

OCTOBER 18, 2026
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. RITA CHURCH



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We are many parishioners, but one Church across the Diocese of Rochester. It is easy to think of St. Rita as our entire local Church, but we are actually a vital piece of a much greater whole.

When you support the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you aren't just giving to a campaign—you are joining hands with believers across our diocese to support a vast network of ministries that reach far beyond our parish walls, while still deeply impacting our own community.

Together, as one team, we are working to **joyfully live and share the Gospel of Jesus.**

Where do we see this impact?

- **A National Leader in Charity:** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester is the most robust in the nation. While most dioceses rely on a single central office, we have dedicated offices in all twelve of our counties. This local presence allows us to focus deeply on the unique needs of each neighborhood, reach more lives, and allow volunteers to serve closer to home.
- **Supporting Our Leadership & Shared Mission:** The CMA funds the vital ministry of Bishop John Bonnici, our U.S. bishops, and our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. It also supports the consultative bodies and administrative teams who advise our bishop. As a member of the Presbyteral Council, I see this collaboration firsthand. While it is an unpaid position, I can assure you that even the coffee and snacks that fuel our meetings are made possible by your CMA generosity!
- **Investing in the Future:** Your gifts directly fund the education of our future priests (seminarians), professional development for our dedicated parish staff, and life-changing ministry for our students and engaged couples.



GOAL \$177,000 PLEDGES \$29,298.36

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 16.5% of our goal from 24 households.*

*UPDATED AS OF 10/13/26



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

You can see the full, beautiful reach of your generosity online at dor.org/giving.

Thank you so much to everyone who is able to contribute. Please consider making your gift or pledge as soon as possible. Remember, every gift matters—even a modest donation from a first-time giver helps unlock grants from the diocese! Most importantly, please pray daily for the success of the CMA and for all the ministers and ministries it sustains.

Head Coach - Fr. Tim Niven

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 17/18

CAROL N. DIFIORE - By Dan Viola & Family
 DONALD BROWN - By Carol Brown
 GIOVANNI MORSELLINO - By Francesca LoMonaco
 KATHLEEN VANDEWINCKEL - By Glen Vandewinckel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2026

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

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026 DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM
 9:15AM
 10:30AM
 11:45AM
 11:45AM
 6:30PM

Mass
 Holy Helpers - Church
 F Mass
 Confirmation Session
 Explore the Bible Session 3 - Rm 1
 Youth Group Bonfire - Outside Barn

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2026

8:15AM FOR THE HEALING OF T.B. - By A Friend
 8:45AM - 9:15AM
 4:30PM
 7:00PM
 7:00PM

Mass
 Confessions - Church
 Faith Formation
 Men's Faith Group - Rm 1
 Confirmation

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2026

8:15AM
 8:45AM - 9:15AM
 9:00AM
 7:00PM

Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 WEROC - Rm 1
 The Chosen/Season 6 Episode 1 - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026

8:15AM
 10:00AM
 11:00AM
 2:30PM
 5:00PM
 6:30PM
 7:00PM

Communion Service
 Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 C.O.M.E. Community Dinner - Parish Center
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 Explore the Bible Session 4- Rm 1

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2026

5:30PM
 6:00PM
 7:00PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 JOSE, LYDIA, & LUIS HERNANDEZ
 - By Lydia Krasnoff
 Music Ministry Concert at Baywinde

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

8:15AM SIMON BELL - By Family

Mass

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

1:00PM
 4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM

Confirmation Yr. 1 Retreat
 Confessions - Church
 C Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

8:00AM
 10:30AM
 11:30AM
 11:45AM

Mass
 CL Mass
 Confirmation Yr. 1 Retreat
 Explore the Bible Session 4 - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES OCTOBER 24/25

ALAN MONTANTE - By Wife, Carol
 BEATRIX VOELLINGER - By Family
 CHARLES & MARIE MALTA AND JOSIE MALTA BOVENZI
 - By Phyllis Malta Mannillo & Family
 FOR THE HEALING OF E.A. - By Janine

Reflections on Readings for

The Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"I Am The LORD And There Is No Other,
There Is No God Besides Me"**

Our readings this Sunday remind us that God is the Lord of the universe, subjecting all kings and principalities to Himself, whether they realize it or not. *"There is no God besides me", says the Lord.*



In our first reading ([Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6](#)), God speaks of the Persian King Cyrus the Great, whom God caused to release the Jewish people from captivity in Babylon. Though Cyrus did not know God, he was nonetheless obedient to Him. When Cyrus conquered the Babylonians in 539 BC, he accomplished the will of God by allowing the Jews to return to Jerusalem and by financing the rebuilding of their temple.

In our Epistle reading ([Thessalonians 1:1-5](#)), we hear from the beginning of Paul's letter to the Church in Thessalonica. In this brief opening prayer and greeting, we hear very distinctly the three persons of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also hear perhaps the earliest mention in Christian literature of the three theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Love. *"... unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

In our Gospel reading ([Matthew 22:15-21](#)), the Pharisees attempted to entrap Jesus into a binary choice of either speaking against Caesar or against God. He turned the tables on them saying, *"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."* An important point is that because the inscription on the Roman Denarius read, *"Caesar Augustus Tiberius, son of the Divine Augustus"*, Tiberius saw himself as the son of the god Caesar Augustus. The twist of our Gospel story today is that there is only one Son of God and it was not Tiberius. So, repay to Caesar whatever belongs to him, but we are made in the image and likeness of God. So, we repay to God what is God's; we return to God our souls, our selves, our lives.

Today's scripture readings ask us to consider a weighty question: in whose image are we made?

