

AUGUST 24, 2025
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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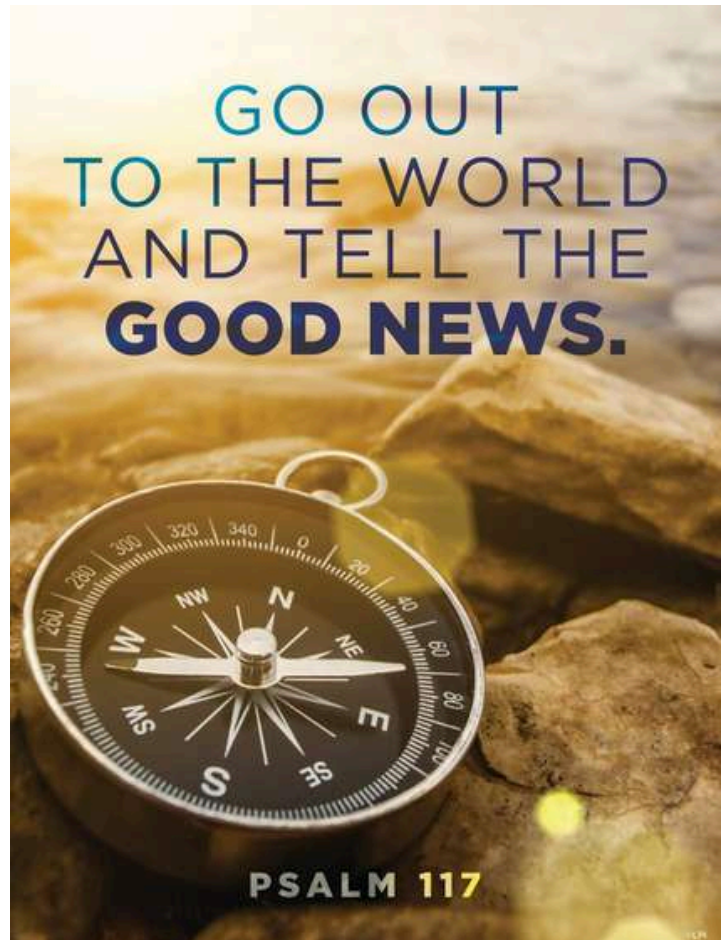
Over the Jubilee Year,
we will explore the
themes of Hope,
Pilgrimage, and Jubilee,
always ending with a
question for you to
consider over the week.



In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to strive for salvation because 'some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.' The virtue of Hope leads us to that salvation through a strengthening of the relationship with Jesus.

Pondering Point

When have you thought you or someone else were doing poorly only to discover fruits of greatness coming from that 'failure'?



St. Rita
Trivia



How did St. Rita Parish get it's name?

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!

RSVP here with the QR Code
or call the Parish Office
at 671-1100.



St. Rita Fall Picnic

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



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

JoAnn Mooney

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 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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

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

Confessions - Church
SF Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 2025

8:00AM
 10:30AM

Mass
CL Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

8:15AM MARIE BASILE - By Maria Humphreys Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church
 7:00PM Faith Formation Catechist Meeting - Rm 1

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

8:15AM RUTH YAEGER - By Tom Yaeger Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

8:15AM ALLEN KUBARUK - By Carol Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass
 12:30PM Tour of Sacred Heart Cathedral

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 30/31

JOHN RAYBURN - By Nora & Dick Dunbar
 JOSEPH & PHILOMENA MARSALA - By Family
 DR. LOUIS GIORIANO - By Larry Sr. & Kathryn Oberlies
 KRISTINE WEINGARTNER - By Paul & June DiClementine

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 25 – August 31
 for the parishioners of St. Rita Church.

LINEN CLEANING: AUGUST 24
 DEBBIE WHITEHAIR

Reflections on Readings for Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Behold, Some Are Last Who Will Be First"

Our scripture readings for this Sunday focus our attention on the end times, the final in-gathering of Israel and all the nations on earth into the New Jerusalem.



