

NOVEMBER 24, 2024  
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
King of the Universe

# 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](http://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!**

## Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 28 at 9:00am

Feel free to bring a food item that you will be sharing at your meal to be blessed.



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

Mila Hope Stuver



Heavenly Father,  
We thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us—our family, our friends, and the abundance of Your love. Grant us hearts full of gratitude, and help us to remember those in need. May this time of thanksgiving draw us closer to You and to one another, as we seek to live in Your grace.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL  
Extending Christ's Mission  
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



**GOAL \$146,000 PLEDGES \$116,452**

Please place your CMA envelope in the donation slot in Church or bring to the Parish Office and we will send it in for you. Please make checks out to "Catholic Ministries Appeal".

You can also make your gift online at [www.dor.org/cma](http://www.dor.org/cma) (St. Rita Parish number is 327).

**We are at 80% of our goal from 295 households.\***

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the success of our CMA!

\*UPDATED AS OF 11/15/24



**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](http://www.saintritawebster.org)  
All Masses are livestreamed on our website.

## MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

### INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 23/24

MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER DEBOLE - By Family  
 MARGARET FARNUNG - By The Farnung Family  
 MARTIN AMATO - By Norine Amato  
 EILEEN DAGONESE - By Carl & Josephine Gangarossa

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2024

2:00PM *Jaime Benza & James Ling Wedding*   
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church  
 5:00PM Sensory Friendly Mass

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8:00AM *Mass*  
 10:30AM *Children's Liturgy of the Word at Mass*  
 11:45AM *Confirmation Session*

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

8:15AM *MARIE WILLIS - By John & Julie Odenbach* *Mass*  
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church  
 9:30AM *Journeying Through Advent with Fr. Tim - Church*  
 7:15PM *Confirmation Session*  
 6:30PM *Journeying Through Advent with Fr. Tim - Church*

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024

8:15AM *Mass*  
 9:00AM *Eucharistic Adoration - Church*  
 9:00AM *WEROC - Rm 1*

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

8:15AM *Communion Service*

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024

### Happy Thanksgiving

9:00AM *FOR THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. RITA PARISH* *Mass*

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

**NO MASS - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024

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

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:00AM *Mass*  
 8:30AM - 10:30AM *Breakfast @ St. Rita - Gym*  
 10:30AM *Children's Liturgy of the Word Mass*

### INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES NOV. 30/DEC. 1

LOTTIE BART - By John & Karen Muir-Smith and Family  
 PHILIBERT & CHARLOTTE VANDERWEYDE - By Daughter Virginia  
 ANNAMARIE MCGRATH - By The Lang Family  
 GARY PALMIERE - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi



Our Tabernacle Light will burn  
 from November 25 – December 1  
 in loving memory of Martin Amato  
 by Norine Amato.

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.

**LINEN CLEANING: NOVEMBER 24  
 CAROL SCIOLINO**

## Reflections on Readings for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

### "My Kingdom Does Not Belong To This World"

Next Sunday begins the season of Advent, which will help us prepare our hearts to receive our Lord and King at His birth. Our Church now turns our attention to a foremost reality of our faith – that Jesus is the Christ, the anointed Son of God. He is Lord of the universe but He is also Lord of our hearts, our minds, our lives, and our families.



**In our first reading (Daniel 7:13-14)**, Daniel tells of a vision seeing a divine, heavenly being and yet human in appearance ("one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven"). Even Old Testament writers interpreted this as the messianic figure. Jesus is often quoted in the Gospels as referring to Himself as "Son of Man". Often, when He used this term, many believe He was talking about the end times. Many scholars believe that when He used this term, He had in mind this passage from Daniel, chapter 7.

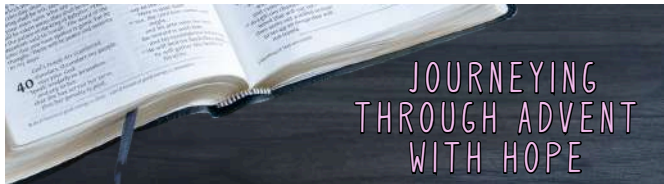
**In our Epistle reading from the Book of Revelation (RV 1:5-8)**, St. John wrote of the end times, the apocalypse, when he wrote, "he is coming amid the clouds", and that he has made us into "priests for his God and Father." As priests, we are called to teach, to witness, and to love, as our model Christ did for us.