Whom do we serve? If we consider that the currency of Caesar bore his image and inscription (the Roman coin), what then might be the currency of God? Who is it that bears God's image?

Is it not we, who are created in the image and likeness of God, whose inscription is written upon our hearts in Baptism?

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101826.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



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

Susan Murray



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from October 19 – October 25 in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Falvo by Family.



LINEN CLEANING: OCTOBER 18
ANN MARIE LIPARI



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

Michael David Mortillaro



COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, October 24 at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our "Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.



TODAY WE CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world:

"Please help me help missionaries everywhere." That's what World Mission Sunday does: it helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary dioceses and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

We are all called to be a part of this missionary work, and we have a singular means to do so: World Mission Sunday.

The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

Thank you for your generosity



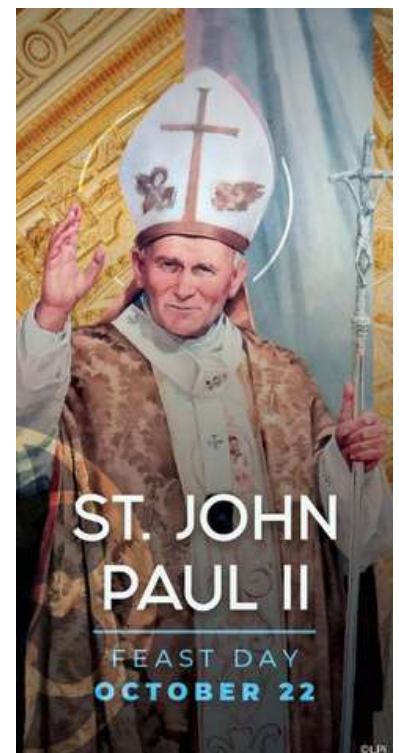
COME AND SEE
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Episode 1

Early access before it is released in theatres.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
7:00 PM Room 1
To sign up go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/TheChosenS6E1>,
email julie.cohn@dor.org,
or scan the QR code.
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Be sure to watch Season 5 Episode 8 Jesus in the Garden to prepare.





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A Black Catholic History Month Event @ St. Rita

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**Our Shared Future:
Courageous Stories About
Race and Belonging**

**Monday, November 9
7:15 pm in church**

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,
God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."
~1 John 4:12

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.

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, October 19 at 7:00pm
Room 1**

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

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

Youth Group!

This year we are kicking off Youth Group with a bonfire on

Sunday, Oct. 18th
6:30pm – 7:30pm



Meet by the barn and bring a lawn chair.

Anyone in grades 7-12
is welcome!
Bring a friend!

If you or someone you know may be interested in Youth Group and wants to learn more, please email me at srbosco01@gmail.com.



GOD DROPS & GOOD NEWS



St. Rita School Highlights



FROM ST. RITA STUDENTS TO ST. RITA TEACHERS.

A ST. RITA EDUCATION COMES FULL CIRCLE

A St. Rita education can stay with you long after graduation. Our two third-grade teachers, both St. Rita alumni, are now back in the classrooms where they once learned – inspiring and teaching the next generation of God Drops.

Their story is a beautiful example of the lasting impact of a St. Rita education and the faith, relationships and community that can stay with us for a lifetime.

Read this story in the GV Pennysaver:

Scan the QR code to read or visit:

<https://bit.ly/4zdH8l4>



WHERE FAITH & KNOWLEDGE MEET, GOOD NEWS HAPPENS

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday at 10:30am Mass!



This special opportunity is offered every Sunday except on the 3rd Sunday of each month when Father Tim will preside over a Family Mass in Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to give children in Pre-K thru Grade 2 an opportunity to hear and share about the Sunday readings at a level of their understanding. Children will be dismissed from church to Room 1 before the first reading and will return approximately at the Offertory Prayers.

15th ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "COATS FOR KIDS" & "SNEAKERS FOR CHILDREN" Running until November 13th

Once again K of C Council #4618 has kicked off our 15th Annual Fund Drive for "Coats for Kids".

Each coat is purchased new at a cost of \$25 and sneakers at a cost of \$21.



Since 2012, the Webster Knights of Columbus have been able to purchase a total of 4,656 NEW Winter Coats. These coats are distributed through many charitable organizations, schools, & churches (32 in 2025) to children of need throughout Monroe & Wayne Counties, just in time for cold weather. With the many donations received, the Knights have been able to support "Sneakers for Children" in the Spring and gave away 516 new pairs of sneakers to some of the same organizations.

If you would like to help us, Trinity Council is asking for your most generous donation, by making a check payable to Knights of Columbus #4618 and sending it to:

Thank You and May God Bless You for your support!

"Coats for Kids"
c/o J.S. Coon, Chairman
230 Champion Ave.
Webster, NY 14580



**WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

Fr. Tim Niven, Pastor - Niven@dor.org
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233-0334

Deacon Rick Rall - bernrick@frontiernet.net
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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:

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
PO Box 31049, Rochester, NY 14603
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Webster HOPE
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<http://www.websternyhope.org>

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE Wish List:

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Jarred Applesauce
Cooking Oil
Deodorant
Hand Soap
Laundry Detergent

Thank you!



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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Sept. 27	214	154	180	548
Oct. 4	187	151	235	573
Oct. 11	172	168	240	580

Thank you ♥

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Sept.	\$ 55,525	\$59,120	-\$3,595	\$ 13,881	\$59,615
week of Sept. 27	\$12,573	\$14,780	-\$2,207	--	\$13,100
week of Oct. 4	\$23,666	\$14,780	+\$8,886	--	\$17,608

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