

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

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February 18, 2018
The First Sunday of Lent

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.

MID-WINTER LUNCHEON

Our annual Mid-Winter Sunshine Luncheon for the 50+ crowd takes place this coming Wednesday, February 21 at noon in the Blessed Sacrament Supper Program Dining Room. The menu features old-fashioned goulash, tossed salad, rolls coffee and desserts. If you can bring a dessert to share, it would be most appreciated. Our guest presenter will be Jack Kowiak, a locally known speaker who will entertain us with a presentation on the origins and customs of Valentine's Day. A lovely gift basket donated by St. Boniface parishioner Rose Imburgia will also be raffled off. Please let Beverly LaBelle know if you plan to attend—she can be reached at 271-7240 or Beverly.labelle@dor.org.

LENTEN RICE BOWL JOURNEY

Cardboard Rice Bowls containing Lenten calendars and inspirational ideas are available as you leave church. Use the Rice Bowl to guide your Lenten journey by reading the weekly Stories of Hope as a family, by setting aside 5 minutes a day for reflection on Jesus' life and example, by preparing and sharing the simple meatless meals suggested in the packet, and by putting your Lenten monetary sacrifices into the Rice Bowl, which go to support Catholic Relief Services. During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter many companions from around the globe on our Rice Bowl journey. If you would like additional information about other available resources for Lent, please visit crsricebowl.org.

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.

Stations of the Cross
Tues & Wed 12:10 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:00 p.m.



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Nursery available at Blessed Sacrament at both Masses. Ask the Ushers to direct you.



Gluten free hosts available Check in the Sacristy before Mass.

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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, February 18

St. Mary's & St. Boniface Food Collections Today
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour— Ehmann/Englerth/Gordon(SB)
12:00 p.m. Men's Club No-Tap Tournament (SB)
2:00 p.m. RCIA Rite of Election at Sacred Heart Cathedral

Monday, February 19, Office Closed –President's Day

6:30 p.m. Young Adult Lenten Discussion (BS)
6:30 p.m. Social Justice Meeting (BS)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)
7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (BS)

Tuesday, February 20

11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John's Home
6:15 p.m. Children's Choir in School (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, February 21

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BS)
2:30 p.m. Mass at Kirkhaven
12:00 p.m. 3 Spirits Winter Luncheon (BS)
6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

Thursday, February 22

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)
7:00 p.m. Frassati Group (BS)

Friday, February 23

Saturday, February 24

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour— Kilmartin/Bayer (SB)
12:00 p.m. Voices of Women (SM)
1:15 p.m. RCIA (BS)



Readings for February 25, 2018

The Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22: 1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8: 31B-34

Mk 9: 2-10

Please Pray for Our Parishioners: *Kim Fox, Margherita Pompeii, Michelle Wade, Lilianna Jefferson, Michelle Bach Skubis, Layla Tremble, Lorraine Richman, Pete Banschach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Adam Kwon, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, Rachel Melito, Jim Melito, Marti Erhardt, Peter Ublein, Virginia Fifield, Judy Wesley, Baby Wright, Teresa Spencer, Marie Voelkel, David Ballerstein, Diane Porcelli, Henry Strader, Joe Brown. 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.*

Candle Intentions

Our Lady's Candle at St. Mary's burns in memory of Maureen Gregor by her Family

Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 17

4:00 p.m. (SM) For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community
5:00 p.m. (SB) John Curran by Family

Sunday, February 18

9:00 a.m. (SB) Lilian & Ciro Califano by The Califano Family
10:00 a.m. (BS) Gerard Walsh by Chris Walsh
Mary G. Koonmen by Dan & Rose Koonmen
10:30 a.m. (SM) Jane Murray by Shirley Cirillo
12:15 p.m. (BS) John McCarthy by Erin & Sean McCarthy

Monday, February 19

8:00 a.m. (BS)
12:10 p.m. (SM) Patricia & Garrett Cleary by Cleary Family

Tuesday, February 20

7:30 a.m. (SB)
12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 21

8:00 a.m. (BS) For the Intentions of Mary Donnelly by Chris Walsh
12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m. (SB) Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 22

