

JUNE 21, 2026

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



God our Father,

In your wisdom and love
you have created us and
called us your own.

Bless our fathers, that they may
be strengthened as Christian
fathers.

Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.

In moments of joy,
rejoice with them.

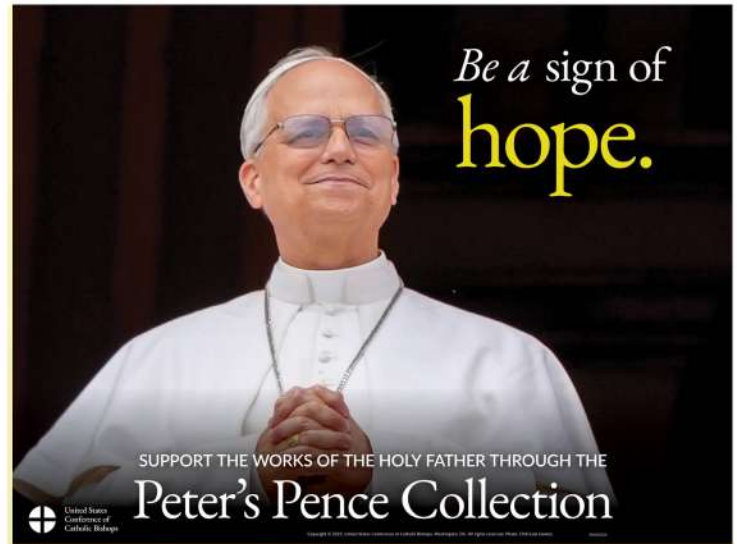
In times of struggle, give them
your courage and perseverance.

Grant that we, their sons and
daughters, may honor and
appreciate them always with a
spirit of profound respect.

May the example and prayer of
St. Joseph inspire them to live
their vocation with courage.

Grant this through Christ our
Lord.

Amen.



For centuries, Catholics have expressed our
unity with the Pope by giving to Peter's Pence
Collection, which supports his mission to
proclaim Christ's message of unity and peace
with the world.

*Our gifts to the Holy Father are
"concrete signs of hope".*

Next weekend, we will take up this collection to
benefit our sisters and brothers on the margins
of society, including victims of war, oppression,
and disasters.



COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, June 27 at the 5:00pm
Mass to enjoy music from our
"Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

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 20/21

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

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

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 7:00PM Rochester Hope Ministry - Rm 1

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026

8:15AM Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 6:30 PM Fiesta Debrief - Rm 1

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM **GEORGE MAYNARD** - By Family Mass

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 2026

8:15AM Mass

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026

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

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JUNE 27/28

KATHLEEN BIFARELLA - By Kimberly Bifarella
 FRANK FUSS - By Harry Maier
 ELEANOR BREEN - By Family
 PAUL COOPER - By Linda Williams



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from June 22nd – June 28th in loving memory of George Maynard by his family.

SF Sensory Friendly Mass

CL Children's Liturgy of the Word

C Count It All Joy

I Incense Used

F Family Mass

**LINEN CLEANING: JUNE 21
 MARY ANN BEIKIRCH**



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.



Reflections on Readings for
 The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"Do Not Be Afraid;
 You Are Worth
 Many Sparrows"***



The readings for this Sunday give us encouragement to live out our faith as we are called to do, regardless of the consequences. Do not be afraid in the face of persecution or the scorn of others, because our faith is a gift from God. There is nothing anyone can do to hurt us. In the end, it is only the love we have for God and for others that matters. As Jesus commanded us, *"Fear no one."*

In our first reading (Jeremiah 20:10-13), we hear one of the laments of the prophet Jeremiah, who was continuously persecuted for speaking God's truth. Despite experiencing *"terror on every side"*, he remained steadfast in his faith in God.

In our Epistle reading (Romans 5:12-15), St. Paul compares and contrasts the role of the "old Adam" with that of the "new Adam" (Jesus). One brought sin and death into the world while the other brought life and salvation. Jesus undid the transgression of Adam with His *"gracious gift"* through the grace of God.

