

DECEMBER 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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

From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

As I write this one week before Christmas, St. Rita has reached 106% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal responsibilities! Once again, we finished this important Parish effort before Christmas!

Thank you so much! This is an awesome gift to the parish and to the Diocese. Your support of the ministers and the ministries from around the Diocese is faithful and builds up the collaboration we have around our 12 Counties.

I know, for many of you, that your contribution was a real sacrifice, and I am so grateful.

The big announcements are over. I will be giving periodic updates a few weeks into the new year. Thank you again and I hope this brightens your ongoing celebration of Christmas!

*Peace,
Fr. Tim*



**Solemnity of Mary
Holy Day Mass
Times**

**Tuesday,
December 31
Anticipated Mass
at 5:00pm**

**Wednesday,
January 1
9:00am**

A Jubilee Year is traditionally proclaimed by the Universal Church every 25 years. It is a particular year set aside to encourage the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, to repent of their sins and forgive the sins of others, and to renew a focus on the spiritual life.



Over the Jubilee Year we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider over the week.

The virtue of hope is a desire for eternal life with God achieved through trust in Christ's promises and with the grace of the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph search for Jesus when he is lost in the temple. While they were concerned for his safety, and scared that he was lost, they certainly had hope, which includes trust in God. We are being invited to take a Pilgrimage of Hope over this coming year.

Pondering Point

**When do you put your trust in God?
How do you show that you trust God in everyday ways?**

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**

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



GOAL \$146,000
PLEDGES \$155,609

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

We are at 106% of our goal from 403 households.*



*UPDATED AS OF 12/20/24

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 28/29

MARY FALVO - By Anne Lehman
 ERIC ANDREW STRUB - By Kathy Foster
 GERRY ERNST - By Husband John
 AN VAN PHAM - By William & Nguyet Schrader

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

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

Confessions - Church
 SF Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

8:00AM
 10:30AM

CL Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

8:15AM BERNIE HORTON - By Grace Martella Mass
 8:45AM Confessions - Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

5:00PM The Solemnity of Mary Anticipated Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY - HOLY DAY

9:00AM FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. RITA PARISH Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM EILEEN GUERIN - By Karen McDade Mass
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

8:15AM ELMER MAURER - By Ginny & Family Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

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

Confessions - Church
 C Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:00AM
 8:30AM - 10:30AM
 10:30AM

Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center
 CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 4/5

PETER MIRAGLIA - By John & Mary Beth Klofas
 LENA GRECO - By John & Madeline Muto
 SALLY HUTT - By Terry & Karen O'Toole

SF

Sensory Friendly Mass

CL

Children's Liturgy of the Word

C

Count It All Joy

I

Incense Used

F

Family Mass

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.

LINEN CLEANING: DECEMBER 29
 CAROL BONCZYK

Reflections on Readings for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"He Went Down With Them And Came To Nazareth And Was Obedient To Them"



This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In this important solemnity, the Church seeks to show us what makes a family holy - how a family can live a holy life in the midst of daily struggles.

Our two examples today are not perfect, idyllic families but fully human with all their ups and downs. Sustaining them, though, is a faith and trust in God.

Our first reading, taken from the First Book of Sirach (3:2-6, 12-14)

can be summed up in just six words - Honor thy father and thy mother. It is a call for love and respect within the family that is holy as the holy family itself. Sirach writes, "God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons . . . Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother."

In our Epistle reading (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24), St. John gives us a clue to our destiny, "Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him." John's letter calls us to holiness, to love one another, to have confidence, to believe in the name of Jesus. We who keep His commandments remain in Him and He remains in us.

In our Gospel reading (Luke 2:41-52) is the story we know well as "The Finding in the Temple." It is a story of the tension of an adolescent Jesus, full of zeal to be about His father's business, and yet very much under the control and loving protection of His parents. In the end, Jesus returned with them to Nazareth and was obedient to His parents, while His mother pondered all these events in her heart.

Our family is God's gift through which we journey home to the Father; our parents, brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ are all on the same journey with us.

May we pray for guidance and follow the example set for us by the holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called Children of God."

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122924.cfm



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
from December 30 – January 5
in loving memory of Rosa Pucci Gabriele
by Maria & Daughters.



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

Betty Wahl

Joseph Passarell

Jack Valvo



COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, January 4th at the
5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our
"Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.



To all at St. Rita's,
Thank you to all who donated food
and clothing on a weekly basis all
year long.
God knows who you are, and we
extend our heartfelt gratitude for
your support this past year.

Thank you and God bless you all,
Webster Hope

Dear parents,
Have you ever felt that taking children to Mass can be
overwhelming, lonely, or more of a burden than a blessing?

We want to change that!

- ◆ Let's engage our children in the Mass as often as possible, giving more ways to participate.
- ◆ Let's provide plenty of opportunities to socialize, so children and parents see friends at Mass, instead of strangers.
- ◆ Let's educate our children about our faith so it is not just something that we do on Sundays, but something we live every day.

Ultimately, we want our children to know that no matter where life takes them, the Church is their home.



