

MARCH 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

ST. RITA CHURCH



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




Lenten Soup Suppers & Reflections

Tuesdays during Lent
6:00pm Soup Supper in the Gym
6:45pm Reflection in Church

March 11 Reflection
"Achieving Hope through Suffering"
with Deacon Jim

All weeks will include a child or family friendly activity option during the reflection, so bring the whole family!

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 in today's Gospel undertakes a pilgrimage of sorts. His journey through temptation prepares Him for His public ministry. It truly is an outward journey reflecting an inner movement.

Pondering Point
How can you make this Lent a pilgrimage? In other words, what inner movement are you undertaking this Lent?

March 8 - 9 Blessing of Volunteers

Father of all goodness, you constantly remind us that we are called to help those you put before us. Bless these, your children, who give of their time and their gifts for others. May they be an example to others, and may the fruit of their work be recognized by many. Amen.



Thank you to all our amazing St. Rita volunteers!

The
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent beginning March 7th
5:00PM in Church
Come and join us for a new guided stations experience every week.

WITH HEARTFEEL SYMPATHY

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

Dr. Louis Giordano
Maurice Durning

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 MARCH 8/9

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 MARTINA FAME - By Jean Galofaro
 THOMAS THOMER JR. - By Joanne Facci
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Jennifer & Greg Medina

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 10:30AM **CL** OCIA Rite of Sending at Mass
 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screenings - Rm 1
 11:45AM Confirmation Session

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

8:15AM Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 9:30AM Topics with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
 4:30PM Faith Formation
 5:30PM Practice the Presence of God - Church
 6:30PM Topics with Fr. Tim - Rm 1
 7:15PM Confirmation Session

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025

8:15AM **SR. MARY CLOUSER, SSJ** - By Tom Yaeger 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
 3:00PM - 5:00PM Open Church Time
 6:00PM Lent Soup Supper - Gym
 6:45PM Lenten Reflection Series - Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Community Dinner - Gym
 7:00PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025

4:30PM - 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration with Reconciliation - Church
 6:00PM Mass

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

8:15AM **IRENE CASPER** - By Bob & Mary Ann Beikirch Mass
 5:00PM Guided Stations of the Cross - Church
 5:00PM Game Night - Rm 1
 5:00PM - 6:30PM Fish Fry - Gym

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM Mass
 9:00AM - 12:00PM Easter Egg-stravaganza - Gym
 10:30AM **F** Mass
 11:45AM Confirmation Session
 12:00PM 75th Anniversary Planning Session - Rm 1
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MARCH 15/16

GREGORY PELCHER - By Family
 JOHN SAMPERI - By His Wife & Family
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Greg & Judy Nagel
 THE INTENTIONS OF DOREEN ALVITO - By Tom & Terri

Reflections on Readings for The First Sunday of Lent

*"You Shall Not Put The Lord, Your God,
To The Test"*

At the beginning of Lent, the Church reminds us of Jesus' doing spiritual combat with the devil in the wilderness,



reminding us that Lent is a time for warfare. Through our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we do battle with the forces of the devil in our lives, and with God's grace, defeat him decisively.

In our First Reading (Deuteronomy 25:4-10) Moses spoke to the Israelites at the end of their 40 years of wandering in the desert. He instituted the harvest festival of the first fruits (Sukkot). It was a ritual thanking God for His provision and a retelling of the story of God's delivery from their slavery in Egypt. Once in the promised land, this was to be performed each year as part of the harvest festival. In many ways, we memorialize these same stories in our liturgies today. Our Church wants to make sure that we, as a people of God, never forget God's mercy and deliverance.

In our Epistle reading (Romans 10:8-13), Saint Paul instructs us that salvation is a two-part process. It is a process of the believing in our heart and of confessing with our mouth. Both are necessary. The confessing is the evidence of the believing. Everyone who calls on the Lord (Jew or Gentile) will be saved.

Our Gospel reading (Luke 4:1-13) is the story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert, just after His baptism and before His public ministry began. After a period of 40 days of prayer and fasting, Jesus was spiritually enriched but physically weak and hungry. And enter then, the devil to tempt Jesus in His time of weakness. Jesus' temptation and struggle were real in His humanity, but His triumph over the evil one was the divine perfection we all strive for and the example we follow.

The three temptations of Jesus in the wilderness represent the same three temptations of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden—Lust of the flesh (good food), Lust of the eyes (desire for possessions) and Pride of life (sinful lust for power and wisdom). We confront this same "Threefold Concupiscence" during our Lenten journey. It is our opportunity, with God's grace, to banish them and their merchant, Satan, from our lives.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030925.cfm



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from March 10 - March 16 in loving memory of Janet & Paul Perdue by Molly Perdue.

There will be a second collection THIS WEEKEND to support The Black, Native American, and Hispanic Ministry Fund.

Lent Soup Suppers
Five weeks of Tuesday Lent Soup Suppers begin on March 11.
Sign up to bring soup, bread, cookies.
Set-up and clean-up help is also needed.
The link and QR code to sign up are here.
<https://tinyurl.com/SoupSuppers2025>

Churches Offering Meals To Everyone
St. Rita's will be hosting a C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner on Wednesday, March 12, 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/COMEMarch>
Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of March 8 and 9 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

ST. RITA CHURCH IS CELEBRATING OUR 75th ANNIVERSARY IN 2025!

