

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

*Lent 2026*

# *From Death to Life*

It may be that someday you will be sitting by the bedside of a loved one whose time in this life is coming to an end. At some point along this journey, you come to realize that it is time to call for a priest to provide Last Rites. For many people in this position, this is a difficult call because it is an admission to the reality that the loved one is going to die. It can seem like giving up hope. Nonetheless, Last Rites are an embracing of the hope that the individual is on a journey into eternal life. The Last Rites are a source of spiritual food and strength for this journey, an embracing of hope in the promises of Jesus Christ.

Last Rites are composed of three of the seven Sacraments: Confession, Anointing of the Sick, and the Eucharist (when near death the Eucharist is called Viaticum, which is Latin for "food for the journey").

When these Sacraments are conferred on a person at other times in their life, these are known as the Sacraments of Healing.

## **How often can someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing?**

*As often as needed or desired. If you grow weaker, if your suffering increases, if your illness becomes worse, you can be anointed again.*

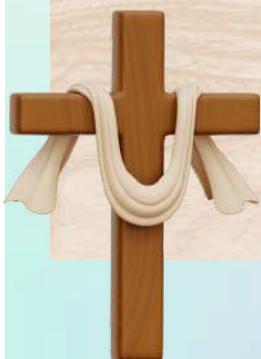
The official documents say, "this Sacred Anointing is to be conferred on the faithful who because of sickness, mental illness, or age are seriously ill." Also, "the Sacred Anointing may be conferred on people of advanced age whose strength has been much weakened, even if a serious illness is not apparent."

The Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist are important for people at all stages and events of their lives. All Catholics have a right to these Sacraments, though it can be difficult to keep in touch with everyone whose health or living situations have changed. Perhaps they have become homebound, are in hospital, in hospice, or in nursing care facilities. Please help individuals keep in touch with us by encouraging them to call or, with their permission, make the call yourselves.

**You can call Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister (671-1100 ext. 103) or Fr. Tim (671-1100 ext. 106).**

Anyone facing illness, life challenges, and those seeking spiritual or emotional healing can be anointed.

**To receive the Sacrament, remain in church for a brief prayer service following all Masses on March 21 & 22.**



These Sacraments connect with Lent as a journey through the spiritual death of our old selves and into the bright life of our resurrection with Christ.

These Sacraments are a part of the rich Tradition of Lent and because of this, Lent can be a kind of rehearsal for our participating in these Sacraments during our ongoing journey from death and into eternal life.

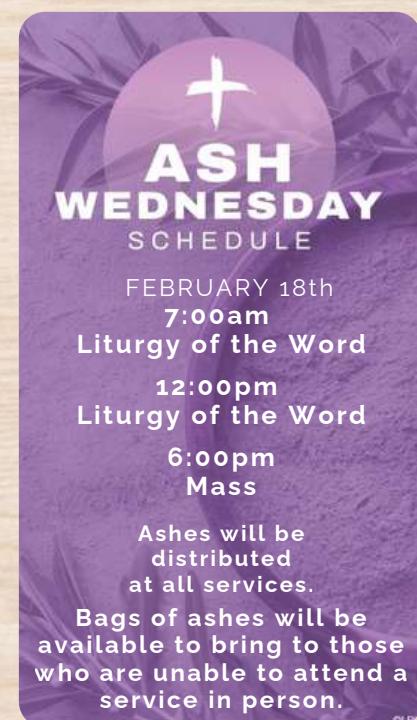
**Wishing you a deeply wonderful Lent and Easter!**

**With love, I am sincerely yours in Christ.**

*- Fr. Tim*

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# Where are you finding strength for the journey?



MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS
<p><b>Mass</b> 8:15 am</p> <p><b>Reconciliation</b> 8:45-9:15 am</p> <p><b>Topics with Fr. Tim</b> 9:30-11 am</p> <p><b>Topics with Fr. Tim</b> 6:30-8 pm</p>	<p><b>Mass</b> 8:15 am</p> <p><b>Adoration</b> 9:00-9:30 am</p> <p><b>Individual Prayer</b> 4-6 pm</p> <p><b>Saintly Supper</b> 6-6:45 pm</p> <p><b>Saintly Inspiration</b> 6:45-8 pm</p>	<p><b>Communion Service</b> 8:15 am</p>	 <p><b>Adoration</b> 4-6 pm</p> <p><b>Reconciliation</b> 4:00-5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Mass</b> 6 pm</p>	<p><b>Mass</b> 8:15 am</p> <p><b>Guided Stations of the Cross</b> 5-5:30 pm</p> <p><b>Fish Fry</b> 5-6:30 pm</p>

## My Hope is in You Bible and Faith Sharing



How does this reading apply to me today?  
What is the significance of water during Lent?  
Why did Paul write such long sentences?

