

JUNE 14, 2026

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

You know the longings of our hearts, and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the wellspring of life, for which we thirst.

Your heart burns with a love for all people to return to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation, founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has endowed all people with the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you and against human dignity that have taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families and communities enjoy peace and happiness; may broken relationships be reconciled, injustices repaired, and the wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign, pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History, we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

JUNE
MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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



Mackenzie Sage Groescup
Zoey Rayne Groescup

THIS WEEKEND we take up the collection for the **Catholic Communications Campaign**.

This campaign represents a mission of love to share the Gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media.

Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Rochester to fund local communication efforts. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States.

Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message.

Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.

Companions in Grief

Thursday, June 18th at 6:30pm in Room 1



Join us for this informal meeting with others who are experiencing the loss of someone they love.

We do not offer counseling; we offer support to one another.

For more information, contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at julie.cohn@dor.org or 671-1100 ext:103.

WITH HEARTFEEL SYMPATHY

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

Gloria Pilato

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 JUNE 13/14

LEONARD PROVOST - By Family
 KATHLEEN VANDEWINCKEL - By Glen
 PAT SALVATO - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
 RICHARD, MARILYN, DAVID, & DICK DIMARIA - By Lynn DiMaria

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 5:00PM **SF** Mass

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2026

HOLIDAY - NO MASS TODAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JUNE 20/21

THOMAS PATRICK ANGORA - By Carol Montante
 DONALD BROWN - By Carol Brown
 VALERIE MICHELS - By Family
 PETER RUBINO - By Angelina Rubino



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from June 15th – June 21st in loving memory of Peter Rubino by Angelina Rubino.



**LINEN CLEANING: JUNE 14
 PAM KUNZER**

**Reflections on Readings for
 The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***"He Summoned His Twelve Disciples
 And Gave Them Authority Over Unclean Spirits"***

This Sunday celebrates Jesus sending His twelve apostles to proclaim the kingdom of God to the lost sheep of Israel. *"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest."*



In our first reading (Exodus 19:2-6), we hear of Moses ascending Mount Sinai while the twelve tribes of Israelites were camped at the base of the mountain. God gave Moses a message for the Israelites, declaring their status as God's chosen people, to lead others to worship God: *"Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."*

In our Epistle reading (Romans 5:6-11), St. Paul reminds us that *"God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* And now that we are reconciled to God through the death of His Son, *"how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by His life."*

In our Gospel reading (Matthew 9:36 - 10:8), Jesus was moved with pity at the sight of the crowds *"troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."* Jesus then declared God's need for laborers to be sent into the field to harvest souls. Jesus *"summoned the twelve and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness."* Jesus did not send them out to the ends of the earth (that would come later) but first to the *"the lost sheep of the house of Israel"* to proclaim *"The Kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

There is a unity between our first reading of the twelve tribes of Israel encamped at the foot of Mount Sinai and the twelve apostles, chosen by Christ, now being sent out as the new shepherds to the lost sheep of Israel. Like the Israelites of old, the apostles are the new patriarchs of the *"kingdom of priests, a holy nation"*. We, the followers of Christ, are also part of this kingdom of priests. Our mission, like the apostles and the Israelites at Mount Sinai, is to lead others to worship God. We do this first by our example and witness, but also by having the courage to speak God's truth to all who will listen.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/061426.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy




Incense Used




Family Mass


We continue to grow
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 + **COMMUNITY**