**In our Gospel reading (John 18:33-37)**, we hear a scene from the passion narrative of the Gospel of St. John, as Jesus was interrogated by Pilate. Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Jesus is not like any king the world would know. He is a servant king, one who reigns in love, not in violence, one who seeks the lost and rescues them.

On this Feast of Christ the King, we are reminded that Jesus is King of heaven and earth and His kingdom is eternal. Because of this, we are called to invite Jesus to reign as Lord and King of our hearts, our families, our avocations, our professions, our hopes and dreams – every aspect of our lives. To do less is to make Jesus a part-time king (with a small k). Jesus invites us to make Him the center of our lives.

[www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112424.cfm](http://www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112424.cfm)

**NEXT WEEK** there will be a second collection to support Catholic Universities and Other American Catholic Higher Education Institutions.




**JOURNEYING  
THROUGH ADVENT  
WITH HOPE**

A time of sharing, prayer, & listening

November 25 - 9:30am & 6:30pm  
 Dec 2 - 9:30am & Dec 3 - 6:30pm  
 December 16 - 9:30am & 6:30pm  
 December 23 - 9:30am & 6:30pm

Spend some time together with Fr. Tim and the Scripture readings and prayers of Advent to help our experience of the Sunday Masses come even more alive.  
 Attend either session each week.




*November is*  
**BLACK CATHOLIC  
 HISTORY  
 MONTH**

**Blessed Marie-Clementine  
 Feast Day: December 1**

Blessed Marie-Clémentine Anuarite Nengapeta was born in 1939 in the Democratic Republic of Congo and was martyred in 1964 at the age of 24. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1985 and was the first Bantu Catholic blessed.

Anuarite Nengapeta was baptized in 1945 and educated by the first mission in her region. She ran away from home to join the convent of the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1959, taking the name Sister Marie-Clémentine. She served the community as a cook and sacristan, and she was dedicated to teaching.

Civil war broke out in Congo in 1964, and the convent was attacked by rebels. Sister Marie-Clémentine was killed by Col. Pierre Olombe after warding off his attempts to assault her. As she lay dying, she said to her killer: "I forgive you for you do not know what you do." Her parents also forgave her killer; during her beatification Mass, Pope John Paul II said, "And I myself, in the name of the whole church, I forgive with all my heart." It was reported that Pierre Olombe was among the crowd at that Mass. Blessed Marie-Clémentine Anuarite Nengapeta is a patron of the African Jesuit AIDS Network.



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

**Richie Dinardo**  
*Son of Jim & Gina Michels*

**Richard Jester**

**George Maynard**

**An Van Pham**



**Lessons & Carols**  
*Sunday, December 8*  
**2 pm**

*Join us for a joyous celebration of the holiday season through music and word as we retell the story of the birth of Jesus.*



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**St. Rita Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday**  
**Wednesday, November 27**  
**Thursday, November 28**  
**Friday, November 29**

As always, in the event of a pastoral emergency that needs the immediate attention of a priest, please call 671-1100 Ext: 106

**We wish you all a safe and blessed Thanksgiving!**



**ATTENTION SNOW BIRDS**

If you are heading south this winter and wish to have parish mailings and/or your envelopes put "on hold", please call the Parish Office at 671-1100 and let us know the dates you will be away and when you will return.

# be a christmas angel & share some christmas joy!

Your gift donations go to 8 agencies to help make Christmas special for everyone. Our goal is to collect 1500 gifts!



New, **unwrapped** gifts can be dropped off:

- to church the weekends of 11/23 & 11/24 and 11/30 & 12/1
- to the Parish Office 9 am - noon, November 18 to December 1

**Visit the tree in the greeting area to pick up a tag with a gift suggestion.**

*All gifts are due by NOON on Sunday, December 1.*

### 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](mailto:Julie.Cohn@dor.org) or call 671-1100 ext. 103.

Would you like to become one of our "prayers"? Let Julie know and she will add you to our phone/email chain.

## Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24  
3:00pm, 5:00pm, and 10:00pm

Wednesday, December 25  
9:00am



## ADVENT EXtravaganza

Monday, December 2  
4:30-7:00 pm  
in the Parish Center

**Free!** **ALL AGES!**

Learn about Advent and Christmas traditions from around the world, create a unique Advent calendar, make a gift to share, enjoy some treats, sing the night away, and more!



## Breakfast @ St. Rita

Please come and join us for breakfast and fellowship.

