

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

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December 2, 2018  
The First Sunday of Advent



**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.



**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  
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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**  
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Rochester, New York 14607

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

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

Sacrament of Penance  
Saturday 3:00 p.m.



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## Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

### Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)
- 9:00 a.m. Advent Festival (BS)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour– Perotti/Scheuerman (SB)
- 10:00 a.m. Alternative Giving Fair until 2:00pm (SM)
- 11:00 a.m. Advent Sharing (SM)

### Monday, December 3

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary before 8:00am Mass (BS)
- 6:30 p.m. Men's Club League Bowling (SB)
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)

### Tuesday, December 4

- 12:00 p.m. 3 Spirits Holiday Luncheon at Monroe's
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

### Wednesday, December 5

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary before 8:00am Mass (BS)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)

### Thursday, December 6

- 7:00 p.m. First Thursday Holy Hour (SB)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

### Friday, December 7

- 6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Holiday Euchre Tournament (SB)

### Saturday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

- 9:00 a.m. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (SM)
- 1:00 p.m. First Penance (BS)
- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
- 4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)

### Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour– Ehmann/Englerth/Gordon (SB)
- 11:30 a.m. Advent Sharing (SM)
- 1:00 p.m. GEVA "A Christmas Carol" Event begins at St. Mary's



### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Please pray for the following couples getting married:*

**Lauren DiSimone & William Wagner (SM)**  
**Amy Margaret Skrip & Matthew Casciani (SM)**  
**Tara Myers & Robert Ritter (SM)**



**Readings for December 9, 2018**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Bar 5: 1-9**  
**Phil 1: 4-6, 8-11**  
**Lk 3: 1-6**

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 1

- 1:00 p.m. (SM) Wdg: Cherik Hucko & Jared McPherson
- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Mary DeLaney Hale by Family
- 5:00 p.m. (SB) Moses Slaughter by The Pearsons Family

### Sunday, December 2

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 10:00 a.m. (BS) Peter Lynd by John & Judy Lynd  
Dennis & Kevin Walsh by Micki Walsh
- 10:30 a.m. (SM) Carl Tandoi by Family
- 12:15 p.m. (BS) Ann & Robert Napier by Charles & Suzanne Adrion  
John Lobene by Family

### Monday, December 3

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC

### Tuesday, December 4

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

### Wednesday, December 5

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Helen Beckerman by Bequest
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

### Thursday, December 6

- 12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 6:00 p.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SERCC

### Friday, December 7

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Gloria Lauria by Jr. Achievement Team

### Saturday, December 8, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

- 9:00 a.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Rachael Melito by Vera Horak
- 5:00 p.m. (SB) Shannon & Sean Finucane by Parents

### Sunday, December 9

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 10:00 a.m. (BS) Edward Dempsey by The Wade Family  
John Farkas by Claudia Herman
- 10:30 a.m. (SM) Ann Marie Marfione by The Next Step Team
- 12:15 p.m. (BS) Sam Costello by Jeff & Alicia Smith  
Reverend Bruce Ammering by Margy Handel

**Please Pray for Our Parishioners:** Margherita Pompeii, Michelle Wade, Lilianna Jefferson, Michelle Bach Skubis, Layla Tremble, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Adam Kwon, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, Jim Melito, Virginia Fifield, Judy Wesley, Marie Voelkel, David Ballerstein, Diane Porcelli, Tim Crosier, Leona Hickey, Don Wiegand, Mary Hardy, Michael Boothby, John Larish, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Terry Abramowski, Mary Dimock, Deanna Milne Azzolina, Larry Grasta, Christine Caiola, James Boyle.

**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.**

## ***A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...***

Welcome to the new liturgical year! Here we are on the First Sunday of Advent. Are we ready? This season recalls God's coming to us in the birth of Jesus Christ, as it also looks forward to his coming at the end of time. As we remember Christ's first coming, watch for his return, and live our faith in hope, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. This is good news for us in a time of uncertainty and concern, perhaps even fear, for in remembering that God comes to us intimately and in human form is a source of solace and hope. As we look to Christ's coming at the end of time, we recognize that he has already come to us in a merciful, kind and loving way. And his coming has and continues to endow us with a way to live and the means to follow him, as we await his coming at the end of time.

As is evident in the stories we read in sacred scripture during the Advent season, our human condition has always included suffering. We can relate to the experience of those we hear about in these stories, because people in our time, perhaps even us personally, also experience being captive to slavery in various forms, upended by events beyond their control, displaced from their homes, or unwelcomed as exiles in a foreign land. As we hear these stories, we are invited to consider where a change of heart is needed, individually and collectively. God continues to send us prophets to call us to account and point us to reconciliation with God and one another.

