

JANUARY 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# ST. RITA CHURCH



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

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.



This year, Pope Francis has invited specific groups to join the Jubilee through particular gatherings and celebrations. Next weekend, the Pope has invited all those involved in communications in particular to observe a jubilee celebration. At St. Rita's, there will be a special blessing after all Masses next weekend.

In today's Gospel, we hear about the wedding feast at Cana. Celebrations are a key part of Jesus' ministry. So much so, that he began his public ministry at a wedding celebration. Jubilees, likewise, are important moments in our Church. A time to right our relationships and celebrate our faith journeys.

### Pondering Point

How do you celebrate with Jesus?  
Do you remember him at celebrations or parties?



### COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, January 25th at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our "Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

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



Kennedy Grace Mendicino  
Liam Anthony Mendicino  
Marlo Michelle Vick

### From the Office of the Bishop...

Reverend and dear Father Niven and devoted Parishioners:

I write to express my sincere gratitude for exceeding your assigned goal in contributions and pledges for the **2024-2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**, bearing the theme **Extending Christ's Mission**.

Through your exemplary leadership and the faith-filled response of the dedicated parishioners in this important Appeal, you have demonstrated your commitment to supporting the mission of our Diocese, to love God above all things, and to serve our neighbors in need, for love of Him.

I pray that Our Lord will continue to bless your parish family. Be assured of my prayers for you, and please, in your kindness, remember me in your good prayers.

Renewing my sincere gratitude, I remain

Devotedly yours in Christ,  
The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano  
Bishop of Rochester



The Parish Offices will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, January 20th.

### 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 JANUARY 18/19

BOB & MARYJO LAFFERTY - By Karen & Terry O'Toole  
 GIUSEPPE ARMIGNACO - By Mario Provenzale  
 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSON - By Gary & Tammy Nagel  
 MICHAEL D. SPOLETA - By Wife & Family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY!**

8:00AM Mass  
 9:00AM & 11:30AM Blood Pressure Screening - Rm 1  
 10:00AM Children's Obstacle Course - Gym  
 10:30AM Mass  
 11:45AM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1  
 2:00PM Mass

**MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025****HOLIDAY - NO MASS OR CONFESSIONS**

7:00PM Men's Faith Group - Rm 1

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025**

8:15AM SIMON PETER HARRIS - By The Bell Harris Family Mass  
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church  
 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1  
 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1  
 7:00PM O.C.I.A Meeting - Rm 1

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025**

8:15AM Communion Service  
 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point  
 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor  
 5:00PM C.O.M.E. Dinner - Gym  
 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3  
 7:00PM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025**

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church  
 6:00PM Mass  
 7:00PM Women's Faith Sharing - Rm 1  
 9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**

8:15AM THOMAS VERGO - By The Hanly & Duffy Family Mass  
 6:00PM Craft Night - Rm 1

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025**

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**

8:00AM Mass  
 10:30AM Mass  
 11:45AM Priest, Prophet, & King Bible Study - Rm 1  
 11:45AM Confirmation Session  
 4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 25/26

MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family  
 BETTY BACHNER - By Marlene Carpino  
 DAVID KUEBEL - By Patricia Kuebel & Family  
 DICK JESTER - By Trinity Council #4618

Reflections on Readings for the  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*"Do Whatever He Tells You"*

This Sunday, we begin anew what is called "Ordinary Time". It is the time between the high seasons of Christmas and Easter and between Easter and Advent.



The readings for today remind us that God's love for us is like a young man's love for his bride: exuberant, with an abundance of generosity. God's love for us is an overabundant love.

**Our first reading (Isaiah 62:1-5)** is from a time when the Jewish people were returning to Jerusalem after their 50-year exile in Babylon. They were rebuilding their city of ruin. Isaiah's words gave them hope in the future, that God still loved them and would pour out His love upon them - *"For the LORD delights in you and makes your land His spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you."*

**In our Epistle reading (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)**, St. Paul teaches us that God, through His Holy Spirit, is the giver of all gifts. Each one of us has at least one spiritual gift (manifestation) from the Spirit, to be used in service to God and others. The gifts are all different as the Spirit chooses, *"but one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as He wishes."*

**In our Gospel reading (John 2:1-11)**, we hear St. John describe the miracle of the wedding feast of Cana as the first of Jesus' "signs" or miracles and the beginning of His public ministry. Jesus may have chosen this miracle and this setting to manifest His glory because of its likeness to our covenant relationship with God and the overabundance of His love. Jesus could have made ordinary wine, but He chose to make the choicest wine. He could have made one jar, but He made six. Note the trust His mother had in Jesus when she simply said, *"Do whatever He tells you."*

Imagine if we lived in a town with all gas stations and no grocery stores or drug stores. How difficult life would be if God only gave one type of spiritual gift.

We should rejoice and give thanks for the wide variety of charisms the Spirit gives to His loved ones. It is this mosaic that portrays the image of a God so in love with His chosen ones that, *"As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so shall your God rejoice in you."*

And so what are we to do with our individual gifts/charisms? Perhaps we should just listen to the words of Jesus' mother Mary, *"Do whatever He tells you."*

[www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011925.cfm](http://www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011925.cfm)



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass



Our Tabernacle Light will burn  
from January 20 – January 26  
in loving memory of  
the deceased members of St. Rita Parish.

