

MARCH 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

Taizé Prayer
Tuesday, March 24
6:45pm in church

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



SAINTLY SUPPERS

Join us on Tuesday evenings from 6-6:45 pm for a free meal with our parish family.

If you'd like to make or bring something, you can sign up here



WITH HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY

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

Mike Geer
Karen Geer's husband

Vincent Panepinto
Brother of Marguerite Laniok

Giuseppa Vicari

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Mondays 8:45am - 9:15am
 Thursdays during Lent 4:00pm - 5:30pm
 Saturdays 4:00pm - 4:30pm

Day of Penance and Mercy
 Tuesday, March 24
 7:00am - 8:00am and 11:00am - 2:00pm

*"Don't be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus who forgives you."
 ~ Pope Francis*

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

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!

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from March 23rd - March 29th in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.



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

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 21/22

SAVERIO MONACHINO - By Brian & Kimberly Bifarella Briggs
 CARMELA LATKOWSKI - By Pat Proietti & Barbara Standing
 BRIAN LAING - By John & Mary Beth Klofas
 RITA ROIDES - By Carl & Phyllis Mannillo

Anointing of the Sick Prayer Service Following All Masses This Weekend

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026

1:00PM Confirmation Yr. 2/YPWC Retreat
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM **CL** Mass
 6:00PM St. Joseph's Table - Parish Center

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM Mass
 11:30AM Confirmation Yr. 2 Retreat

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

8:15AM VINCENT CLARK - By The Ciccarelli Family Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 9:30AM My Hope is in You - Bible and Faith Sharing - Church
 4:30PM Faith Formation
 6:30PM My Hope is in You - Bible and Faith Sharing - Rm 3
 6:30PM Faith Formation Vision Meeting - Parish Office
 6:45PM Rochester Hope Planning Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 - DAY OF PENANCE AND MERCY

7:00AM - 8:00AM Confessions
 8:15AM Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3
 11:00AM - 2:00PM Confessions
 6:00PM - 6:45PM Sainly Supper - Parish Center
 6:45PM Taize Prayer Service - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 4:00PM & 6:30PM Sacrament Preparation
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Community Dinner - Parish Center
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 4:00PM - 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration with Reconciliation - Church
 6:00PM Mass
 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

8:15AM ROBERT BEIKIRCH - By Peg Ryan Mass
 5:00PM Guided Stations of the Cross - Church
 5:00PM - 6:30PM Fish Fry - Gym
 6:00PM - 8:00 PM Game Night - Rm 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 - PALM SUNDAY

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

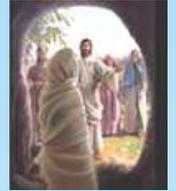
INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 28/29

JUDITH PELLITTIERI - By Kate Sherry
 JOHN FOGARTY - By Family
 THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE RUBINO FAMILY - By Angela Rubino
 SAVERIO & ROSEMARIE PALUMBO & ALFONSO & FRANCESCA MAGRI
 - By Anthony & Angela Magri and Family

Reflections on Readings for the
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

"I Am The Resurrection And The Life"

Our readings for this Sunday focus our attention on the promise of new life in the resurrection. It is a promise not to be taken lightly. This promise is central to our faith.



Our first reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14) is an excerpt from the prophet Ezekiel's "vision of the valley of bones", prophesied during the time of Judah's exile in Babylon. It was a time when all hope seemed lost. In Ezekiel's vision, God commanded that the prophesy of a time when Israel would be restored and the "dry bones" in their graves would be raised from the dead and given flesh and sinew and breath. "Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live..."

In our Epistle reading (Romans 8:8-11), St. Paul draws a sharp contrast between those who live in Christ and those who are still "in the flesh". For those believers who are living "in the Spirit", they will know the resurrection through the Spirit. Saint Paul tells us, "If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit dwelling in you."

