

MAY 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

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Let's Continue to Make St. Rita Parish Stronger

Saint Rita parish has grown in many positive ways over the past year. Mass attendance is up, the number of students in our school and faith formation has increased, sacramental preparation and celebrations abound, service to others remains strong with programs like COME dinners, Thanksgiving and Christmas Angel Projects, and we developed our new mission statement to serve as a continued guide for the parish.

One of our goals has been to increase family participation in Eucharistic celebrations and engage more youth in parish activities. We have made some nice inroads in this area with our monthly children's Mass, monthly family activity nights, and youth group.

Our collections have also increased, which has allowed us to take care of campus improvement projects that had been sidelined for more than five years.

So let's continue to build our community of faith through our welcoming of others of all ages. Please continue to encourage Mass attendance and invite families, friends and neighbors to join our parish activities.

Additionally, I am asking for your ongoing financial support to help us keep up with parish expenses. Shortly, you will be receiving a letter in the mail from me requesting your help to increase regular offertory collections. I fully recognize this is a challenge for each of you, but appreciate your prayerful and generous response.

Peace,
Fr. Tim

EASTER PRAISE CONCERT
Sunday, May 4th
2:00 PM - in Church

Save the Date!
75 YEARS
1950-2025
ST. RITA PARISH
Rain or Shine!
St. Rita Church
75th Anniversary
Potluck Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 1
UNDER THE FIESTA TENT AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS

We are asking everyone to RSVP and sign up to bring a dish to pass. The parish will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks.

Please RSVP at
<https://tinyurl.com/75StRita>
or by calling the Parish Office
671-1100 Ext: 101
by Friday, May 30th

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 MAY 3/4

MICHAEL REITANO - By Mother Jeannette
 NICHOLAS MABE - By Paula, Nicholas, & Olivia
 MARYJO HOHL - By The Family
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Joyce Lockner

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

9:30AM
 4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM

First Communion
 Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

8:00AM
 8:30AM - 10:30AM
 9:15AM
 10:30AM
 11:30AM
 2:00PM

Mass
 Breakfast @ St. Rita - Gym
 Confirmation Rehearsal
 St. Rita Reaus - Rm 1
 Easter Praise Concert - Church

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

8:15AM ALFREDO SCIARRONE - By Family
 8:45AM - 9:15AM
 6:45PM

Mass
 Confessions - Church
 Pastoral Council Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

8:15AM PATRICIA JESBERGER
 - By Tom Yaeger & Mary Keppel

9:00AM
 9:00AM
 10:30AM
 2:30PM
 6:00PM

Mass
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 WEROC - Rm 1
 Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm 1
 Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1
 Fiesta Team Meeting - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

8:15AM
 6:30PM

Communion Service
 Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

5:30PM
 6:00PM ELMER MAURER - By Ginny & Family
 6:45PM

Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 Mass
 Liturgy Committee - Rm 1

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

8:15AM
 9:00AM

Mass
 Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Rm 1

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM
 5:00PM
 6:00PM

Confessions - Church
 Mass
 Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

8:00AM
 9:00AM & 11:30AM
 10:30AM
 11:45AM Summer Service Project Information Meeting - Greeting Area

Mass
 Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 Mass
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INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 10/11

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 JIM "PAPA" NELSON - By The Odenbach Family
 JANET & PAUL PERDUE - By Molly Perdue
 SEAN HUGHES - By The LeFrois Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from May 5 – May 11
 for the intentions of Doreen Alvito
 by Tom & Terri.

Reflections on Readings for the
Third Sunday of Easter

"We Must Obey God Rather Than Men"

We continue this Sunday to hear eye-witness accounts of encounters with the risen Jesus Christ and the effect He had on those who loved Him.



Our readings today highlight the primacy of Peter among the Apostles and the primacy of love and faithfulness in following Jesus, despite all opposition. We also hear in the Book of Revelation of John's visions of the universal Church giving praise and glory to the "Lamb that was slain."

In our first reading ([Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41](#)), the apostles are brought before the Sanhedrin for fearlessly teaching in the name of Jesus after being instructed not to do so. They were flogged for their offense, yet went away rejoicing that they were found worthy to suffer for the sake of Jesus.

