

MAY 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



the
**Ascension
of the
LORD**
Mass at 6:00pm
holy day of obligation

Thursday, May 14th

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**Welcome to the
Lord's Table!**

Congratulations to the children in our community celebrating their First Communion this weekend:



Nathaniel Blood	Eva Greene
Thomas Patterson	Allyson McGrath



**Join us for our final 75th
Anniversary event!**

**Friday, May 22
6-8 pm**

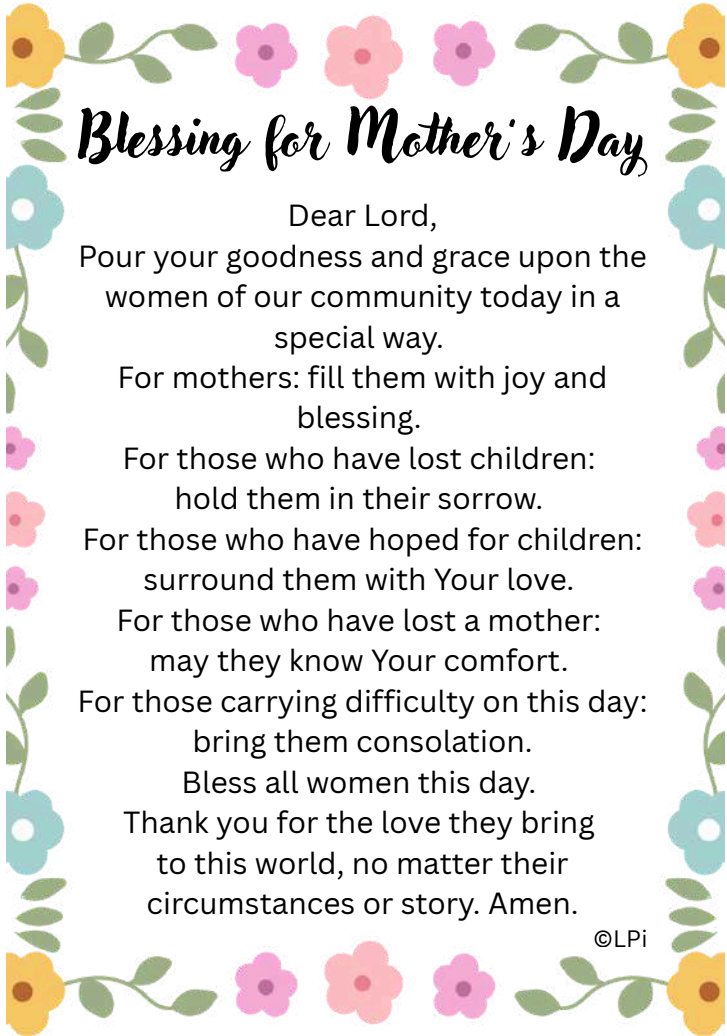
Celebrate the feast of St. Rita with some of our favorite activities:

- 🌸 a potluck dinner
- 🌸 ice cream sundaes
- 🌸 a fun team-based game about our parish history
- 🌸 a video of memories of the last 75 years

Will we be able to open the time capsule? Come and find out!








Blessing for Mother's Day

Dear Lord,
Pour your goodness and grace upon the women of our community today in a special way.
For mothers: fill them with joy and blessing.
For those who have lost children: hold them in their sorrow.
For those who have hoped for children: surround them with Your love.
For those who have lost a mother: may they know Your comfort.
For those carrying difficulty on this day: bring them consolation.
Bless all women this day.
Thank you for the love they bring to this world, no matter their circumstances or story. Amen.

