NOVEMBER 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

Taking Some Time

Let's take some time to see how the Church's Mothers and Fathers had the wisdom to create a beautiful connection between the end of our Liturgical Year (a time marked by last week's Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe) and the beginning of our Liturgical Year (a time marked by this week's First Sunday of Advent). We can find this connection by looking at the opening prayer (Collect) of each week.

Here is last week's opening prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Here is this week's:

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ . . .

Looking at the two prayers, notice that last week we prayed that we might render service to his majesty. Then that "service" has become this week's "righteous deeds" that we carry with us as we run to meet the Lord when he comes.
Also, this week we pray that we will be gathered at Christ's right hand and last week we heard in Jesus' parable about the sheep being placed at Jesus' right hand.

Making this connection between the end of the year and the beginning of the next is a tradition handed onto us from our Jewish cousins. Taking just a little time, we find greater meaning in the Season of Advent that has just begun.

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, December 3. Staff will be offsite for an Advent retreat.



Sincerely in the love of Christ,
Fr. Tim

A message from the Liturgy Committee...

This week let's take time for...

HOPE in Faith.

Check out the board in the Greeting Area highlighting this week's Advent theme.

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 NOVEMBER 28/29

MARTIN AMATO - By Norine Amato
RONALD & GERALDINE MOSES - By The Family of Rodney Moses
FRANCES HECKMAN - By Joe & Irene Heckman
FOR THE HEALING OF T.B. - By A Friend

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026
4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM CL Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026
8:15AM BEN NARGI - By The LeFrois Family Mass
8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
9:30AM The Mystery of Advent with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
4:30PM Faith Formation
6:30PM The Mystery of Advent with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
8:15AM AUGUSTINE VARGAS - By Lydia Krasnoff Mass
8:45AM - 9:15AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026
8:15AM Communion Service
2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
4:30PM & 6:00PM Sacrament Preparation
6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
5:00PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
5:00PM - 5:45PM Confessions - Church
6:00PM JOSEPHINE KOMPANIJEC - By The Facchini Family Mass
6:45PM Holy Beginnings Ministry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026
8:15AM ANN MARIE LIPARI - By Mary Ellen & Tim Fenlon Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
8:00AM - 11:00AM Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast - Parish Center
4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026
8:00AM Mass
8:30AM - 10:00AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
9:15AM Holy Helpers - Church
10:30AM CL Mass
11:45AM Confirmation
2:00PM Lessons & Carols - Church

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 5/6

LOTTIE BART- By John & Karen Muir-Smith and Family
SHIRLEY MATTHEWS - By Sharon
SUSAN MURRAY - By Joan Klobusicky
GIUSEPPE MISTRETTA - By Maria Mistretta

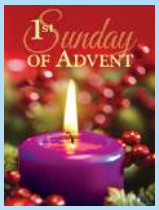


Our Tabernacle Light will burn
from November 30 – December 6
in loving memory of Giuseppe Mistretta
by Maria Mistretta.

SF Sensory Friendly Mass CL Children's Liturgy of the Word
C Count It All Joy I Incense Used F Family Mass

Reflections on Readings for The First Sunday of Advent

"What I Say To You, I Say To All: 'Watch!'"



This weekend, we begin our new liturgical year. The word "*Advent*" comes from the Latin words "ad" (to) and "*venire*" (come). In these next four weeks, we will prepare our hearts and our world to receive the coming of Christ, while at the same time keeping mindful of the time when Christ will come a second time. "*Be Watchful*" is the refrain of Advent.

Our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (IS 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7) comes from a time when the Jewish people were returning from exile, in the 6th century BC. They found their temple city and their nation in ruins. Isaiah's prayerful lament is a plea to the Father to come and return His chosen people to right relationship with their God. Isaiah closed his prayer with an act of complete surrender, "*We are the clay and you the potter*". Could it be that Jesus is the answer to Isaiah's prayer?

Our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 1:3-9) comes from the opening of St. Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth. In Paul's greeting of thanksgiving, he reminds us that God has already given us every spiritual gift to sustain us as we "*wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" Foremost among these gifts are the Mass and the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, Baptism and Reconciliation, and prayer. As we, too, await the coming of our Lord, these gifts will enrich us in every way and keep us "*firm to the end.*"

Our Gospel readings for this new liturgical year will mostly be taken from the Gospel according to Mark. Today's Gospel passage (Mark 13:33-37) is yet another reminder to be watchful, for we do not know the hour of the master's return. "*Jesus said to His disciples: 'Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.'*" We might tend to think that the only "*advent*" (coming) of Christ would be at Christmas or at the final judgement at the end of time, but there are countless advents every day, every week, every month. There are advents of Jesus coming in the Eucharist, advents of His coming through insights during Mass or during prayer, advents of Jesus coming to us in the people we meet. Sometimes, these advents are lost on us simply because we are not aware, not watchful, not attuned to the Lord knocking on the door of our hearts. In this season of Advent, may we be watchful, alert and attuned.

Maranatha – Come Lord Jesus, Come!

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112926.cfm

CMA SIDELINE INTERVIEW



Coach Fr. Tim Niven

We go down now to our sideline reporter, **Eve Angelist**, who caught our coach as he came out for the third quarter.

"Coach, what did you tell your team during halftime about maintaining the remarkable pace of the first half?"

"Well Eve, we must keep our foot on the gas and keep matriculating the ball down the field. We had wonderful contributions from many of our players, but there is another half to play. We are all starters. And the rest of the team must step up and give it their best. It's not only about our reaching our goal, but it is also about everyone participating. Not everyone is destined for headlines, but the combined gifts of everyone will get us where we need to be.

This is a remarkable St. Rita's team and I know we will get to our goal by Christmas and reach our participation goal as well."

