

JULY 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH

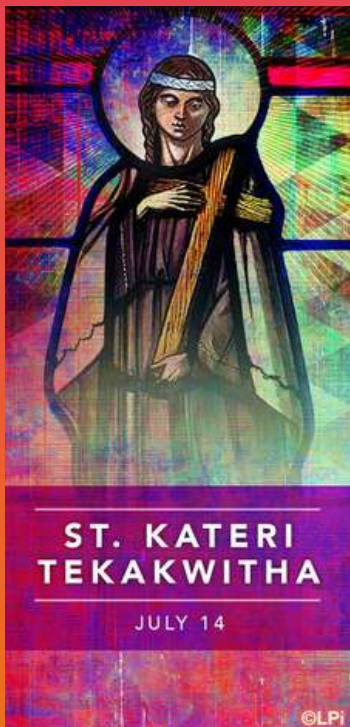


Joyfully living and sharing the Gospel of Jesus, we welcome, worship, inspire, and serve with love.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

On July 14th, we celebrate the feast of the "Lily of the Mohawks."

St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American woman to be canonized. Orphaned by a smallpox outbreak, Kateri survived with severe scarring and impaired eyesight. Despite tragedy, she was a devout girl at a young age, often building crosses from sticks in the woods. When she was 18, she began secret instruction in the Catholic faith with French missionaries. Her commitment to Christianity and vow of virginity was misunderstood and ridiculed by her fellow villagers.



She escaped to a nearby mission, where she attended daily Mass, taught the children, and cared for the sick and the elderly. Sometimes the greatest misunderstandings can come from those closest to us. Like St. Kateri, God invites us to be faithful to our commitments of faith and to always respond in love.

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!

NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

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



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

Allen Gutberlet

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 JULY 11/12

BARBARA HURLEY - By John & Madeline Muto
 TERESA SLABINSKI - By Mickie & Jerry Lupien
 JOSEPH AMOROSO - By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patti

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM

5:00PM

Confessions - Church

SF Mass**SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026**

8:00AM

10:30AM

Mass

CL Mass**MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026**8:15AM **AMBROSE RYAN - By Wife**

Mass

8:45AM - 9:15AM

Confessions - Church

6:30PM

VBS Teen Volunteer Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 20268:15AM **CHRIS MADDEN - By John & Julie Odenbach**

Mass

9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church

9:00AM

WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church

6:00PM

AL E. SOEHNER - By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Patti

Mass

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 20268:15AM **SR. ARLENE SEMESKY & SR. JOANNE DECK**

Mass

- By Sr. Katherine Ann

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM

Confessions - Church

5:00PM

Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM

Mass

10:30AM

CL MassINTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JULY 18/19

THOMAS BIFARELLA - By Kimberly Bifarella
 ALLEN YARTON - By Wife, Carol
 ROSE LATRAGNA - By Ken Latragna
 MARIA SANTILLI - By Cousin, Grace & Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from July 13th – July 19th 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

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Incense Used

F

Family Mass



LINEN CLEANING: JULY 12
CINDY WAHL

Reflections on Readings for The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"My word shall not return to me void,
 but shall do my will"***



This Sunday, we begin a three week lesson of the parables of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. This Sunday's readings offer some thought-provoking imagery of the power of the Word of God, how we respond to it and its effect on us.

In our first reading (Isaiah 55:10-11), Isaiah used the same imagery that Jesus used in our Gospel passage—the Word of God comes down from heaven as "seed to the one who sows" and returns to God for the purpose for which He sent it. *"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."*

In our Epistle reading (Romans 8:18-23), St. Paul talks about our current sufferings while we wait for the glory to come. St. Paul writes, *"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us."* Our "growing pains" or current sufferings will one day give way to the "glorious freedom of the children of God". While we wait, the Word of God sustains us and feeds us.

Our Gospel reading (Matthew 13:1-23) is the familiar Parable of the Sower. We hear Jesus preaching to the crowds and then explaining the parable in more detail to His disciples. Jesus talked about the Sower's seed falling on the hard path, on rocky ground, among thorns and on rich soil and how the seed (the Word of God) fared in each environment. There is also another level to Jesus' explanation. Parables as told by Jesus are often "riddles" whose deeper meaning is granted to those chosen by God, yet hidden from those whose hearts are hardened.

There is another twist to Jesus' parable of the sower. Not many sowers would waste good seed on rocky ground or throw it in with the thorns or weeds. But our sower, Jesus, casts His seed (the Word of God) wherever there are ears to hear it, regardless of how productive it might be. Jesus gives everyone of us the same opportunity to nurture the seed and turn it into productive fruit. In a sense, the soil is our hearts—is it rocky soil or full of thorns? Or is it fertile ground thirsting for the Word of God? Imagine the good that can come when God's Word falls on fertile ears and rests in fertile hearts, and returns to God *"achieving the end for which He sent it."*

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071226.cfm

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.

