

Blessed Sacrament Saint Boniface Saint Mary's Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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January 28, 2018
The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME EVERYONE: No matter who you are, no matter where you've been, no matter what you've done, you are invited, accepted and most welcome in our parish communities. We hope Christ will bring fullness into your life, and that we can provide you with the spiritual support and information you need.

"ALL I CAN DO IS PRAY" - PERSONAL JOURNEY IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PRAYER

Join us this weekend on **Sunday, January 28th**, as Voices of Women present Julie Cicora, an Episcopal Priest, telling us of her journey from being doubtful about the value of prayer to a person who believes prayer is an essential response to the ups and downs of life. Assigned to a Hospital Clinical Pastoral Education Program, Ms. Cicora moved among patients and their families and recorded the ways that prayer transformed their lives in her book: "All I Can Do is Pray". Relating the effects of prayer with the sick and dying affected Ms. Cicora's own life of prayer. In addition, her experience in the Beechwood inner city neighborhood also helped her develop an understanding of the needs of the dispossessed and impoverished people of our city. Her ministry was responsible for creating five gardens that provided vegetables for such agencies as: House of Mercy, Bethany House, Sister Regis Food Cupboard and the neighborhood, as well as others. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about what prayer means to others as well as the person who does the praying. This presentation will be from **12:00 to 1:00** in the Dugan Center of St. Mary's Church. Parking is free on the street and lot opposite GEVA. Bring a friend and they will thank you for it!

CABIN FEVER EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

Please join us for a Euchre Tournament to be held at the St. Boniface Men's Club on February 2. Registration starts at 7:00pm, with games starting at 7:30pm. Cost is \$10 per person and reservations can be made by calling the club at 473-7019 or Bob Carr at 330-6336.

Mass Schedule

Blessed Sacrament
534 Oxford Street
Rochester, New York 14607

259 Rutgers Street (mailing)
Rochester, New York 14607
(585) 271-7240
(585) 442-7517 Fax

Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Mon & Wed at 8:00 a.m.

Saint Boniface
330 Gregory Street
Rochester, New York 14620

259 Rutgers Street (mailing)
Rochester, New York 14607
(585) 271-7240
(585) 442-7517 Fax

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Tues & Fri 7:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Saint Mary's
15 St. Mary's Place
Rochester, New York 14607

259 Rutgers Street (mailing)
Rochester, New York 14607
(585) 271-7240
(585) 442-7517 Fax

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Mon, Thurs, Fri 12:10 p.m.

Rosary w/ Communion
Tues & Wed 12:10 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:00 p.m.



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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour Anderson/Buck/Volta (SB)
12:00 p.m. Voices of Women—The Transformational Power of Prayer (SM)
1:15 p.m. RCIA (BS)

Monday, January 29

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, January 31

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BS)
1:00 p.m. Red Cross Blood Drive—Prince Street Location ends at 5:30pm
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

Thursday, February 1

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Hour (BS)

Friday, February 2

- 7:00 p.m. Cabin Fever Euchre Tournament (SB)

Saturday, February 3

- 11:00 a.m. Baptismal Preparation/School Room #3 (BS)
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)

Sunday, February 4

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour-Toth, Bridget, Julius & Trish (SB)
1:15 p.m. RCIA (BS)
4:00 p.m. Youth Group (BS)

Please Pray for Our Parishioners

Kim Foxx, Margherita Pompeii, Michelle Wade, Lilianna Jefferson, Michelle Bach Skubis, Layla Tremble, Lorraine Richman, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Adam Kwon, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, Rachel Melito, Jim Melito, Marti Erhardt, Peter Uhlein, Virginia Fifield, Judy Wesley, Baby Wright, Teresa Spencer, Marie Voelkl, Maureen Ballerstein, Diane Porcelli. Please help us keep our list accurate by calling as soon as possible when you or a loved one would like to be removed from the list.



