

JANUARY 18, 2026
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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2025/2026 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Together We Bring Hope
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From the Desk of Father Tim . . .

We fulfilled and exceeded our Catholic Ministry Appeal's responsibility!

I was able to announce this at the beginning of January. When the contributions and pledges that had arrived at the Diocese before Christmas were tallied, it was confirmed that our goal was once again reached before Christmas! This has been a point of pride for our parish throughout the last several years and it is certainly something for which I am proud of you.

As I write this, we are \$11,000 over our \$155,000 goal, about 7%. I am deeply grateful for your embracing of this important support of the ministries of the Diocese and of St. Rita.

There is one aspect of the CMA for which we are currently underachieving.

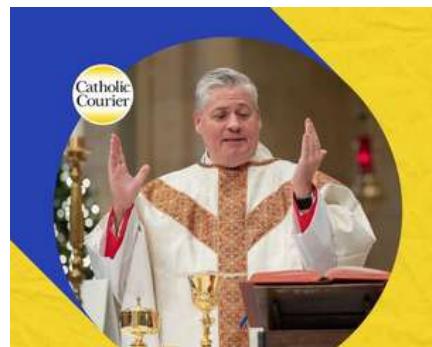
While 399 households have currently participated in the CMA, this is about 40 fewer households than last year.

There are many circumstances that may cause a household to not be able to continue their involvement and I certainly understand. However, it is also true that others in our community do have the ability to make up for this by adding their participation.

It is not merely that I want the numbers to look better. Rather, I want more and more households to embrace the importance of the CMA in the life of the Diocese and to participate in its goodness to whatever degree they are able. As we move into February, I will let you know how we are doing in our parish participation and if there are any initiatives that may help.

There is one incentive already in place: for every new household that participates and every household above last year's total number of households, I will add \$5 of my own to our CMA. I look forward to paying a big dividend!

Peace,
Fr. Tim



Installation on March 19th

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St. Rita's Prayer Line



If you would like to have a special intention remembered in prayer through our Prayer Line, please send your intention request to Julie at Julie.Cohn@dor.org or call 671-1100 ext. 103.



The Parish Office will be **CLOSED** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on **Monday, January 19th**.

There will be no Daily Mass or Confessions.

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 17/18

SHIRLEY MATTHEWS - By Jo Anne Carr
 MICHAEL SPOLETA - By Wife and Children
 PHIL TRAVIS - By Bonnie & Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026 DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 10:15AM-3:15 PM Teen Retreat
 10:30AM F Mass
 11:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1



MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS/PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026

8:15AM SIMON HARRIS - By Bell & Harris Families Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 3

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 4:30PM & 6:00PM Sacramental Preparation
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Dinner - Parish Center
 7:00PM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Online

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM JAMES GROWNEY - By The Bifarella Briggs Family Mass

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026

8:15AM Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM CL Mass
 11:30AM Catholic Social Teaching Discussion Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 24/25

MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family
 LEONARD SCHWARTZ - By Carol Reisch
 JOHN DAVID MAGIN - By Family
 JUDITH PELLITTIERI - By Kate Sherry

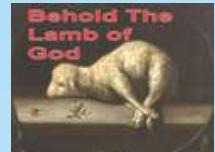
LINEN CLEANING: JANUARY 18
 CAROL BONCZYK

Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from January 19 – January 25
 in loving memory of the deceased
 members of St. Rita Parish.

Reflections on Readings for the
 The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Behold, The Lamb Of God,
 Who Takes Away The Sin Of The World"**

This Sunday begins the liturgical period of Ordinary Time. It is the period between the high seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. Our Readings today point to yet another manifestation of Jesus, this time as "the Lamb of God", the sacrificial lamb who will save God's people from the exile of sin.



Our first reading (Isaiah 49:3,5-6) is an excerpt from the second of four "Servant Songs" of Isaiah. Together, these four poems paint a complete picture of a suffering servant, anointed by God, who will deliver Israel and the nations from sin and darkness. The term "nations", which we have been hearing about these past few Sundays, refers to all the people of the world, but more specifically to the Gentile, non-Jewish world. Isaiah's writings make clear that God's plan is to call all people to himself, using Israel as the "light to the nations, that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth".

