

AUGUST 3, 2025
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Join us for....

St. Rita's Summer Mission Speaker - August 9th and 10th at all Masses

By THE BASILIAN FATHERS MISSIONS

As part of our Annual Missionary Cooperative Plan through the Diocese of Rochester, NEXT WEEKEND we welcome Fr. John Huber, CSB.



Fr. John Huber CSB is a native of Rochester, a graduate of St. Pius Tenth Parish in Chili, Aquinas, and Saint John Fisher. He was ordained a Basilian priest by Bishop Matthew Clark in 1992 and has served Basilian ministries at Aquinas, in France, Oakland CA, Houston, Detroit, and Toronto. He has served as principal of St. Thomas High School in Houston and Detroit Catholic Central High School, where he also served as president. He was elected to the Basilian General Council in 2014 and currently serves as the Congregation's Vicar General. He has visited the Basilian missions many times in both Mexico and Colombia.

We will have a SECOND COLLECTION NEXT weekend, August 9th and 10th, to aid the Basilian Fathers Missions. Your support will help to deliver the Sacraments and the Gospel, along with food, clothing, and medical services to the impoverished people from the cities of Tehuacán, Mexico City, and Puebla in Mexico, as well as the cities of Bogota, Medellin, and Riohacha in Colombia.

Envelopes will be at the end of each pew. If you write a check, please make it out to St. Rita Church (marked "Missions" in the Memo field). Your mission donation can also be placed along with your weekly Mass envelopes in the "Donation" slot at the entrance to church.

Please visit our website at www.saintritawebster.org if you'd like to make an electronic donation.



Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00-9:30am

Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm

Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



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

Rosemary Burdick
James A. Sheridan (brother-in-law of Sharon Pucher)

Congratulations and Welcome to the newest members of our parish family who were baptized this weekend:



Carmela Seraphinia Barley

Austin Michael Fox

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

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All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 2/3

GERRY ERNST - By John Ernst
 MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family
 JOSEPH PELLEGRINO - By Robert & Barbara Concordia
 BILL & MARY HAAS - By Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

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

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

8:00AM
 10:30AM

Mass
 CL Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025

8:15AM
 8:45AM - 9:15AM

Communion Service
 Confessions - Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025

8:15AM
 9:00AM

Communion Service
 Eucharistic Adoration - Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025

8:15AM
 10:00AM
 11:00AM

Communion Service
 Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025

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

Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 Communion Service

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

8:15AM

Communion Service

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 2025

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

Confessions - Church
 Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

8:00AM
 10:30AM

Mass
 CL Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 9/10

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 OTTO & PAULA REISCH - By Family
 MARY MARSH - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi
 DONALD HOSENFELD - By John & Julie Odenbach

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from August 4 – August 10
 in loving memory of Mary Marsh
 by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 3
 CAROL SCIOLINO

Reflections on Readings for
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be Rich In What Matters To God"

Our readings for this Sunday warn us of the folly of placing our worship in material goods instead of in God. In the end, it buys us nothing.



Jesus teaches us that we must keep our focus on God, not our earthly possessions: "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Our first reading (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23) is a warning of the vanity of human toil. The riches we toil for in this life are left for others to enjoy after our death. "*Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!*" (Editor's note: Qoheleth is a Hebrew word that means "teacher" and is thought to refer to King Solomon.)

In our Epistle reading (Colossians 3:1-5; 9-11), St. Paul tells us about what really matters to God and how we are to rightly order our lives to "*seek what is above*." Paul instructs us that, since we have died to Christ, we should put aside earthly desires and passions and "*put on the new self*." Paul writes, "*Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry....*"

Our Gospel reading (Luke 12:13-21) builds on the themes from our first two readings with the parable of the Rich Fool. First, Jesus refused to intervene in a property squabble among two brothers and then followed up with a parable about the rich fool to drive home the point – "*You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?*" Jesus teaches us to be "*rich in what matters to God*."

It is often said, "you can't take it with you", referring to power, prestige, wealth, and possessions.

But there is one thing that we can take with us beyond the grave and that is grace. "*The grace of Christ is the gratuitous gift that God makes to us of his own life, infused by the Holy Spirit into our soul*" (CCC 1996–2001).

We cannot earn grace, but we can embrace it by following the advice of St. Paul in today's Epistle, by seeking what is above, where Christ is.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080325.cfm>



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

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.



In today's Gospel, Jesus warns about the temptation of greed and encourages good stewardship. Jubilees are an opportunity to share the bountiful harvest with others and build the relationships in our lives.

Pondering Point

How do I share the many gifts God has given me to make the world a better place?

August 2-3 Jubilee of Youth

God of youth, we ask Your blessing upon our young people this day. You have gifted each one of them in a special way,

May they come to know their giftedness as they discover your living and active presence in their lives. Be with them as they grow in their faith and discern your call in their lives.

