

MAY 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

ST. RITA CHURCH



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

UNITED IN FAITH + COMMUNITY

What was the request in Fr. Tim's recent letter?

Fr. Tim reintroduced the vision of United in Faith and Community - to increase Mass attendance, ministry participation, and regular financial support to ensure the continued long-term growth and success of St. Rita Parish. Fr. Tim's request was that we pray for and support each of these objectives.

Is there a pledge card for increased financial giving like there was last year?

There is no blue pledge card this year - we kindly ask that our parish families prayerfully consider increased giving and, where possible, take the necessary actions as outlined on the back side of the letter. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. It would be helpful if you could increase your gift before July 1, 2025. We are keenly aware that costs are rising for everyone and are grateful for your help to meet the increased expenses of St. Rita Parish.

How can we help grow Mass attendance and ministry participation?

In addition to your regular presence at Mass, reach out and invite others to be part of the St. Rita community. Here are a few suggestions for helping to grow Mass attendance, ministry participation and to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ's saving grace:

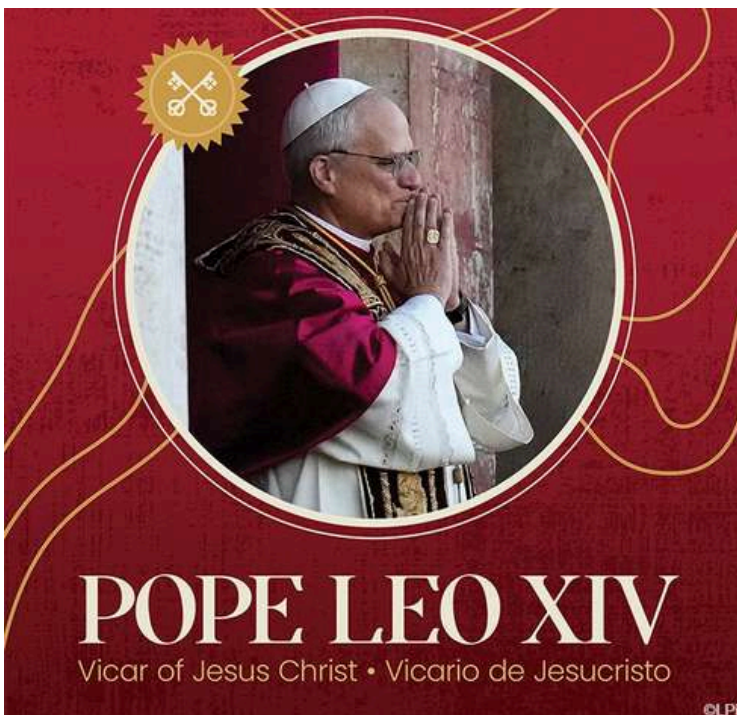
We can talk to others about the importance of the Mass / Eucharist in our own lives.

We can contribute to making St. Rita Parish a warm, friendly, welcoming environment to all.

We can reach out to others - make a personal connection and let our witness and joy do the "talking".

We can be attentive to the needs of those who have either left St. Rita Parish or are unchurched.

Peace,
Fr. Tim



opportunity to minister!

If you've been an **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** (Eucharistic Minister) at another parish or in the past and would like to start serving here, please join us for a **Training Session** on

Monday, May 19 at 6 pm.

New ministers are also welcome.

Must be Confirmed and over 16.

RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org.



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Alessia Rose Fusco

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

1008 Maple Dr., Webster, NY 14580 (585)671-1100 www.saintrita-webster.org

All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 17/18

JOAN "JO" CASTON-LEWIS - By Joe & Julie Cohn
 BEATRIX VOELLINGER - By Mark Voellinger
 ELLIE THORNTON - By Robert & Roslyn Patti
 SAMUEL COLOMBO - By Mom & Dad

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

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

Confessions - Church
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SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY! 🍩

8:00AM
 10:30AM

CL Mass
 Mass

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

8:15AM SHEILA KOROL-JOSEPH - By Jim Joseph Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 2:30PM Altar Server Training - Church
 6:00PM EMOHC Training - Church
 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

8:15AM THE HEALING OF ELLA - By Family Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2025 - FEAST OF ST. RITA

ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN ROOM 1 AFTER THE 1PM PRAYER
 SERVICE AND AFTER THE 6:00PM MASS

1:00PM Older American Month Prayer Service
 4:30PM Altar Server Training - Church
 5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM MARY ROSE LOUGHLIN Mass
 - By Nick & JoAnn Serdinow
 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Chapel

FRIDAY, MAY 23, 2025

8:15AM Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

3:00PM Altar Server Training - Church
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES MAY 24/25

POP & ANNE MUIR - By Karen & John Muir-Smith and Family
 LOUIS & OLIMPIA GILYARDI - By Family
 ROBERT FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family
 DON BELL - By Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from May 19 – May 25
 in loving memory of Sheila Korol-Joseph
 by Evan & Austin Korol.