In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 1:1-3), we hear from the opening of St. Paul's letter to the Church in Corinth. Paul identifies himself as one called by God "to be an apostle of Christ Jesus." Paul converted many Gentiles while living in Corinth and gave life and meaning to the term "light to the nations."

Our Gospel reading (John 1:29-34) adds to the multifaceted portrait of Jesus that we have been reading since Christmas. This Sunday's passage describes Jesus as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world". He is not the cute, cuddly little lamb we often see depicted, but the sacrificial lamb of the Passover, that gave its life so that its blood would be a sign on their doorposts to deliver Israel from slavery in Egypt. Jesus, the new Paschal Lamb, will shed His blood on the cross for a new Exodus, the delivery from sin. This Lamb is the very Son of God, in whom the Spirit remains.

We are reminded today that throughout salvation history, God has called upon His children to be beacons of hope and light, leading others to the one true God. We too are called and sent by God. May it be we who become the "light to the nations".

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011826.cfm>

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, January 19th at 7:00pm
Room 1



MUSIC MINISTRY

COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, January 24th at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our **"Count It All Joy"** Music Ministers.

JOIN US!
Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

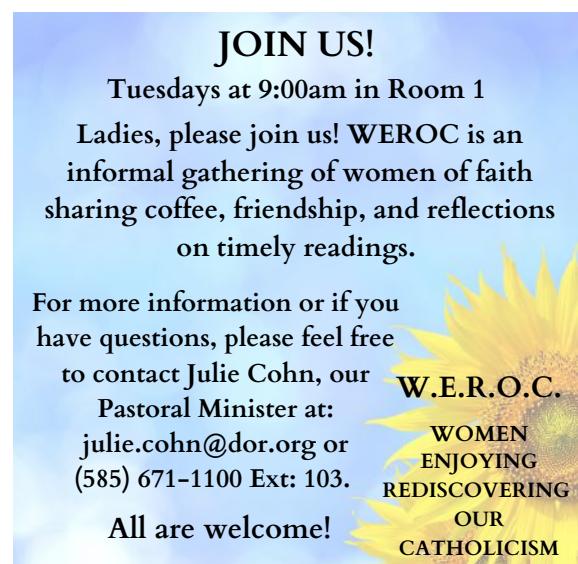
Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely readings.

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.
WOMEN ENJOYING
REDISCOVERING
OUR
CATHOLICISM

Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:
Wesley Joseph Hewitt
Madison Marie Moynihan



WITH HEARTFELT SYMPATHY

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

Robert Varrenti

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As we continue our Catholic Social Teaching conversations about the Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, here are some ways to practice that teaching in our everyday lives:

- Donate! Donate! Donate! Time! Talent! Treasure!
- Vote for government leaders who will advocate for the poor.
- Visit, bring a meal, and/or pray for those of poor health.
- Reflect! How do my choices affect the poor?
- Keep a water bottle and snacks in your car to give to those asking for help at a traffic stop - we have blessing bags at church you can take!
- Volunteer to drive the poor/elderly to doctor appointments through Webster's WSPS-Webster Association of Seniors Program.
- Provide support for a single mothers' shelter - ex: Bethany House
- Volunteer your time at one of the Rochester City Schools.
- Take your children shopping when you buy food for the poor. Teachable moment.
- Learn about poverty by reading the Pulitzer Prize winning book "Evict" by Matthew Desmond.
- Check out the Catholic Social Justice Tree in our Narthex at Church for more ideas!

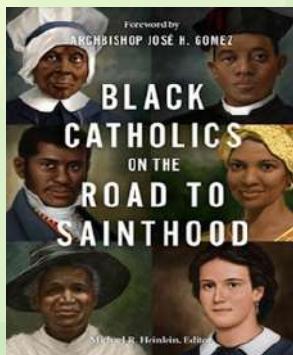


*God has anointed us to bring glad tidings to the poor.
Luke 4:18-19 (paraphrased)*

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.



Black History Month Book Discussion

On Zoom!

