

## St. Rita Catholic Church

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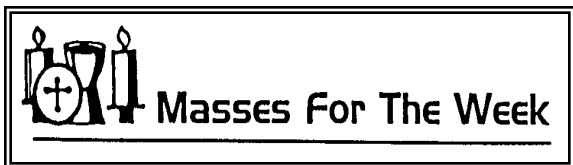
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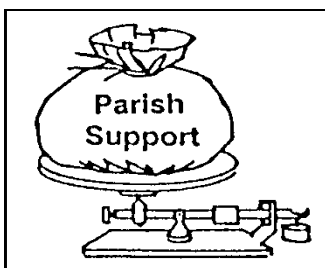
Mass Schedule Saturday: 4:30PM Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00AM

Weekday: 9:00AM Vigil of the Holy Day 6:30PM(except for 12/31 4:30PM) Holy Days 9:00AM & 6:30PM

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 to 4:00PM and Tuesday Morning After Mass



Saturday	12/31	9:00am	†Souls in Purgatory
		4:30pm	†Margaret & Sanford Hale
Sunday	1/1	8:30am	People of the Parish
		11:00am	†Sarah "Sally" Simonic
Monday	1/2	9:00am	†Richard Luther Sr.
Tuesday	1/3	9:00am	†Beatrice Budzynski
Wednesday	1/4	9:00am	†Bunny Lowrie
Thursday	1/5	9:00am	Ints. of Avery Kresback
Friday	1/6	9:00am	Ints. of Lawrence Parsley
Saturday	1/7	9:00am	†Mary Ellen Owings
		4:30pm	†Pauline C. Peters & Gary Doucha
Sunday	1/8	8:30am	People of the Parish
		11:00am	†Nancy Pratt



**Sunday Collection: \$7,846.00**

**Change of Address:** If you are moving or have a change in your name, address or phone number, or need to register, please contact the Parish Office at 642-8815.

**Bulletin Announcements** must be submitted to the parish office 10 days before the bulletin date.



**PRAY for those who are Sick. Help us keep our list current by letting us know when we may remove a name.**

Sharon Aanensen, Tom Miller, Avery Ann, Craig & Diane Cruttenden, Carol Schorn, Joy Brown, Jean Wiley, Irene & Bernard Zaborowski, John Powlen, Gordon & Mary Ann Shuman, Mike Bunch, LJean, Lt. Col. Gerrid Gall & Company & Families, Don Sprankle, Daryl Crunkleton, Paul Lingg, Betty Furgasun, Mary & Ed Digiulio, Monica Dembrowski, Phyllis Grabowski, Rick & Paulette Nidel, Sharon Smith, Fr. Mike, Anita Bell, Karen Hess, Margy Orner, Natalee McClain, Anthony Venzin, Ryland Dixon, Christine Mieczkowski, Rose Crespo, John Harbaugh, Ruth & Richard Storm, Chad Sprankle, Darylne Lehmer, Fred Sprankle, Janice & Carl Keller, Vernon Speelman, Sid Sappington, Conrad Heibel, Angelo Agosta, Philip Ulzheimer, Larry Weikert, Marie Hollenbeck, Blaine Beatty, Michele Maturro Piper, Pat Devlin, Mike Ortiz, Teresa Rodgers, Cynthia Gillard, Cheryl Weatherly, Joan Deyo, Danielle Whiteley Ridge, James Deardorff, Judy Smith, Donald Weikert, Kenny Harrington, Mary Jo & Melvin Losovsky, Ok Cha Jones, Mary Conway, Dorothy Drechsler, Mike Mahr, Nina Storm Plank, Joan Covell, Tom Bain, Paul Topper, Frank Henry, Maria Lewis, Mildred, Melvin & Bekah Mateo, Bill Martino, Mary Little, Tracy Bozzonetti, Teresa Parr, Delores Kisslak, Phyllis Flangan, Deborah Weiblinger, Darlene McCleaf, Silas, Anna Marie Topper, Lottie Pecher, Bernadine Malinoski, Dr. Mike Sullivan, Nathan Smith, Ashley Dimartino, Mellissa & John Gilliland.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Please call the parish office to schedule.

**The Sacrament of Marriage:** is celebrated throughout the year. Diocesan policy requires that engaged couples begin sacramental preparations with a priest at least nine to twelve months before the desired wedding date. Please call the parish office for details at 717-642-8815.

