

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. RITA CHURCH



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Join us to celebrate the beginning of fall,
a new school year, and another year
together with our parish family!

We would love your help with set up,
cleanup, or a dish to pass. Please RSVP
by scanning the QR code, checking our
e-newsletter for the link, or signing up in
the Greeting Area.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
from September 14 – September 20
in loving memory of
the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.



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!

**NEXT WEEK there will be a special collection to
support the**

Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Nearly 37 million people in the United States live in
poverty. This collection supports programs that
empower people to identify and address obstacles
they face in bringing permanent and positive
change to their communities. Learn more about the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development at
www.usccb.org/cchd.



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

Josie Dien Comella

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

**1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580 (585)671-1100 www.saintritawebster.org
All Masses are livestreamed on our website.**

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 12/13

EUGENE ANTCHAK - By John & Elaine Andrews
 JAMES & MONA FITZGERALD - By Their Grandchildren
 JIM & ROBERTA BROUSSARD - By Jim McGrath & Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

9:00AM - 1:00PM Ministry Day
 3:45PM - 5:45PM Faith Formation Book Pick-Up at Mass
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass
 6:00PM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

7:45AM - 11:45AM Faith Formation Book Pick-Up at Mass
 8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

8:15AM BETTY HURLEY - By Nora Hurley Dunbar Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions
 4:30PM Faith Formation
 6:30PM Confirmation Yr. 2 Family Session - Church
 7:30PM Confirmation Yr. 1 Family Session - Church

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

8:15AM JUDITH RUSSO - By Ann & Lou Chateaufeuf Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Community Dinner - Gym
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3
 6:30PM Confirmation Yr. 2 Family Session - Church
 7:30PM Confirmation Yr. 1 Family Session - Church

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM Mass
 6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1
 6:30PM Fiesta Team Meeting - Parish Office

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

8:15AM Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

DONUT SUNDAY ONLY AFTER 8AM MASS DUE TO PICNIC

8:00AM Mass
 9:15AM Holy Helpers - Church
 10:30AM Bishop Bonnici Presiding **F** Mass
 11:30AM Parish Picnic

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 19/20

FRANCES HECKMAN - By Lynne & James Allis
 MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By His Wife & Children
 FOR THE HEALING OF E.A. - By Janine

Reflections on Readings for The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I SAY TO YOU, NOT SEVEN TIMES BUT SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES"

Last Sunday's readings reminded us of our God-given responsibility to care for and correct one another in love. This Sunday, that theme is brought to its natural fulfillment in our duty to forgive others, always.



In our first reading ([Sirach 27:30 - 28:7](#)), the author, Yeshua ben Sira, teaches us that the refusal to forgive, clinging to "wrath and anger", are in themselves sinful acts. "Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD?" This reading could be called the Old Testament parallel of Jesus' parable of the merciless servant that we hear in today's Gospel. The themes are very similar - we have a duty to forgive others just as the Father forgives us.

Our Epistle reading ([Romans 14:7-9](#)) is short passage, probably taken from a poem or song. It underscores the transcendent nature of our relationship with Christ. It should comfort us to know that the dead belong to the Lord as much as the living. "For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

In our Gospel passage ([Matthew 18:21-35](#)), we hear a continuation of last Sunday's Gospel, where Jesus instructed His disciples on the process of reconciliation and then gave them the authority to "bind and to loose". In the very next sentence, Peter asked Jesus how often must he forgive others, "As many as seven times?" Jesus' answer probably shocked him, as it went far beyond what would have been Jewish custom of the time (seven-fold forgiveness). "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Then Jesus told His disciples the parable of the Unforgiving Servant, where the master forgave him an enormous debt and then that servant refused to forgive a much smaller debt from a fellow servant.

Forgiveness is the opposite of vengeance; you can't have both at the same time. When we find ourselves resentful that we must forgive someone over and over for the same offense, it might do us good to consider that our Father in heaven has already forgiven us far more and far more often than we could ever repay. When we are "slow to anger and rich in Compassion", we are imitating God.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091326.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



LINEN CLEANING: SEPTEMBER 13
MARY ANN BEIKIRCH

Companions in Grief

Thursday, September 17th 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 or 671-1100 ext:103.

St. Rita Job Posting: Maintenance Coordinator

St. Rita Church & School are seeking a full-time (35 hrs. per week), non-exempt Maintenance Coordinator.

The Maintenance Coordinator is responsible for managing, scheduling, and tracking repair and upkeep tasks for parish and school buildings and grounds.

