

MAY 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

St. Rita
71st
it's **Fiesta!** time

FRIDAY, MAY 29
4-8 PM

FREE ON-SITE PARKING!
FREE ADMISSION!

SATURDAY, MAY 30
12-8 PM

4:30 pm: Rochester Academy of Irish Dance demo

5 pm: Fish Fry dinner (until sold out)

5:15 pm: Songs & Stories with Jason from Webster Public Library

6:00 pm: Karaoke with Kevin

6:00-8:00 pm: Last Golfer Standing

4-8 pm: \$1 Carnival Games, Bounce Houses and Inflatable Obstacle Course, Gift Basket Raffles, Book Sale, Plant Sale, Food Tent, Food Trucks, Sweets Booth

1:00 pm: music by Count It All Joy

2-4:00 pm: Cornhole Competition

3:00 pm: All In Brass Band

4:00 pm: Mass

5:00 pm: The Irish Lassies

5:00 pm: Chicken BBQ (until sold out)

5:30 pm: Friendly Feud

6:00-8:00 pm: Last Golfer Standing

12:00-8:00 pm: \$1 Carnival Games, Bounce Houses and Inflatable Obstacle Course, Book Sale, Plant Sale, Food Tent, Food Trucks, Sweets Booth

7:30 pm: Gift Basket Raffle Drawings

8:00 pm: \$10,000 Raffle Drawing

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Tents & Events

a portion of the Fiesta proceeds goes to support Rochester Hope, an organization that provides free food, clothing, and services to anyone in need

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 2026

4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM

Confessions - Church
SF Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026 PENTECOST

8:00AM
 10:30AM
 11:30AM



CL Mass
 Mass
 Bible Study Session 7 - Rm 1

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

8:15AM
 9:00AM
 9:00AM
 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Communion Service
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 WEROC - Rm 3
 Fiesta T-Shirt Pick-Up/Set-Up - Greeting Area

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

8:15AM
 7:00PM
 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Communion Service
 Bible Study Session 7 - Church
 Fiesta T-Shirt Pick-Up/Set-Up - Greeting Area

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM
 6:00PM
 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 ARLENE FOURNIGAULT - By Dan Viola & Family
 Mass
 Fiesta T-Shirt Pick-Up/Set-Up - Greeting Area

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

8:15AM
 4:00PM - 8:00PM



Mass
 Fiesta

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

NO CONFESSIONS DUE TO FIESTA SCHEDULE

4:00PM
 12:00PM - 8:00PM

Mass
 Fiesta

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

8:00AM
 10:30AM
 11:30AM

CL Mass
 Mass
 Bible Study Session 8 - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 30/31

CARMELA LATKOWSKI - By Jerry DiLaura
 OTTO & PAULA REISCH - By The Spears Family
 IDA & TOM NICASTRO - By Family
 FRANK FUSS - By Joanne Carr



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from May 25th – May 31st in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.



LINEN CLEANING: MAY 24
CAROL SCIOLINO

Reflections on Readings for Pentecost Sunday

“And Suddenly There Came From The Sky A Noise Like A Strong Driving Wind”



Today is the celebration of Pentecost. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus. In Judaism, the Festival of Weeks (Shavuot) was celebrated seven weeks and one day after the Passover. It commemorated the day God gave the Law (Ten Commandments) to the people of Israel at Mt. Sinai. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It is the day the Holy Spirit imparted the grace, the wisdom, and the courage to preach the Word of the risen Christ throughout the world.

Our first reading (Acts 2:1-11) tells this story vividly. Fifty days after Christ’s Passover supper, the disciples were celebrating the festival of Pentecost (Shavuot). Suddenly, the promised Advocate descended upon them as tongues of fire and enlightened and emboldened them. No longer would they cower in fear; they would now proclaim the risen Christ in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth. Their speaking in tongues foreshadowed the preaching of the Gospel throughout the world in every tongue.

In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 12:3, 12-13), St. Paul explains the many different spiritual gifts and forms of service that come from the same Holy Spirit. Each of us are called in some unique way by the Spirit to do God’s will and God’s work. Together, though we are many parts, we make up one body, the body of Christ, His Church.

In our Gospel reading (John 20:19-23) Jesus appeared to His apostles in the locked upper room, where they gathered “for fear of the Jews”. He gave them His peace: “My peace be with you.” He then “breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

This in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of Christ’s Passover and the day that “the Holy Trinity is fully revealed” (CCC 731-732). It was an earthshaking event that changed the world forever. This “Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father and the Son” (John 15:26) lives and remains active in our world today. This is our prayer today and always, “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you will renew the face of the earth”

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052426.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children’s Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



WITH HEARTFELT
SYMPATHY

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

Arlene Fournigault



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no Daily Mass or Confessions.

PARISH COUNCIL
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

New Members:
Stephanie Cascino, Adriana Pecora, and Renee Widor
Giulio Bosco and Karl Hengelsberg

Youth Representative:
Brianna Copeland

They join our continuing members of Parish Council:
Judy Mariotti, Lew Mariotti, Nky McGinnis, Peggy Noel,
Terry O'Toole, Marie Torrens, Mark Torrens,
and Mike Ternent

We pray that those who serve on our Parish Pastoral Council find unity and strength in the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Thank you to our outgoing members who have given generously of their time:
Paul Cordy, Tony Kehoe, Theresa Passero, and Nettie Schiano

Thank you also to our youth representatives Dylan Brown and Emi Nicolay who served this past year.

Spotlight on Vocations

Pause, listen, and entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world.
~Pope Leo

Gracious God,

You have called me to life and gifted me in many ways. Through Baptism, You have sent me to continue the mission of Jesus by sharing my love with others.