DATE	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	MONEY COUNTERS
1/7 - 4:30pm	M. White	A. Shepard	Volunteers	1/8 F. Ganoe 1/15 M. Crawford 1/22 M. Lawrence 1/29 J. Kenney 2/5 K. Bilder
1/8 - 8:30am	C. Purnama	M. Rathvon	Volunteers	
1/8 - 11:00 am	D. Gallo	J. Orlando	Volunteers	

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!** From Fr. Peter, Fr. Chidi and the staff from St. Rita's.

**Second Collection** today is for the repairs and maintenance to our Church property. Thank you for your generosity.

**Thank you to all who helped decorate for Christmas** you did a wonderful job. We will be undecorating on **Sunday, January 8th** after the 11:00AM Mass. If you can help we would appreciate it. Many hands might light work. Thank you!

**Poinsettia's** If anyone would like to take a poinsettia please take one after the Masses on the 1/7 and 1/8 **at the front of the altar.**

**Parish Office will be** Closed January 2nd, reopen January 3rd. Thank you.

**Giving Tree:** Thank you for your generous support of the Giving Tree ministry this year. We were able to provide slippers for each resident at Hillside and provide gift cards to 4 local families. The families can shop for gifts for their children and groceries. An additional "thanks" to those who helped provide goodies and who donated time to wrap gifts and attend the Hillside party. The residents enjoyed the snacks and music very much!

**Gettysburg Soup Kitchen Ministry:** Our Parish responded so generously to the call for support to the Gettysburg Soup Kitchen! St Rita's collected a **record total of \$1003** just in time for the Christmas holidays. Total donations included **\$668.23 in requested food pantry items and \$334.77 in financial contributions** making this our largest food drive to date! Thank you to all who gave generously! Our next support date will be in June -- more to follow in the bulletin. Thank you again to everyone - Chris Manning

**Second Collection** next weekend if for Central & Eastern Europe. Thank you for your generosity.

**Sunday Eucharistic Prayer Group, St. Mary's in Fairfield 2:15-3:45PM January 15th,** Music & Eucharistic Adoration, Marian Remarks, Devotion & Consecration, Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet, Spiritual Communion & Healing Prayers! All are Welcome.

**St. Rita's Ladies Society Meeting NO MEETING IN JANUARY.** Next meeting will be Wednesday February 8th at 10AM in the Parish Hall. All ladies are welcome.

**St. Rita's Book Club:** Our next book club meeting will be Thursday, January 19th @ 10am or 7pm (pick the time that's best for you) in the parish hall. We will be discussing the book, *Beautiful Hope, Finding Hope Everyday in a Broken World*. For more information or to get a copy of the book, please email [dianerobertson77@yahoo.com](mailto:dianerobertson77@yahoo.com)

**Will you consider sponsoring Altar flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. **Cost for the 2 altar vases is \$50.** Next date available is May 7th, 2023. Donation may be placed in an envelope marked flowers with your intention and preferred date. Please call the parish office or email [maryrita256@comcast.net](mailto:maryrita256@comcast.net) to confirm date and if you have any questions.

**Planning My Funeral** Folders are now available in the sacristy and the rectory office. Your own preparation is an important thing to do for your families to get things in "dying order" even though it may occur in the far (or near) future. Also, planning the liturgy is an important part of evangelization, as sometimes those who come to a funeral never come to a church any other time. For those who have not made your LIVING WILL provisions, copies of the document which combines a living will and health care power of attorney are also available.

**OCIA** Order of Christian Initiation, (formerly RCIA) is year round at our parishes. People who are interested in coming in to the Catholic faith, are called to become Catholic, may enter the process of OCIA at anytime. Call Donna Butt at 240-529-2470 or see Fr. Peter.

**Eucharistic Moments January** Unworthy Communion are frequent. "How many have the temerity to approach the holy altar with sins hidden and disguised...How many have not sorrow which the good God wants from them, and keep a secret willingness to fall back into sin...and do not put forth all efforts to amend and confess...How many avoid occasions of sin when they can..If you have ever been in these dispositions in approaching Holy Communion, you commit a sacrilege - repent this horrible crime!" St. John Vianney



**Pro-Life Corner** For all parents awaiting the birth of their child: May they look to the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph and follow their example of cherishing and protecting human life.