The Parish Office will be
CLOSED

on the following days in
observance of the
New Year's Holiday:

Tuesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 1
Thursday, January 2

As always, in the event of a pastoral
emergency that needs immediate attention
of a priest, please call 671-1100 ext: 106

13th Annual Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Drive

**THANK
YOU**

Once again, **Trinity Council #4618** of Webster,
with your donations and that of area
businesses and residents, raised enough funds
to purchase **528** (44 dozen) **NEW children's
winter coats** for distribution to children of
need in Monroe and Wayne Counties. With
funds left, after purchasing coats, we will
purchase and distribute new Sneakers for
Children in spring '25, to many of the same
groups that received coats.

The new coats were distributed to 30
charitable organizations, school districts, and
churches, which helped identify children as
having a true need for a warm coat.

**THANK YOU from the Webster Knights of
Columbus to all who made a donation to
this charitable program!**

God Bless,
J. Stewart Coon
Chairman - "Coats for Kids"



Are you interested in receiving
"Family Connections" email
newsletters specifically about
events for families and children?
Sign up here!

**Join us during Breakfast @ St. Rita on the
first Sunday of the month!**

We welcome anyone who has ideas - you do not
even have to be a parent yet or have young children
at home. You don't have to come every month.
Bring your ideas and have some fellowship.
Hope to see you there!




Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita's will be hosting a C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner on Wednesday, January 22, 2025

We thank you for your generous support in the past. We are again seeking your help with donations. To sign up, go to the following link or scan the QR Code:



<https://tinyurl.com/COMEJanuary>

Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of January 18 & 19 in the totes labeled "C.O.M.E. Dinner" in the greeting area. Thank you so much for your generosity.

More information:  585-671-1100 ext. 103  julie.cohn@dor.org



FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PLEASE NOTE!

If Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled.

Breakfast @ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship.

**Next Sunday:
Breakfast Sandwiches**

**Sunday, January 5th
8:30am - 10:30am
St. Rita Parish Center**



Monetary donations will be accepted, but not expected. Please join us and bring your family.

There will be themed activities for children of all ages.

If you would be willing to help with breakfast, please contact Marie Torrens at 585-507-2991 marietorrens740@gmail.com or Evelyn Powe 732-648-4383 dmpowe@aol.com

Thank you to all our Christmas Angels!

Thank you to all of our Christmas Angels who donated over 1200 gifts to help make this a special Christmas for so many people!

A special thanks goes to our team who coordinates sorting, packing, and delivery to the organizations we support!

May all of our givers and receivers have a blessed Christmas!



GAME Nights @ ST. RITA

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**Room 1
6:00-8:00 PM**



Let's do dinner!
Bring a dish to share - appetizers, sides, casseroles, and desserts are all great. To sign up with what you are bringing - scan the QR code.

Bring your favorite game or learn something new!



FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!
JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Look for enrollment to open after Easter!
 Contact Anne Thomas
 (anne.thomas@dor.org) if you'd like to help.



family night

Epiphany Play

Monday, January 6
 4:30 PM OR 6:00 PM

We'll put on an Epiphany play together to celebrate the end of the Christmas season - no rehearsals needed! (And no lines to memorize. Just fun for all!) We hope to see you there!

All families with kids in grades K-7 are welcome!

Questions?
 Contact anne.thomas@dor.org

FAITH! *Youth Group* **FUN!**

Youth Group Gatherings for Teens

Sundays January 12th & 26th

Join us!

7th-12th Grade

4-5PM in Room 1

...AND FOOD!

Sofia Bosco started running events for teens in the Fall, and we'd LOVE for new friends to drop in any time and try it out!

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.

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Tuesday, January 14 6:00 p.m.

PROSPECTIVE PARENTS NIGHT

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SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT

Are you ready to change someone's life THIS summer?

Young People Who Care

WHEN? July 6-11 OR July 13-18 (week TBD by the end of January)

WHERE? Bethany Youth Retreat House, Frenchville, PA

WHO? Ages 14-18; 12-13 with a parent

COST? \$350 per participant

Interested? RSVP to an informational meeting (youth and parents) on Sunday, January 12 at 1 pm or Monday, January 13 at 6:15 pm at St. Rita Church by emailing [Fr. Tim at niven@dor.org](mailto:niven@dor.org).

Prayer Service *Simplicity Community*



CONTACT US

WALK IN 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

"March for Life" January 24th, 2025



We are now taking reservations for the 2025 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC, leaving from The Church of the Holy Spirit (leaves January 23rd @ 9pm).

If you would like to attend, please visit our website at <http://march4life.gmsander.info> and fill out a reservation request form. The cost this year is \$80 per person.

Contact Gerry Sander with any questions at webstercommitteeforlife@gmail.com

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. Peters Soup Kitchen

PO Box 11031, Rochester, NY 14611

<https://stpeterskitchen.org/>

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 December Wish List:

- Cooking Oil
- Flour & Sugar
- Spaghetti Sauce (jarred)
- Pasta (**NOT** whole wheat)
- Hand Soap, Body Wash & Bar Soap
- Deodorant & Lotion
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Toothpaste & Dish Soap
- Shaving Cream/Razors
- Laundry Detergent
- Peas, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges (canned)
- Beets, Potatoes (canned)





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