In our second reading ([Revelation 5:11-14](#)), we hear another of John's apocalyptic visions of heaven. This vision declared the kingship and authority of the "Lamb that was slain" (Jesus). *"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing."*

In our Gospel reading ([John 21:1-19](#)), Jesus appeared a third time to His disciples; this time at the Sea of Tiberias. There are a few keynotes in this reading. First, after fishing all night with nothing, Jesus overfilled their nets - a symbol of the great numbers who would become Christians. Second, Jesus reversed Peter's three denials on the night of his betrayal with His three times asking, *"Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?"* to which Peter responded, *"Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."* Jesus responded *"Tend my sheep."* Jesus thus installed Peter as the shepherd of His Church. Thirdly, the fact that Jesus shared a breakfast meal with His Apostles clearly indicated He was not merely a ghost or apparition but that His glorified human body was capable of eating food.

We can find no better example of how to evangelize than the Apostles. They boldly and fearlessly proclaimed the risen Christ to the world, regardless of the consequences. *"We must obey God rather than men"*, they said. Look what these twelve men and others accomplished as a result—not on their own but with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. May we also recognize the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives today.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050425.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

**LINEN CLEANING: MAY 4
PATRICIA KUBY**

St. Rita Health Ministry is sponsoring...

**PREVENTING FALLS IN OLDER ADULTS:
KEY FACTS AND STRATEGIES**

Presented by Judy Mariotti, PT, DPT

May 15th at 11:00am
in Room 1



Join us for this educational and interactive presentation given by fellow parishioner Judy Mariotti. Learn all about ways to enhance balance and lower your risk of falling.

Light lunch to follow.
RSVP to Martha O'Connor (585)820-1076; text or voicemail by May 7th.



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

Ronald Klix

Parish Council Nominations



Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or a fellow parishioner for the Parish Pastoral Council. Members serve as a representation of the Parish Community and are a consultive body to the Pastor.

Extra nomination forms may be found on the table near the entrance to Church. Please return your nomination forms by May 11, either to the Parish Office or the Donation slot at Church.

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.



Today's Gospel reminds us of God's abundant graces. When the disciples come to shore with no fish, Jesus has them cast their nets again. This time they catch more than they could pull in. Their trust and hope in God's blessings led to the catch, just as our trust and hope in God's graces can lead us to abundance.

Pondering Point

When have you hoped for something and been rewarded with more than you expected?

**May 3 - 4
Blessing of Workers & Entrepreneurs**

Lord God, may those who work find goodness in themselves and what they do. Help these workers see the dignity you give freely in themselves, and help those who benefit from their work to see the goodness of your kingdom. Bless those who, through their innovation, have created businesses, and in doing so provided others with the dignity of having work. May their work join with others in creating a world where everyone is given the opportunity to contribute to society and in doing so can build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Amen.



Churches Offering Meals To Everyone

St. Rita will be hosting a C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner on Wednesday, May 14, 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:

<https://tinyurl.com/3btxhda3>

or scan the QR Code:



Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of May 10 and 11 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

7 Ways to Help the 70th Annual St. Rita Fiesta Be the Best Ever!

May 30 & 31

#1 - Be a Volunteer!

We have over 250 slots to fill in all areas. Help out for a couple of hours - get an awesome shirt! Sign up online or stop by the Fiesta table in church in May.



#2 - Donate to the Book Sale!

Ready for spring cleaning? Bring us your good condition books, games, puzzles, movies, and music. Drop off at church or the Parish Office starting May 3.

#3 - Donate to the Plant Sale!

When it's finally time to think outdoors, remember our plant sale will take live plants of all types. Contact Carol Van Atta at 671-7832 with questions or to arrange a pick up.

#4 - Donate a Raffle Basket!



Choose a theme, fill a container, and drop it off to the Parish Office between May 12-23. Please include a list of the contents*.

*Value of \$25+, no alcohol

#5 - Donate Sweet Treats!

Drop off store-bought cookies, cakes, pies, or brownies on May 29 or 30.

#6 - Buy Wristbands Early!



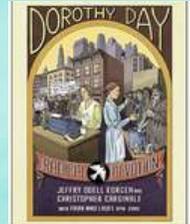
Pre-purchase your unlimited use wristbands for up to 6 inflatable attractions online or in church starting May 3. Get 5 free game tokens with every wristband purchased before May 23.

#7 - Spread the Word!

Your support helps us keep this event one of the longest running and only remaining of its kind in our area. Invite everyone you know!