12:10 p.m. (SM) Thomas McHugh by Jeanne McHugh

Friday, February 23

7:30 a.m. (SB)
12:10 p.m. (SM)

Saturday, February 24

4:00 p.m. (SM) Maureen Gregor by Chris & Valerie Shaw
5:00 p.m. (SB)

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. (SB) Liam McNamara by Coffee Hour Teams
10:00 a.m. (BS) Robert Kingston by Claudia Herman
10:30 a.m. (SM) For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community
12:15 p.m. (BS) Virginia Schepis by Children



ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

This all-parish social dinner will be held on Saturday, March 10 at 6pm. The dinner includes — salad, corned beef and roasted beef, potatoes, glazed carrots, cabbage, rolls and butter, coffee and tea and ice cream with Cream DeMint and cookie. Tickets are \$13 per person and must be pre-purchased. They will be available after all Masses or by calling Tony Califano at 359-0966.

Table reservations available with purchased tickets only. Beverages will be available at the Club. Entertainment will be provided by McLaughlin-Goodwin-O'Shanecy Academy of Irish Dance. 50/50's will be sold at the door during the evening.

A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

“Lent is half over. What have I done?” In a few short weeks, we might find ourselves asking that question. If we haven’t had a chance yet, now is the time to plan out a few steps to make our Lenten journey worthwhile. To aid us in that process, we might look over our Lenten Calendar of Opportunities that was inserted in last week’s bulletin and pick out some of what is offered.

What? No time? If we feel like we already have more than enough to do, then what are we going to take out (fasting) to leave a little room for God to fit into our life? If our calendar is already loaded up with appointments and activities, when is our appointment with God, and which of our activities is focused on spending time with God (prayer)? We do realize that if our goal is to get to heaven, then we plan to spend the rest of eternity with God. Wouldn’t it be wise to spend a little bit of time and effort getting to know and love the person that we plan to be with for ever and ever and ever? And when we come right down to it, isn’t the best way to get to know and understand someone else by following their example and doing what they do (almsgiving)? With that we are doing the three fundamental practices of Lent: fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Let’s not make this any harder than it needs to be.

Some of you might remember more rigorous rules and obligations imposed by the Church during Lent. Following the Second Vatican Council, the Church took a risk and cut back on many of the obligations. This leaves room for us in two ways. First, we as adults are called to a more mature exercise of our faith. Second, by reducing the demands imposed by obligation, we are given more room to take things on out of sense of devotion and after having discerned that they will assist us in growing and deepening our faith. The removal of obligations might appear to make things easier or lighter. But being given more latitude to shape our own exercise of the faith, in this case our Lenten practice, requires actually more responsibility and initiative on our part. Yet, for me, that seems closer to Jesus’ approach in the gospel as being one of invitation to follow him freely in discipleship, and not imposition of a burdensome set of requirements on unwilling subjects.

One quick point of correction and clarification concerning the Sacrament of Penance at St. Boniface on Wednesday evenings during Lent. With Stations of the Cross beginning at 5:30, confessions will be heard from 6:00-7:00 PM. A few places on the Lenten Calendar erroneously indicated a 6:30 start time.

Lastly, in an effort to move us closer to fulfilling the Catholic Ministries Appeal goals for our parish, we will be holding an in-pew solicitation at all of our Masses next weekend, February 24-25. CMA envelopes will be available in the pews. And we will be given an opportunity after the homily to fill them out, making a pledge, enclosing a donation in cash or check, or noting our credit card information. The completed envelopes will be gathered with the collection then transmitted to the diocese. Some twenty percent of our parish households have gotten us a long way to our goals. If you have not had an opportunity yet, please consider making a donation. Whether large or small, every contribution helps. If you need a little encouragement in that regard, please see my bulletin column from last week. Thank you!