Teaching Mass




Catholic Social Teaching




Doughnut Sundays


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Hospitality
Welcome



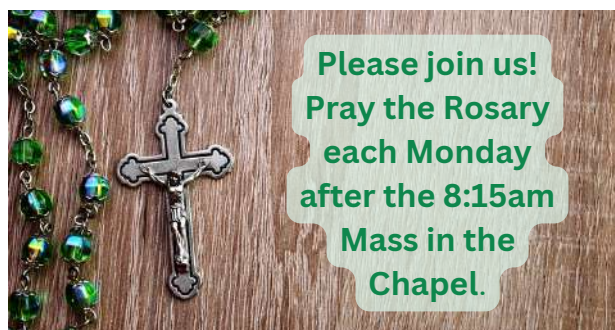
First Holy Communion at Mass



Students Participating at Mass




Our Focus is The Ever-Growing Beauty of our Masses




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

If you attend a different church for weekend Mass, you can place your St. Rita Church Offering Envelope in that church's collection basket/donation slot and it will be sent back to us. We do this in turn for other parishes whose parishioners are here visiting our church.



We have votive prayer candle lights located in the back of Church for you to offer special intentions. You may place your offering in the Donation slot.

DID YOU KNOW?



There will be no Daily Mass and the Parish Offices will be closed on Friday, June 19th for the Juneteenth holiday.

Men's Faith Group

Join us to discuss topics that strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

Monday, June 15th at 7:00pm
Room 1

Contact John Matina at 585-314-6096 if you have any questions.

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.



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.

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.

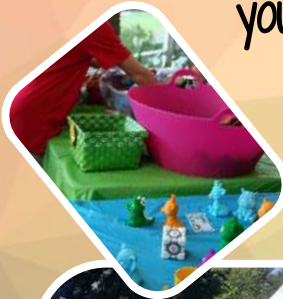
MANY, MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE 2026 FIESTA!

To our 275+ weekend volunteers, those who donated gift baskets, books, sweets, and plants, event sponsors, contest participants, and everyone who attended - you were a huge part of making our 71st Fiesta a success.

Check back soon to see how we did and how you can get involved next year!



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!



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.

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.



For Frequently Asked Questions scan the QR Code

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



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.Cohnedor.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.

JOIN OUR TEAM AT ST. RITA SCHOOL!



Now welcoming applications for a **4th Grade Teacher** for next school year - 2026-2027

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WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET



Email for complete job description Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27th - 31st

Teen Volunteers Welcome!



We are looking for volunteers in grades 7+ to help us make a safe and fun experience for younger students.

HELP WANTED!

We need all the help we can get to welcome our growing community this year! 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.

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.



DID YOU KNOW?

The family room isn't a "crying room" and other tips for families with children:

- **We joyfully welcome your children in our community exactly as God made them! We hope you feel welcome to stay in your pew with your vocal or mobile child. If an alternate location to worship would make your family more comfortable, we invite you to take advantage of the family room, narthex, greeting area, or confessional room. The family room at the rear of the church has volume control, a privacy curtain, flexible seating, and books and toys for you to use as needed.**
- **Our Kid Kits have child-friendly books and fun surprises to help keep your child engaged in the celebration of Mass. Kits are available to borrow in the greeting area.**
- **We include a Children's Liturgy of the Word or children's homily at our 10:30am Sunday Masses.**

WHO IS READY FOR SOME SUMMER KICKBALL?

JULY 14-AUGUST 19

GRADES 2-5 TUES AT 6:30 PM

GRADES 6-12 WED AT 6:30 PM

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SIGN UP HERE!

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	
May 17	235	191	398	824
May 24	205	166	320	691
May 31	135	187	220	542

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 Spring Wish List:

- Ground Coffee - 1 lb. Bags/Containers
- Cleaning Supplies - All Purpose, Glass
- Crackers
- Pineapple
- Beets (canned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Body Wash

Thank you!



Thank you

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Apr	\$ 54,191	\$ 56,540	-\$2,349	\$ 13,548	\$54,862
week of May 17	\$12,404	\$14,135	-\$1,731	--	\$14,643
week of May 24	\$14,067	\$14,135	-\$68	--	\$11,209

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!

Racial Justice Ministry Update - June 2026

It has been six years since we launched our Racial Justice Ministry. During that time, we have worked to educate, advocate, and raise awareness about the sin of racism in our society. Juneteenth offers a fitting moment to remind our parish of why racial healing is important for Catholics.