In our Gospel reading (John 11:1-45), we hear the story of Jesus raising His friend Lazarus from the dead. When Jesus was told that His friend Lazarus was dying, He remained where He was another two days. He didn't go to His friend until Lazarus was already dead. Jesus said to His apostles, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." Jesus did this "so that the crowd may believe that you (the Father) sent me". This was a foretaste of the bodily resurrection that will come to us all at the final judgement. This is not unlike our first reading from Ezekiel when the Lord will "open your graves and have you rise from them."

This Sunday's readings, along with the previous two Sundays (Woman at the Well and the Healing of the Man Born Blind), all from the Gospel according to John, were traditionally used as instruction and insight for catechumens in preparation for Baptism. May the reflection on these teachings be a source of renewal of our own Baptism as we prepare for the events we will re-live during Holy Week and Easter.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032226.cfm>



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

LINEN CLEANING: MARCH 22
CAROL SCIOLINO

Women's Faith Sharing

Thursday, March 26th
7:00pm in Room 1

Women's Faith Sharing will meet once a month to discuss topics to strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

Please contact Jane Murray at jmurr66@yahoo.com for more information.



As we continue our Catholic Social Teaching conversations about **Solidarity, here are some ways to practice that teaching in our everyday lives:**

Volunteer at Hope House, Rochester Hope, Habitat for Humanity, or other outreach programs.

Join or form a prayer group to pray for the needs of the world.

Contribute to natural disaster funds.

Sign up for a summer service project in your community or here at St. Rita.

Offer to pick up groceries for a neighbor with mobility issues.

"Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." ~Peter 4:9-10

- **As a greeter at Mass**
- **At Breakfast @ St. Rita**
- **At St. Rita C.O.M.E. Dinners**

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Check out the Catholic Social Teaching Tree in church for other ideas.

Did you know that you can dispose of your palms from last year?



They need to be burned (in a fireplace or grill for example) or bury them in the ground.

You may also drop off your old palms in the basket located in the Greeting Area.

Last weekend for old palms to be dropped off is

March 28th & 29th.

Holy Week

Holy Thursday - April 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm
(please arrive by 6:45)

followed by Eucharistic Adoration until Night Prayer at 9:45pm



Good Friday - April 3

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Holy Saturday - April 4

Blessing of Easter Food at Noon
Easter Vigil at 8:00pm



Easter Sunday - April 5

7:30am, 9:30am, & 11:30am

Please Note:

These are not our regular weekend Mass times.



Pope John Paul II defined solidarity: "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good, because we are all really responsible for all."

My Hope is in You

Bible and Faith Sharing
March 23 @ 9:30am or 6:30pm

Join this series of **Topics with Fr. Tim** for engaging faith sharing and learning sessions on Mondays.

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Please come up the center right hand aisle any time during Communion.



St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

This year marks the 13th consecutive year that St. Rita School will be participating in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge!

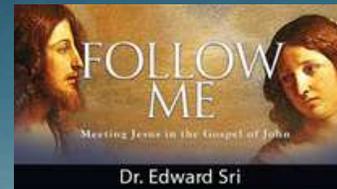


The Kids Heart Challenge focuses on whole body well-being, helping students improve their own health, and raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association.



In those previous 12 years our school has raised over \$65,000 for the American Heart Association and our school has been gifted with lots of new PE equipment with your donations!

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John with Dr. Edward Sri



Eight weekly sessions starting Sunday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 15 in Room 1

Sundays at 11:45am
April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Wednesdays at 7:00pm
April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3

The registration fee is \$25, which includes a workbook.

To register for this program, please e-mail or call the Parish Office at wstritap@dor.org or 671-1100.

If you have specific questions, please e-mail Jerry Lupien at galupien@gmail.com.

This Bible Study will guide you through John's Gospel and invite you to encounter Christ every step of the way. As you read about Jesus calling His first disciples, meeting the woman at the well, and offering Himself for us on the Cross, you are invited to enter these dramatic moments, not as a bystander, but as a witness to God's merciful love for us made manifest in Jesus Christ.

