

JULY 5, 2026

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



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!

There will be no daily Masses this week.

We will be having a daily Communion Service at the regularly scheduled daily Mass times Monday, July 6th - Friday, July 10th.

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.



THIS WEEKEND there is a **second collection** for the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**.

It supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. This collection also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this week.



To donate online, please visit www.saintritawebster.org and click on the green **Giving** button.



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

Judy Russo

Charles Osswald

Mary Ann Kwiatkowski's father

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 4/5

PIETRO DIGIORGIO - By Teresa DiGiorgio
 RUSSELL GIUNTA - By Richard & Mary Prinzi
 RICHIE DINARDO - By Family

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

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

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

8:00AM
 10:30AM

Mass
 CL Mass

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2026

8:15AM
 9:00AM
 9:00AM

Communion Service
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

8:15AM
 6:30PM

Communion Service
 VBS Teen Volunteer Meeting - Rm 1

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM
 6:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

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

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

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from July 6th – July 12th in loving memory of Jerry & Alta Bolan by Mark & Julie Bolan.

SF

Sensory Friendly Mass

CL

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Count It All Joy

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Incense Used

F

Family Mass



LINEN CLEANING: JULY 5
 MAUREEN MOREHOUSE

Reflections on Readings for The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Take My Yoke Upon You And Learn From Me"

This Sunday, we are reminded that Jesus comes to us not as a warrior king, wielding the might sword, but meekly and humbly "riding on the foal of an ass", coming in peace and



humility. The yoke that Jesus invites us to carry is the yoke of gentleness and humility, in contrast to the yoke and burdens of the flesh which bring us pain, sorrow, and division. It is a yoke that He helps us carry. The yoke of Jesus truly brings peace to our soul.

In our first reading ([Zechariah 9:9-10](#)), we hear a Jewish prophesy of a future time when our King would come as our savior, not as a military ruler. He comes to us meek and humble, coming in peace and banishing the instruments of war. "A just savior is He, riding . . . on the foal of an ass."

In our Epistle reading ([Romans 8:9, 11-13](#)), St. Paul tells us that we who find rest in Jesus are not in the flesh, but live in the Spirit. Our life is not of this world but of the next. If we live in the Spirit, the Father "who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also".

In our Gospel reading ([Matthew 11:25-30](#)), Jesus offered a prayer of Thanksgiving to His Father. Jesus is thankful for the things that have been revealed to His "little ones", His disciples. Afterward, Jesus offered His peace and His rest - for those who come to Him and share his yoke with him. In Jesus' prayer, He revealed the mystery of the Trinity, the eternal relationship between the Son and His Father, a relationship that could never be known by us except through the Holy Spirit.

We marvel at what is known as the "paradox of the yoke". A yoke is a wooden device used to bind two beasts of burden together to carry or pull a heavy load. It is not usually associated with the word light or easy. But taking on a yoke usually means there are two carrying the load. If the load we carry is sin, anger, desolation, or pride, then it is indeed hard and burdensome. But if the yoke is meekness, humility, gentleness, then we carry it with Jesus and it is easy because He shares most of the burden.

A message for us today might be that we who are burdened need only to come to Jesus, surrender to Him what burdens us and take rest in His gentleness and humility. It is a message for today's troubled times as well. We will find peace.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/070526.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

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.



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

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.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

WE HAVE A HEARING LOOP!

We have a hearing loop available for hearing aid users. It works best near the outside of the sanctuary, closest to the system wiring.



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.



Interested in becoming Catholic? Welcome to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)!

We are delighted that you have chosen to find out more. Whether you are seeking baptism, looking to join the Catholic Church from another faith tradition, or simply curious about Jesus and Catholic teachings, you are entirely welcome here.

The OCIA process is not a rigid academic process. Instead, it is a gradual, reflective journey of faith, conversion, and community. You are invited to move at your own pace alongside mentors and peers who will support you every step of the way.

If you would like to find out more:

Get started by filling out the form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/OCIAStRita>

An OCIA team member will email or call you to set up a time to meet for an initial conversation.

Write down any specific questions you have about God, the Catholic Church, or the initiation process so we can address them together.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR
FREQUENTLY ASKED
QUESTIONS

Please remember that the Holy Spirit moves on His own timeline, and you are free to take as much time as you need. Feel free to explore OCIA at your own pace; there is no pressure to join.



We are honored to walk this road with you.
Welcome home!

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!

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

FOR FAMILIES + ADULTS OF ALL AGES!
SAT. JULY 11TH 5PM

OUR REGULAR SATURDAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH REDUCED LIGHTING AND VOLUME, SOFT MUSIC, FREEDOM TO MOVE COMFORTABLY, AND SPACE FOR SENSORY BREAKS. MASS WILL BE LESS THAN 50 MIN.

PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO BRING SENSORY ITEMS FOR YOUR COMFORT.



FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS: ENROLL NOW FOR 2026-2027!

Faith Formation

Explore our faith weekly in the classroom or at home for grades K-7 for children who attend public school

Enroll now!

For children in 2nd grade + up to prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion

for children in Catholic school and public school
Per diocesan policy, participation in 2025-2026 Catholic school or Faith Formation is required.

Sacramental Preparation



A 2-year preparation program for 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.



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.



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.

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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**UNITED IN FAITH
+ COMMUNITY**

Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
June 7	160	183	265	608
June 14	200	165	280	645
June 21	160	166	212	538

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!



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 Apr	\$ 54,191	\$ 56,540	-\$2,349	\$ 13,548	\$54,862
week of May 24	\$14,067	\$14,135	-\$68	--	\$11,209
week of May 31	\$10,839	\$14,135	-\$3,296	--	\$13,985

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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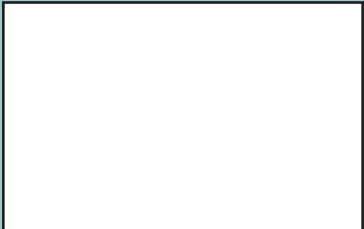
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