

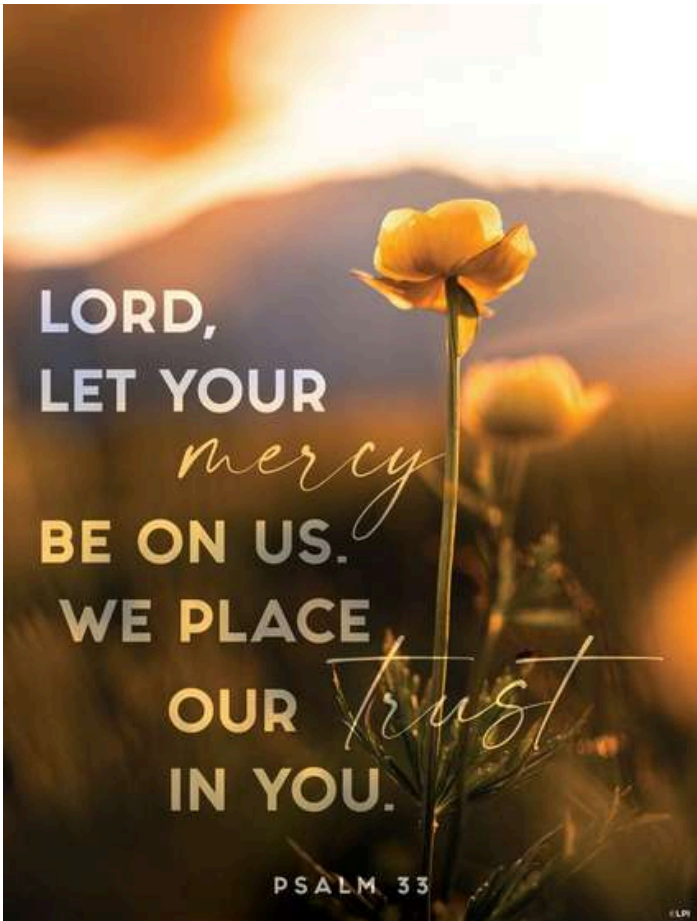
MAY 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



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

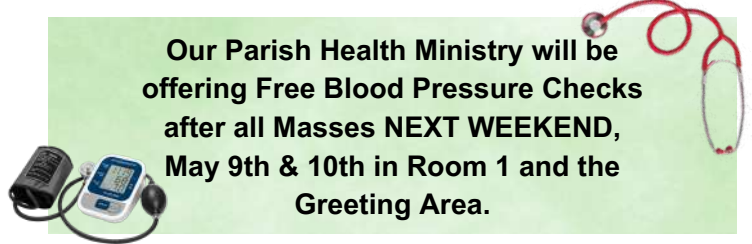


Melanie Elena Haydanek
Emilio Alexander Schmidt



III
Gloria Colaprete
&
John-Paul Crosby

Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, May 9th & 10th in Room 1 and the Greeting Area.



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!

Welcome to the Lord's Table!

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



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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Lilianna Alcorn</i> | <i>PJ Manarchuck</i> |
| <i>Giancarlo DaMore</i> | <i>Brody Mejak</i> |
| <i>Ashton Dornan</i> | <i>Easton McMinn</i> |
| <i>Jackson Driscoll</i> | <i>Charlotte Oubre</i> |
| <i>Isabel Duques</i> | <i>Lucas Pessia</i> |
| <i>Emilia Dwyer</i> | <i>Liam Pino</i> |
| <i>Theo Jaworski</i> | <i>Serafino Rosso</i> |
| <i>Austin Lattierre</i> | <i>Erica Williamson</i> |

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 2/3

MICHAEL REITANO - By Mother, Jeannette
 ALTA BOLAN - By Mark & Julie Bolan
 MARY JO HOHL - By Family

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

9:00AM - 12:00PM Spring Day of Caring - Church Campus
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 8:30AM - 10:00AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 11:30AM Bible Study Session 4 - Rm 1

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

8:15AM PHYLLIS CONN - By Peg Ryan Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 6:45PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1
 7:00PM Confirmation Yr. 1 Wrap Up - Church

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

8:15AM ALFREDO SCIARRONE - By Carmelina Sciarrone Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3
 10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parish Office
 6:30PM Fiesta Planning Committee Meeting - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal - Crosby/Colaprete Wedding
 7:00PM Bible Study Session 4 - Rm 1

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY
 6:00PM PHIL HOLLERAN - By Family Mass
Crosby/Colaprete Wedding During Mass
 6:45PM Holy Beginnings - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

8:15AM ELMER MAURER - By Family Mass

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

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



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from May 4th – May 10th in loving
 memory of Joseph Gabriele
 by Family.