God's mercy and invitation will call all peoples (Israelites and Gentiles) into relationship with Him. Even so, said Jesus, all who enter must enter through the "narrow gate"; thus it will take dedication and relationship with God.

In our first reading from the end of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah (Is 66:18-21), we hear a final prophesy of Isaiah to uplift the Jews who were returning to Jerusalem from exile. God will gather "nations of every language" to see His glory. He will then send them out to gather all the lost people of Israel (Israelites in exile) and bring them back. Some of these Gentiles, God will even take as priests.

In our Epistle reading (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13), the author instructs his readers (and us) that their current trials can be seen as a form of training, or discipline, from a loving father for the purpose of future peace and righteousness. Rather than losing heart, we should endure our trials with courage as a form of "discipline."

In our Gospel reading (Luke 13:22:30), Jesus continued His journey to Jerusalem, teaching as He went. Here, Jesus taught a strong message to His followers: those who were initially called but who reject God shall, by their own actions, be denied entry into the Kingdom; while those from afar (Gentiles) who do accept God will be welcomed to the table of the Master. Thus "some are last who will be first."

There are many messages that can be gleaned from today's readings, but here are three to consider:

- 1) God's invitation to relationship with Him is universal—all people and all nations will be invited into His glory;
- 2) Those who go through life just going through the motions, paying lip service to their faith and relationship with God, may find themselves having trouble fitting through the "narrow gate"; and
- 3) Rather than disdain and turn away from God, we should embrace our trials and difficulties as an opportunity to more closely united with our suffering Jesus, keeping our eyes on the "peaceful fruit of righteousness" that will surely come.

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082425.cfm>



Sensory Friendly Mass



Children's Liturgy of the Word



Count It All Joy



Incense Used



Family Mass

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.



296 Flower City Park

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

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.



The last major renovation was completed between 2005-2008.

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



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.

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends, and allies welcome as well).

First Thursdays of the Month

Thursday, September 4th

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

**Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm
in Room 1**

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**

JOIN US!

Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely readings.

For more information or if you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie Cohn, our Pastoral Minister at:
julie.cohn@dor.org or
(585) 671-1100 Ext: 103.

All are welcome!

W.E.R.O.C.

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*Starting back up
September 2*

Please join us!

**Pray the Rosary each Monday after
the 8:15am Mass in the Chapel.**



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.



Thank you

for your financial support of St. Rita parish!

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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 tipassero125@gmail.com





Empty jars needed!

One of our activities at the Fall Picnic is making prayer jars.

If you have any empty, clean mason-style jars of any size to donate, please bring them to church or the Parish Office by Sunday, September 7.

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 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



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.



Mt. Irenaeus Men's Retreat

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

This might be just what God ordered for you!

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.Fien@dor.org.

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.



**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)
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Canned Beets & Canned Pineapple
Shampoo
Coffee & Tea
Mayonnaise & Cooking Oil
Salad Dressing & BBQ Sauce
Ketchup
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Diapers – Size 6 & 7*
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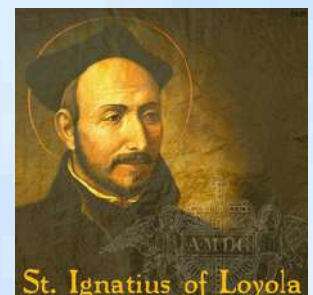


We are always in need of children's clothing, new underwear, and socks.

Church of the Assumption's Ignation Spirituality Team invites you to join them for the **19th Annotation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola** beginning Sunday, September 14th

St. Ignatius' advice is timeless; we deepen our awareness of God in the world in which we live. At this retreat, find scripture come alive in your daily life, prayer becomes more intimate, and learn and listen to God.

If you would like to find out more about the exercises to see if this is the year for you, please call Church of the Assumption at 585-388-5430 and leave your name and contact information. Pat Martin will get back to you with more information on how to apply.





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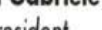


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