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Congratulations and Welcome to the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Lucy James Rodeo

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 MAY 9/10

DIANE WALCH - By Sharon Pucher
 RITA ROIDES - By Peter and Phyllis Roberti & Family
 NICHOLAS MABE - By Paula, Nicholas, & Olivia

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM - 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1/Greeting Area
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:30AM Bible Study Session 5 - Rm 1

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

8:15AM JOANNE ERRETT - By Julie Cohn Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 11:00AM Faith Formation Planning Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2026

8:15AM ANTONETTE SPILLINA - By Jim & Pat Polvino Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3
 10:15AM Mass at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:45PM RJM Meeting - Rm 1
 7:00PM Finance Council Meeting - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 7:00PM Bible Study Session 5 - Rm 1

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 - FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM JOAN CASTON-LEWIS - By Joanne Facci & The RJM Mass
 6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

8:15AM RICHARD VOGLER - By Family Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **F** Mass
 11:30AM Bible Study Session 6 - Rm 1
 11:30AM YPWC Gathering - Greeting Area

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 16/17

JIM FOSTER - By Kathy
 BEATRIX VOELLINGER - By Family
 PAT PASSERO - By Carol Montante
 ROBERT FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from May 11th – May 17th in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish



LINEN CLEANING: MAY 10
CAROL BONCZYK

Reflections on Readings for
 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

“And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate to be with you always...”

Our readings this Sunday give us a further glimpse into the growth of the early Church, as well as the formation of the Apostles themselves. We also hear of the first Sacrament of Confirmation; we hear one of the first descriptions of Christian apologetics (defense of the faith); and we hear Jesus’ promise that He will send the Holy Spirit to be at our side always.



In our first reading (Acts of the Apostles 8: 5-8, 14-17),

we hear perhaps the first evidence of the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this story, Philip, a Deacon, was ordained to evangelize and Baptize, but the power to impart the special grace of the Holy Spirit was reserved for the Apostles and their successors. This was a separate rite imparted by the laying of hands by a Bishop, the same as it is today. **(CCC #1288)**

Our Epistle reading (1 Peter 3:15-18)

continues our readings from St. Peter’s letter to the mostly Gentile Christians in Asia Minor. Peter tells them to always be ready to give a defense of their Christian faith, but with gentleness, humility and reverence; and always live what they preach, even to the point of suffering persecutions, just as Christ suffered.

In our Gospel reading (John 14:15-21),

we hear Jesus’ Farewell Discourse to His Apostles. Jesus was not only preparing His Apostles for His departure and return to the Father, He was also promising them that He will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and remain in them forever. The word John used, ‘Paraclete’, is a Greek compound word meaning “One who is called to one’s side”. The English translation is ‘Advocate’. This new advocate, being spirit, cannot be seen, but will live within us always.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”, says the Lord. That should mean that we observe Jesus’ commandments out of a sense of love, not obligation. “On that day, you will realize that I am in the Father . . .”, says that Lord. “That day” is the day the Spirit came upon the apostles at Pentecost. That same Spirit comes to us at our Baptism and Confirmation, and comes to us every time we receive the Eucharist; and it is this same Spirit that comes to us every time we call upon Him.



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

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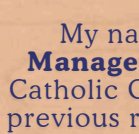
brother of Marisol Benitez

Meet the St. Rita Finance Office Team



My name is **Kasey Baker** and I am the **Regional Finance Director** for the Webster/Irondequoit Catholic Churches.

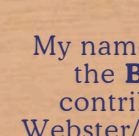
I have been with the Diocese for 15 years as a Bookkeeper and Business Manager before taking on this role in January 2026. I am a 1996 graduate of Webster HS and a 2000 graduate of SUNY Geneseo. My husband (Kevin) and I live on the east side of Webster with our 4 children who are all in college (pray for us and our bank account). When we aren't working, you can find us cheering on the Bills!



My name is **Tim Reetz, Finance Manager** for the Webster/Irondequoit Catholic Churches. A Penfield native, my previous roles were Business Manager at St. Kateri and Holy Trinity Churches. Outside of the office, you'll likely find me running or biking. Thank you for helping keep St. Rita's financially healthy!