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

Reflections on Readings for
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

"I Am The Way, The Truth, And The Life"

Over the next three Sundays before Pentecost, we will be hearing from Jesus' farewell discourses at the conclusion of His last supper in John's Gospel (Chapters 14-17). It is a final teaching to His apostles and a heartfelt intercessory prayer to His Father on behalf of His disciples and His church.

**In our First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7),**

we hear about some of the growth pangs of the early Church, as seven "helpers" were chosen to minister to the needs of the Hellenist widows (Greek speaking Jews). "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task..." Thus, the Diaconate was born and the first servants of the Church were ordained. Known as Permanent Deacons, they have been fulfilling the mission of ministering to the needs of the Church and its people ever since.

In our Epistle reading (1 Peter 2:4-9),

St. Peter calls his readers to remain steadfast in following Jesus, the rock of their faith. He is the "Living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God." This was a time when early Christians were enduring many sufferings for their faith, not unlike our own times. We learn that we are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood" called to offer "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

In our Gospel reading (John 14:1-12),

Jesus began His final message to His apostles to prepare them for His departure and return to the Father. Jesus teaches them that He and the Father are one. "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?" Jesus is "the way" to the Father. They are slow to learn, but Jesus is patient. The Holy Spirit will make all things clear.

Our readings today bolster the cornerstone of our faith - that our **way** to the Father, the **truth** the Father reveals to us, and the **life** we hope for in the resurrection are all found in Jesus. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. This becomes clear to us through the work and grace of the Holy Spirit.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050326.cfm



LINEN CLEANING: MAY 3
PATRICIA KUBY

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends, and allies welcome as well).

Thursday, May 7th

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm in Room 1

Join others from around the diocese!

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org

Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org



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

Frank Fuss

St. Rita's Prayer Line

If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please send your intention request to Julie at Julie.Cohn@dor.org or call 671-1100 ext. 103.

Would you like to become one of our "prayers"?

Let Julie know and she will add you to our phone/email chain.

Please join us!

Pray the Rosary each Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.



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!



Do You Like To Knit or Crochet?

Come and join us!

Tuesday, May 5th

10:30am - 12:00pm in the Parish Office

Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets are given to anyone facing serious illness or hard times in their life. Blankets are blessed by Father Tim and a prayer card is included with our love and support.

If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl, please contact Julie Cohn at: julie.cohn@dor.org 671-1100 ext. 103.



ST. RITA 75TH ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK

A LIMITED NUMBER OF COOKBOOKS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE PARISH OFFICE. \$10.00 CASH OR CHECK.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO CHECK AVAILABILITY 671-1100.

71ST ANNUAL  **ST. RITA**
Fiesta!  

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

HELP MAKE OUR BIGGEST PARISH FUNDRAISER AND SOCIAL EVENT A SUCCESS!

Volunteer or purchase wristbands here! 

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE SPECTACULAR RAFFLE!

TICKET PRICE:
\$20 EACH
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WIN \$10,000! 

DRAWING ON MAY 30, 2026 8:00 PM
**you do not need to be present to win*



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

HELP US GROW! 

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.**

Contact Linda Williams at 585-329-2351 or lhasmanwilliams62@icloud.com with questions or for assistance.



GIFT BASKETS WANTED! 
FOR THE FIESTA

Donate a themed collection of items in a basket or other creative container - value of \$25 or more. Drop off at church or the parish office by May 15. Please include a list of the contents. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Kwiatkowski at elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org



**Baskets may not contain alcohol or gift cards for liquor stores.*



TOO MANY BOOKS...NOT ENOUGH TIME? READY TO EXCHANGE THOSE PUZZLES? NEED A NEW GAME?

We're collecting good condition books, puzzles, and games for the Fiesta Book Sale. Drop off items at church or the Parish Office between May 16-28.

If you have a large quantity, need a pick up, or to drop off earlier, please let us know, as we have limited storage space.

DECADES   

DANCE PARTY

POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL



St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet



Bravo to the cast of Frozen Jr. who performed twice last weekend to jam packed audiences! We are so proud of your hard work and talent - you all truly shined on stage and made Frozen Jr. a magical and huge success!



Muffins with Mom is always a treasured springtime event for our Kindergarten students and this year did not disappoint. The classrooms were full of smiles as our Kindergarteners proudly showed off their learning and shared some yummy muffins, too! We know this memory is one that Moms and their Kindergarteners will treasure forever!



The students at St. Rita School built 139 Birthday Cake Kits for Rochester Hope!! They were so excited to work on this project!!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated items towards this wonderful service project.



PreK-12 Families



Share your hopes and needs for programs for kids + families here at St. Rita's in 26-27!

Take this 5-minute survey to tell us what works for YOUR family. Scan the QR code to the right or visit saintritawebster.org/faithformation/ to share your thoughts, needs, and ideas.



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 19th @ 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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - HELP WANTED!

JULY 27TH - 31ST

Registration Opens
May 5th!



