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Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday at 5:00pm Sunday at 8:00am and 10:30am

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August 1, 2021



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Summer Youth Tuesdays!

All those entering 7-12th grade are invited to informal gatherings on Tuesdays in August from 6-8 pm.

Join us this Tuesday, August 3rd - Meet by the Barn Activities will be chosen by you!

Some ideas are kickball, card games, board games, or just hanging out. Feel free to bring a snack to share (we've got ice cream!). RSVP to Elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org or just show up.

Bring your friends. All are welcome!

(Weather permitting, we will be outdoors. In case we need to be indoors, masks are required for those who not fully vaccinated.)

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Women ~ Save the Date! St. Rita's Women's Fall Retreat October 1-3

"Finding God in Life's Transitions"

at Notre Dame Retreat House Canandaigua NY 585-394-5700 or www.notredameretreat.org

The retreat begins at 7:30pm Friday and ends Sunday at noon. Come and meet others from our parish and surrounding parishes. Bring a friend - women have come with sisters, close friends, even those from other denominations.

There will be prayer services, Mass celebrated twice, the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and special prayer times.

Come and explore how to find God in the midst of life's graces and challenges. We all experience transitions throughout our lives. Give yourself the gift of retreat this year. Come for all or just part of it!

We give suggestions for the cost of the retreat but never want the fee to deter anyone from attending. Give what you can!

Jane Murray is our parish contact for more information. She can be reached at 585-734-6061 or jmurr66@yahoo.com.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading

Ex 16:2-4,12-15

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading

Eph 4:17,20-24

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent. "So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

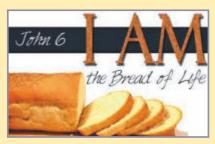
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Reflections on our Readings for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings can be found on Page 2)



"Lord, Give Us This Bread Always"

The journey from slavery to freedom is never an easy one. The transition from the physical to the spiritual is part of that journey. Our readings for the next four weeks center around the Bread of Life Discourse in John, chapter 6. In it, Jesus takes us on the journey from the physical to the spiritual. Jesus himself is the food that will sustain us on the journey. He is the "bread of life."

In our first reading (Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15), the Israelites were just beginning their journey from slavery to freedom. Life was hard in the desert and they grumbled. God demonstrated his love and care for them by giving them food for the journey. This "bread from heaven" prefigured the Eucharist, which is the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus himself.

In our Epistle reading (Ephesians 4:17, 20-24), St. Paul encouraged the Christian converts in Ephesus to continue their journey from the old ways of the Gentiles to the new ways in the spirit of Christ (from the physical to the spiritual). Take off the old clothes of deceitful desires and be renewed in the spirit.

Our Gospel reading (John 6:24:35) immediately follows last week's Gospel where Jesus fed the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. In this reading, the crowd followed Jesus to Capernaum. Their bellies filled with food, they look for another physical miracle for Jesus to prove that he is the Messiah. Jesus responded by telling them to focus not on the "food that perishes but the food that endures for eternal life." "I am the bread of life", said Jesus.

We are on no less a journey than the ancient Israelites who grumbled against God in the desert, or the Ephesians in the process of conversion from their old self to their new self. As we learn in today's Gospel, we should worry less about the things that satisfy our earthly desires and more about what will sustain our spirits for the journey to eternal life.

Read and reflect on the readings for Sunday, August 1, 2021 at: https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080121.cfm

Our Tabernacle Light will burn from August 2 - August 8 In Loving Memory of Thomas Lauria



Please Note the Mass time CHANGES for Thursday, August 5th and Friday, August 6th

Fr. Tim has a 2-day conference, but wants to celebrate early morning Mass for those who can make it.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021 5:00PM MASS

<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021</u> 8:00AM & 10:30AM MASSES

Intentions for the Weekend:

DONALD MATINA - By Nancy & Justin Tubiolo SHIRLEY REQUA - By the U of R Bereavement Group MARY HAAS - By Family JAMES KABABIK - By Cathy & John Reh

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021 8:15AM FRANK DESARRO - By Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021 8:15AM HERBERT JOSEPH GUCK, SR.- Daughter & Son

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021 No Morning Mass

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021 7:45 AM ARTHUR SHERMAN - By Gary Grinnell

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021 7:45 AM FRANK CURATALO - By Marie & Don Sirianni

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021 8:00AM & 10:30AM MASSES

Intentions for the Weekend:

ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Joseph Gaglio KIM O'BRIEN - By Family MARILYN FRANZ - By Family

Our 8:00am Sunday Mass is live-streamed on Facebook

All Masses and Services in Church are Livestreamed through our Website.



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

Sienna Marie McGrath Hannah Lynn Merkey Matthew Allen Watts



K-12 FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS



Faith Formation

Explore our faith weekly in the classroom or at home for grades K-6

for children who do not attend Catholic School

For children in 2nd grade (or above) to prepare to celebrate First Reconciliation and First Communion for children in Catholic school or public school Sacramental Preparation

Confirmation

A two-year preparation program for candidates in 8th grade and above for youth in Catholic school and public school

Public school candidates will attend Youth Ministry weekly as part of their preparation. Catholic school candidates are invited but not required to attend Youth Ministry events.

All youth in 7-12th grades are invited to gather weekly to explore our faith, build community, and have fun



Please visit www.saintritawebster.org/faithformation/ for more information and to enroll for all programs. Contact anne.thomas@dor.org or 585-402-9254 with questions.



Our Racial Justice Mission

Last Fall, St. Rita Parish embarked on a racial justice journey not really knowing what that meant, what it would require of us, or the toll it would take on us as individuals and a parish. Inherently, we knew racism existed in our world and our community. Denying it would ignore what was happening in our world; it would reject the gift of diversity in our world; and it would deny the barriers and hate that People of Color face every day.