Bless their openness and enthusiasm and allow their questions to both enliven and challenge us as a community of believers gathered to do your will.

Strengthen and support the good works that they do. Guide and sustain them along the exciting journey that awaits each one of them.

As we join with them in praising you as the source of our Jubilee, we ask this blessing through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

St. Rita Trivia



After the retirement of our founding pastor, Rev Francis Kleehammer, St Rita Church had two co-pastors for a time. Do you know who these two were?
Bonus if you know when they served as co-pastors.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



**FAITH FORMATION
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Is God calling you to help families, kids, or teens?

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ANNE.THOMAS@DOR.ORG OR CALL 671-1100 X:110

Save the Date

Mt. Irenaeus Men's Retreat

OCTOBER 12TH - OCTOBER 14TH
(Sunday - Tuesday)

"The Mountain" is a Franciscan Mountain Retreat House located just outside of Olean, NY, about a 2 hour drive from Webster. The Franciscan Friars who live at The Mountain will be our hosts.

"We believe we are one with all peoples, cultures, and creation in the ancient longing to find and to live in peace. All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new" by creating and nourishing a community that transcends a particular place, open to all peoples, ages, and cultures."

For more information about Mt. Irenaeus, please visit www.mountainonline.org.

If you have never been on a retreat or have any questions, please email Deacon Jim at

James.Fienedor.org.

This might be just what God ordered for you!

Space is limited to 12.

Contact Deacon Jim to reserve your spot!



Sponsored by the St. Rita Health Ministry

BE SCAM AWARE!

This Lifespan presentation will discuss scams, fraud, and consumer protection.

September 10 at 5:00pm in Room 1

Lifespan is a nonprofit dedicated to helping older adults take on the challenges and opportunities of our longer lives.

More information in next week's bulletin.



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.



SIGN UP NOW!

**St. Rita 75th Anniversary/Jubilee Pilgrimage to
the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Martyrs
in Auriesville, NY**

Monday, October 13, 2025

Use the link, QR Code, sign-up sheet on the table in the Greeting Area of Church, OR call the Parish Office to SIGN UP.

<https://tinyurl.com/Auriesvillepilgrimage>



We will charter a bus if there is enough interest. The cost per person will be determined by the number of people attending.

Sign up as soon as possible, with deadline on Monday, 8/11/25



The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops has designated Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine as a national shrine for pilgrims.

St. Rita is planning a bus tour to Auriesville to visit this shrine where our pastor, Fr. Tim will say Mass.

For more information email June Frosino
june.frosino@dor.org
or call the office 671-1100.

Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine website:
<https://www.ourladyofmartyrsshine.org/>

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Faith Formation

Explore our faith weekly in the classroom
or at home for grades K-7
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For children in 2nd grade (or above) to prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion

for children in Catholic school and public school per diocesan policy, participation in 2024-2025 Catholic school or Faith Formation is required; contact Anne Thomas for questions about your child's eligibility

Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation

A 2-year preparation program for teens/youth in 8th grade+ to grow in love, service, and knowledge for youth in Catholic school and public school

Enroll now!

Please visit
www.saintritawebster.org/faithformation/
for more information and to enroll for all programs.



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Don't Miss Out!



<https://buytickets.at/reallifecatholic/1662930>

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
7:00 - 9:00 PM
St. Marianne Cope Parish
2061 E. Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY 14623

Webster Hope is collecting NEW school supplies for area students in need.



Please drop off items in the labeled box in the Greeting Area by **Sunday, August 17th.**



Backpacks & String Bags
Washable Fine-Point Paint Markers
Washable Bold/Broad Line Markers
Crayola Washable Watercolor Paint (12 colors) Markers
Colored Pencils
Pre-Sharpened Pencils, Yellow #2
Ticonderoga Pencils
Crayons, 24-Pack
Crayola Twistable Crayons
Ballpoint Pens, Black & Blue
Dividers for 3-Ring Binders
3 Ring Binders - 1", 1.5" & 2"

1-Subject Spiral Notebooks, Especially Red
Post-It Notes - 3"x3" & Page Markers
Wide-Ruled 3 Subject Spiral Notebooks
New Socks & Underwear - All Sizes.
Highlighters
Plastic Pencil Boxes - Lots!
Elmer's Glue
Scissors & Erasers
Plastic Folders, 2 Pocket
Composition Notebooks
4x6 Index Cards
Facial Tissue
Hand Sanitizer



**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

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 Current Needs List:

Spaghetti Sauce (Jarred)
Pasta (not whole wheat)
Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo
Coffee & Tea
Mayonnaise & Cooking Oil
Salad Dressing & BBQ Sauce
Ketchup
Depends – all sizes*
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.

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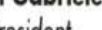


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