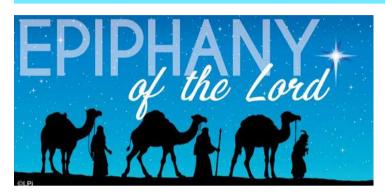
JANUARY 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

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



This weekend we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. "Epiphany" means "a moment of sudden revelation". The Magi experienced this "moment" seeing for themselves God's greatest gift we could ever receive. His only son, Jesus.

There is a bit of mystery about the Magi, who bore the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Traveling from afar, they were knowledgeable about astronomy and understood the ancient predictions that a messiah would be born in Bethlehem, a messiah who would change the world for the better

The beauty in the story of the Magi is that they, and us, are forever changed because we are in the presence of Jesus. God is constantly revealed to us in our relationships with family, work, and people around us. We know the joys, but also the deeply painful moments of life that leave us grieving. Still, through it all, we can find Jesus. Jesus helps us remember to look up and see how God walks with us through our own human experiences.

As we enter the New Year, let us open our hearts to receive God's most precious gift. May we allow God space and room in our lives so that His plan may come to be in our own life and that we may offer the gentle love of Jesus through our own actions and words to our family and to each other.



Congratulations and Welcome to the newest member of our parish family who was baptized this weekend:

Bryan Michael Tipple



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 and click the "Join the Parish" link. 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!

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.



Pilgrimage is a journey taken for reasons of faith. While many pilgrimages are physical journeys to religious destinations, it is the prayers and purpose of growing closer to God that makes them pilgrimage and not simply sight-seeing.

The magi undertook a great journey to find the King of the Jews. They had a guide, but no certainty about the final destination or how to get there. This pilgrimage is similar to the pilgrimage we each take to Jesus - guided by the Church and Scripture and confident in the endpoint, it is still a learning process.

Pondering Point

What surprises have you encountered on your faith journey? Where do you hope your faith journey will take you?

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 4/5

PETER MIRAGLIA - By John & Mary Beth Klofas LENA GRECO - By John & Madeline Muto SALLY HUTT - By Terry & Karen O'Toole

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

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

Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:00AM Mass 8:30AM - 10:30AM Breakfast @ St. Rita - Parish Center 10:30AM CL Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

8:15AM JOSEPH PASSARELL - By Friends from Baywinde Mass 8:45AM Confessions - Church 4:30PM & 6:00PM Family Night 6:45PM Pastoral Council Meeting - Room 1

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

8:15AM ANNAMARIE MCGRATH - By Family Mass 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church 9:00AM WEROC - Rm 1 10:30AM Prayer Shawl Ministry - Rm 1 2:30PM Angel Choir Rehearsal - Rm 1

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service 10:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Castle Point 11:00AM Communion Service at Baywinde - Sage Harbor 6:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Rm 3

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

5:30PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
6:00PM PETER ZARRCONE - By Mary Ferraro Mass
6:45PM Liturgy Committee Meeting - Rm 1
9:00PM Men's Basketball - Gym

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

8:15AM Mass 9:00AM Buildings & Grounds Meeting - Parish Office

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

11:30AM Deacon Wives' Meeting - Rm 1
4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Game Night - Rm 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM CL Mass
11:45AM Confirmation Session
12:15AM Mass for Confirmation Program
4:00PM Youth Group - Rm 1

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 11/12

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family ROBERT FIEN - By Deacon Rick & Bernadette Rall LENA SPAZIANO - By Grace Leni RICHARD N. GREENBLATT JR. - By The Paul & Ambeau Families



LINEN CLEANING: JANUARY 5
MAUREEN MOREHOUSE

Reflections on Readings for the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh."

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany; the manifestation of Jesus as the newborn King of Israel. It memorializes the visit of the Magi, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



Thus, these distinguished visitors from the east signified the fulfillment of long held prophesies that the "wealth of the nations shall come" to Israel and that the Gentiles are part of God's salvation plan.

In our first reading (Isaiah 60:1-6), Isaiah offered encouragement to the people of Jerusalem as they returned from exile, only to find their temple gone and their city Jerusalem in ruins. Things could not have been more disheartening for the people of God. Isaiah's words were to "rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!." The day will come when "nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." Even their lost sons and daughters will return from afar. "Caravans of camels shall fill you . . . All from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense."

In our Epistle reading (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6), Paul wrote to a Gentile Christian audience in Ephesus, telling them of the earth-shattering revelation not known to them or Jews of earlier generations — that the Gentiles are coheirs and copartners in the promise of Christ. These are the same Gentiles represented by the Magi's visit to the Christ Child.