Yours,
Fr. John

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS) AND THE LENTEN JOURNEY RITE OF SENDING AND RITE OF ELECTION

On Saturday, February 17 during the 5:00 PM Mass at St. Boniface, our **Candidates: Kelly Bardeen, Diana D’Ambrosia, Megan Lyle, Travis Emery and Zoe Wilson** will be blessed and sent forth to meet Bishop Matano for the **Rite of Election** which will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Cathedral on February 18 at 2:00 PM. Each of our candidates has already been baptized and are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Communion at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for all who are preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, March 31. For more information about the process for becoming Catholic and/or completing the sacraments of initiation, contact Sister Kathleen Wayne Kathleen.wayne@dor.org or 585-507-9961.

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

How we bring the "light of Christ" into the world today.

Babette's Feast **by Jack Garner**

The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community is presenting the classic film *Babette's Feast* and hosting a discussion about it over two nights in March. Parishioner and veteran national film critic Jack Garner will present what he considers one of his favorite movies. He's not alone. Pope Francis also considers *Babette's Feast* his favorite film.

The film by Danish director Gabriel Axel is based on a famous short story by Karen Blixen (of *Out of Africa* fame). During the late 19th century, a strict religious community in a Danish village takes in a French refugee from the Franco-Prussian War as a servant to the late pastor's daughters. Unbeknownst to them, she was once a world-class Parisian chef. In gratitude, she prepares the gourmet meal of a lifetime.

The film is the first to be discussed in a Papal document. In *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis writes that the feast is an example of true joy.

Pope Francis sees in the selfless giving of Babette an example we should all follow. Babette spent her whole lottery winnings to make this feast and spent weeks planning the meal and securing the necessary ingredients. This is the joy that Pope Francis wants us to experience, a joy that does not focus on selfish needs but on the joy of others.

The film will be screened on **Sunday, March 4 at Blessed Sacrament at 2:30pm. A second viewing will be held on Wednesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's in the Dugan Center.** Jack Garner will lead a **discussion at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8.** He will even make available the recipes for the famous feast! If you cannot make either screening of the film, then watch it at home through a streaming service or contact Sister Kathleen at Kathleen.wayne@dor.org or 507-9961 to borrow a copy of the DVD.

ROCHESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Attention all women of our parish: You are invited to attend the Fifth Annual Rochester Catholic Women's Conference, to be held on Saturday, March 10 from 8am to 3:30pm at The Aquinas Institute in Rochester. The cost is \$53 per person and \$25 for students. The topic of the conference will be **THE EUCHRIST**. Eucharist: the memorial of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection; the breaking of the bread as Jesus did at the Last Supper; an action of thanksgiving to God. What do you think of when you meditate about Eucharist? To register or to get additional information check out the website at www.RochesterCWC.org. We hope to see you there!

SPOTLIGHT ON ST. JOSEPH'S NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

In the heart of the South Wedge, social justice efforts in the form of health and dental care, counseling, adult education and social work for families and individuals is being provided by St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center. Established in 1993 as a ministry of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the Center is committed to raising the health status and quality of life of individuals and families who lack health insurance. The Center is the focus of the February presentation of **Voices of Women** telling its story on how it supports the good health and every day dignity of its clients.

Sr. Christine Wagner, our speaker, is the Executive Director of the center that counts more than 35,000 visits a year and provides services to over 3,000 individuals annually. Sr. Christine states that "the volunteers are the heart and soul of the of the Center. There is no reason for our volunteers to be here except a commitment to service for those in need."

Join us on **Sunday, February 25 at 12pm** in the Dugan Center at St. Mary's Church to hear the Center's Director, Sr. Christine Wagner, tell us more on the mission and accomplishments in the Center's fifteen year history. Here is your opportunity to hear and understand the valuable work being done in response to the call to be "Christ to others". All are invited to attend. Bring a friend.

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER TO SOLVE POVERTY...

