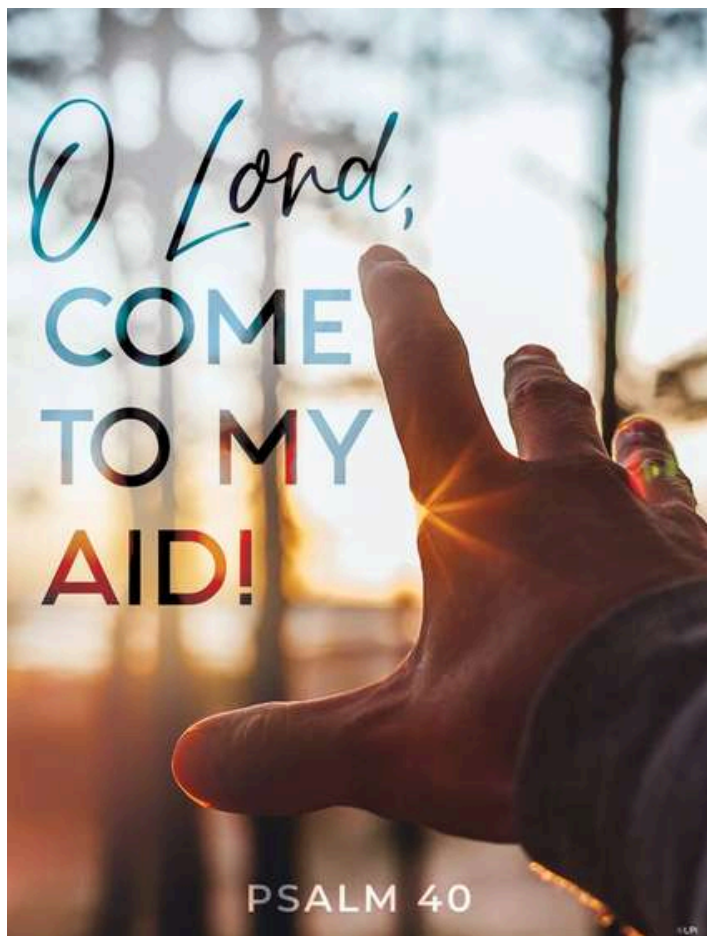


AUGUST 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. RITA CHURCH



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



ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?

WELCOME

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about St. Rita Church or to register, please go to our website at www.saintritawebster.org and click the "Join the Parish" link. Also, everyone is invited to sign up to receive our weekly E-Newsletter to keep up with all that is happening. On our website click on "Newsletters".

We are happy to have you with us!

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 says He has come to set the world on fire. Jubilees are a time to fan the flame of our faith. We spend a year nourishing that fire so it can continue to burn far beyond the Holy Year.

Pondering Point

How have you fanned the flames of faith this year? How can you continue to fan it in the coming months?



Please join us!
Pray the Rosary each Monday after the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.

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, August 18 at 7:00pm
Room 1

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



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



Luca Ray Felicetti
Jackson Brody Schall

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.saintritawebster.org
All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 16/17

DAVID KUEBEL - By Patricia Kuebel & Family
 MARGARET SEMENTELLI - By Family
 MICHAEL & ESTHER LOMBARDO - By Jackie Colicchio
 MARILYN FRANZ - By Family

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!

8:00AM  Mass
 10:30AM **F** Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

8:15AM **ELEANOR CIMINO - By Carol Montante** Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 6:30PM Rochester Hope Planning Committee - Parish Office
 7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025

8:15AM **ANNAMARIE MCGRATH - By Family** Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM **CARL LARSON - By Wife & Son** Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

8:15AM **ANNA & FRANK COSTANZA - By Teresa DiGiorgio** Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 23/24

THOMAS & KATHLEEN BIFARELLA - By Daughter & Family
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Carol Montante
 MICHAEL S. SCIOLINO - By Wife & Children
 ALLEN YARTON - By Wife Carol



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from August 18 – August 24 in loving memory of the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.

**LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 17
 PATTY ZACHMAN**

SF Sensory Friendly Mass **CL** Children's Liturgy of the Word
C Count It All Joy **I** Incense Used **F** Family Mass

Reflections on Readings for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Keep Our Eyes Fixed On Jesus"

All three readings this Sunday explore the cost of being a disciple of the Lord. In our first reading, we hear the cost visited upon the Prophet Jeremiah for speaking the truth God commanded him to speak.



In the Gospel reading, Jesus prepared His disciples for the division and conflict that would come their way. Just as in the days of old, we also may encounter division in the name of Jesus. In our Epistle, we hear how we are to live out God's call, "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

In our first reading ([Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10](#)), we hear the story of how Zedekiah, King of Judah, at the urging of the court princes, sent Jeremiah to a certain death at the bottom of a cistern. But then at the urging of the court eunuch Ebed-Melech, the King reversed himself and rescued Jeremiah. Jeremiah was following God's call "to root up and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build up and to plant." ([Jeremiah 1:10](#))

In our Epistle reading ([Hebrews 12:1-4](#)), the author of Hebrews teaches us that Jesus had a purpose for how He endured the cross and the opposition from sinners. It was for the "sake of the joy that lay before Him" as He took His seat at the right hand of God and so that we might not grow weary and lose heart.