If you would like to be a part of planning activities to make this year special, please join us on **Sunday, March 16 at noon in church for our first planning session.**
All ideas welcome!

If you have ideas or would like to help, but are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Office.

Mondays March 10 - April 7 in Room 1
9:30am - 11:00am
OR
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Join Fr. Tim for prayer, study, and faith discussions. Each day's sessions will be on the same readings and prayers - attend whichever fits your schedule and embrace the joy of sharing God's Word.

LINEN CLEANING: MARCH 9 SANDRA KUEBEL

NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

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

Game Nights!
5-8 pm on Fridays. March 7-April 11

Come on up to Room 1 to play board or card games. All ages welcome!

O.C.I.A. Meet our Elect and Candidates



Amelia Scalzo

Amelia is a middle school student at Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women. She loves to play tennis and participate in musical theatre. Amelia decided to start exploring her faith on her own while attending public elementary school and then chose to continue her education at Mercy to support her faith journey and many other aspirations. She is the youngest participant in the current OCIA program but is very comfortable sharing her youthful perspectives with the group. She is excited to be received by the Catholic community at St Rita and celebrate baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation with family and friends on Easter weekend 2025!

Hi, my name is Natalie. I am 16 years old, a junior at Eastridge High School. I love doing cheerleading at my school and I love to be with my family. I was baptized Catholic. I am so excited to be receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.



Natalie Zazubec

Hi, I'm Lindsey, I live in Webster. I enjoy being a member of Saint Rita's church and am looking forward to receiving my sacraments and growing my relationship with God.



Lindsey Kester

Marium felt at home at St. Rita when she first came here for her grandmother's funeral and it inspired her to take the next steps on her spiritual path, alongside her mother and uncle. She is grateful to everyone for their warmth and kindness.

Marium Abugasea Heidt

Hi, my name is Jason Tucker. I'm 19 years old and live here in Webster. I was baptized Catholic however I was always more interested in other things than religion. Within the last couple years, I have grown deeper into my faith and am looking forward to receiving my sacraments!



Jason Tucker



Madeline McClure

Madeline is 27 years old. She grew up in Webster with her parents, Michael and Jennifer and brothers, Dan and Jason. Maddy loves spending time with her family and friends and having adventures with her boyfriend, Troy and her dog, Ryder. She was inspired to complete her religious journey by her brother, Jason. She looks forward to being part of the church and getting to know more about the community!

Christa was born in Vienna, Austria, where she was baptized and received First Communion. Around the time she would have gone through the Confirmation process, her family moved to the United States. She was never Confirmed as a result of the big changes in her family's life. She's happy to have this opportunity now at St. Rita.

Christa Abugasea



My name is Jeff Riedl, and I am 46 years old. I am married and have three daughters. I was baptized when I was a baby, but didn't receive my first communion and confirmation. After my mom passed away last year, it just felt like the right time to finish my initiation sacraments. I am grateful to be able to go on this journey with my niece and sister!

Jeff Riedl



CHECK OUT OUR PILGRIMAGE WALL!

Each time you attend an event at church or do any type of Lenten activity (prayer, service, etc.), you help us travel on our Pilgrimage of Hope.

Fill a pocket on the wall to see how far we can go as a community!



See the wall in the narthex for more details.



Do you want to spend more time with God this Lent, but...
...you struggle with silent prayer time?
...you find it hard to know what to say to God?
...you always need something to keep your hands busy?

Try The Practice of the Presence of God! Monday, March 10 from 5:30-6:30 pm

hope Join us for an hour in church each week *love*
(different days/times - check the schedule)

Bring your knitting or another portable craft project!
Bring a journal or paperwork that needs doing!
Bring your kids, your parents, or your neighbors!

Learn some lessons about praying through everyday activities from Brother Lawrence, do a hands-on activity, & listen to some contemporary music.

Join us for

FISH FRY FRIDAYS!



Fridays 5:00pm - 6:30pm
March 7 - April 11
St. Rita Parish Center

Sit down service or take out available.
Proceeds support St. Rita School.

1st Grade Daisy Troop #61183 will be selling cookies **NEXT SUNDAY** after the 8am Mass and before/after the 10:30am Mass.



The cost is \$6.00 per box.
Cash, check or Venmo please.
Help support troop learning, field trips, and community service activities for the Girl Scouts.



Sunday, March 16, 9 am - noon

Come down to the Parish Center for some crafts, fun, and games for all ages as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Enjoy a donut and coffee or juice!



FAITH! Youth Group FUN!

Youth Group Gatherings for Teens

Sunday
March
16th & 30th

7th-12th
Grade

4-5PM
in
Room 1

Join
us!

Please RSVP to Sofia at srbosco01@gmail.com by 11am on Sunday, March 16th.

New friends are welcome to drop in any time and try it out!


WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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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. 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.

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Ground Coffee
 Tea & Hot Chocolate
 Flour & Sugar
 Cooking Oil
 Laundry Soap
 Dish Soap
 Boxed Pasta (Please no whole wheat.)
 Jarred Pasta Sauce
 Canned Chili, Beef Stew, Hearty Varieties of Soup
 Canned Peas, Pineapple, Beets



LAST YEAR'S PALMS

Did you know that you can dispose of your palms from last year? They need to be burned (in a fireplace or grill for example) or bury them in the ground.

You may also drop off your old palms in the basket at Church.

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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