Healthcare, Education, Human Services and Government... each has their own mission and set of monumental challenges, yet cooperation and integration across all sectors is the only real solution to the complex problem of poverty. After several years of focused attention in Rochester, many in our community might think that we just can't get our act together. But new efforts are underway – so come and hear what's happening and why someone who's on the front lines of working with people in poverty never loses hope.



Please join us on **Tuesday, February 27 at 5:30pm** in the Dugan Center at St. Mary's Church as we are joined by Marlene Bessette, President and CEO for Catholic Family Center, a subsidiary of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester. CFC annually serves over 23,000 of the poor and most vulnerable individuals and families in Monroe County with a broad range of programs. In addition to her work at CFC, Marlene has been heavily involved with the Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative and is currently co-chair of the Service Provider Workgroup. Prior to joining CFC in January of 2013, Marlene worked for Xerox Corporation for 28 years. Marlene holds degrees from the University of Rochester, Duke University and St Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry. She resides in Pittsford with her husband Eric.

“PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD...”

Are you prepared? This is a clarion call. With the coming celebration of Easter, of Jesus’ death and resurrection, God is ushering in a new covenant. Are we prepared? During Lent, God gives us time to prepare ourselves and our souls. Prepare yourself by participating in our parish **Lenten Retreat, March 11-13** at St. Boniface Church.

- ✦ **Sunday, March 11** 2:30pm – 4:30pm, optional meal following the program (kid-friendly session). Focus: Symbols
- ✦ **Monday, March 12** 1:30pm – 3:00pm **OR** 6:30pm – 8:30pm, optional meal before evening program. Focus: Relationships (self and others)
- ✦ **Tuesday, March 13** 1:30pm – 3:00pm **OR** 6:30pm – 8:30pm, optional meal before evening program. Focus: Social justice

Come to one, to any, or to all the sessions. The Monday afternoon session is the same as the evening session and the Tuesday afternoon session is the same as the evening session. If you require day care services to attend either of the Monday or Tuesday sessions, please contact Sr. Kathleen in advance at 271-7240. Are you ready? Come! Is your neighbor? Or a friend? Invite them!

**NEXT-TO-NEW SALE
IMPORTANT DATES**

Set-up day: Friday, April 13
Donations Accepted: April 14-26
Sale: May, 3, 4 & 5
If you would like to volunteer with set-up and/or sale, please contact the office at 271-7240.

2017-18 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary’s
Goal	\$73,311	\$25,765	\$49,076
Pledged	\$67,374	\$22,670	\$35,084
% of Goal	91.90%	87.99%	71.49%
% of Households Participating	23%	23%	20%

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

February 11, 2018	Collection	Weekly Need	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 6,826	\$ 7,952	(\$1,126)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,731	\$ 3,600	(\$ 869)
St. Mary’s	\$ 4,551	\$ 5,442	(\$ 891)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$278,489	\$262,416	\$16,073
St. Boniface	\$112,085	\$118,800	(\$ 6,715)
St. Mary’s	\$181,355	\$179,586	\$ 1,712

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

DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER PERMANENT

DIACONATE: The deacon is a man of faith, who is called from the community that already recognizes his dedication to service. He makes a lifetime commitment to serving the People of God by proclaiming the Word, assisting and presiding at liturgies, and ministering in the areas of charity and social justice. A deacon gives witness to his availability to the community by addressing present and emerging needs of the Church. The Diocese is inviting interested men of strong and active faith, who can demonstrate a record of service in the communities in which they live, work and worship, who may wish to explore a possible call to ordained ministry as a permanent deacon, to first speak with their pastor for an initial conversation. They may also contact Deacon Edward Giblin, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, at edward.giblin@dor.org, for additional information. A potential candidate must be at least 35 years of age and no older than 62 years of age at the time of ordination after a five (5) year period of formation. He must be in good health, emotionally mature, have stable relationships and must have the wholehearted support of his wife (if married) and family to enter the phase of inquiry. Because the parish is the primary experience of Church for most inquirers, the parish community is asked as well to invite from among its members men who exhibit strong faith and a spirit of service and encourage them to consider a possible vocation to the permanent diaconate.

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

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