## JANUARY 12, 2025

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

# ST. RITA CHURCH



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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. 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!

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.



Jesus' baptism is a glimpse into our own entrance into the Church. With it, He inaugurates His mission as God's suffering Servant, joining humanity in Creation and journeying with us on our pilgrimage to salvation.

**Pondering Point** 

Have you ever considered Jesus as a companion on your faith journey? Consider what role He has had in your journey – guide, companion, or even spectator.



After the 8am & 10:30am Masses
Stay for a donut and coffee
(or juice) after Mass





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

Thomas Mooney
Beverly Dittman

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





Our Parish Health Ministry will be offering Free Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND, January 18 & 19 in Room 1.



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.

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 JANUARY 11/12**

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family ROBERT FIEN - By Deacon Rick & Bernadette Rall LENA SPAZIANO - By Grace Leni RICHARD N. GREENBLATT JR. - By The Paul & Ambeau Families

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

 11:30AM
 Deacon Wives' Meeting - Rm 1

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

 5:00PM
 Mass

 6:00PM
 Game Night - Rm 1

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM CL Mass
11:45AM Confirmation Session
12:15AM Mass for Confirmation Program
4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

#### **MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025**

8:15AM NICKI CARLISI - By Friends from Baywinde Mass 8:45AM Confessions - Church 4:30PM Faith Formation 7:15PM Confirmation Session with Mass

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025**

8:15AM Mass
9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
10:15AM Mass at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
7:00PM Racial Justice Ministry Meeting - Rm 1

#### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025**

8:15AM Communion Service 4:30PM & 6:00PM First Reconciliation Gathering 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:00PM Mass
6:30PM Companions in Grief - Rm 1
9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

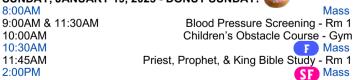
#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

8:15AM MICHAEL J. DELVECCHIO - By The Viola Family Mass

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!



#### **INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 18/19**

BOB & MARYJO LAFFERTY - By Karen & Terry O'Toole GIUSEPPE ARMIGNACO - By Mario Provenzale RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Gary & Tammy Nagel MICHAEL D. SPOLETA - By Wife & Family





Children's Liturgy of the Word







**Family Mass** 

# Reflections on Readings for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

#### "You Are My Beloved Son; With You I Am Well Pleased"

Today's liturgy of the Baptism of the Lord marks the conclusion of our liturgical celebrations of the miracle of Christmas. God entered humanity at Jesus' birth and now again, God entered into humanity in His baptism.



Jesus stood in line with sinners to be baptized by John. It was a mark of humility in truly being one with us. "For our sake He made Him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Cor 5:21).

In our first reading (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7), we hear from the first of four "Servant Songs of Isaiah". These four poems were seen by the early Church, and ever since, to refer to the Anointed One, the Christ. In this first poem, it is God's selection of the Servant who would be a "covenant of the people, a light for the nations." He is "my chosen one with whom I am pleased."

In our Epistle reading (Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7), St. Paul tells us that because of the appearance of Christ, we have been trained to reject godless ways and to live temperately, justly and devoutly as we "await the blessed hope, the appearance of our great God and savior Jesus Christ." Paul tells us this is "not because of any righteous deeds we had done, but because of his mercy." Our hope is that we will become heirs of eternal life.

In our Gospel reading (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22), we hear of the baptism of Jesus, what happened before and what happened after. John proclaimed "one mightier than I is coming". After Jesus was baptized and praying, the Father and the Spirit make known their participation in this event—"You are my beloved son . . .". From this point on, Jesus will baptize with the "Holy Spirit and fire", preaching, teaching and healing.

In our readings today, we are reminded that Baptism is the gateway to life in the Spirit. We are reminded of our own baptism – our own anointing by the Holy Spirit as priest, prophet and king. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, "doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil." This is a mission we would have no ability to do except by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011225.cfm



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from January 13 – January 19 for the healing of Ella.

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#### **JOIN US!**

Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely reading.