If you've ever asked yourself these questions, you are not alone!

Join this series of **Topics with Fr. Tim** for engaging faith sharing and learning sessions on Mondays. Where will the conversation go? You never know!

Come to one or come to all - the morning and evening sessions will be on the same readings and prayers - attend whichever fits your schedule.

Childcare is available! Send an email to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org with the session time and age(s) of your child(ren).

Jesus always hears our prayers.  
Have you given Him the space to answer?  
Have a conversation with Jesus during **Adoration and Exposition** on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Check out our selection of reflections, prayer books, rosaries and more if you need some prayer guidance during this time.

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** is available on Mondays from 8:45-9:15 am, Thursdays from 4-5:30 pm, Saturdays from 4-4:30 pm, and by appointment.

Guides to making a stress-free confession are available in church and on our website.

## Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy

**Tuesday, March 24**

Please visit our website at [www.saintritawebster.org](http://www.saintritawebster.org) for times and participating area churches.



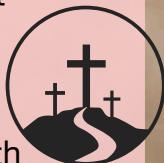
All journeys need good food! Join us on Tuesdays for free, delicious **Saintly Suppers** in the Parish Center, followed by **Saintly Inspiration** from a variety of presenters.



All ages are welcome - childcare & family-friendly activities will be provided.

Walk with Jesus through His last hours...and be reminded that He *always* walks with you.

Join us for a different **Guided Stations of the Cross** each Friday afternoon in church at 5:00 pm.



## Taizé Prayer Tuesday, March 24 6:45pm

Feel God's presence in the quiet candlelight, peaceful readings, and beautiful songs.



Take home a Rice Bowl and Lenten Reflection Book, available in the church Greeting Area.

Simple ways to add to your personal Lenten journey!



## St. Joseph's Table - Saturday, March 21 6 pm

Join us as we celebrate St. Joseph! This tradition began in Sicily in 1324 in thanksgiving for favors received from God through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Today we offer the Table as a way to express our thankfulness for the blessings that God has bestowed on us and our parish. We invite you and your family to join us for this delicious celebration of our blessings!

**Your donations of meatless dishes make this free meal possible. Let us know what you would like to bring here:**



## Game Nights! 6-8 pm on Fridays in Lent

Come over to Room 1 to play some board or card games. All ages welcome! Games are provided - or bring your favorite!



## LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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Your generosity helps us continue our good works and much needed ministries. To set up recurring online payments or make any changes to your current giving, please visit our Giving page at [www.stritawebster.org/give-online](http://www.stritawebster.org/give-online)

## Join us for **FISH FRY FRIDAYS!**



**Fridays 5:00pm - 6:30pm**

February 20-March 27

St. Rita Parish Center

Eat in or take out!

**Fish Dinner...\$16/\$15 for seniors**

**Child-size Fish Dinner...\$9**

**Cheese Pizza...\$9 whole/\$5 half**

Dinners include fried or baked fish, potato wedges, coleslaw or applesauce, and a roll.

Drinks and desserts are also available.

Proceeds support St. Rita School.

*Cash and credit accepted.*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**SUMMER 2026!**



**JULY 27-31**

Enrollment opens after Easter for ages 4-10!

## JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

**Monday  
March 2  
4:30 & 6 pm**

*Learn more about the season of Lent as we prepare our hearts for Holy Week and Easter.*

*All families with children in grades K-7 are invited to this free event.*








Rochester Hope is a ministry chosen by our Pastoral Council to build a meaningful partnership with our parish.

Together, we strive to live Catholic Social Teaching, give parishioners regular chances to serve, and form a lasting bond between St. Rita Parish and the Rochester Hope community.

Volunteers began serving at Rochester Hope in January, and many parishioners have already participated.

You are invited to join this meaningful work.

To learn more:  
 Online – <https://tinyurl.com/RochHope>  
 Email – [julie.cohn@dor.org](mailto:julie.cohn@dor.org) Phone – 671-1100 ext. 103  
 Thank you for considering this ministry.

## Churches Offering Meals To Everyone



Free meals to individuals and families who are looking for fellowship and would like a home-cooked meal in a friendly atmosphere.

St. Rita will be hosting  
 C.O.M.E - Webster Community Dinners  
 Wednesday, March 25th  
 Wednesday, April 22nd  
 5:00pm - 6:30pm  
 More information : [julie.cohn@dor.org](mailto:julie.cohn@dor.org)  
 585-671-1100 ext. 103

## Breakfast @ St. Rita

Join us for breakfast and fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month.  
**8:30am - 10:00am**

**DONUT SUNDAYS**  
 JOIN US EVERY 3RD SUNDAY AFTER MASSES

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John  
 Encounter Jesus in a new way and discover the joy of divine friendship with Christ.

