

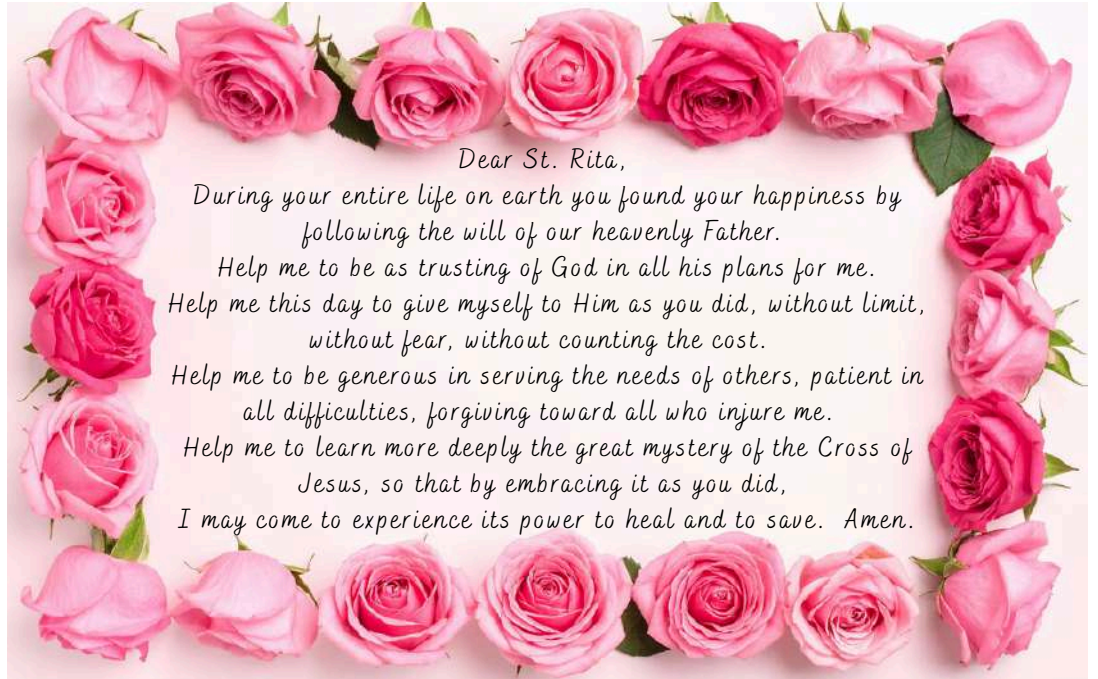
MAY 17, 2026

Seventh Sunday of Easter

# ST. RITA CHURCH



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



Dear St. Rita,  
During your entire life on earth you found your happiness by following the will of our heavenly Father.  
Help me to be as trusting of God in all his plans for me.  
Help me this day to give myself to Him as you did, without limit, without fear, without counting the cost.  
Help me to be generous in serving the needs of others, patient in all difficulties, forgiving toward all who injure me.  
Help me to learn more deeply the great mystery of the Cross of Jesus, so that by embracing it as you did,  
I may come to experience its power to heal and to save. Amen.

**Join us for our final 75<sup>th</sup> 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!*







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

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



<b>Charlie Banks</b>	<b>Milani Marino</b>
<b>Lucienne Broussard</b>	<b>Dax Richardson</b>
<b>Fordham Essley</b>	<b>Everett Rodenhizer</b>
<b>Maximiliano Klein</b>	<b>Luke Rudy</b>
<b>Colin Tehan</b>	
<b>Carmelo and Makayla BeVan</b>	
<b>Mariana and Vincenzo Costanzo</b>	
<b>Benjamin and Samantha Mastin</b>	

**NEXT WEEKEND** we celebrate the **Feast of Pentecost**, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon all the followers of Jesus.