**Next Sunday: Grand Slam Breakfast**

Sunday, December 1st  
8:30am - 10:30am  
St. Rita Parish Center



**Monetary donations will be accepted, but not expected. Please join us and bring your family.**

If you would be willing to help with breakfast, please contact Marie Torrens at 585-507-2991 [marietorrens740@gmail.com](mailto:marietorrens740@gmail.com) or Evelyn Powe 732-648-4383 [dmpowe@aol.com](mailto:dmpowe@aol.com)

## Attention, Crafters!

St. Rita is partnering with ROC Made With Love to accept donations of handmade hats, scarves, gloves, and mittens.

Founded in 2022, ROC Made With Love distributes handmade winter items to people in Rochester through local libraries and non-profit organizations.

Learn more by following us on Facebook or [@rocmadewithlove](https://www.instagram.com/rocmadewithlove) on Instagram.

Items can be left in the basket at church or at the Parish Office.

Thanks for your generosity!





**St. Rita School**  
*Where Faith and Knowledge Meet!*  
**God Drop Corner**

- Our 1st Grade and 2nd/3rd Grade Girl Scout Troops have been busy working during their meetings and also volunteering around our community. The Daisy Troop helped make celebration kits for families in need at The Gathering Place here in Webster and the Brownies volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House.
- Happy birthday to our God Drops with November birthdays! We hope you enjoyed celebrating with a dress down day at school this week.



*Happy Thanksgiving*



**St. Rita Troop 163  
 Scout Alumni Reunion**



Saturday, November 30  
 2:30pm - 4:30pm  
 St. Rita's Gym

Join us for our 4th Annual Reunion!  
 All alumni scouts and their families are invited to gather, reconnect, and reminisce.

Please consider bringing a snack, dessert, or appetizer to share.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Corinne Kohrt  
[corinnekohrt@yahoo.com](mailto:corinnekohrt@yahoo.com)



**Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered each Sunday at 10:30am Mass!**

This special opportunity is offered every Sunday except on the 3rd Sunday of each month when Father Tim will preside over a Family Mass in Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to give children in Pre-K thru Grade 2 an opportunity to hear and share about the Sunday readings at a level of their understanding. Children will be dismissed from church to Room 1 before the first reading and will return approximately at the Offertory Prayers.



*Hands of Christ*

If you know any High School Seniors who:  
 + Demonstrate a Christian attitude by word and example  
 + Are actively involved in their parish as well as their school community  
 + Are a positive role model for their peers  
**Nominate them! Visit our website for details.**



*Youth Group*

*Advent*



Sunday  
 December 8

Sunday  
 December 15

Join Sofia Bosco for Advent and Christmas faith and fun! Sofia is a previous Confirmation leader who has branched out to minister to all youth and teens in our parish.

**Grades 7-12 from 4-5PM  
 in Room 1**

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**



Share your prayers thanking God for the blessings in your life this Advent!

Write your prayer on a purple slip and put it in the basket in the Greeting Area before any Mass during Advent.

These prayers of thanksgiving will be brought forward during the Offertory at Mass.



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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

**Fr. Tim Niven**, Pastor - [Niven@dor.org](mailto:Niven@dor.org)  
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**Deacon Jim Fien** - [James.Fien@dor.org](mailto:James.Fien@dor.org)  
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Music Director  
671-1100 ext. 105 or call/text 585-362-0708

**Jennifer LeFrois** - [Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org](mailto:Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org)  
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. 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.**

**Webster HOPE November/December Wish List:**

Cooking Oil  
Flour & Sugar  
Spaghetti Sauce (jarred)  
Pasta (**NOT** whole wheat)  
Hand Soap, Body Wash & Bar Soap  
Deodorant & Lotion  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Toothpaste & Dish Soap  
Shaving Cream/Razors  
Laundry Detergent  
Peas, Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges (canned)  
Beets, Potatoes (canned)



## Webster Association of Senior Program Supporters (WSPS)

The Webster Association of Senior Program Supporters (WSPS) is a non-profit organization, providing transportation to seniors within the Webster School district. Whenever a senior or disabled resident is in need of a ride, they can call us at (585) 216-7829 and our dispatcher takes over. We drive fellow Webster residents to various medical appointments including: doctor, dentist, dialysis, chemotherapy, physical therapy, banking (local), hair dresser (local), barber (local), and pharmacy (prescription pickup).

**WE ALSO NEED MORE VOLUNTEER DRIVERS**  
**WORK YOUR OWN SCHEDULED TIMES - GIVE US A CALL!**

For more information, call 585-216-7829 or visit us at [www.websterwasps.com](http://www.websterwasps.com)