W.E.R.O.C.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!

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## "Priest, Prophet, and King" By Bishop Robert Barron

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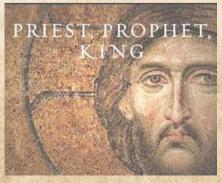
Discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. This program will consist of video and discussion-based sessions.

Six weekly sessions starting
Sunday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 22 in Room 1.

The registration fee (including a workbook) is \$15 and you may mix or match each week.

To register for this program, please e-mail or call the Parish Office at wstritap@dor.org or 671-1100.

If you have specific questions, please e-mail Jerry Lupien at galupien@gmail.com.



Sundays at 11:45AM January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, & 23

OR

Wednesdays at 7:00PM January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, & 26



#### **Offering** eals hurches veryone

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.







**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!



https://tinyurl.com/gamenightsjanfeb2025

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.

# Companions in Grief

Thursday, January 16th 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.cohnedor.org or 671-1100 ext:103.

All are welcome!

#### "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

## SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS



## FOR FAMILIES + ADULTS OF ALL AGES! **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19TH AT 2PM**

We want to make a home for all here at St. Rita, including our members and neighbors who are neurodivergent, have developmental disabilities, or who find our usual Masses overwhelming due to sensory needs.

This Mass is for you - or someone you know! Come join us or share the news with a neighbor who needs a more relaxed environment.

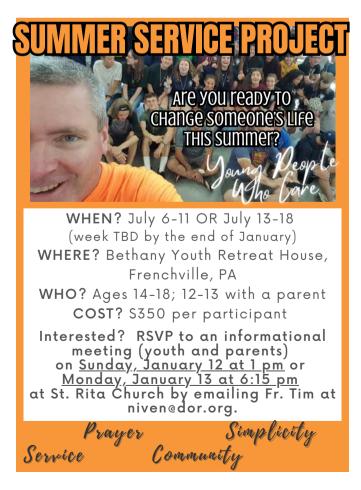




#### Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday at 10:30am Mass!

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 Lituray 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.





#### St. Rita School

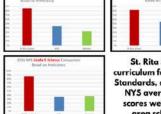
Where Faith and Knowledge Meet! **God Drop Corner** 

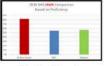
- The hallways and classrooms were full of excitement this week as staff and students returned to school ready for a new year of learning and joy! HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- After school art camp for our 4th and 5th graders began this week. What a wonderful opportunity for some of our God Drops to explore their creativity!
- **Please join us** for a delicious fundraiser this coming Monday, January 13th, at Red Robin Restaurant here in Webster. You can dine in or order take out and our school will receive a portion of the food sales when you mention St. Rita School to your server. Enjoy a night off from cooking while supporting our students-that's a win for everybody!





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For more information or to schedule a visit, call 585-671-3132.

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#### **WALK IN OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

**Fr. Tim Niven**, Pastor - <u>Niven@dor.org</u> 671-1100 ext. 106

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**Deacon Rick Rall** – <u>bernrickefrontiernet.net</u> 545–8467

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**Jennifer LeFrois** - <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> St. Rita School Principal 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. Peters Soup Kitchen
PO Box 11031, Rochester, NY 14611
<a href="https://stpeterskitchen.org/">https://stpeterskitchen.org/</a>

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 <a href="http://www.websternyhope.org">http://www.websternyhope.org</a>

No opened or expired items please.

#### **Webster HOPE Wish List:**

Cooking Oil
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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)

## Webster Association of Senior Program Supporters (WSPS)



The Webster Association of Senior Program Supporters (WSPS) is a non-profit organization, providing transportation to seniors within the Webster School district. Whenever a senior or disabled resident is in need of a ride, they can call us at (585) 216-7829 and our dispatcher takes over. We drive fellow Webster residents to various medical appointments including: doctor, dentist, dialysis, chemotherapy, physical therapy, banking (local), hair dresser (local), barber (local), and pharmacy (prescription pickup).

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