It is our tradition here at St. Rita to **wear RED to Mass.**

**MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 DONUT SUNDAY!**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026**

8:15AM WALTER IGHARAS - By The Trinidad Family Mass  
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church  
 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

8:15AM SHEILA KOROL JOSEPH - By James Joseph Mass  
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church  
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3  
 6:30PM CPR & AED Demonstration - Rm 1

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026**

8:15AM Communion Service  
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point  
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor  
 7:00PM Bible Study Session 6 - Rm 1

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026**

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church  
 6:00PM JANET MANZELLA - By Elisa Martin & Sheila Manzella Mass  
 6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1

**FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026**

8:15AM CHRIS RYAN - By Family Mass  
 6:00PM 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Evening of Recollection/Feast of St. Rita - Gym

**SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026**

8:00AM Mass  
 10:30AM Mass  
 11:30AM Bible Study Session 7 - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 23/24

POP AND ANNE MUIR - By Karen & John and Family  
 ALTA BOLAN - By Diane Langen  
 AMODEO VINCENZA - By Grace & Family  
 DON BELL - By Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from May 18th – May 24th in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.



**LINEN CLEANING: MAY 17**  
**MARY ANN BEIKIRCH**



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used

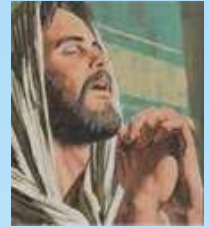


Family Mass

Reflections on Readings for  
 The Seventh Sunday of Easter

**“Father, The Hour Has Come”**

Now that Jesus had prepared His disciples for His death and return to the Father, the time for their preparation was over. Jesus now turned His prayer directly to His Father in what is known as the High Priestly Prayer ([John Chapter 17](#)).



Our readings today reflect the final days before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (next Sunday).

**In our first reading ([Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14](#)):**

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem at Jesus’ instruction and awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit (the Paraclete). As they waited, they and the disciples *“devoted themselves with one accord to prayer.”*

**In our Epistle reading ([1 Peter 4:13-16](#)),** Peter spoke

of the persecutions that were happening in Jerusalem. Peter teaches us that in Christ, suffering and glory are inextricably linked; and so it is with us, especially those who suffer for the name of Christ. St. Peter considered suffering for one’s faith as a blessing and cause for joy. *“Whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.”*

**Our Gospel passage is from the Gospel of John**

**([John 17:1-11](#)).** During the last few Sundays, we heard from Jesus’ Farewell Discourse, as Jesus prepared the apostles for His death and return to the Father, and for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Now, in this passage, the apostles overhear Jesus as He turns His focus directly to His Father in a final passionate and intimate prayer. Jesus reaffirmed His suffering as a blessing and *“glorification”* so that He may *“give eternal life to all you gave him”*. He then prayed for His disciples and for the Church that would follow. This happened at the end of the Last Supper, shortly before His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and His arrest.

Just as the disciples gathered in the upper room to await the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete, so we await as well. During next Sunday’s Mass, we will remember Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit into our world, to be our advocate, teacher, and guide. The Spirit will lead us home to the Father and to Jesus. Along the journey to our home of glory is our own passion, suffering, and death.

May we see it as an opportunity to unite our suffering with the suffering of Jesus and, through our suffering, rejoice and find meaning, purpose, and glory.

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051026.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051026.cfm)



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

Benson Anthony Bianchi  
Ella Louise Botcher

**THIS 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.

We are reminded that our missionary activity is a living sign of our faith. The support of our Diocesan Missionaries by the Church of Rochester is a great piece of our history.

## *Companions in Grief*

**Thursday, May 21st 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](mailto:julie.cohn@dor.org) or 671-1100 ext:103.

**ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# **SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS DATES**

**FOR FAMILIES + ADULTS OF ALL AGES!**

**SAT. MAY 23<sup>RD</sup> 5PM**  
PARISH-WIDE MASS WITH SF ACCOMMODATIONS

**SUN. JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 5PM**  
A SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE WITH SENSORY NEEDS

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DCN. JIM FIEN AT [JAMES.FIEN@DOR.ORG](mailto:JAMES.FIEN@DOR.ORG)

## *Spotlight on Vocations*

*"Knowledge leads to confidence, a mindset that arises from faith and is essential both for welcoming one's vocation and for persevering in it.*

*Indeed, life reveals itself as a continual act of trusting in the Lord and abandoning ourselves to Him, even when His plans unsettle our own."*

*~Pope Leo*

**God our Father,  
You have a plan  
for each one of us,  
You hold out to us  
a future full of hope.  
Give us the wisdom  
of your Spirit  
so that we can see  
the shape of your plan  
in the gifts you have given us,  
and in the circumstances  
of our daily lives.  
Give us the freedom  
of your Spirit,  
to seek you  
with all our hearts,  
and to choose your will  
above all else. Amen.**

**Where do you need to abandon yourself to God's plans?**

## **Trinity Council News**

Webster's Knights of Columbus Trinity Council held its 56th Annual Charity Dinner on April 25th at the Webster Golf Club.