In our Gospel reading (Matthew 2:1-12), we hear the account of the Magi's visit to the child Jesus. The gifts they brought were significant in what they symbolized. It is thought by many that the Gold symbolized Jesus' kingship on earth, frankincense signified His divinity, and myrrh, a burial spice, symbolized His suffering and death. The Magi then thwarted the intention of Herod to kill the child, and returned to their country by a different route.

Many of us can remember a time in our life that seemed totally bleak and disheartening. Some people feel this way during the holidays. The words of Isaiah, "Rise up in splendor!", can be a comfort to us.

Our future is bright; others will walk by our radiance.

God, our King, has come to live with us.

www.bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010525.cfm



Our Tabernacle Light will burn from January 6 – January 12 in loving memory of Joseph Donahue by Pat & Sharron Trimaldi.

JOIN US! Tuesdays at 9:00am in Room 1

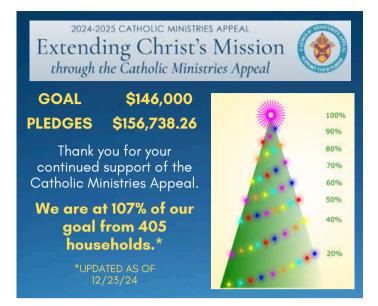
Ladies, please join us! WEROC is an informal gathering of women of faith sharing coffee, friendship, and reflections on timely reading.

W.E.R.O.C.

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!

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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.

Sundays at 11:45 am or Wednesdays at 7 pm in Room 1.

The registration fee is \$15.

To register for this program, please e-mail or call the Parish Office at wstritap@dor.org or 671-1100.

If you have specific questions, please e-mail Jerry Lupien at galupien@gmail.com.

Dear parents,

Have you ever felt that taking children to Mass can be overwhelming, lonely, or more of a burden than a blessing?

We want to change that!

- Let's engage our children in the Mass as often as possible, giving more ways to participate.
- Let's provide plenty of opportunities to socialize, so children and parents see friends at Mass, instead of strangers.
- Let's educate our children about our faith so it is not just something that we do on Sundays, but something we live every day.

Ultimately, we want our children to know that no matter where life takes them, the Church is their home.



Are you interested in receiving "Family Connections" email newsletters specifically about events for families and children?

Sign up here!

Join us during Breakfast @ St. Rita on the first Sunday of the month!

We welcome anyone who has ideas - you do not even have to be a parent yet or have young children at home. You don't have to come every month.

Bring your ideas and have some fellowship.

Hope to see you there!



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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 Diulie.cohn@dor.org







SATURDAY, JANUARY 11 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22



Room 1 6:00-8:00 PM

Let's do dinner!

Bring a dish to share - appetizers, sides, casseroles, and desserts are all great. To sign up with what you are bringing scan the QR code.

Bring your favorite game or learn something new!



https://tinyurl.com/gamenightsjanfeb2025



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.





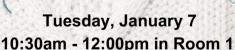
St. Rita's Prayer Line



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.Cohnedor.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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? Come and join us!



Prayer Shawls and Lap Blankets are given to anyone facing serious illness or hard times in their life. Blankets are blessed by Father Tim and a prayer card is included with our love and support. We also give small white knitted blankets to each of our recently baptized children. If you are able to share your time and talent please join us here or make an item at home and leave it in the greeting area in Church.

If you know anyone that could use a prayer shawl please contact Julie Cohn at: julie.cohn@dor.org or (585) 671-1100 ext. 103.

"March for Life" **January 24th, 2025**



We are now taking reservations for the 2025 "March for Life" Bus Trip to Washington, DC, leaving from The Church of the Holy Spirit (leaves January 23rd @ 9pm).

If you would like to attend, please visit our website at http://march4life.gmsander.info and fill out a reservation request form. The cost this year is \$80 per person.

> Contact Gerry Sander with any questions at webstercommitteeforlife@gmail.com

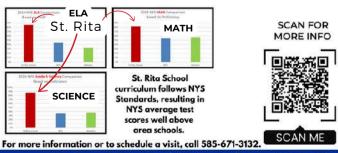




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WHO? Ages 14-18; 12-13 with a parent COST? \$350 per participant

Interested? RSVP to an informational meeting (youth and parents) on <u>Sunday, January 12 at 1 pm</u> or Monday, January 13 at 6:15 pm at St. Rita Church by emailing Fr. Tim at niven@dor.org.

Simplicity Community Prayer Service



WALK IN OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday 9:00am - Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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Deacon Rick Rall – <u>bernrickefrontiernet.net</u> 545–8467

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Jennifer LeFrois - <u>Jennifer.LeFrois@dor.org</u> 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:

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PO Box 11031, Rochester, NY 14611
https://stpeterskitchen.org/

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
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http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/

Webster HOPE

1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580 http://www.websternyhope.org

No opened or expired items please.

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Beets, Potatoes (canned)

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