As difficult as this has been at times, it has been a life giving, life changing joy for those who have participated! We simply trust in the sacredness in each other and in God's guiding hand. And we have fun!

Our racial justice team, meeting diligently each month, has articulated the following vision and mission statements:

- Our vision is to eradicate any racism we find in our hearts, parish, or systems in which our parishioners participate and to bring about for all people the realization of their sacred and enduring status as being created in the image and likeness of God.
- Our mission, in alignment with Church teaching and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we will raise awareness, inform and work toward removing racism from our community.

Please reflect and pray upon what this means to you and to others. What is God calling you to do in the battle against the sin of racism? It is ok if you struggle with it – to wrestle with what it means to you. That is the Holy Spirit at work!

The St. Rita Racial Justice ministry has compiled a long list of actions ranging from public and formal acknowledgement of racism in our community, worship and prayer services, school and education and dialog, community engagement and support to name a few. There is plenty of work to do! But what good work it is!

This is the first of a monthly update to keep the parish informed of the latest news and opportunities from this important ministry. Please continue to pray the ongoing success of this ministry and for the people of St. Rita Parish.

May God give you peace, Your Racial Justice Ministry Team



BACKPACK AND BODY CARE COLLECTION

Hello. My name is Olivia. My family and I are parishioners of St. Rita and I will be a senior this fall at Our Lady of Mercy High School.



For my senior community project, I will be helping families who come to the Community Clothing Center in Wolcott. This Center is a part of Catholic Charities of Wayne County. They provide clothing and necessities, free of charge, to children and adults in need.

I am collecting backpacks (for elementary and high school children) that will be filled with body care items such as towels, washcloths, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, feminine hygiene products, shampoo, etc. I will distribute them this August to families at the Center.

If you would like to contribute to this collection, please drop off a new backpack and/or new body care items at the collection area in the Greeting Area in Church now through Sunday, August 15. THANK YOU so much for your time and consideration.



HOPE Ministry - New School Supply Wish List

This list includes all grades in the Webster School District. Brands listed are per teacher requests.

- Pens, Pencils (Ticonderoga)
- Colored pencils, thick and thin markers (Crayola)
- Glue sticks large and small (Elmers)
- Post-it notes Highlighters-all colors
- Dry Erase markers (Expo brand)
- Crayola crayons, 12 & 24 count Sharpie markers
- Loose leaf paper-college and wide ruled
- Small rulers, scissors, pencil cases
- Binders (1/2", 1.5", 2") Composition notebooks
- Heavy duty pocket folders, folders with brads
- Plastic folders with pockets ~ Drawstring bags Combination locks
- Earbuds/headphones for Chromebooks
- Safety glasses, Lowes #788362, model #90551-00000, \$5.97
- Underwear, socks for all ages and sizes!

Please drop off items in our church greeting area.

OR at HOPE Ministry, 1450 Ridge Road, A cart will be outside for your donations on Monday 4-7pm, Tuesday 10-noon, Wednesday 2-5 pm

The "Back to School Night" for our Webster families with children to pick up supplies is Tuesday, August 24.

PLANS FOR THE WEEK

See the Schedule on Page 3 for Mass times.

SATURDAY 7/31

2:30-3:30pm Confessions - Church 7:30pm Night Prayer with Fr. Tim - on Facebook

SUNDAY 8/1 7:30pm Night Prayer with Fr. Tim - on Facebook

MONDAY 8/2

7:30pm Night Prayer with Fr. Tim - on Facebook

TUESDAY 8/3

7:00pm Christ Life Core Team Mtg - Rm 1 Night Prayer with Fr. Tim - on Facebook 7:30pm 8:30pm Women's Basketball - Gvm

WEDNESDAY 8/4

7:00pm Reach Out Ministry Mtg. - Rm 1 7:30pm Night Prayer with Deacon Jim - on Facebook

THURSDAY 8/5 7:30pm

Night Prayer with Fr. Tim - on Facebook

FRIDAY 8/6

7:30pm Night Prayer with Fr. Tim - on Facebook

LINEN CLEANING for August 1: Patricia Kuby

Attention Liturgical Ministers

Please see the current ministry schedule on our website at:

www.saintritawebster.org/ministry-schedule.html

If you would like to be part of our liturgical ministries at weekend Masses (Hospitality, Lector, and Eucharistic Minister, altar Server) please contact Elizabeth at Elizabeth.kwiatkowski@dor.org.

Due to a decrease in attendance, we will be not have EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Tuesdays during the summer months.

We will restart again on Tuesday, September 7.



Collection for the Week ending July 25 \$8,695 Total

> Year to Date: \$31.324 (Our fiscal year is July 1 - June 30)

Ways to donate:

- 1. **By Mail** or **Drop Off** your donation in the mail slot in the front door of our Parish Office.
- 2. Go **Online** to our parish website at: www.saintritawebster.org click "Give Online"



Bible Readings for the Week

- 1 Sun **18th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Ps 78:3-4,23-25,54 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35
- Mon Num 11:4b-15 Ps 81:12-17 Mt 14:13-21
- 3 Tue Num 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7,12-13 Mt 14:22-36
- 4 Wed **St. John Vianney** Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26a-29a, 34-35 Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23 Mt 15:21-28
- Nm 20:1-13 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Mt 16:13-23 5 Thu
- 6 Fri The Transfiguration of the Lord Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97.1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
- Sat Dt 6:4-13 Ps 18:2-4,47-51 Mt 17:14-20
- Sun 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 19:4-8 8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51



The Parish Office is not yet open to visitors, but We Are Here for You!

Please reach out us with any of your needs.

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