My name is **Elizabeth Robinson** and I am the **Business Manager** for the Webster/Irondequoit Catholic Churches. I started in November 2025 and handle payroll, online giving, and venter documentation. I previously worked as an Administrative Assistant at a local podiatry office. I graduated from SUNY Jefferson in 2020 before moving to Rochester in August 2022. When I'm not working, I enjoy baking, hiking, and visiting my niece in Delaware.



My name is **Lisa Hendershot** and I am the **Bookkeeper** handling online contributions and donations for the Webster/Irondequoit Catholic Churches.

I have been a member of St. Rita Parish most of my life and have worked as Bookkeeper for the past 20 years. I live in Webster with my family and my dog.



NEXT WEEKEND, there will be a **second collection for Diocesan Mission Sunday.**



For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 17th and 18th, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gifts, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair, and emptiness prevail.

Spotlight on Vocations

A vocation, therefore, is not an immediate possession — something “given” once and for all. Instead, it is a path that unfolds much like life itself.
~Pope Leo

O Lord, help me know your will for me.
Let your light shine in the depths of my heart,
that I may know what you want me to do with my life.
Help me believe that you have a special plan for me.
Lord, I know I pass through this life only once;
help me decide how you want me to make a difference.
Like our Blessed Mother, give me the wisdom to hear your voice and the courage to answer your call.
Above all give me peace of mind and heart. *Amen.*



What opportunities or signs do you see in the your life this week?



Drop off your donations for the Fiesta

SWEETS BOOTH

at church
on May 26-28
from 6-8 pm

Home-baked* or store-bought cookies, brownies, pies, and cakes are all great!

*If homemade, please bring with a recipe and bag cookies or brownies in sets of 6.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CAROL MONTANTE



Donate a **GIFT BASKET**- value of **\$25 or more.**
Drop off at church or the parish office by **May 15.**
Please include a list of the contents.



Do you have **PLANTS** for the Fiesta?
Leave or take empty pots from the bin outside the main church doors.
Drop off plants for the sale outside the church doors **May 23-29.**



We're collecting good condition **BOOKS, PUZZLES, & GAMES** for the Fiesta Book Sale.
Drop off items at church or the Parish Office between **May 16-28.**

We need more VOLUNTEERS!
What would you like to do?



Volunteers receive a free shirt, a food ticket, and a great time!



All ages welcome - under 12 must be with an adult.

71st **it's Fiesta!** time

FRIDAY, MAY 29
4-8 PM &
SATURDAY, MAY 30
12-8 PM

DONT MISS OUT ON THE SPECTACULAR RAFFLE!

Tickets available at weekend masses and the parish office during the week.

WIN \$10,000!

RAFFLE TICKETS: **\$20 EACH**
CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT ACCEPTED



Who is O.C.I.A. for?

- Those in need of Baptism
- Those baptized in another Christian tradition who desire to become Catholic
- Those baptized Catholic in need of First Communion and/or Confirmation

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19

O.C.I.A.
(Formerly, R.C.I.A.)
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults


What is O.C.I.A.?

O.C.I.A. is centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded. This journey takes place through a process over a period of time.

Questions
Please contact Julie Cohn
Pastoral Minister at the parish office with questions.
671-1100 ext. 103.

Sponsors
Each Inquirer shares their journey with a team of parishioners and a Catholic sponsor. The sponsor is a baptized and confirmed Catholic, who is at least 16-years-old, and who is active in the Church.

PROCESS
O.C.I.A. is a gradual process by which an interested person becomes a member of the Catholic Church. O.C.I.A. marks the various steps on the way to full commitment within the Catholic Church in five specific periods.



COMING SOON!



SATURDAY
2-4 PM

Sign up with your friends for the **CORNHOLE COMPETITION** or to compete in **FRIENDLY FEUD** at the Fiesta!

SATURDAY
5:30-7:30 PM



Congratulations, Confirmandi!

