

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
ST. RITA CHURCH



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



Welcome
Bishop John Bonnici
10th Bishop of Rochester

St. Rita Parish and School are blessed to have you
with us to celebrate the Eucharist!



"CATECHISTS ARE
PEOPLE WHO KEEP
THE MEMORY
OF GOD ALIVE;
THEY KEEP IT ALIVE
IN THEMSELVES
AND THEY ARE
ABLE TO REVIVE
IT IN OTHERS."
- POPE FRANCIS



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THIS WEEKEND 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.

Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 4th at 12:00pm

In remembrance of the Feast of St. Francis,
Fr. Tim invites you to bring your pet to
St Rita's School Loop for a special blessing. Rain or Shine!



**All creatures great and small
are welcome!**

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

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

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

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

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8:00AM

Mass

9:15AM

Holy Helpers - Church

10:30AM Bishop Bonnici Presiding

F Mass

11:30AM

Parish Picnic

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

8:15AM

Mass

8:45AM - 9:15AM

Confessions

7:00PM

Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

8:15AM

Mass

9:00AM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church

9:00AM

WEROC - Rm 1

6:00PM

Rochester Hope Planning Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

8:15AM

Communion Service

10:00AM

Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point

11:00AM

Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor

2:30PM

Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1

6:30PM

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

5:30PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church

6:00PM

Mass

7:00PM

Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

8:15AM CLIFTON T. SHORTSLEEVE - By Dan Viola & Family Mass

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

10:00AM - 12:00PM

Service Saturday "Care for God's House" - Church

1:00PM - 6:00PM

Youth Retreat "Follow The Leader" - Gym

4:00PM - 4:30PM

Confessions - Church

5:00PM

C Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

8:00AM

Mass

10:30AM

CL Mass

11:45AM

Confirmation Session

5:00PM

SF Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES SEPTEMBER 26/27

ANTOINETTE BUONGIORNE - By Jean Buongiorne
 JOHN FOGARTY - By Family
 KARIN HAUZA - By The Flower Ministry
 MR. & MRS. VINCENT VACCA - By Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from September 21 – September 27
 in loving memory of Karin Hauza
 by The Flower Ministry.



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

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

"So High Are My Ways Above Your Ways, Says The Lord"

Our readings this Sunday remind us of the unfathomable mercy and generosity of God. Even those who turn to the Lord and repent at the "eleventh hour" will be welcomed into the Kingdom of God and eternal life in His presence. When we read today's gospel in light of our first reading, we may find it more understandable.



In our first reading ([Isaiah 55:6-9](#)), the Prophet Isaiah invites his listeners to seek the Lord and turn from their wicked ways; for God is "generous in forgiving" – beyond all human understanding. "Let the scoundrel forsake his way . . . let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. . . As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways."

In our Epistle reading ([Philippians 1:20-24, 27](#)), St. Paul is torn between serving Christ's Church on earth and being with Him in heaven. Paul shows his unshakeable faith in his "life in Christ", whether here on earth or after death. Paul writes, "I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit." Paul's utmost was to do the will of God; our utmost, says Paul, is to conduct ourselves "in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Our Gospel reading ([Matthew 20:1-16](#)) is the parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. The master hired workers at dawn and agreed to pay them the usual day's wage. He did the same throughout the day, paying the very last workers the same as the first. The workers who toiled all day long were offended that they did not receive more than what was promised them. "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?" This may offend our sense of fairness, but not God's. We must remember that Jesus' parable is about the Kingdom of heaven, not of earth, the spiritual not the physical, the eternal not the temporal.

God calls us to rejoice in His mercy and not be resentful if someone else seems to receive more mercy. God can be as generous as He wishes. When the time comes, we will be thankful that God is so generous with His mercy. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD".

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092026.cfm



LINEN CLEANING: SEPTEMBER 20
CAROL SCIOLINO

ST. RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH
**SENSORY-FRIENDLY
MASS**

FOR FAMILIES + ADULTS OF ALL AGES!



SUN. SEPT. 27TH 5PM

A SPECIAL MASS FOR THOSE WITH SENSORY NEEDS

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DCN.
JIM FIEN AT JAMES.FIEN@DOR.ORG.



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

A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team



September Health: A Fresh Start

September is a wonderful time to refresh healthy habits as we welcome the start of fall. With busier schedules, cooler weather, and flu season just around the corner, a few simple steps can help you feel your best.

Enjoy the abundance of local produce this time of year! Fresh fruits and vegetables are plentiful in September, making it easy to add nutritious, seasonal foods to your meals. Aim for a balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables, and whole grains, along with regular physical activity and enough restful sleep.