O.C.I.A. Elect and Candidates

Alexander Rosenzweig



My name is Alex Rosenzweig. I'm 15 years old and in 10th grade. I live with my parents; I have two brothers. My favorite food is pizza. I want to receive my sacraments because I want to continue to follow Jesus and have a closer relationship with God. I like Saint Rita's parish because it's a welcoming church that makes people feel more welcome to Roman Catholicism.

Thomas Somers



My name is Tom Somers and I'm 41 years old. I live in Webster with my wife Jenny and my two daughters, both of whom go to St Rita School. I was baptized when I was a baby but didn't receive my First Communion and Confirmation. Religion wasn't something that took priority in my life growing up, but as I got older, I became more curious. My oldest is working towards her first communion with her classmates. The opportunity to complete my sacraments at the same time as her just seemed like the perfect time for me. I've always liked the St Rita's community and look forward to deepening my faith here.

Kimberly Serio



Kimberly has been part of the St. Rita Parish Community for 31 years. She and her husband, John, were married at St. Rita and raised their son Zachary in the life of the parish.

Kim has served in several ministries over the years, including the St. Rita's Youth Group, Pre-Cana, and music ministry, and most recently, Count It All Joy. Although faith has always been important to her, recent life events led Kimberly to seek a deeper relationship with God and ultimately to answer the call to become Catholic. She now reads Scripture daily with her husband and spends dedicated time in prayer each day. Through this journey, she has found peace in trusting God's guidance, holding close the words of Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God." She now lives with the deep assurance that she does not have to carry life's burdens alone — God has already taken hold of them.

Alexis Kantor



Alexis has always believed in a loving God and has accepted Jesus in the past few years, leading to her pursuing baptism. She has two Masters degrees, two little dogs, and a wonderful husband. She enjoys volunteering, crafting, and spending far too much time online. If you see her in church, please feel free to introduce yourself!

Evelyn Powe



Hi, I'm Evelyn. I live in Webster with my husband, David, and we are blessed with three children. I was baptized as a Baptist teenager in New Orleans and have loved the Lord for many years. For the past 17 years, our family has been members of St. Rita, where I have grown deeply in my faith and found a true parish home.

Last Easter, during the sprinkling rite, I felt a clear call to enter into full communion with my parish family. After many years of worshipping, praying, and raising our family in the Catholic Church, I am grateful for this opportunity to complete my journey and receive the sacraments. I look forward to continuing to grow in faith alongside my family and the St. Rita community.

Laura Casserino



Hi, my name is Laura. I live in Webster with my daughters and enjoy spending time with family and being part of our community. While I was baptized Catholic, life took me on a path where I did not receive the sacrament of Confirmation. I am grateful for the opportunity through OCIA at St. Rita to deepen my faith and complete this sacrament. I look forward to continuing to grow in my relationship with God and becoming more involved in the church community.

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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If Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled. You may also call the Parish Office at 671-1100 or visit our website at www.saintritawebster.org for the most up to date closing information.

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.



No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE March & April Wish List:

- Coffee**needed for Easter distribution
- Cake frosting**Easter
- Cleaning suppllies
- Crackers
- Pineapple
- Beets (canned)
- Pasta Sauce
- Body Wash



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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Mar 1	204	168	240	612
Mar 8	260	129	260	649
Mar 15	225	192	250	667

Thank you

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Jan	\$ 57,028	\$ 56,540	+\$488	\$ 14,257	\$53,774
week of Mar 1	\$19,512	\$14,135	+\$5,377	--	\$16,880
week of Mar 8	\$14,154	\$14,135	+\$19	--	\$14,506

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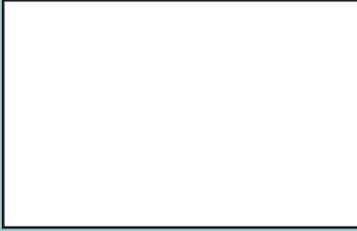
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