Juneteenth—recognizing the end of slavery in the United States—has a deeper spiritual meaning because it calls us to face a moral truth: In God’s sight, every person shares the same dignity.

Racism is contrary to Christian faith and love and therefore a failure of charity.

Pope Francis warned that fear and contempt toward others can lead to “real acts of intolerance, discrimination or exclusion” that “seriously harm the dignity of those involved as well as their fundamental rights.” And most recently, Pope Leo XIV issued a landmark apology for the Holy See’s direct involvement in legitimizing slavery and its failure to condemn the practice. He described the Vatican’s historical record as a “wound in Christian memory.”

The Church also teaches that racism is not only personal; it can become embedded in society. The U.S. bishops note that racism “is not limited to individual sin,” and that the Catechism describes how such sins can create “structures of sin,” producing social situations and institutions “contrary to the divine goodness.” This means that even wounds caused “unintentionally” still require healing by the whole Body of Christ.

That is why celebrating Juneteenth matters. It is not only a commemoration of a legal change; it is a call to conversion, prayer, education, and action—so that freedom from slavery is matched by justice and full belonging for everyone.

The goal of our Racial Justice Ministry is to help our community move from awareness to real encounter and repair: speaking honestly, building unity across racial and cultural lines, and supporting efforts that dismantle structural injustice.

*May celebrating Juneteenth strengthen us to live the Gospel more fully—
until no one is treated as less than created in God’s image.*

For more information on Juneteenth celebrations, see our website.



**For questions or anyone wishing to join this ministry, please contact Deacon Jim.
We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Room 1.**

Sources:

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www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2018/september/documents/papa-francesco_20180920_conferenza-razzismo.html.



Why do I, Princess J. Fame, like being on the Racial Justice Committee?

To do God's will by being His disciple and a voice for His people.



Being on the committee has allowed me to work with people who care about justice for all humankind. To work side by side with the Catholic Church's Social Teaching. It has allowed me to look at my own biases and to transform not just myself, but to help others see that we have all been affected by injustice one way or another.

So, what do we do about it? We first recognize that we are all made in the image of God. Then we choose courage over fear and brainstorm ways we can make a difference in this world without creating more hate. One way to do this is to find out why other cultures celebrate their heritage and independence. Why do African Americans celebrate Juneteenth? The simple reason is to keep their history alive. To recognize the ancestors that came before them. Their journey and the hardships that were placed upon them. Their dignity was stripped away from them, new names were given to them, they weren't allowed to read or write, and they didn't even know their correct birth date. Yet they prevailed, through our Heavenly Father, making a way for us to gain our freedom. That is still being fought for in this day and time. There's an old song African Americans have always sung called "We Have Come This Far by Faith," and we are leaning on the Lord to see us through. Without songs like this, our spiritual faith would have died, but despite the humiliation, my ancestors made it to freedom.

What does Racial Justice mean to me? It means that we all deserve the right to be respectful of one another. We belong on this earth, and we deserve to live in the "Home of the Free and the home of the brave without being mistreated for the color of our skin or whatever uniqueness we bring to the table.



Sojourner Truth, an American abolitionist and activist for African American civil rights, said,

"I am taking this name because I was stripped of my birth name and my dignity."



Sister Thea Bowman, a black Catholic on the road to Sainthood, taught on the "isms" of this world and how cruel it was and how we, the people, should not be a part of it.

Pope Paul VI, in his message for the 1972 World Day for Peace, famously stated,
"Justice will bring Peace...If you want Peace, work for Justice."

~Princess J. Fame, Racial Justice Committee Member

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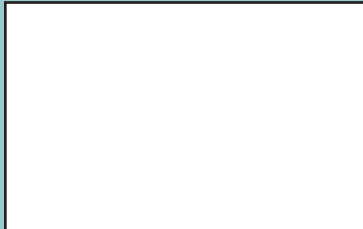
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