Before we think that in some way that we are unqualified, we need to recognize that God will work with us as God did with Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph, as well as so many others, even amid our human frailty and weakness. When invited to be open to unexpected possibilities, Zechariah was skeptical, Joseph sought to avoid trouble, Elizabeth was startled by the prospect of being pregnant at her age, and Mary questioned how it was all possible. Yet, in each case, God can and will work in and through each of us, as God did in the lives of each of these great figures of our faith, if we are open.

In our gospel for this First Sunday of Advent, Jesus urges us to be open, by standing tall with our heads raised up, not allowing ourselves to be consumed in carousing or drunkenness, or by the anxieties of daily life, but remaining vigilant and praying for the strength to escape tribulations and stand before Christ as he comes. Are we

willing to hear and respond to Jesus' call, so we can see and understand how God is breaking into our world here and now? If we stand ready to recognize God's presence in our world and one another, we will be willing to submit to God's will for us and become God's agent in our time. Each of us is invited in our own small and unique way to be like Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph to respond to God's call and usher in Christ at his coming. Advent is here. Are we ready?

Next weekend, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Ed Palumbos, the retired pastor of the Church of the Assumption in Fairport, will start living at St. Mary's and serving in our parish on a regular basis. He has been using the first several months after reaching senior priest status to relax, unwind and travel. He now will join the regular rotation of presiding and preaching at Sunday Masses in all three of our churches. Perhaps some of you have had a chance to meet him as he has helped out on a sporadic basis when he was in town and available. As he will be with us on a more regular basis moving forward, I invite you to welcome him to our community, and get to know one another for the many fine qualities that you and he possess.

According to reports received on Tuesday, November 27, we have not reached our Catholic Ministries Appeal goals. Yet, we are making good progress. Ninety-one donors representing 14.2% of our registered households at St. Mary's have contributed 54.8% of our \$49,313 goal. And 134 donors representing 14.2% of our registered households at Blessed Sacrament have contributed 57.9% of our \$73,822 goal. And 62 donors representing 15.8% of our registered households at St. Boniface have contributed 60.0% of our \$26,321 goal. I thank everyone who has generously donated to the CMA to help us reach these goals and given evidence of the viability and vitality of our parish churches. As you are aware, any shortfall will need to be made up from our parish's operating funds. One way or another, the CMA goal will be met by our parish. During this season of giving and as you consider any year-end contributions, please prayerfully discern how you might help our parish reach our goal through a donation to our CMA effort. Thank you.

Yours,  
Fr. John

### ***NCYC INFORMATION MEETING***

There will be a mandatory parent meeting for all **current 8th-11th graders** interested in attending NCYC in November 2019. Join Fr. John and Abby in the **2nd floor meeting room in the Blessed Sacrament School on Sunday December 16th from 3-4pm** to get more information about the pilgrimage, including dates, cost, fundraising efforts, and parent & youth expectations. Youth are welcome to accompany their parents.

After, all youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend a cookies, cocoa, Christmas movie, and card making event in the youth room from 4-6pm. We will be making cards for members of our parish who are away from their family this Christmas.

**RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH**  
**Experiencing Holiness in Advent**

My husband and I have a simple daily ritual each Advent. First we choose a quotation that will be our "mantra" for the season. We put it on the kitchen table, and before dinner each Advent evening, we say the words together. Then during dinner, we each say how we've lived or experienced the words through the day. How has the quote helped us experience holiness?

As I leaf through my folder of previous years' quotes, I'm finding multiple hand-written copies of Isaiah 30:15; clearly we've used it many times:

*By waiting and by calm you shall be saved,  
In quiet and in trust your strength lies.*

Advent can be such a frenzied time, with Christmas shopping, decorating, writing cards, etc. These lines—calling us to *calm*, to *quiet*, to *trust*—pull us back to a *spiritual* preparation for Christmas. So does my favorite line from Psalm 46, which we've also used often:

*Be still and know that I am God.*

Trying to live this "stillness," as we "wait" for the Lord's coming: this draws us into Advent's special holiness.

I'm also drawn in by listening daily to the Taizé Advent chant "Wait for the Lord":

*Wait for the Lord—  
His day is near.  
Wait for the Lord—  
Keep watch, take heart.*

The words alone don't do the song justice. But take a listen:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=endscreen&v=w5VxXp3CKww&NR=1>

Doesn't your pulse slow down, your hope swell?

*—Peggy Rosenthal*

**NEXT STEP DONATIONS NEEDED**

Thank you all for your generous support of the guests of Next Step and the Supper Program. We would like your help again with providing much needed items for the guests of the Supper Program, as the cold weather approaches. We will be collecting lotion, and new and warm hats, gloves and socks for women and men. These much needed items will be distributed at Christmas time. The items can be dropped off at the front and back of Blessed Sacrament Church in the baskets provided. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.



**ST. BONIFACE MEN'S CLUB  
HOLIDAY EUCHRE EVENT**

St. Boniface Men's Club Holiday Euchre Social Event is Friday December 7th downstairs in the Nativity School. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Registration begins at 7:00pm & games will start at 7:30pm. Reservations can be made by calling Bob Carr 330-6336 or the Men's Club at 473-7019.



