exciting clay motion project coming up soon!

What an amazing way to let those creative minds grow while showing off individual interests!

WINTER FUN DAY!

Brrr-the snow and cold temperatures are here and God Drops embraced it for the Annual SRS Winter Fun Day!

Our Kindergarten through 4th grade students participated in games out on the snowy soccer field and enjoyed yummy snacks and hot cocoa to warm up after all the fun. Our fifth graders and their parents headed off-site to a lodge in the community for their last winter fun day! We love these special memories SNOW much!



**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.

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)

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Thank you

COLLECTIONS

Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Dec 28	165	132	255	552
Jan 4	197	173	230	600
Jan 11	214	180	270	664

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Nov	\$ 80,935	\$ 70,675	+\$10,260	\$ 16,187	\$68,111
week of Jan 4	\$12,601	\$14,135	-\$1,534	--	\$10,623
week of Jan 11	\$15,959	\$14,135	+\$1,824	--	\$12,327

To set up recurring online payments or make changes to your current giving, please visit our Giving page at www.stritawebster.org/give-online.

Thank you for your generosity in your presence and contributions!



LENTEN RETREAT

With Marie Mozzi

*"You Have Given All to Me...
Now I Return it."*



FEBRUARY 28, 2026

8:30am - 3:30pm

\$70.00



Lent provides an opportunity for God to hollow out our hearts, creating a space for conversion. This truly happens when we let God take the lead. What if you let go and let God do the work these 40 days, cooperating in the dance to be transformed. Spend the day exploring ways to create space in the heart, letting Lent be God's work rather than ours.



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Upcoming Events

CORE Retreat Weekend

2026 Theme: "Holy and Beloved"

February 13th - 15th - COUPLES

Special Valentines Dinner

with Fr. Jim Dahlinger, SJ; Deb & Keith Northridge and Jodie Scordo,

Fill Your Soul Days

February 11th 9am - 3pm

"The Spirit of Giving"

with Fr. Aaron Kelly and Anna Schlia

March 17th 9am - 3pm

"Visio Divina"

with Sr. Melissa Gernon, SSJ

Special Events - LENT

February 28th - Lenten Retreat Men & Women

"You Have Given All to Me . . . Now I Return It"

with Marie Mozzi

March 7th - Women's Lenten Retreat

"Who Cooked the Last Supper"

with Sr. Carol Cimino, SSJ

March 24th - Lenten Retreat Day

"Do Not Judge Anyone: Desert Wisdom for a Polarized World"

Lead by Fr. Isaac Slater, OCSO (author)

March 31st - Sacred Day of Silence 9am-3pm

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