In our Gospel reading ([Luke 12:49-53](#)), Jesus used the symbol of fire to illustrate the division the Word of God could bring. Fire was often used as a metaphor for cleansing and purification. Even the presence of God was referenced as a consuming fire or burning bush or pillar of smoke. Jesus made clear to His followers that many would turn away from the Word of God and there would be division, even within families.

The way of the disciple of Jesus is not an easy one. 'Go along to get along' is not typically in our calling. We are called to speak God's truth when the world seeks darkness. We are called to live this truth regardless of how others receive it. We are called to be witnesses by our actions as well as our words. We do this "for the sake of the joy" that lies before us. And how are we to do this? Today's Epistle tells us how: "Rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us . . . and persevere in running the race that lies before us by keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus."

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081725.cfm>

Monday, September 8 4:30-6:30 pm Join us as we continue to celebrate our 75th anniversary with food and friends, prizes and prayer, music and more!

Optional: bring a food item to share or help with set up or clean up!

RSVP here:



St. Rita Fall Picnic

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.

Please RSVP to Dottie O'Rourke (call or text) at 585-269-4921.

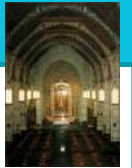
Refreshments will be served.



Have you ever been to Sacred Heart Cathedral? Join us for a tour!

This guided tour will include the features that make a Cathedral different from a parish church as well as what makes Sacred Heart Cathedral unique among cathedrals.

Sacred Heart has been the official cathedral for the Diocese of Rochester since 1952, but has served as one since 1937 when St. Patrick's was demolished.



We will see the Cathedra, presbyterium, and narthex - along with learning what those words mean!



The last major renovation was completed between 2005-2008.

There are more than 100 angel figures. How many can you find?



296 Flower City Park

Sunday, August 31

Meet at 12:30 pm at the Welcome Desk

(in the narthex near the parish office - to the right of the main church seating if you come in the doors with the steps)

*Carpooling from St. Rita is available - be in the parking lot by 12:00. We will leave at 12:10. All minors must be driven by their own parent/guardian.

Optional: Stop at Bruster's (1930 E. Ridge Rd, Irondequoit) for a sweet treat before heading home!



RSVPs requested, but not required, to elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Faith Formation

Explore our faith weekly in the classroom or at home for grades K-7 for children who attend public school

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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



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

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



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PLAYERS ENTERING GRADES 3-6

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DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!

We currently only have 20 recipes submitted.
We need AT LEAST 55 more for this project to succeed.

**DON'T WAIT TO SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES!
YOU MAY SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE.**

**ST. RITA 75TH ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK
DEADLINE FOR YOUR RECIPE SUBMISSION(S)
IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.**

Keepsake recipe books will be available to purchase at a later date.
Watch for more information.

Paper recipe forms can be found in the Greeting Area.
Please return completed forms in the marked box

OR

Submit recipes electronically at:
www.saintritawebster.org/keepsake-75th-cookbook/
or scan the QR code.



Editors reserve the right to select final recipes for publication.
Questions? Contact Theresa Passero at tpassero125@gmail.com



Happy 75th Anniversary, St. Rita!

Join us for 10:30 am Mass with the Bishop on Sunday, September 28, followed by cake and other refreshments in the Parish Center.




*St. Rita Seniors,
we'd love to have
you join us!*

Sign up by this Monday, 8/18

**Holy Trinity Church
Senior Ministry Bus Trip
Tuesday, September 23, 2025
Buffalo Religious Arts Center**

Another bus trip with scenic excursions! Depart Holy Trinity at 9 a.m. We head west to the Buffalo Religious Arts Center. The Art Center is one of the few galleries in the U.S. housed in a former church and dedicated to the preservation of religious art from the many houses of worship that have been forced to close their doors. After the Art Center, we are off to the Roycroft Inn for a buffet lunch and then top the day off with a visit to Oliver's Candies before heading home. Cost is \$174.00 per person. **Sign up by calling Holy Trinity parish office at 265-1616 by Monday, August 18.**

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.

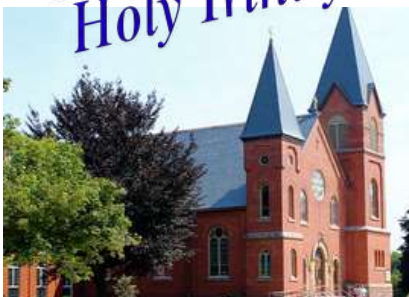
"We believe we are one with all peoples, cultures, and creation in the ancient longing to find and to live in peace. All who participate in the mission of the Mountain join with Jesus Christ in "making all things new" by creating and nourishing a community that transcends a particular place, open to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

*News From Our
Neighbors at
Holy Trinity*



The National Catholic Youth Conference Pilgrims at Holy Trinity will be holding a Car Wash after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, August 17th, with a rain date of Sunday, August 24th. We appreciate your donations to help us raise funds for our trip to Indianapolis in November. We'll even accept bottles and cans from those who cannot give a monetary donation. Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers for our 11 young NCYC Pilgrims!

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AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TO BENEFIT THEIR NCYC PILGRIMS


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. 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.

**Holy Communion
 for the Sick and Homebound**

If you know someone who is sick, recovering from surgery, or homebound who would like to receive Holy Communion at home or in the hospital, please speak with Julie, Elizabeth, Fr. Tim, or contact the Parish Office at 671-1100 to make appropriate arrangements.

**Thank you for your financial
 support of
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