As we head into flu season, remember to wash your hands regularly, avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay up to date on recommended vaccinations, including the seasonal flu vaccine.

September is also a great time to schedule routine checkups and preventive screenings. And don't forget about your mental health—make time to relax, connect with family and friends, and reach out for support if stress or low mood becomes difficult to manage.



Small, healthy choices can add up!

Take a few simple steps this September to enjoy a healthier fall and prepare for the flu season ahead.

FOLLOW THE LEADER

A RETREAT FOR GRADES 6-12

9/26
1-6 PM
MORE INFO /
SIGN UP:



**"BE WHO GOD MEANT YOU TO BE AND
YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE."**

-ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Women's Faith Sharing

Thursday, September 24 7:00pm in Room 1

Women's Faith Sharing meets once a month to discuss topics to strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.



Join us this month for
faith-filled conversation
and some fun with
"Diamond Art".

Please contact Jane Murray at
jmurr66@yahoo.com for more information.



COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, September 26 at the
5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our
"Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

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, September 21 at 7:00pm
Room 1

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



Holy and Beloved Women's Retreat

Notre Dame Retreat House

5151 Foster Rd, Canandaigua, NY 14424

October 2, 5:00 PM – October 4, 12:00 PM

Register at
www.notredameretreat.org

Note: When registering, mention in the notes that you are with St. Rita Church.



Both a description of who we are and a call to become who God created us to be, "Holy and Beloved" is a retreat to inspire our desire for continued growth in holiness.

St. Rita's women have been enjoying Notre Dame Retreats for years, meeting new friends and allowing ourselves 40 hours to enjoy being surrounded by peace and joy. The October session is earmarked as our parish time this year.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Jane Murray (585) 734-6061

Mt. Irenaeus Men's Retreat

OCTOBER 11TH - OCTOBER 13TH

(Sunday - Tuesday)

"The Mountain" is a Franciscan Mountain Retreat House located just outside of Olean, NY, about a 2 hour drive from Webster. The Franciscan Friars who live at The Mountain will be our hosts.

"We believe we are one with all peoples, cultures, and creation in the ancient longing to find and to live in peace. All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new!"

For more information about Mt. Irenaeus, please visit www.mountainonline.org.

If you have never been on a retreat or have any questions, please email Deacon Jim at

James.Fien@dor.org.

This might be just what God ordered for you!

Space is limited to 12.

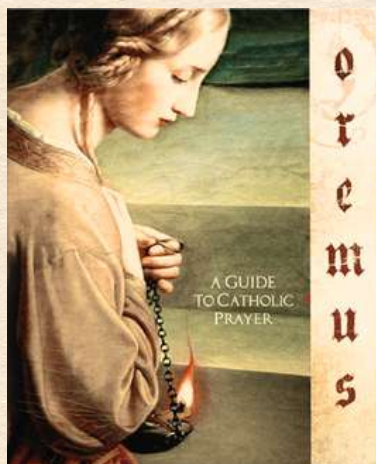
Contact Deacon Jim to reserve your spot!

"OREMUS: A Guide to Catholic Prayer"

With Fr. Mark Toups, Ascension Press

Learn the essential steps of a faithful and fruitful prayer life.

**Mix
or
Match
Sessions!**



Wednesdays at 7:00 PM

September 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18

OR

Sundays at 11:45 AM

October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15 & 22

Eight weekly sessions in Room 1

Through this study, you will learn how to build a consistent prayer life, grow closer to God, and deepen your relationships with those around you.

The cost of materials including workbook is \$20.

To REGISTER for this exciting program, please email or call the parish office at wstritap@dor.org or 671-1100.

If you have specific questions, please call / email Jerry Lupien at 794-3666 / galupien@gmail.com.

St. Rita School

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

Our new playground is here!!!

Students at St. Rita were welcomed back this school year with a beautiful new playground. Thank you to all who helped make this possible.



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.



To All at St. Rita Church,
Thank you for your large donation of school supplies for our "Back to School Night".

We served 60 families with 126 children! It was a great success. We couldn't have done this without your ongoing support of our ministry.

~ Webster HOPE



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

**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 Office 671-3132

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
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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	
Aug 30	224	162	225	611
Sept. 6	180	136	212	528
Sept. 13	175	171	217	563

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. 23	\$9,470	\$14,780	-\$5,310	--	\$11,003
week of Aug. 30	\$13,993	\$14,780	-\$787	--	\$13,774

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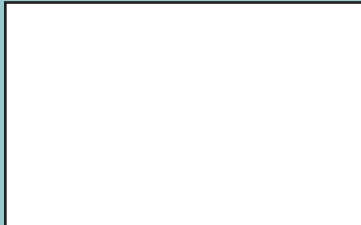
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