Readings for February 4, 2018 The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7
1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23
Mk 1: 29-39

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 27

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Maureen Gregor by Carol Wilson & Susan Hyde
5:00 p.m. (SB) Jim Quinn by JoAnne Englerth

Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Gavin Tokash by Tony Califano
Jeffrey Budd by JoAnne Englerth
10:00 a.m. (BS) Heather McGlynn by Chris Walsh
Joseph Schepis by Children
10:30 a.m. (SM) In Thanksgiving for my Mother, Belen Go's 80th Birthday by Shirley Cirillo
12:15 p.m. (BS) For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Monday, January 29

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Special Intention of Michael Vrla by Frances Carney
12:10 p.m. (SM) Bridget & Thomas Sheehan by Tom Sheehan

Tuesday, January 30

- 7:30 a.m. (SB)
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary with Communion

Wednesday, January 31

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Bob Kingston by John & Peggy Finucane
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary with Communion

Thursday, February 1

- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Mary Sheehan by Tom Sheehan

Friday, February 2

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) Bucky Curran by Family
12:10 p.m. (SM) John & May Sheehan by Tom Sheehan

Saturday, February 3

- 4:00 p.m. (SM)
5:00 p.m. (SB) For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Sunday, February 4

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Liam McNamara by St. Boniface Men's Club
10:00 a.m. (BS) Robert Kingston by Pete & Terry Romeo
10:30 a.m. (SM) Colleen Bavosa by the Cleary Family
12:15 p.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

SAVE THE DATE!!! The Rochester Catholic Women's Conference will be held at the Aquinas Institute on **March 10, 2018**. This year's theme, "The Power of the Eucharist, Glorifying God and Sanctifying the World".

To all of our parishioners that are homebound or in elder care facilities. Please be assured of our on-going prayers for you and all of your caregivers! Please call the office at 271-7240 if you would like a Communion visit.

Deadline for submitting articles for bulletin is Tuesday by noon to kathy.marfione@dor.org

A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

After an exceptionally long column last week, I will make up for it with a briefer piece. I was fortunate enough this last week to be away for a little vacation. I had a pleasant week in warmer climes relaxing and enjoying the company of some fellow priests.

I often take a long a few books to read while travelling. A few cloudy days afforded a little more time for reading. Two of the books that I read were by African-American authors. *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates* tells the tale of two people with the same name who grew up blocks from one another in Baltimore. One grew up to be an Army Officer, Rhodes Scholar, White House Fellow and business leader. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. As the author concludes, it is not any one thing that led to their separate fates. For me, it offered some interesting insights into the struggles with racism and poverty and how they affect those growing up in depressed urban areas.

The second book, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson tells of the author, a Harvard-trained lawyer's efforts to fight for justice and mercy for the poor and incarcerated initially in the South, but then with efforts and implications for others throughout our nation. The main storyline of the book follows the tale of his efforts to secure the release of an innocent man who was wrongly accused and condemned to death by execution.

On a more personal note, at one point in the book, after he has been unsuccessful in staying the execution of a man who suffered from mental disabilities and lacked adequate legal representation during his trial, the author sits depressed and dejected looking at all the piles of paperwork in his office of others needing his help and attention. He ponders for some moments about whether he should give up and walk away, before he concludes that he needs to stay and keep going simply because the work needs to be done and he has the capacity to do it. I must admit that I have shared similar thoughts and reached a similar conclusion in my priestly vocation. It was good to hear of others facing similar struggles and finding similar resolve to continue in their vocation and life journey.

While neither book was explicitly religious, both offered insights that would find common ground with our faith and beliefs. As Bryan Stevenson affirms, "Proximity [to the condemned and incarcerated] has taught me some basic humbling truths, including this vital lesson: *Each of us is more than the worst thing that we have ever done.*" I imagine that Jesus would have no trouble affirming that point and calling us to do likewise. More to follow.