Some responsibilities include weekly mowing, church bathroom cleaning, ongoing maintenance and repairs of heating and cooling units, and snow removal from walks and entrances for parish and school events (including some weekends).

If you are interested in learning more or applying for the position, please email your resume to Kasey Baker at Kasey.Baker@dor.org



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together to watch at
St. Rita.
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for details.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

A RETREAT FOR GRADES 6-12

9/26

1-6 PM

**MORE INFO /
SIGN UP:**



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YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE."**

-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

**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.



It's Scout Season Again!



Please support Scout pack #163 with the purchase of popcorn and peanuts **THIS WEEKEND** after all Masses. Payments can be made in cash/Venmo or by credit/debit card.

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Any questions regarding sales can be directed to Paul Manarchuck Jr. by calling 570-407-1743.



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The OCIA process is not a rigid academic process. Instead, it is a gradual, reflective journey of faith, conversion, and community. You are invited to move at your own pace alongside mentors and peers who will support you every step of the way.

If you would like to find out more:

Get started by filling out the form at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/OCIAStrita>

An OCIA team member will email or call you to set up a time to meet for an initial conversation.

Write down any specific questions you have about God, the Catholic Church, or the initiation process so we can address them together.

Please remember that the Holy Spirit moves on His own timeline, and you are free to take as much time as you need. Feel free to explore OCIA at your own pace; there is no pressure to join.



For Frequently Asked
Questions scan the QR Code

We are honored to walk this road with you.
Welcome home!



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**WELCOME
BACK
TO
SCHOOL**



**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.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS: ENROLL NOW FOR 2026-2027!

Faith
Formation

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or at home for grades K-7
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and First Communion

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Sacramental
Preparation



A 2-year preparation program for
youth in 8th grade+ to grow in
knowledge, service, and love of Christ.
for youth in Catholic school and public school

Please visit
www.saintritawebster.org/faithformation/
for more information and to enroll for all
programs. Contact Anne Thomas at
671-1100 with any questions.



Holy Helpers

Grades 3-6*

1st & 3rd Sundays at 9:15 am
Meet in the chapel

"Why are there bells ringing?"

"What does 'Alleluia' mean?"

"Why do we sit and stand so much?"

"Mass is boring. What can I do?"

**If you've heard these questions or others from
your child, bring them to Holy Helpers!**
**Through fun games and activities, we'll learn
about and prepare for roles in the Mass.**

**No RSVP required.
Come to one or all!**

*Older children are welcome to assist!

Questions? Contact Elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org or
call 671-1100 x104



SERVICE SATURDAY

Join us at St. Rita on
**Saturday, September 26 from
10 am - noon**
for cleaning and organization of
parish facilities.



-  Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a guardian or receive prior permission.
-  Check in at the church doors for your assignment.
-  All supplies are provided.

RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org
or call 671-1100 x104



Please join us!
**Pray the Rosary each Monday after
the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.**

**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
671-1100 ext. 106

Deacon Jim Fien - James.Fien@dor.org
233-0334

Deacon Rick Rall - bernrick@frontiernet.net
545-8467

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Parish Administrative Assistant
General Inquiries, Bulletin, Weddings, Mass Cards
671-1100 ext. 101

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671-1100 ext. 103

Elizabeth Kwiatkowski - Elizabeth.Kwiatkowski@dor.org
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671-1100 ext. 104

Anne Thomas - Anne.Thomas@dor.org
Children's Faith Formation and Sacraments
671-1100 ext. 110 or call/text 585-402-9254

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June Frosino - June.Frosino@dor.org
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Jennifer LeFrois - Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org
St. Rita School Principal
St. Rita School Office 671-3132

UNITED IN FAITH + COMMUNITY

Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Aug 16	171	154	215	540
Aug 23	172	168	260	600
Aug 30	224	162	225	611

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 Summer Wish List:

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

Thank you!



Thank you

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of July	\$ 54,355	\$59,120	+4,765	\$ 13,589	\$52,500
week of Aug. 9	\$11,287	\$14,780	-\$3,493	--	\$16,203
week of Aug. 16	\$10,370	\$14,780	-\$4,410	--	\$13,145

Due to the holiday bulletin schedule, collection numbers have not been updated.

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

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16**

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**SEPT
17**

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10:00AM TO 4:00PM

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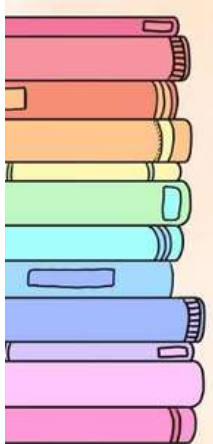


**SEPT
18**

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19**

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