**LINEN CLEANING: JANUARY 19  
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### *Women's Faith Sharing*

**Thursday, January 23rd  
7:00pm in the Greeting Area**

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](mailto:jmurr66@yahoo.com) for more information.



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

**Lynn Rainone**

**Joan (Jo) Caston-Lewis**  
*Sister of Evelyn Powe*

**Robert Fien**  
*Father of Jim Fien*

**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.**



## **"Priest, Prophet, and King" By Bishop Robert Barron**

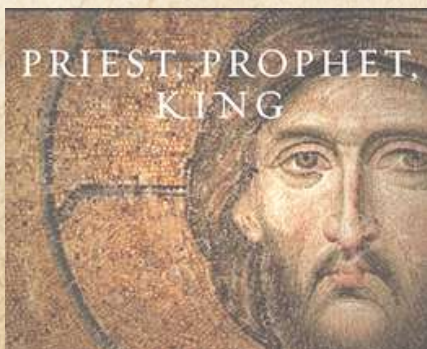
Discover Jesus as the Anointed One – the ultimate priest, prophet, and king foreshadowed throughout the Hebrew Scriptures. Using biblical insights and engaging stories, Bishop Barron affirms that we see Jesus most clearly through the lens of the Old Testament. This program will consist of video and discussion-based sessions.

**Six weekly sessions starting  
Sunday, January 19 and Wednesday, January 22 in Room 1**

The registration fee (including a workbook) is \$15.

To register for this program, please e-mail or call the Parish Office at [wstritap@dor.org](mailto:wstritap@dor.org) or 671-1100.

If you have specific questions, please e-mail Jerry Lupien at [galupien@gmail.com](mailto:galupien@gmail.com).



**Sundays at 11:45AM  
January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, & 23**

**OR**

**Wednesdays at 7:00PM  
January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, & 26**

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal!

**GOAL \$146,000    PLEDGES \$160,312.52**

**We are at 110% of our goal from 424 households.\***

**\*UPDATED AS OF 1/13/24**

*A Message from your Parish Health Ministry Team*



**Physical Activity - Ways to Move More**

Exercise and physical activity are good for just about everyone, including older adults. No matter your health and physical abilities, you can gain a lot by staying active. Staying active can improve and maintain your strength, give you more energy to do the things you want to do, reduce fatigue, and improve your mood and overall well-being.

To help you move more, make time to add physical activity to your daily routine. Invite others to join you—friends, family or join a group with physically active people. Some exercises that can be enjoyed by most, and lift your mood, include walking, bicycling, dancing, yoga or tai chi. Moving can also be whatever you may choose, whether gardening, pickleball or even kicking around a soccer ball with your kids or grandkids.

The New Year brings with it a fresh start. Stay motivated, build new skills and use available resources. Plan ahead, and make the most of weather conditions, whether outside or inside.

**Whatever you decide to do, be sure to have some fun!**



**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, January 20th at 7:00pm  
Room 1**

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



**Churches Offering Meals To Everyone**

St. Rita's will be hosting a C.O.M.E. Webster Community dinner on Wednesday, January 22, 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/COMEJanuary>

Items may be dropped off at church the weekend of January 18 & 19 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](mailto:julie.cohn@dor.org)

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.

# CRAFT Night


FRIDAY, JANUARY 24  
6-8 pm in Room 1

Friendship bracelets!  
Fused glass pins!  
Scratch off art!  
Peel & stick sand art!  
...and more!

**FREE FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

Let's do dinner!  
Bring a dish to share.  
Scan the QR code to let us know what you are bringing.

**GAME Nights**  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
6-8 PM in Room 1  
Bring your favorite game or learn something new!



**St. Rita School**  
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God Drop Corner

- Students with January birthdays celebrated at school with a special dress down day this week.
- We hope all of our wonderful staff and students enjoy a 3-day weekend in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday.
- Next weekend, join us as we kick off Catholic Schools Week at the 10:30am Mass.

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase"  
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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**at St. Rita and in the community**

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Webster HOPE  
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St. Joseph's House of Hospitality  
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Have other ideas? Let us know!

Enter your info here so we can make some plans to serve together!

[www.saintritawebster.org/service-opportunities/](http://www.saintritawebster.org/service-opportunities/)

**FAITH!** *Youth Group* **FUN!**

Youth Group Gatherings for Teens

Sunday January 26th  
Join us!  
7th-12th Grade  
4-5PM in Room 1

**...AND FOOD!**

Sofia Bosco started running events for teens in the Fall, and we'd LOVE for new friends 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.

**Fr. Tim Niven**, Pastor - [Niven@dor.org](mailto:Niven@dor.org)  
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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. 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 January/February Wish List:**

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




**FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL PLEASE NOTE!**

If Webster Central Schools are closed due to weather, then our daily Mass will also be cancelled. If Webster Central School PM activities are cancelled, our parish PM activities, including Faith Formation, will also be cancelled.

**Have You Moved or Changed Your Contact Information?**



Please let us know through our Website Link "Join the Parish" if you have a change in name, address, or phone number so we can keep our records up to date and you up to date on all that is going on in our parish.



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