Please don't forget the two tasks that I set out for us in my column last week: looking at our existing ministries and ministerial needs; and taking a moment to look over our own practice of the faith and how we might use Lent to reform and enliven that practice.

Yours,
Fr. John

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Are you or someone you know, an adult or an older child, interested in learning more about becoming Catholic? Were you or someone you know baptized Catholic but have not celebrated First Communion or Confirmation? Were you or someone you know baptized in another Christian Faith but now feel drawn toward the Catholic Faith? You are invited to learn more about the RCIA process. Call or email Sister Kathleen Wayne, RSM [585-507-9961](tel:585-507-9961) or Kathleen.Wayne@dor.org for more information.

THERE'S AN APP FOR THAT!!

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED OUR APP?

The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community has a mobile app available for download on iTunes and Google Play. You can also find a link to it from our homepage, www.SoutheastRochesterCatholics.org or by visiting www.ParishSolutionsCo.com/Rochester.

In addition to prayers and learning resources, you can find the daily and weekend Mass schedules for all three churches, as well as confession times. There's also an About Us section with an overview of our three churches, introduction to our parish staff, and more.

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH
During the weeks between the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the beginning of Lent, we will be reflecting on how we bring the "light of Christ" into the world today.

At the root of all our Catholic advocacy efforts is the belief that all humans are created in the image and likeness of God and therefore should be treated with great dignity. **Matthew 25** reminds us that the good and the harm we do to others is being done to Jesus himself. So whether you traveled to D.C. for the March for Life, are laying the groundwork for the parish's participation in advocacy for Dreamers during Public Policy Weekend, or working to create more just systems right here in Monroe County, we do so knowing that God is present in all those lives we seek to protect.

"In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation. As Catholics, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to any political party or interest group." (Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, US Conference of Catholic Bishops)

Advocacy in parishes can be challenging and controversial, so it helps that Catholic leaders, from Pope Francis to Bishop Matano, at every level support our work. The U.S. Catholic Bishops, in cooperation with other Catholic organizations created the **Justice for Immigrants Campaign (JFI)** to support efforts to reform U.S. immigration policy.

In addition to the materials posted by the **Diocesan Public Policy Committee** you can learn even more by going to JFI's pages: <https://justiceforimmigrants.org/what-we-areworking-on/immigration/daca-resource-page/>.

The Diocesan materials can be found at <http://www.dor.org/index.cfm/catholic-charities/publicpolicy/>.

*Excerpted from Catholic Family Center's
Salt & Light Jan. 16, 2018*

CONCERNED ABOUT RECENT CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION POLICIES?

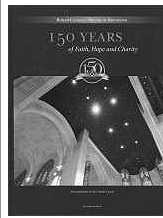
Bharati Verma, Immigration Program Manager at Catholic Family Center will speak about:

- The legal rights of refugees, immigrants, and US citizens
- Criteria for naturalization & immigration benefits
- Immigration services available at Catholic Family Center
- How to assist/advise our community members

St Anne Church Social Hall 1600 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester **February 6th at 7:00 pm**

BETHANY HOUSE

The next Bethany House dinner will be held on **Wednesday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m.** If you would like to participate by bringing a dish to pass and help serve guests, please call Sandy Behnke at 478-4063.



**THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER
150 YEARS OF FAITH, HOPE AND
CHARITY**

Commemorative Coffee Table Book

Do you know how many religious orders operate in our Diocese? Do you know what the functions are of St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry? These are just a couple more of the tidbits you can find in the lovely book commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Rochester. The book combines beautiful photographs, brief insightful text covering the founding of the Diocese, The Bishops of the Diocese, The Parishes, Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, Religious Orders, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, St. Bernard's Seminary, and more. The book is available in the Parish office for \$30 per copy. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please call the parish office at 271-7240 or stop by the office.

