

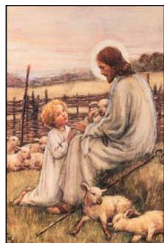
# Blessed Sacrament Saint Boniface Saint Mary's Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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December 9, 2018  
The Second 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.



*Congratulations to our young parishioners who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Penance for the first time during the Advent Season. Let us pray for them, their families and for each other as we remember the powerful gift and grace of God's mercy and love offered to us in this sacrament.*

*David Miller*

*Leah Murray*

*Natalie Reagan*

*Jack Richard*

*Matteo Scalzo*

*Nathaniel Stubbe*

*Brandon Murray*

*William Rood*

*Frances Baynes*

*Zuleica Bendana-Bijos*

*Elijah Harrigan*

*Audrey Honadle*

*Lulya Kifle*

*Andrew McAleavey*

*Jack Pearson*

*Patrick Sherwood*

*Maria Pia Bendana-Bijos*

*Sadie Cummins*

*Nattalena Hill*

*Charli Johnson*

*Michael Leonard*

*Molly McKenna*

*Josephine Reidmiller*

*Patrick Sherwood*

*Augustyn Turgeon*

## 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  
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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 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

### Monday, December 10

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

### Tuesday, December 11

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

### Wednesday, December 12

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary before 8:00am Mass (BS)
- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BS)
- 1:00 p.m. Advent Reflection w/Sr. Barbara Moore (SB)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)

### Thursday, December 13

- 2:30 p.m. Knitting Group (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Frassati Group (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

### Friday, December 14

### Saturday, December 15

- 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 16, Third Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour– Kilmartin Bayer (SB)
- 10:30 a.m. Men’s Club Children’s Christmas Party (SB)
- 3:00 p.m. NCYC Information Meeting followed by Youth Gathering at 4:00pm (BS)

## Liturgies and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 8

- 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

### Monday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) John J. Carney, Jr. by Frances Carney
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) John Vitone by Elaine Vitone

### Tuesday, December 11

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) Lucy Sheehan by Sue Howard
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

### Wednesday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Marie Murphy by John & Judy Lynd
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

### Thursday, December 13

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

### Friday, December 14

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) Anna Mary Knittel by Frank & Patty Cost
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Colleen Bavosa by The Cleary Family

### Saturday, December 15

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Alberta Longo by Family
- 5:00 p.m. (SB) Ann Rokos by Mary Ann Rokos Pavone

### Sunday, December 16

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Jim Curran by Bob & Pat Morriss
- 10:00 a.m. (BS) Michael Wade by The Wade Family
- 10:30 a.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 12:15 p.m. (BS) Leo Czajkowski, 5th Anniversary by Children



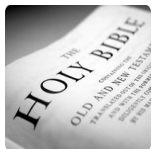
### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following couples getting married:

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

**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 Azcolina, 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.**



Readings for December 16, 2018  
Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3: 14-18A  
Phil 4: 4-7  
Lk 3: 10-18

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

On this second Sunday of Advent, John the Baptist appears as the voice of one crying out in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. Amid all the hustle and bustle leading up to Christmas in our contemporary society, his call to repentance can be easily drowned out or ignored. Yet, his location in the desert may be a clue to us.

While we are far from the desert in cloudy, rainy, snowy Rochester, it is not so much the sunny aridness of the desert that is significant. Instead, it is meant to evoke a place of stark emptiness and absence. In this way, the desert is in sharp contrast to the mall. We won't find there lots of people, things for sale, seasonal music, holiday lights and decorations, places to eat and drink. The absence of those in desert places heightens our senses. Any sign of what is missing draws our attention. Lacking things and control, we become more aware of our inherent dependency.

If we think back about the experience of our forerunners in the faith, God used times in the desert and in exile to draw Israel closer to God and focus their attention on cooperating with the work of internal transformation. As Israel wandered in the desert wilderness for forty years, they learned to look over beyond the slave mentality of their time in Egypt to assume the freedom and responsibility of becoming God's people. Similarly, in the 60 years of Exile, they had to strip away their corrupt and idolatrous thinking to get back to their fundamental relationship with God.

Desert times can be thrust upon us by the circumstances of our life usually involving significant loss or change (i.e. serious illness or injury; unemployment, divorce, death). In contrast, Advent is a desert time into which we are invited. How are we responding to this Advent call to step into the desert so as to leave the distractions behind, even momentarily, in order to better focus on preparing for the coming of Christ into our world, our lives and our very selves? As we reflect on our relationships with God, others and ourselves, how are we responding to the change that God seeks in us? What will help us to put that change into practice?

A number of opportunities coming up in our parish can assist you with that process. In the Renewing and Refreshing Adult Faith column (see page 4), Peggy Rosenthal offers a few passages for reflection that gently draw us into the holiness of Advent. Coming up this Wednesday, December 12, is our Advent Afternoon of Reflection with Sr. Barbara Moore (see page 5), which will focus on another great inspirational figure of Advent, Mary, the Mother of God. The

following week, Sr. Kathleen and Sue Howard have put together a wonderful opportunity to reflect and pray as part of our communal Advent Penance Services on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon. As we are invited on the front cover of this bulletin to pray for our children who are approaching the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for first time over the next two Saturdays, we might ask ourselves what role this Sacrament plays in helping us to make the changes that God seeks in our lives

Seeming to break with what I have been saying, I also need to plug a few items related to preparations to celebrate Christmas. We are looking for children and parents who are interested in participating in the pageant before the 5:30 Mass on Christmas Eve. Your involvement is what will keep this tradition alive in our parish. Also, various opportunities exist to help with decorating our churches, delivering poinsettia plants to those who are homebound or in nursing homes, assisting with dinner at Bethany House, and donating needed items for Next Step (see pages 4 & 5). We can't be church and do these without your help.