W.E.R.O.C.

WOMEN
ENJOYING
REDISCOVERING
OUR
CATHOLICISM

All are welcome!

We want your Fiesta feedback!

Please take a few minutes to fill out this survey:

Didn't attend?
We also want your responses!



www.stritawebster.org/fiesta-feedback.html

Please join us!
Pray the Rosary
each Monday
after the 8:15am
Mass in the
Chapel.

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.



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.

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 Spiritual Reading

Knights of Columbus Trinity Council #4618 has provided a kiosk (rack) of fifteen books from the *Building the Domestic Church Series*, a collection of popular Catholic Information Service® (CIS) books focused on issues of vital importance for Catholic families seeking to build up and strengthen the Church at home.



The display of free books can be found in the Greeting Area and will be available through the middle of August.

You are welcome to take one, or as many as you like, complements of Trinity Council.

Enjoy your summer reading as you spend some quiet time with our Lord.

Blessed Among Us

Mary Lou Williams

1910-1981
American Jazz Pianist and
Composer



*How are you using your
gifts and talents to serve
the world and glorify God?*

Born in Georgia and raised in Pittsburgh, Mary Lou Williams taught herself to play piano at the age of three; by six, she was helping support her ten siblings by performing at parties. At fifteen, she began her professional career traveling the country with a jazz band. She became one of the great jazz musicians and composers of her time, working with and mentoring musicians like Thelonious Monk, Dizzy Gillespie, and Charlie Parker, while recording scores of albums.

And yet, after a two-year stint in England and Paris, she walked away from music and embarked on a spiritual quest, resulting in her reception in the Catholic Church. Living an ascetic life in New York, she devoted herself to aiding fellow musicians suffering from addiction. A Jesuit priest was among those who encouraged her return to music—persuading her that this was her way to serve the world and glorify God.

Williams went on to compose numerous liturgical pieces that were performed in St. Patrick's Cathedral and around the world. She also composed pieces that honored the African American freedom struggle. Her music was infused by her deep spirituality. "I am praying through my fingers when I play," she said. "I get that good 'soul sound,' and I try to touch people's spirits."

Here at St. Rita, our 25+ ministries perform essential work in the parish spreading the Gospel, educating people about their faith, and drawing people into closer communion with the Church and each other.

To better support these ministries, we're organizing a Ministry Day to bring all the different parish ministries and their volunteers together to learn, pray, and have fellowship.

Tell us what you'd like to see offered!



MINISTRY DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12





VBS Household Goods Collection

We're fighting to keep VBS costs low for participating families - and you can help!

Donations of common household goods will help stock our STEM station. Most items we need to create engaging experiments with science and faith are less than \$10 at the grocery store, or may already be sitting in your recycling bin.

If you'd like to help, please take a slip of paper from the greeting area with a material need on it, and return the item to the greeting area by July 19th.

Thank you for helping our kids have a fantastic VBS!

**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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27 - 31



TEEN HELP WANTED!

Teens make VBS a fantastic experience for our students. Volunteer hours are 8:45am-12:15pm. Parents can register teens on our website now. For more information, contact Anne Thomas at 671-1100 or anne.thomas@dor.org.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS: ENROLL NOW FOR 2026-2027!

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Explore our faith weekly in the classroom
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and First Communion

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Sacramental
Preparation



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youth in 8th grade+ to grow in
knowledge, service, and love of Christ.
for youth in Catholic school and public school

Please visit
www.saintritawebster.org/faithformation/
for more information and to enroll for all
programs. Contact Anne Thomas at
671-1100 with any questions.



OFFERING ENVELOPE UPDATE:

Due to mechanical
difficulties, Cathedral Letter
Concepts will **NOT** be
sending monthly envelopes
for July in order to catch up
production for its 3,000-plus
customers.

Please use a previous month's
envelope you still have
available and write the
correct date on it or use a
plain envelope and write your
name/date on the front.

**Regular envelope delivery
should resume with the
August envelope packets.**

We apologize for any
inconvenience this may have
caused.

**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
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Pineapple (canned)
Jarred Applesauce
Cooking Oil
Deodorant
Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent

Thank you!



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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
June 21	160	166	212	538
June 28	185	149	230	564
July 5	90	148	240	478

Thank you

COLLECTIONS

Due to the submission schedule, the collection numbers for the bulletin are delayed.

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of May	\$ 44,085	\$ 70,675	-\$26,590	\$ 8,817	\$57,169
week of June 14	\$14,424	\$14,135	+\$289	--	\$24,004
week of June 21	\$17,243	\$14,135	+\$3,108	--	\$10,300

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