With support and contributions from businesses in the Webster area and the council's members, \$20,500 was raised for St. Michael's Woodshop, a mentoring and tutoring program for at-risk students, and Webster Comfort Care, a two-bed hospice care facility.

Trinity Council thanks members of the Webster, Ontario, and surrounding communities' businesses for their generous donations and support for this event.

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

**GIFT BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS** will be available for sale at all Masses next weekend!

Haven't turned in your basket yet? It's not too late - bring it to the Parish Office this week.

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 still 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

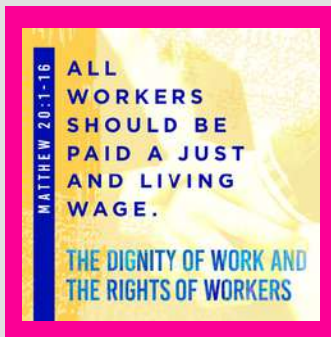
**DONT MISS OUT ON THE SPECTACULAR RAFFLE!** WIN **\$10,000!** RAFFLE TICKETS: **\$20** EACH CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT ACCEPTED

## Catholic Social Teaching

### Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

We recently heard Fr. Tim speak about Care for God's Creation. Coming soon, we'll hear about the last - but not least! - of the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching: *Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers.*

The Church teaches that the act of working is participating in God's creation. We have a duty to contribute to the world, to the extent of our abilities. And in doing that work, we also have certain rights, like fair pay.



Stop at the Fiesta table at church to sign up with your friends for



the **CORNHOLE COMPETITION**

**SATURDAY**  
2-4 PM

or to compete in **FRIENDLY FEUD** at the Fiesta!

**SATURDAY**  
5:30-7:30 PM



# St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

## May Crowning



Last week our St. Rita School community gathered together for a beautiful May Crowning prayer service honoring Mary, Our Mother, Our Queen, before kicking off Mother's Day weekend. Students participated throughout the service with prayer, song, scripture readings, flower presentations, and the crowning of Mary.

Our 2nd grade First Communion celebrants served as the honor guard during the procession with such reverence and grace.

Our class representatives also presented flowers symbolizing the virtues of Mary, creating such a meaningful part of the service.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Chamberlain for sharing such a touching reflection about how Mary became a source of comfort, prayer, and closeness to God from a very young age — and how that relationship deepened even more through motherhood.

The prayer service beautifully reminded us that even when life feels confusing or surprising, God is with us. Mary listens, cares, and loves us just as she loved Jesus.

### IS YOUR CHILD READY TO LEARN ABOUT BECOMING AN ALTAR SERVER?



Anyone in grade 2 or up who has made their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion is invited to be trained in this role.



Contact [elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org](mailto:elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org) if you are interested.

Sponsored by the St. Rita Health Ministry Team



### SAVE A LIFE with Shock for Life

Learn how you can possibly save a life!

Informational Meeting on  
May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm  
Room #1

- CPR
- AED use

This is **informational ONLY** and will not include a certification on CPR training or AED Use

[www.shockforlife.com](http://www.shockforlife.com)



### 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, May 18 at 7:00pm**  
**Room 1**

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



### 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](mailto: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 26	325	205	410	940
May 3	310	189	345	844
May 10	285	186	275	746

**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 26	\$13,743	\$14,135	-\$392	--	\$14,048
week of May 3	\$18,526	\$14,135	+\$4,391	--	\$15,775

To set up recurring online payments or make changes to your current giving, please visit our Giving page at [www.stritawebster.org/give-online](http://www.stritawebster.org/give-online).

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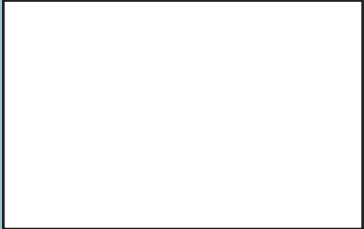
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