Mondays
February 2, 9, & 23
7:00pm-8:30pm

Sponsored by the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR)

In celebration of Black History Month, we invite you to join us for an engaging Zoom book discussion of Michael R. Heinlein's book **Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood**.

We hope you will join us for this meaningful conversation.

Please contact the Black Catholic Coalition of Rochester (BCCR) at blackcatholiccoalition@gmail.com for additional information.

A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team



It's not too late!

Flu illness is surging across the United States following the holiday season. New York State, especially, has been slammed with cases of the flu and record numbers of hospitalizations.

Have you wondered if it's too late to get a flu shot? While the ideal time has passed, you're still able to receive and benefit from a flu shot.

Why it's still a good idea:

- Peak season: January and February are often the peak of the flu season, so getting vaccinated now will still cover you during the riskiest months.
- Extended season: Flu viruses circulate well into the spring, even May, so protection is beneficial for months to come.
- Reduced severity: Even if you do get sick, the vaccine lowers the rate of severe illness and hospitalizations.

Other tips and actions to protect you and others from the flu:

- Avoid close contact with those that are sick, coughing, or sneezing.
- If you are sick, stay home from work, school, and crowded places.
- Use a face mask in crowded places.
- Wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer.
- Get plenty of rest, stay hydrated, and eat a balanced, nutritious diet.

It's better to get vaccinated late in the season than not at all!

www.cdc.gov
urmc.rochester.edu/flu

How much do you know about St. Rita Church?

Join us for a 75th Anniversary

St. Rita Trivia Night

Friday, February 13
6-8 pm
in Room 1

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Bring a snack to share.
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INFO SESSIONS ON 2/1 @ 1 PM AND 2/9 @ 6:30 PM

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JULY 27TH-31ST
9AM-12PM

LOOK FOR REGISTRATION
IN THE EASTER SEASON
SPACE FILLS FAST!

St. Rita School News

Where Faith and Knowledge Meet

Our God Drops are participating again this year in the American Heart Association's "Kids Heart Challenge." They will be raising funds to help everyone have healthy hearts and learning things like how to keep their own heart, brain, and lungs strong and how to save a life with Hands-only CPR. What a great way to kick off a healthy new year!



St. Rita School has officially hit the slopes! Ski Club started on Friday nights at Hunt Hollow Ski Resort in Naples and it has been SNOW much fun for those who have joined. Take a look at these happy smiles!



Do you value the role of youth sports in creating opportunities for growth in leadership, friendship, and sportsmanship? If so, we need your help!

We're looking for an Athletic Director for CYO Soccer and Basketball at St. Rita Parish.

In collaboration with our Parish Life Coordinator, the role includes:

- Managing registration, coaches, and supplies
- Communication with teams/parents
- Providing site manager coverage at home games

Soccer season runs from August to mid-October. Basketball season runs from October to February.

This role can be divided by sport. Until this position has been filled, registration for upcoming seasons will not open.

For more information or to indicate your interest, please contact Elizabeth at Elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org or 671-1100 x104.

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Saturday, January 24

Registration 2-2:30 pm
Contest starts at 2:45 pm



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Ages 9-14

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Questions? Contact Mark Ludington
at 585-330-5128

CONTACT US

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 Principal
St. Rita School Office 671-3132

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Mass Attendance				Total
	5pm	8am	10:30am	
Dec 28	165	132	255	552
Jan 4	197	173	230	600
Jan 11	214	180	270	664



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.

You may also call the Parish Office at 671-1100 or visit our website at www.saintritawebster.org for the most up to date closing information.

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.



No opened or expired items please.
Webster HOPE January & February Wish List:



Laundry Detergent
Cleaning Sprays
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
Liquid Hand Soap
Canned Pineapple & Canned Beets
Flour & Sugar
Cooking Oil
Gently used children's clothing (all sizes)

Thank you

COLLECTIONS

	Collected	Budgeted	Variance	Weekly Average	Collected last yr.
month of Nov	\$ 80,935	\$ 70,675	+\$10,260	\$ 16,187	\$68,111
week of Dec 28	\$14,805	\$14,135	+\$670	--	\$12,072
week of Jan 4	\$12,601	\$14,135	-\$1,534	--	\$10,623

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