**CHRISTMAS EVE 5:30 MASS  
AT ST. BONIFACE**

Again, this year we will offer a reenactment of the Christmas story (pageant) before the start of the Christmas Eve Mass at St. Boniface. The pageant, at 5:15, will precede the 5:30 Mass. All children and families who are interested in participating in the pageant and the mass are asked to email Sister Kathleen **BEFORE DECEMBER 14**. We need all the "key players"—*you know the story—and ADULTS* who can help coordinate—this will include—checking on costumes, being present for one rehearsal, being available on Dec 24 for the Mass, and repacking the costumes sometime the week after Christmas. We will also need servers, greeters, lectors for the Mass. We are also looking for a baby Jesus (who will bring along his or her parents to be Mary and Joseph). Interested? Have an idea of who we can ask? Email Sister Kathleen [kathleen.wayne@dor.org](mailto:kathleen.wayne@dor.org)



**ADVENT AND THE CALL TO  
GROW IN HOLINESS.  
WILL YOU RESPOND?**

You are invited to participate in a wonderful Advent opportunity—reflecting on the Sunday Scripture readings. **Sundays December 2 and December 9 following the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's**, Deirdre McKiernan Hetzler will facilitate a discussion on the Sunday readings based on the book **Preaching the Advent Readings** by Sister Barbara Moore. The conversation will last approximately 60 minutes. Beverages will be served and the group will meet in the Dugan Center. Books will be available for purchase (\$5.00) beginning this weekend, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Take some time to ponder the Scriptures this Advent season and see what a difference this can make in your life. For more information contact Sister Kathleen [Kathleen.wayne@dor.org](mailto:Kathleen.wayne@dor.org) or 585-507-9961.



**ST. BONIFACE MEN'S CLUB  
CHRISTMAS  
PARTY WITH SANTA**

St. Boniface Men's Club Christmas party with Santa is December 16, starting at 10:30am for children 12 and under. There will be entertainment, hot chocolate, Christmas cookies and a gift for every child. Reservations are not needed but are welcome. You can call Dan Klee @233-9414 or the Men's Club @473-7019.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers in memory of family and friends. Please be sure to designate Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface or St. Mary's on the form below and return it to the church office.



Donation in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  Cash or  Check  
(please make checks payable to designated parish)

Donation for:  Blessed Sacrament  St. Boniface

St. Mary's

Donation made by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ADVENT AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

You are invited to join us on Wednesday, December 12 (the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe), at St. Boniface, from 1:00-2:30pm for an afternoon of prayer and reflection as Sister Barbara, RSM shares with us thoughts and insights about Mary, the Mother of God.

Parents, if you have young children at home, feel free to bring them along. There will be supervised activities for them during the talk. Mark your calendar and give yourself this gift of prayer and reflection as you prepare for Christmas. It may be just what you need during this busy time of the year.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Residents at St. John' Home (so close to you on Highland Ave!) are not always able to get to Mass or a Communion service (or to have Communion brought to them) because we are short of volunteers—especially with snowbirds leaving). Here are two ways you can make a difference:

- ✦ Help push wheelchairs to/from the Chapel on Tuesdays, from 9:45am until Noon.
- ✦ Bring Communion to the resident's rooms, for an hour or so anytime any day--whatever fits your schedule.

Please contact Sandy Ferguson (760-1300) or Nancy DeRycke, part-time Chaplain (747-1310). Join two of our parishioners who are making a difference!! Thank you for your consideration!

**Deadline for submitting articles for bulletin is Tuesday by noon to [kathy.marfione@dor.org](mailto:kathy.marfione@dor.org)**

## BETHANY HOUSE

The next Bethany House dinner will be held on **Wednesday, December 12 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.

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

**Fr. John Loncle**, Pastor, [Fr.John.Loncle@dor.org](mailto:Fr.John.Loncle@dor.org)  
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## 2018-19 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
<b>Goal</b>	\$73,822	\$26,321	\$49,313
<b>Pledged</b>	\$42,745	\$15,806	\$27,022
<b>% of Goal</b>	57.90%	60.05%	54.80%
<b>% of Households Participating</b>	14%	16%	14%

## PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

	Actual Collection	Weekly Budget	Variance
<b>November 18, 2018</b>			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 7,253	\$ 8,450	(\$ 1,197)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,229	\$ 3,419	(\$ 190)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,708	\$ 5,438	(\$ 730)
<b>Year-to-Date</b>			
Blessed Sacrament	\$158,317	\$ 185,900	(\$ 27,970)
St. Boniface	\$ 69,984	\$ 75,218	(\$ 5,234)
St. Mary's	\$109,958	\$ 119,636	(\$ 9,818)

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