Please keep in prayer our teens who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the cathedral this month.

Bolu Adunse
Paige Banks
Mateo Benitez
Zane Bianchi
Gavin Clark
Bella Clausen
Brianna Copeland
Madeleine Duffy
Austin Greenfield
Nicholas Hadcock
Madeline Hand

*May the light of Christ
guide your path.*



Connor Hengelsberg
Camden Hennessy
Andrew Lattierre
Samuel Lindley
Olivia Marsh
Will Mastrosimone
Aiden Paul
Ella Riedl
Michael Socha
George Tajc
Cori Terranova

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

Kids Heart Challenge



What an exciting assembly our God Drops had last week as we wrapped up our Kids Heart Challenge and celebrated the amazing generosity of our school and all the funds we raised for this very important cause.

Of course, the highlight for many students was watching Coach Mutrie take a few pies to the face as a reward for their amazing participation and enthusiasm! A big congratulations to Mrs. Rosso's class and Mrs. Sutley's class for being our top "Finn Challenge" winners – they've officially earned gym naming rights for the rest of the year! We are SO proud of our SRS students and community!

Animal Habitats



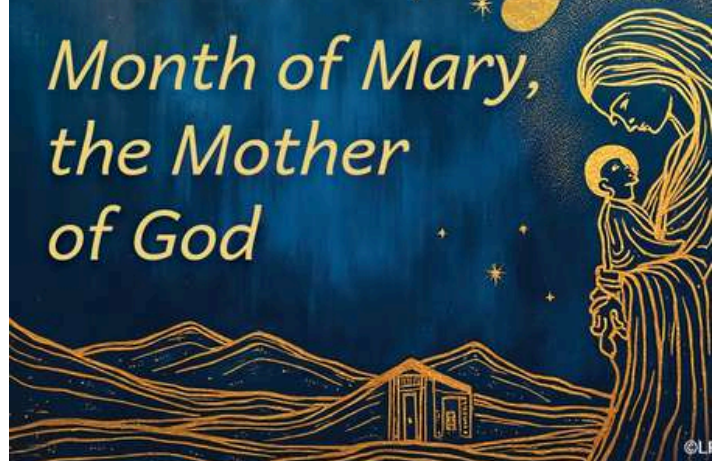
Our 2nd Grade students culminated their Animal Habitat Unit by showing off their learning and creativity through the making of their very own 3D Animal Habitat Diorama Project.

Students used shoeboxes and a variety of materials to create their rainforests, oceans, wooded forests, and more—including animals, plant life, and other elements. They will visit the Seneca Park Zoo this week as a fun field trip to tie together all their learning and hard work!



May

Month of Mary, the Mother of God



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27 - 31
9 am - noon

\$30 PER STUDENT; \$70 FAMILY MAX

Registration Now Open!



Registration is now open for students aged 4-10 and volunteers in grades 7+. Join us for a summer week of games, Bible stories, and tons of fun!

ADULT + TEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need all the help we can get to welcome our growing community this year! Teen volunteers can register on our website now. For more information about adult roles, contact Anne Thomas at 671-1100 or anne.thomas@dor.org.

All are welcome - please call 671-1100 to discuss accessibility if needed.

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	
Apr 19	294	221	350	865
Apr 26	325	205	410	940
May 3	310	189	345	844

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 Mar	\$ 72,588	\$ 70,675	+\$1,913	\$ 14,518	\$65,484
week of Apr 19	\$11,883	\$14,135	-\$2,252	--	\$9,085
week of Apr 26	\$13,743	\$14,135	-\$392	--	\$14,048

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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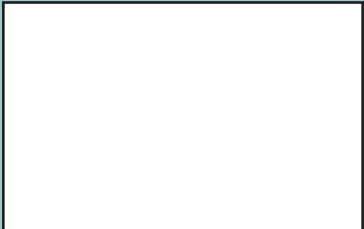
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