*Starts April 12!*

St. Rita School  
 Annual Blue & Gold  
 Celebration

**Saturday, February 28**

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [www.srswebster.org](http://www.srswebster.org)

Thanks for supporting our school!



**DECADES DANCE PARTY**

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**  
**6-8 PM**

We're celebrating 75 years...with dancing! Starting with 1950s music, food, and accessories and working our way up to the 2020s, join us for a fun evening for all ages. Costumes encouraged! Ticket info coming soon.

**Save the new date!**

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**ST. RITA  
 Fiesta!**

**FRIDAY, MAY 29 & SATURDAY, MAY 30**

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

**WIN \$10,000!**

**\$20 per ticket**

**Drawing on May 30 at 8 pm**

**Tickets on sale during Lenten Fish Fry Dinners, at the Parish Office, and in church after Easter**

Visit our website for details on all of our upcoming events and more great info!

[www.saintritawebster.org](http://www.saintritawebster.org)

# Saintly Suppers

6-6:45 pm

# Lent Tuesdays @ St. Rita

# • Saintly Inspiration

8 crockpots of delicious soup, stew, & pasta  
(plus bread and cookies!)  
10+ tables of friends, both old and new  
5 weeks to grow in relationship and holiness

Share your cooking gifts! Sign up to bring a crockpot full of your favorite dish ...or pick up bread or cookies from the store if cooking is not your thing. Would you rather help with set up or clean up? Great! You are our special guest - a donation or assistance is not a requirement to join us for dinner...but if you're able to sign up for something, you can do it here:

[www.stritawebster.org/saintly](http://www.stritawebster.org/saintly)



## Tuesday, February 24

Tonight's dinner theme is SIMPLE! Share a dish that has 5 ingredients or less (not counting spices).

## Tuesday, March 3

Tonight's dinner theme is  
75th ANNIVERSARY!

Enjoy some of our parish's favorite dishes found in the recently published parish cookbook.

## Tuesday, March 10

Tonight's dinner theme is CHILI! Share your best recipe with us - meat or vegetarian options welcome.

Vote on categories such as spiciest, most unique, and crowd favorite.

\*Mac cheese and plain pasta will also be available.

## Tuesday, March 17

Tonight's dinner theme is IRISH! Wear green and enjoy corned beef, cabbage, and more.

## Tuesday, March 24

Tonight's dinner theme is AROUND THE WORLD! Let's celebrate the many flavors that come from other countries.

After dinner, we've got a great line up of activities featuring messages from some special Saints.

Whether you are an expert on or new to the subject, we'll share something for all ages to use on your Lenten journey.

Can you identify these Saints who may be joining us on the journey?  
Bring your answers to supper!

1. My name was originally John.
2. I found freedom in owning nothing.
3. I showed every person and creature equal respect.
4. I always lived with joy.

**Who am I?**

1. I was born in London and buried in Assisi.
2. I called the Eucharist "my highway to heaven".
3. I loved playing video games, but limited my playing time to put God first.
4. Just like one of my heroes, I loved animals and met all in need with great compassion.

**Who am I?**

1. I dedicated my life to the service of the poorest of the poor.
2. I am a symbol of love and compassion.
3. Even when I felt separated from God, I shared His love with all.
4. I inspired many people to live with simplicity, prayer, and sacrifice.

**Who am I?**

1. I was born in Scotland.
2. I was a shepherd (though not by choice).
3. I brought thousands to God by using offering simple teachings on complex mysteries.
4. I was a champion of women's rights.

**Who am I?**

# Join us for Holy Week!

**PALM SUNDAY - MARCH 28 & 29**

**Masses at 5:00pm Saturday; 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday**

We celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem with an opening procession, blessing of palms, and the Passion reading.

**HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 2**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm  
followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00pm**

We recreate the Last Supper of the Apostles, complete with washing of feet, sharing the Eucharist, and praying with Jesus late into the night. Traditionally, people visit several churches this evening for a few minutes of Adoration.

**GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 3**

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00pm**

This continuation of the Holy Thursday celebration includes extended Solemn Intercessions, veneration of the Holy Cross, and another reading of the Passion of Jesus.

**HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 4**

**\*\*Blessing of Easter Food at Noon\*\***

**Easter Vigil at 8:00pm**

We begin around the bonfire and bring the Light of Christ into the church. New adult members are welcomed into the church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion at this Mass.

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5**

**Masses at 7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am**

*Alleluia! Christ is Risen!*