Reflections on Readings for the
Fifth Sunday of Easter

*"I Give You A New Commandment:
 Love One Another"*

In our readings for this Sunday, Paul's first missionary journey comes to an end with great success. Elders are appointed in each of the new churches. In the book of Revelation, John assures us again—"God's dwelling is with the human race and He will wipe away every tear". In our Gospel reading, Jesus issues a new commandment - to love one another as He has loved us—an old commandment with a new twist. In doing so, He underscores His unity with the Father (only God can issue a commandment).

Our first reading ([Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27](#))

is evidence that the apostles took Jesus' new commandment of love to heart. Today, we hear about the end of Paul's first missionary journey to the Gentile world. Paul and Barnabas went from city to city, over great distances and enduring great hardships and persecutions, bolstering and sustaining their fledgling new communities of love. They appointed elders (priests and bishops) in each church. They were living examples of Jesus' selfless love.

In our second reading ([Revelation 21:1-5](#)), John describes his vision of the end times with a "new heaven and a new earth" and the old heaven and earth would pass away. At this time, all of our suffering, tears, and trials will be wiped away. This is the time when the New Jerusalem will be like a "bride adorned for her husband . . . God Himself will always be with them as their God."

In our Gospel reading ([John 13:31-35](#)), we listen in near the end of the Last Supper. This is the beginning of Jesus' farewell address to His disciples. Jesus knew what the others did not; His betrayal and impending death was to be His glorification. His teaching to His apostles at this moment was to give them a new commandment - a new way of living the mission. They had heard "love one another" before, but the new twist—"As I have loved you" was added. That's not an easy commandment to live, and yet they did—many of them to their deaths.

Today's Gospel passage is a wonderful opportunity to practice meditating on God's word. So consider this challenge: read today's gospel passage multiple times, each time meditating more deeply on its meaning in your life. What does it mean to love one another as Jesus has loved you?

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051825.cfm

**LINEN CLEANING: MAY 18
MARY ANN BEIKIRCH**



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



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Ever wonder how those Synod meetings have helped change the church?
Holy Beginnings is one outgrowth of listening to the voices of the faithful.

Holy Beginnings Outreach cordially invites you to join us for an evening of prayer and praise.

**Voices from Within
Catholic LGBTQ+ Faith Journeys**

Stories from people in the pews!

**Thursday, June 5th
7:00 - 8:00pm
Reception to follow**

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm)

Please consider attending, not only to support your fellow parishioners, but to listen and perhaps learn something new that can help us continue to grow in compassion and love of one another.

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

**Learn more: holybeginnings.org
Contact: Deacon Jim Fien at James.Fien@dor.org**

**CELEBRATE THE FEAST
OF ST. RITA**

THURSDAY, MAY 22
OUR EVENTS INCLUDE:

**1:00 PM PRAYER SERVICE FOLLOWED BY
"MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAES" IN ROOM 1**

WE WILL ALSO HONOR OUR SENIORS AND RETIREES,
AS MAY IS "OLDER AMERICAN MONTH"!

AND

**6:00 PM EVENING MASS
FOLLOWED BY**

**"MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAES"
IN ROOM 1**



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 Jubilee year calls us to not only make right any strained relationships, but to also ensure any relationships we enter into are healthy and good. Jesus' command to love one another as He has loved us is how we can ensure we are in healthy relationships this Jubilee year and beyond.

Pondering Point

How do I show my love to those I meet?
How do I show my love to those I haven't met yet?

**May 10-11
Prayer for those in Confraternities**

Where two or more are gathered in your name, O Lord, we trust that you are there. May those who gather in your name for the works of charity and piety be inspired to greatness in your name.

ST. RITA Fiesta! Fiesta Updates

May 30 & 31

~Spectacular Raffle Tickets On Sale~

Win \$5,000 or \$1,000!
\$25 each or 5 for \$100

Stop by the Greeting Area or the Parish Office.
Cash, check, or credit.

~Volunteers Needed~

Help out to get an awesome shirt and a meal ticket. Sign up online or stop by the Fiesta table in church. Great for teens and families!



~Book, Plant, & Sweets Donations~

Drop off books, games, puzzles, movies, and music at church or the Parish Office by May 28.



Drop off plants starting May 24 outside church.

Drop off store-bought sweets to the gym May 28-30.

~Raffle Basket Donations~

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



~Inflatable Wristbands Now On Sale~



Pre-purchase unlimited use wristbands for up to 6 inflatable attractions. Buy online or in church and pick up at the Fiesta.

Get 5 free game tokens with every wristband purchased before May 23!

See next weekend's bulletin for the complete schedule of events.

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!