Also, I would like to thank all those who helped to make the open house at St. Boniface on Sat., Dec. 1 possible. We took advantage of the opportunity to invite the crowds, who were coming to our area for the South Wedge traditional handmade show and sale, to tour our church and meet some of our parishioners. From what I have heard, this event was well-received and the parishioners who helped are eager to do it again next year. Thank you.

Lastly, as indicated on page 5, we are still making good progress to reaching the Catholic Ministries Appeal goal for our parish churches. We have inserted another flyer in today's bulletin listing those who have already donated. It was brought to our attention recently that a parishioner's significant donation to the CMA had been credited to another parish for eight years, which cost one of our churches in terms of needing to make up the shortfall. Please check the listing to make sure that we have received credit for your donation. And call the parish office, if you have any questions or concerns. As we all are bombarded with many requests for donations at the end of the year, please prayerfully consider making a donation in support of our parish's efforts to reach our CMA goal.

Thank you.

Yours,  
*Fr. John*

**RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH**  
**Experiencing Holiness in Preparation for Christmas**

Last week I offered a couple scriptural passages that my husband and I take as Advent "mantras." There are other quotes, too, that we've used over the years to help us experience the holiness of preparing for the Lord's Nativity.

One I clipped from a column in *America* magazine years ago: *We rush through time to get things done. When we are not getting things done, we think we 'waste' time. But the real waste of time is the way we rush through it.... In hurrying to prepare ourselves for things not yet upon us, we are unprepared for what is here.*

I love meditating with this passage. But it's obviously too long to be a mantra. So I've written out an abbreviated form that's easy to memorize: *We rush through time to get things done... But the real waste of time is the way we rush through it.* I try to remember to repeat this off and on throughout the day. Then at dinner each Advent night, my husband and I mention one time during the day when we intentionally *didn't* rush.

For Advent meditation, I've also used a couple prayers from the Mass. One is:

*Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy.* I love how this prayer gently draws us into the holiness of the penitential dimension of Advent's first two weeks, when the Sundays' Gospel readings are about Judgment Day and repentance.

Then, for weeks three and four, as Christmas draws closer, I pray this call to the holiness of hushed attentiveness:

*Let everything within you watch and wait—For the Lord your God draws near!*

—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 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 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)

**YES, I'M READY**

“Do you believe it’s possible to be happier than you have ever been ...in your life? Pause and reflect about that... *Do you believe it’s possible to be happier than you ever have been?*”

The answer may surprise you, and is our gift to you. Starting December 29<sup>th</sup>, copies of Matthew Kelly’s *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity: How Modern Culture is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness*, will be available at the end of Mass. While we are asking for a dollar donation, if you don’t have a dollar, don’t let that keep you from happiness—take a copy and read it. Discover the very easy path to happiness—and it is simple and it is more doable than you ever thought possible.

To paraphrase an old ‘70s Barbara Mason song:

Are you ready? Yes, I'm ready to learn

Are you ready? Yes, I'm ready to learn

To fall in love, to fall in love, to be transformed by You.

**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.

**SETTING UP FOR CHRISTMAS AT ST. MARY'S**

Calling all elves to help set up for Christmas at St. Mary's! Please email me at [Kanned@gmail.com](mailto:Kanned@gmail.com) if you can lend a hand Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 1-3pm or 5:30-7:30pm and let me know you will be coming. Refreshments will be provided or you can bring a few of your favorite cookies to share!!! All are welcome!

## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_ *please print*

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

Donation for:  Blessed Sacrament  St. Boniface

St. Mary's

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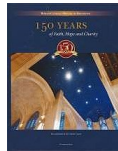
## ADVENT AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION

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.

## THE DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER— 150 YEARS OF FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

If you haven't purchased your copy of the book commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Diocese of Rochester yet, you still have the opportunity! This coffee table book makes a lovely gift! 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 \$20 per copy, or two books for \$30. If you are interested in purchasing a book, please call the parish office at 271-7240 or stop by.



*The books will also be available in the back of Church at St. Mary's this weekend and next weekend.*

## MAKE SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY A LITTLE BRIGHTER

Help us deliver a Poinsettia plant to one of our shut-ins or a parishioner in a Nursing Home. Deliveries will take place next weekend- December 15 and 16 after Masses. The name, address and directions will be attached to each plant. What a great opportunity for families with young children to be faith in action and a sign of your holiness in Christ.



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**Walter Miller**, St. Mary's  
**Diane Kannel**, Gardener, St. Mary's

## 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.

## 2018-19 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
<b>Goal</b>	\$73,822	\$26,321	\$49,313
<b>Pledged</b>	\$47,540	\$17,506	\$31,742
<b>% of Goal</b>	64.40%	66.51%	64.37%
<b>% of Households Participating</b>	17%	19%	17%

## PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

	Actual Collection	Weekly Budget	Variance
December 2, 2018			
Blessed Sacrament	\$10,003	\$ 8,450	\$ 1,553
St. Boniface	\$ 3,786	\$ 3,419	\$ 367
St. Mary's	\$ 5,601	\$ 5,438	\$ 163
<b>Year-to-Date</b>			
Blessed Sacrament	\$168,315	\$ 194,350	(\$ 26,422)
St. Boniface	\$ 73,770	\$ 78,637	(\$ 4,867)
St. Mary's	\$115,559	\$ 125,074	(\$ 9,655)

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We depend on your thoughtfulness and commitment. God bless you.*

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