See more information at
www.stritawebster.org/fiesta

St. Rita Reads...
Nurturing Our Relationship with Christ
and Each Other through
Faith Filled Reading and Dialogue



Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion

Sunday, April 27th and May 4
11:45am-1pm (after 10:30 Mass)
in Room 1

The book is a graphic novel: a quick read, appropriate for teens and adults, showing Dorothy Day's life through illustrated panels and text.

Join Us!

SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT



**FRENCHVILLE, PA
JULY 13-18**

**Do you like to help others?
Are you looking for a great summer activity?**

Join a group from St. Rita as we serve the community through projects such as painting, landscaping, building stairs or ramps, fixing porches, and visiting with residents in nursing homes. We stay at the Bethany Youth Retreat Center.

Open to: High schoolers, middle schoolers with a parent, and adults 21 years or older

**We will have an informational
meeting on Sunday, May 11
at 11:45 in Room 1.**

**Please sign up in the Greeting Area
or RSVP to niven@dor.org.**

**Our Parish Health Ministry will be
offering Free Blood Pressure Checks
after all Masses NEXT WEEKEND,
May 10 & 11 in Room 1.**



Older American's Month
Prayer Service &
Ice Cream Social
Thursday May 22nd
at 1:00 PM

Look for more
information soon!



St. Rita School *Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!*

God Drop Corner

- Mrs. Rosso's 1st grade class kicked off May with a beautiful school liturgy and reception with their families afterwards. We are so proud of all your hard work!
- Congratulation to all our talented God Drops who performed in the "Seussical" theatre production this past week. What a fun show - we loved seeing you shine on the stage!



Do You Like To Knit or Crochet?

Come and join us!

Tuesday, May 6th

10:30am - 12:00pm in Room 1

Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets are given to anyone facing serious illness or hard times in their life. Blankets are blessed by Father Tim and a prayer card is included with our love and support.

We also give small white knitted blankets to each of our recently baptized children.



If you are able to share your time and talent please join us here or make an item at home and leave it in the greeting area in Church.

If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl please contact Julie Cohn at: julie.cohn@dor.org
671-1100 ext. 103.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025! JULY 28-AUGUST 1 REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 5

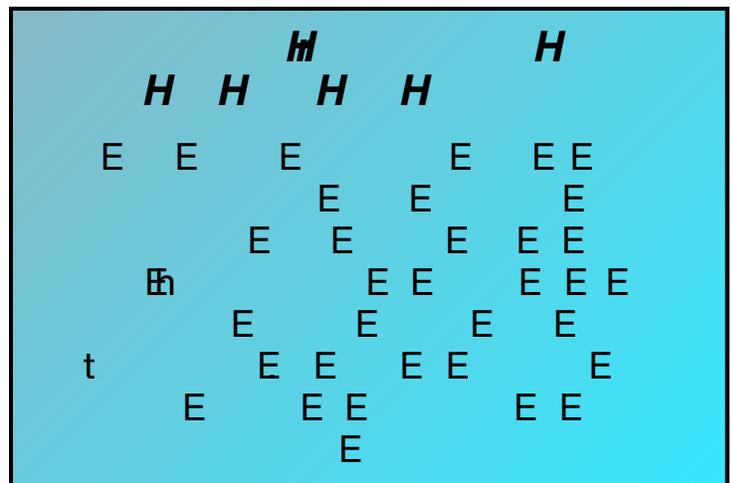


Registration opens for students ages 4-10 and volunteers in grades 7+. Join us for a summer week of games, Bible stories, and tons of fun! Adults, if you're interested in finding out how you can use your gifts to help, please contact Anne Thomas at anne.thomas@dor.org!

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.



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.

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!

W.E.R.O.C.

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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
<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 Spring Wish List:

Spaghetti Sauce (Jarred)
 Applesauce (Jarred)
 Canned Beets
 Canned Potatoes
 Shampoo & Conditioner
 Diapers - Size 6 (We take open packages.)
 Diaper Wipes



We are always in need of children's clothing, new underwear, and socks.

Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Information?

Please let us know on our website by clicking "Join the Parish", then choosing the option that applies to you if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.



Thank you for your financial support of St. Rita parish!

Your generosity helps us continue our good works and much needed ministries.

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

If you attend a different church for weekend Mass, you can place your St. Rita Church Offering Envelope in that church's collection basket/donation slot and it will be sent back to us. We do this in turn for other parishes whose parishioners are here visiting our church.



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