More information at
www.stritawebster.org/fiesta

A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team



Tips for a Safe Summer!

Summer is a great time to be outdoors and enjoy the beautiful sunshine!

Here are helpful tips to keep you safe.

- **Hot Weather:** Too much heat is not safe for anyone. Extreme weather can be dangerous for older adults due to the inability to adjust to sudden changes in temperatures as well as chronic medical conditions that affect the body's response to temperature.
 - **Stay Hydrated:** It is important to stay well hydrated. Eight 8oz glasses of water a day is suggested. Drinks with electrolytes, such as sports drinks, are also an option to replenish hydration.
 - **Avoid Alcohol & Caffeine:** Both are diuretics and cause an increase in urination that could lead to dehydration. Alcohol especially can increase the risk of heat exhaustion and heat stroke.
 - **Dress for the Weather:** Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Hats with a larger brim and cooling towels around the neck are also great options to keep cool.
 - **Sunscreen:** Broad spectrum with UVA and UVB protection (SPF of 30 or greater) should be applied when spending time in the sun.
 - **Exercising:** Avoid exercising during peak temperatures. Early morning or late evening activities are better if you are exercising outside.
- * Children playing sports outside should make sure to drink plenty of water or a sports drink to stay hydrated. Apply sunscreen and reapply as needed.*
- **Pool Safety:** Always watch children in or near swimming pools or open water such as ponds and lakes. Use age-appropriate floatation vests for children.
 - **Food Safety:** It's BBQ and picnic time! Keep food cold, as bacteria will multiply quickly in the heat. It is important that food is not left out at room temperature for more than two hours. All perishable food should be stored in coolers and kept with plenty of ice when being served.



For more information visit
www.cdc.gov

THIS WEEKEND is Diocesan Missions Sunday and there will be a SECOND COLLECTION.

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. We call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair, and emptiness prevail.

Women's Faith Sharing

Thursday, May 22nd
7:00pm in the Chapel

Women's Faith Sharing will meet once a month to discuss topics to strengthen our faith, deepen our relationship with Jesus, and provide practical ways to live as a disciple of Christ.

Please contact Jane Murray at jmurr66@yahoo.com for more information.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - SUMMER 2025!

JULY 28-AUGUST 1
9 AM - NOON
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!



Registration is now open 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!

Begin your Journey



as an altar server!

All girls and boys who have made their First Communion are welcome to join our team of Altar Servers.

Attend a one-hour training session on:

Monday, May 19 at 2:30 pm
Thursday, May 22 at 4:30 pm
OR

Saturday, May 24 at 3:00 pm

RSVP to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org.

Snacks included!

Already a server? We're adding new responsibilities for our more experienced servers.

Reach new heights in the Mass!

Congratulations, Confirmandi

Please celebrate in prayer our teens who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation at the cathedral on May 6th.

Cole Andrews
Andrew Baird
Chris Bioso
Agostino Bosco
Ellie Brechko
Anna Buchbinder
Mary Burrows
Noah Chichester
Jeremiah Clark
Jonathan DuPont
Olivia Enderle
Lola Failing
Elijah Giles
Sean Griffin
Alexa Hadcock
Nora Henrichs
Connor Isaacs
Madison Isaacs



Liam Williams
John Zicari
Jackson Zawodzinski

Ryan LaRocco
Cole Leach
Kelsey LeRoy
Brendan MacKenzie
Jack Mackenzie
Marissa Martin
Alex Masters
Emilia Nicolay
Andrew Rayburn
Brendan Reece
Nico Santoleri
Liz Schillaci
Cooper Springer
Emmett Tehan
Eli Van Schaffel
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Stephen Widor
Avery Willmott

May the light of Christ guide your path!



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Holy & Healthy: How to Honor God Through Your Health

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Busy Moms Who Want to Feel
Stronger in Body, Mind, and Spirit

Wednesday, June 4
6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 1

Life is busy, but your health and faith don't have to take a back seat. In this interactive workshop, learn practical, faith-based strategies to take care of your body, mind, and spirit—even on the busiest days.

Men's Faith Group

Monday, May 19th
at 7:00pm Room 1

Contact John Matina at
585-314-6096 if you
have any questions.

Kerri Howell, owner and founder of The Hourglass Mom, LLC, is a Catholic working mother balancing work, family, fitness, and nutrition daily. A certified personal trainer and nutrition coach, she helps faithful women balance health and life, particularly those with full-time jobs and busy families.

Kerri@hourglassmom.com
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315-679-6517

Register for Your Spot! ----->



**WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday 9:00am – Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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**Sunday, May 18
9am - 1pm**



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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/>

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1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580
<http://www.websternyhope.org>

No opened or expired items please.

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Ketchup
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Diapers – Size 6 & 7*
Diaper Wipes
*We take open packages.



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

**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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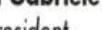


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