STUDENTS AGE 4-10 VOLUNTEERS GRADE 7+

Registration opens on Tuesday, May 5th for students and youth volunteers. Join us for a summer week of games, Bible stories, and tons of fun! Adults, if you're interested in finding out how you can use your gifts to help, please contact Anne Thomas at anne.thomas@dor.org or 671-1100 ext. 110.

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.



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 12	225	173	245	643
Apr 19	294	221	350	865
Apr 26	325	205	410	940

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:

- Coffee
- Cleaning supplies
- 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 12	\$14,935	\$14,135	+\$800	--	\$14,542
week of Apr 19	\$11,883	\$14,135	-\$2,252	--	\$9,085

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

Thank you for your generosity in your presence and contributions!



✦ WOMEN'S RETREATS

Holy and Beloved ✦

MAY 1-3, 2026

With Jim McDonald, C.Ss.R., Suzette Norris and Jodie Scordo

MAY 29-31, 2026

With Kevin MacDonald C.Ss.R., Sue Shady and Jodie Scordo

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"Poetry & Prayer"

Tuesday, June 16th 9am - 3pm



Senior Lunch

FREE Senior Luncheon Series

11:30am - 1:00pm · 3rd Friday of Each Month

*May 15th - Home Safety for older Adults and Family
Caregivers*

June 19th - Scripture Soaking/Immersive Prayer



Special Events/ Retreats

Memorial Art Gallery Trip

June 6th 11:30am - 3:30pm

Spiritual Writing Workshop

June 26th -27th 6:30pm - 3:00pm

**"Real Presence - Entering More Deeply
into our Eucharistic Celebrations"**

July 12th - 17th

Silent Directed Retreat

July 19th - 24th

Unplug and Discover Retreat

July 24th -25th 5:00pm - 5:00pm

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For more details and to register for these events,
please visit our website www.notredameretreat.org or
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The Church's Role in the Modern World

Gaudium et Spes, the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World from Vatican II, defines the Church's mission as serving humanity by engaging with contemporary issues in light of the Gospel. It promotes human dignity, solidarity, and the common good, advocating for dialogue between faith and modern advancements in technology, politics, and culture.

Pope Leo has taken this to heart. In doing so, he has been both praised and criticized recently for applying truth about peace and hope to recent actions of the current US administration. When asked about his outspokenness, he replied, "I speak about the Gospel; I am not a politician...too many people are suffering... Too many innocent people are being killed. And I think someone needs to stand up and say there is a better way."

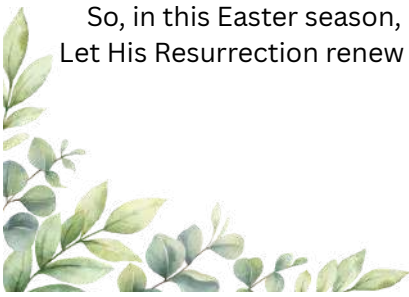
This is an age-old dilemma: what role, if any, should the Church have in politics? The answer seems quite clear. Jesus taught us by consistently challenging authority and siding with the suffering and the oppressed.

Today, clergy are still called to lead the faithful in this manner. Even when preaching the Gospel of Jesus, it can seem as if they are taking political sides. Some people feel very uncomfortable, angry, or at odds with what their Church is teaching. This tension can cause a quiet grief.

What can we do? Here are few suggestions:

- Let's limit the use of the word "political." Even that word seems charged. Instead, let's focus on the word Gospel. Are we being true to the Gospel?
- Consider using what is called the Power of the Pause. When emotionally charged issues arise – whether in the world, in the Church, or in our own circle of friends and family – stop and ask: Why am I feeling this way? Am I letting emotion push me toward something that is not in light of the Gospel? Pausing helps test whether the reaction is truly aligned with Christ, or whether it is being shaped by anger, fear, resentment, or something else.
- Remember that we come to Mass united in our love for the Eucharist and its power to transform us. Unity is not like-mindedness; it is staying centered on Christ even when it is difficult. Staying centered on Christ means recognizing the love and mercy God gives to us and others – and extending that same love and mercy to others, especially the suffering and marginalized; repairing the divisions that fracture families, communities, and society, and drawing people toward Christ.
- We cannot do this alone. We need a loving community where we can speak honestly and listen without judgment, letting emotion settle out through patience. The Power of the Pause helps create that space for genuine dialogue.

So, in this Easter season, let us hold fast to the promise that Christ has not abandoned His Church. Let His Resurrection renew our unity, deepen our compassion, and strengthen our love for one another.



With love and hope,
Deacon Jim

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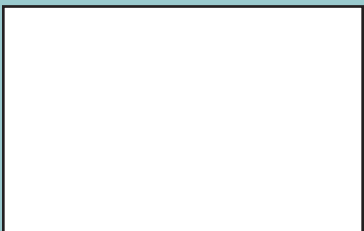
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