Strengthen me to respond to Your call each day.

Help me to become all You desire of me.

Inspire me to make a difference in others' lives.

Lead me to choose the way of life You have planned for me.

Amen.



How can you share love with the world this week?

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In the 3 years since we began, your contributions have **INCREASED** **24%**

School Enrolment has **INCREASED** **Over 45%**

And Church Attendance has **INCREASED** **Over 20%**

DON'T 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



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



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?

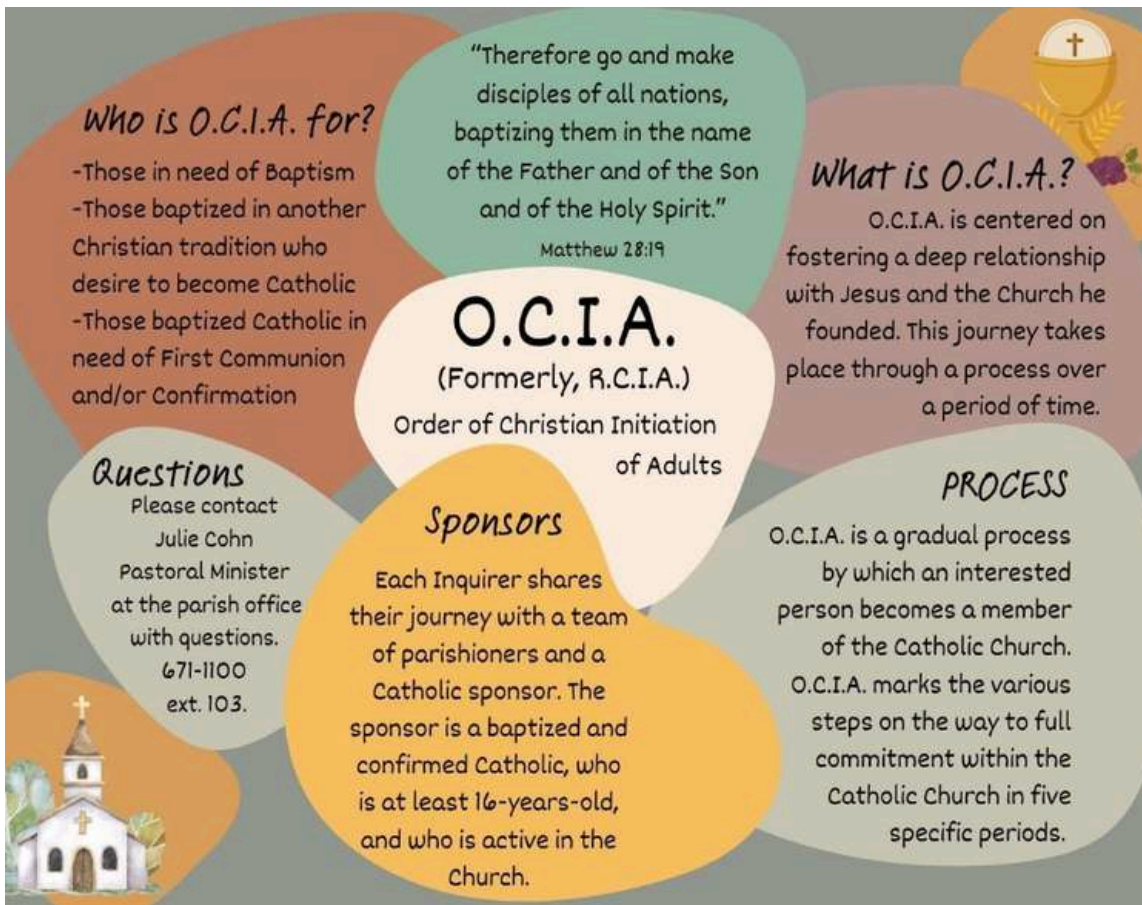
Volunteers receive a free shirt, a food ticket, and a great time!




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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.



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.



St. Rita School Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

Mrs. Rosso's 3rd grade class led a beautiful Feast of the Ascension Mass, helping our school community reflect on Jesus' promise to always be with us and our call to carry His light into the world.



We are so proud of our SRS Girls on the Run team-they completed their 5K race last weekend! Girls on the Run is a fun program geared at inspiring participants to recognize their inner strength, increase their level of physical activity, imagine their possibilities, and confidently stand up for themselves and others. Way to go ladies!!

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for supporting our Girl Scout Troop 60344 Bronze Award Project. The amount of activity books, crayons, markers, etc. donated was incredible!

Our "Kid Kit" assembling event last week at The Gathering Place was a huge success and 151 kits were made! We are so proud that we could help so many children in our community.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Julia, Penny and Lily



JOIN OUR TEAM AT ST. RITA SCHOOL!



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

- Deliver engaging 4th-grade instruction aligned to core curriculum.
- Foster a positive, faith-centered classroom environment & support the expansion of our 4th grade program with the addition of a second classroom.
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WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET



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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 27th - 31st

Teen Volunteers Welcome!



We are looking for volunteers in grades 7+ to help us make a safe and fun experience for younger students.

HELP WANTED!

We need all the help we can get to welcome our growing community this year! 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.

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



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



Contact elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org if you are interested.

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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St. Rita School Principal
St. Rita School Office 671-3132

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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
May 3	310	189	345	844
May 10	285	186	275	746
May 17	235	191	398	824

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

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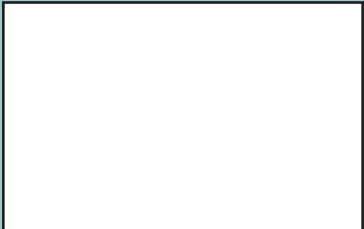
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