In our Gospel reading (Matthew 10:26-33), Jesus prepared His apostles for the persecutions they would experience as He commissioned them to go to the *"lost sheep of Israel"*, to *"proclaim that the Kingdom of God is at hand."* This mission was but a foretaste of the persecutions they would encounter proclaiming the risen Christ to the world. Almost every one of the apostles was thought to have been martyred for their faith in Christ. None of it mattered though, because their persecutors could not kill the soul. The only one to fear was the evil one who could kill both body and soul. Jesus told them, not one sparrow falls to the ground without the Father's knowledge. *"So do not fear; you are worth more than many sparrows."*

In many ways, we too are called to be prophets, to speak God's truth to the world—to our children, our spouses or family members, in the workplace, in the marketplace, even in Church. And in so doing, we too may suffer persecutions, scorn, or ridicule. But we should take comfort in knowing that God has our back - so much more so than even the sparrow. Our heavenly reward awaits us all the more. In the words of the prophet Jeremiah, *"The LORD is with me, like a mighty champion."*

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062126.cfm

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

\$10 PER PLAYER

CO-ED TEAMS

GAMES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS



SIGN UP HERE!

SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT



Young People Who Care

Last summer, eight of us traveled to Frenchville, PA to live and work with the Anawim Community at the Bethany Retreat Center.

We picked blueberries, cooked meals together, prayed morning and evening prayer, and spent our days providing service, support, and company to those in need.

This summer, we're taking a group of 13 people the week of July 5-10. Next weekend, trip participants will be available after each Mass to answer questions and accept your cash or check donations towards the trip, supplies, and to support the work of the community.

We appreciate your prayers for a productive and purposeful week!



Interested in joining us next year?

Please let Fr. Tim or Elizabeth Kwiatkowski know and we'll add you to the info list. This is a great opportunity for older teens to attend on their own (16-18 year olds) or younger teens and children to attend with a parent or guardian.

Did you enjoy the Fiesta this year?
Want to get more involved next year?
Have some ideas to share?

Join us on Wednesday, June 24 at
6:30 pm in Room 1!



JOIN THE CELEBRATION. GIVE BLOOD.

Blood Drive St. Ritas Church

Gymnasium
1008 Maple Drive
Webster, NY 14580

Wednesday, July 1, 2026
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.





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!*



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.

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?



**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.

St. Rita School --- Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

♥ We were honored to welcome Bishop John Bonnici to St. Rita School! He celebrated our annual Moving Up Mass- a cherished St. Rita tradition that marks the close of another school year and celebrates our students as they prepare to take the next step in their educational journey. The Mass serves as a meaningful reminder of how each grade level builds upon the last, helping our students grow in faith, knowledge, leadership, and service.

♥ Following Mass, Bishop Bonnici spent time touring the school, visiting classrooms and experiencing firsthand the faith-filled learning, joyful spirit, and strong sense of community that make St. Rita so special.

♥ The Annual SRS Blue & Gold day to celebrate the end of the school year is on June 23rd! We can't wait to see the departing 5th grade pep rally, watch all of our students participate in fun games outside, and cheer on all our students and alumni during the beloved Tug of War before the hot dog lunch! It's the best way to kick off summer and celebrate an amazing year of learning and growth!

♥ We wish everyone a fun and safe summer and a huge thank you to all of our wonderful staff for your dedication to fostering a deep love of learning through JOY-Jesus, Others, and Yourself!



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



JOIN OUR TEAM AT ST. RITA SCHOOL !



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

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.

WHY I AM A CATECHIST

I felt extra pressure, being the wife of a deacon, to be able to convey the importance of our faith to 2nd graders. I did not need to worry - everything is in the materials and I quickly found additional ways to teach something if my students were at different levels. Anne is very supportive and helpful and reminded me that we want the children to feel a part of a Catholic community by their shared experiences, whatever those may be. You learn quickly that every week is different and you may or may not get all the material covered.

I can only do this work because I always have an awesome assistant in my classroom to help with crafts, book activities, or just to refocus a student. The students themselves help me teach as they share their stories and knowledge about Jesus with their classmates. ~Bernadette Rall

If you have any questions about ways to get involved in Faith Formation, Sacramental Preparation, or Confirmation, reach out to Anne Thomas at 671-1100 or anne.thomas@dor.org.

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 24	205	166	320	691
May 31	135	187	220	542
June 7	160	183	265	608

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 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

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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