

JULY 27, 2025
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT



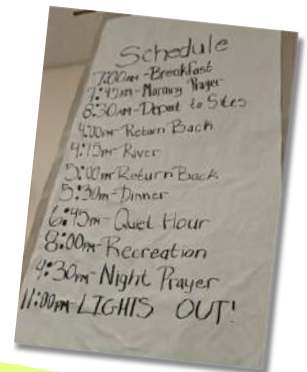
Fr. Tim Niven, Evelyn Powe, Maurini Strub, Madeleine Duffy, David Powe, Elizabeth Kwiatkowski, Sarah Murray, and Gillian John

From July 13-18, the eight of us traveled to Frenchville, PA to live and work with the Anawim Community at the Bethany Retreat Center.

We picked blueberries, cooked meals together, prayed morning and evening prayer, and spent our days providing service, support, and company to those in need.

We put the principles of Catholic Social Teaching into practice as we learned to recognize the reflection of God in every person.

Stay tuned for more stories from our week!



**INTERESTED IN JOINING US NEXT SUMMER?
SAVE THE DATES: JULY 6-11, 2026**



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

Joan Beaudin

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 JULY 26/27

LENA GRECO - By John & Madeline Muto
 JOHN KUEBEL - By Patricia Kuebel & Family
 TONY LATTUCA - By Family
 ANTHONY COLICCHIO - By Jackie Colicchio

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2025

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

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

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

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2025

9:00AM - 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
 8:15AM FRANK DESARRO & JULIUS COHN - By Children Mass
 8:45AM - 9:15AM Confessions - Church

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025

9:00AM - 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
 8:15AM ROBERT FIEN, SR. - By The Racial Justice Ministry Mass
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

9:00AM - 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
 8:15AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025

9:00AM - 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
 5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM VICTORIA MARY WELCH - By Dan Viola Mass

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

9:00AM - 12:00PM Vacation Bible School
 8:15AM RENEE J. GUERCIO - By James McGrath Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

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

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 2/3

GERRY ERNST - By John Ernst
 MAUREEN TEHAN - By The Tehan Family
 JOSEPH PELLEGRINO - By Robert & Barbara Concordia
 BILL & MARY HAAS - By Family



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from July 28 – August 3
 in loving memory of John Samperi
 by his Wife & Children.

**LINEN CLEANING: JULY 27
 PATRICIA KUBY**

Reflections on Readings for
 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Lord, Teach Us To Pray”

This Sunday's readings teach us not only what to pray, but when to pray and how to pray - with persistence and hope.



Our first reading (Genesis 18:20-32) is an early teaching of both persistence in prayer and God's willing mercy. Abraham learned that the three divine visitors (from last week's first reading) planned on carrying out God's destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness. Abraham implored God, with persistence, to "spare the whole place" for the sake of the few innocents. After many persistent requests, God granted his request.

In our Epistle reading (Colossians 2:12-14), St. Paul explains how God, in His infinite love and mercy, has rescued us, despite our bondage of sin; and has forgiven our transgressions, nailing them to the cross. As Jesus was raised from the dead by the Father, we also will be raised with Him. Paul writes, "He brought you to life along with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us...."

In our Gospel reading (Luke 11:1-13), the disciples asked Jesus how to pray. "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." Jesus' response was to teach them the Lord's Prayer, with its focus on the Father in heaven. Then He followed it with instruction on persistence and the willing mercy and generosity of the Father. Finally, Jesus taught the disciples the effectiveness of prayer. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.... What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?"

Prayer is said to be communicating with God in a relationship of love. Prayer is a two-way conversation –listening and speaking. Prayer should not be just an as-needed, case-by-case event when we need something; it should be a way of life, a life-long conversation between kindred souls, covering the whole gambit of emotions and feelings. If you're sad, share it; if you're happy, share it; if you're angry or anxious, share it; if you're excited or exuberant, share that too.

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072725.cfm

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

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 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.

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 gives a number of extreme examples to make a point how loving God is. By doing this, He is showing that we can put our hope in God who loves us and gives us the Holy Spirit.

Pondering Point

When have you used an extreme example to make a point?
Did you do it to help instill hope?

Gardening Help Needed!

We are in need of garden volunteers to help with some basic weeding and summer garden maintenance around the St. Rita campus, including the Convent atrium which needs much attention.

If you could spare a few hours to help us out, please contact Tom Bayer at 585-481-1420 or email tsbayer@frontiernet.net

Save the Date

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.Fien@dor.org.

This might be just what God ordered for you!

Space is limited to 12.

Contact Deacon Jim to reserve your spot!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



FAITH FORMATION + CONFIRMATION

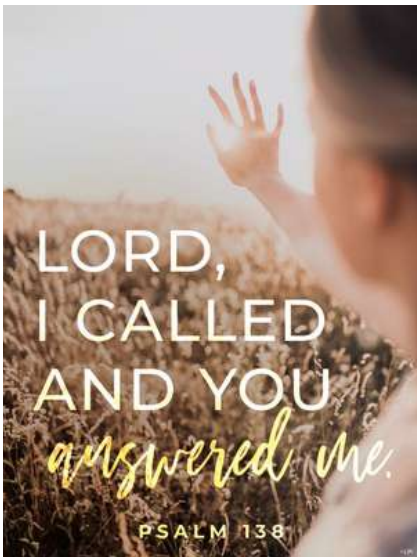
Is God calling you to help families, kids, or teens?

CONTACT ANNE THOMAS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT

✓ Ways to help with Faith Formation kids in grades K-7. Meets Mondays 4:30-5:30.

✓ Ways to help with Confirmation teens in grades 8+. Help needed Sundays 11:45am-1:00pm.

ANNE.THOMAS@DOR.ORG OR CALL 671-1100 X:110



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



Are you interested in a pilgrimage to
Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY

Please use the link or the QR Code to let us know of your
interest in a bus tour and Mass in Auriesville.

<https://tinyurl.com/Auriesvillepilgrimage>



This is not a commitment to attend, it is just an
interest survey.

Possible dates are Thursday, August 28 or Monday, October 13.

The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops
has designated Our Lady of the Martyrs Shrine as a
national shrine for pilgrims.

St. Rita is planning a bus tour to Auriesville to visit
this shrine where our pastor, Fr. Tim will say Mass.

For more information on Our Lady of the
Martyrs Shrine go to their website:
<https://www.ourladyofmartyrsshine.org/>



September 9th

"Incredible Journeys: Reflections on Pilgrimage"

September 19th

Senior Luncheon Series: "Grace with Aging/Aging with Grace"

October 14th

"Our Lady, the Angels and Their Mission for Our Time"

October 17th

Senior Luncheon Series: "Stroke Prevention: BE FAST"

5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY
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**Friday, August 15
6-8 pm**



Join us first for Mass for the Feast of the Assumption at 5 pm!



Enjoy a fun game of BINGO while learning about the history of St. Rita Church. All ages welcome! \$5 per family includes pizza, drinks, and prizes. RSVP online or at the Parish Office. Pay at the door.

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.



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

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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 671-1100 ext. 106

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 233-0334

Deacon Rick Rall - bernick@frontiernet.net
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 671-1100 ext. 101

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 Funerals, Baptisms, Prayer Line, Visitation
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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. 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:

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 Shampoo
 Coffee & Tea
 Mayonnaise & Cooking Oil
 Salad Dressing & BBQ Sauce
 Ketchup
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 Diapers - Size 6 & 7*
 Diaper Wipes
 *We take open packages.



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



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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).

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