ALL PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

A winter Red Cross Blood Drive for all our parishioners is scheduled for **Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1-5:30pm**. It will be held at the local headquarters of the Red Cross located at 50 Prince St, right behind the Art Gallery. Flyers and handy take-home reminder sheets are available in the foyers of all three churches.

To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit their website at redcrossblood.org at your earliest convenience. Parish volunteers are needed to help greet donors as they arrive at the Red Cross and to pass out snacks afterwards. If you are interested in helping with this aspect of the Blood Drive, please contact Pastoral Associate Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or Beverly.labelle@dor.org

HOLY HOUR

This month's Holy Hour will be held on **Thursday, February 1 at 7pm** at Blessed Sacrament. It will be a time of simple, quiet and meditative prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed with simple exposition and reposition, the rosary will be prayed as usual, and the hour will conclude with Night Prayer (compline). No Benediction or music this evening. Please contact Sue Howard (susan.howard@dor.org) for more details.

YOUTH GROUP

The next Youth Group meeting will take place on **Sunday, February 4th at 4:00pm** in the Youth Room at Blessed Sacrament (in the school)! **Topic:** We will explore how our Church calls us to prepare for Lent. Please RSVP to: Katrina Hossenlopp (khossenlopp@gmail.com)

WEEKLY EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

Interested in having valuable parish information delivered right to your inbox? Sign up for the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community's weekly email newsletter. Receive information about upcoming events, special Masses, one-click access to weekly bulletins, and more! Signing up is easy! Email Kathy Marfione at kathy.marfione@dor.org to get added to the list!

**SAVE THE DATE
NEXT TO NEW SALE**

Mark your calendars! The dates for the Next to New Sale are **May 3 & 4 from 9am-7pm and May 5 from 9am to noon.**

Looking for a way to help? We need help setting up tables, table coverings, shelf assembly, etc...on April 13. If you would like to help with set-up, please call the office at 271-7240 and we will pass your name along to the committee. Can't help with set-up? That's okay too. Closet cleaning is a great cold day activity and can be very helpful to us! Please remember us when you are closet cleaning and setting items aside to donate!

We accept clothing, furniture, small appliances, kitchen items, jewelry, books, games, toys and numerous other items. We **cannot accept** televisions, mattresses, large appliances, wedding dresses, child car seats, sofa beds, couches, bathing suits, wedding dresses or winter clothing.

Donations will be received from April 14-26. More information to come soon!

2017-18 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$73,311	\$25,765	\$49,076
Pledged	\$66,829	\$21,945	\$34,984
% of Goal	91.16%	85.17%	71.29%
% of Households Participating	23%	22%	20%

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

January 21, 2018	Collection	Weekly Need	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 7,378	\$ 7,952	(\$ 574)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,987	\$ 3,600	\$ 387
St. Mary's	\$ 4,749	\$ 5,442	(\$ 693)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$254,754	\$238,560	\$16,194
St. Boniface	\$102,681	\$108,000	(\$ 5,319)
St. Mary's	\$166,801	\$163,260	\$ 3,484

Thank you for your faithful and generous support! We depend on your thoughtfulness and commitment. God Bless you.

**YOUNG ADULT LENTEN DISCUSSION WITH
BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S SERIES
EUCHARIST**

SACRED MEAL, SACRIFICE, REAL PRESENCE

Please join us for four Monday's beginning **February 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6:30-8:30pm** in the Blessed Sacrament Office Dining Room.

Learn more about the "source and summit of the Christian life" and the sacred liturgy. Bring your Bible and a Catechism if you have one. Discussions will be led by Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate and Young Adult Minister. For more information contact Blessed Sacrament Church 271-7240



HELP FOR VICTIMS

Victims of abuse should always report to civil authorities. To report a case of possible sexual abuse and to receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, victims are encouraged to contact the diocesan victims' assistance coordinator:

Deborah Housel
Phone (585) 328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free: 1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
E-mail: victimsassistance@dor.org

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