"There you have it everyone, St. Rita's is on target for a successful second half! Now back upstairs to you. This has been Eve Angelist reporting live at St. Rita's."

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GOAL $177,000 PLEDGES $133,237.36

You can make your gift online at www.dor.org/cma (St. Rita Parish number is 327)

You may also mail your donation in the CMA envelope provided or place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

We are at 75% of our goal from 276 households.* *UPDATED AS OF 11/19/26

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the success of our CMA!

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported our Thanksgiving Food collection!

With your generous donations of food items and monetary gifts, we were able to provide 48 households (216+ people) Thanksgiving dinners this holiday.

Your kindness was a blessing to so many people!

A special **Thank You to Pack #163** who took the time to organize, pack, and distribute all of our Thanksgiving dinner packages!



LINEN CLEANING: NOVEMBER 29

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*Version 2.0. Due to vendor issues, some of our 75th anniversary orders were unable to be fulfilled. We are confident this order will arrive in a timely manner and thank you for your patience.

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Orders are due by December 5th for pick up by Christmas.



Questions? Contact Elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org

Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

The next C.O.M.E. Dinner at St. Rita is Wednesday, December 16th.

Would you be willing to donate items needed?
To sign up, go to the following link:
https://tinyurl.com/Dec26COME



Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of November 12 and 13 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area. **Thank you so much for your generosity.**

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Christmas Potluck Social

Thursday, December 3rd
Mass at 6pm *(adoration at 5:30pm)*
Gathering 6:45 – 8 pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a relaxed community building evening with members of all of our Holy Beginnings Ministries... including family and allies!

What a beautiful way to enter the Christmas season in solidarity with one another.

LGBTQ+ Outreach ✦ Voices of Women
Racial Justice Ministry ✦
People with Disabilities and those who are Divorced

St. Rita Catholic Parish
1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580

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*

Be a Christmas Angel!

New, unwrapped gifts are being collected at church or the Parish Office from 11/21-12/6.

Choose tags with suggested items from the tree in the greeting area or donate any items of your choice.

Gifts are distributed to 8 local agencies.
Monetary donations are also accepted - we'll do the shopping for you!

We accept checks (made out to St. Rita Church with 'Christmas Angel' in the memo) or online donations through our Giving Page.

Thank you



The **Webster Lions Club** presents

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 5
8 - 11 am

@ St. Rita Church ✦ 1008 Maple Dr.

✦ Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs & Juice and Coffee ✦

✦ Vision Screening for Children ✦

✦ Raffles ✦

Donations greatly appreciated!
All proceeds are donated to charitable organizations supported by Webster Lions Club

ST. RITA
Racial Justice Ministry

Join us for our

Christmas Social

Tuesday, December 8th
6:30 pm-8 pm
in Room 1

All are welcome!

We raise awareness, inform, and work toward removing racism from our community.

For more info, contact Deacon Jim Fien at james.fien@dor.org or 585-233-0334

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 6 at 2:00pm

Join us for scripture and music telling God's story of salvation.

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A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team

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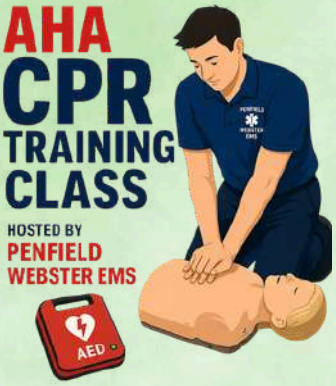

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Learn more and register using the QR code below.

GOD DROPS & GOOD NEWS

St. Rita School Highlights





GIVING THANKS FOR ST. RITA

What makes St. Rita special? Our students are thankful for our new playground, fun Friday assemblies, hot dogs for breakfast on Marathon Day, wonderful teachers and friends. One student even shared how special it is to attend the same school their mom went to as a child! Our teachers and staff are grateful for our amazing families, supportive parish, and the joy of watching our students grow in faith and learning. We are thankful for our St. Rita family!



Our Charleston Wrap fundraiser is underway! Shop through Dec. 2nd while supporting SRS.

www.registercw.com/sZRUZJjp8e

WHERE FAITH & KNOWLEDGE MEET, GOOD NEWS HAPPENS

THE MYSTERY OF ADVENT

Take time with Fr. Tim to pray, share, & listen during this Advent season.

WEEK 2: MON. NOV. 30 AT 9:30AM OR 6:30PM
WEEK 3: MON. DEC. 7 AT 9:30AM
OR TUES. DEC. 8 AT 7:00PM*
WEEK 4: MON. DEC. 14 AT 9:30AM OR 6:30PM
WEEK 5: MON. DEC. 21 AT 9:30AM OR 6:30PM

Sessions will take place in Room 1.
*Dec. 8 at 7:00pm will take place in Church

Attend either session each week.





This Weekend there will be a second collection to support Catholic Universities and Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions.

Eucharistic Adoration during Advent:
Tuesdays from 8:45-9:30am
Thursdays from 5:00-6:00pm

Confessions during Advent:
Mondays from 8:45-9:30am, Thursdays from 5:00 - 5:45pm and Saturdays from 4-4:30pm

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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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:

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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 Wish List:

Jarred Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
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Pineapple (canned)
Jarred Applesauce
Cooking Oil
Deodorant
Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent

Thank you!



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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Nov. 1	130	214	271	615
Nov. 8	225	171	358	754
Nov. 15	225	182	375	782

Thank you

COLLECTIONS

Due to the holiday submission schedule, the collection numbers for the bulletin are delayed.

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Oct.	$ 72,649	$59,120	+$13,529	$18,162	$58,262
week of Nov. 1	$10,270	$14,780	-$4,540	--	$28,411
week of Nov. 8	$14,076	$14,780	-$704	--	$13,822

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