

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

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December 16, 2018
The Third 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.

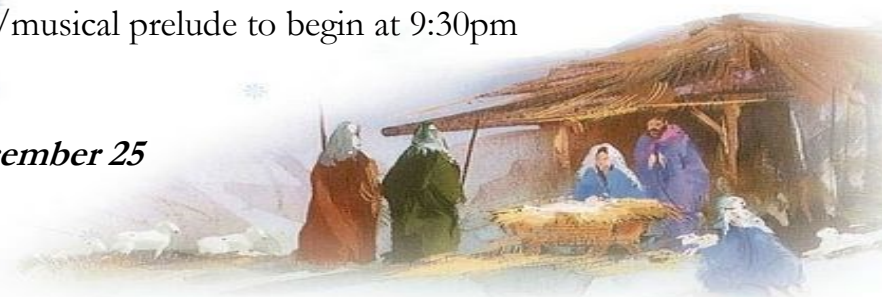
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve—Monday, December 24

3:30 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Church
4:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church
5:30 p.m. St. Boniface Church w/pageant to began at 5:15pm
6:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Church
10:00 p.m. St. Mary's Church w/musical prelude to begin at 9:30pm

Christmas Day—Tuesday, December 25

10:00 a.m. St. Boniface Church



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

Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 3:00 p.m.



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Nursery available at Blessed Sacrament & St. Mary's at both Masses. Ask the Ushers to direct you.



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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

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)
1:30 p.m. Young Adult Brunch (BS)
3:00 p.m. NCYC Information Meeting followed by Youth Gathering at 4:00pm (BS)

Monday, December 17

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary before 8:00am Mass (BS)
6:30 p.m. Men's Club League Bowling (SB)
5:30 p.m. Supper Program Christmas Party (BS)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)
7:00 p.m. Penance Service w/Individual Confession (BS)

Tuesday, December 18

- 2:00 p.m. Penance Service w/Individual Confession (SB)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, December 19

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

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

Saturday, December 22

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

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour– Kurtz/Schey/Collins (SB)



BANNERS OF MARRIAGE

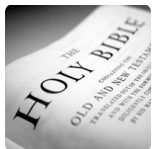
Please pray for the following couples getting married:

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

ATTENTION PLEASE

Special bulletin deadlines for the Christmas Holiday are as follows:

By noon on Thursday, Dec 20 for Dec 30 Bulletin
By noon on Thursday, Dec 27 for Jan 6 Bulletin



Readings for December 23, 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

MI 5: 1-4A
Heb 10: 5-10
Lk 1: 39-45

Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

- 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

Monday, December 17

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Kevin Patrick Lynd by Ed & Kathy Lynd
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Tuesday, December 18

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

Wednesday, December 19

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Joseph & Sally Farrar by Bequest
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

Thursday, December 20

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

Friday, December 21

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) For the Intentions of the Robert Fowler Family by Sister St. Luke
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Saturday, December 22

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Patricia & Garrett Cleary by Cleary Family
5:00 p.m. (SB) Christopher Kowal by John & Peg Finucane

Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Virginia Schepis by Children
10:30 a.m. (SM) Marv Mich by Jody Brennan
12:15 p.m. (BS) Deceased Members of the Handel Family by Family

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 Voelkl, 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 Azgolina, Larry Grasta, Christine Caiola, James Boyle, Larry Schlosser.

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 Church
burns in memory of Maureen Gregor by
Vera Horak

A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

On this third Sunday of Advent, traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday, taken from the first words in our second reading today, we are called to "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!" As we enter the final days of our Advent preparations, this call and the use of the rose-colored candle are meant to evoke in us a tone of joyful expectation for the birth of Jesus and the second coming of Christ. While children may become more animated as the prospect of Christmas presents draws nearer, (and some adults too), not all of us may easily slip into joyful expectation for any number of reasons. It doesn't take much to fall into a litany of woes that sound more like a dirge of doom and gloom than expectant joy.

To counter such, John the Baptist, the great herald of the coming of Christ, offers us numerous responses to those approaching him seeking a baptism of repentance, who ask, "What should we do?" First, he tells those who have the basic necessities of life, clothing and food in particular, to share them with those in need. Judging by the mounds of food, clothing and gifts that have poured into our churches over the last month or so, we seem to willingly follow John's advice. Hopefully, that is for us a sign of light breaking into the darkness of our world, not only for the recipients, but also for the donors and those who observe their generosity and are inspired to join in and give of themselves. Most of us may not encounter the recipients of our gifts and donations. Yet, we can imagine with joy-filled hope the prospect of their future joy in receiving and putting them to use. As we look to the coming of Christ at Christmas and the end of time, we are invited into that same expectant joy as we reflect on the gifts and blessings that we have received, are receiving, and will receive, when Christ is in our midst.

The next two groups that approach John asking what they should do are the tax collectors and soldiers. These two groups were known for making their power and authority felt in order to extract benefits and privileges for themselves. The preaching of John has opened their eyes and converted their hearts such that they wonder what they are to do about their sinful ways. As they approach John's baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, John tells them to stop their sinful actions as their sins are washed away.

We, like these sinners, may be more aware of our sinfulness as we hear the Word of God proclaimed and preached in the light of the coming of Christ. While we cannot go to John to receive a baptism of repentance, we do have an opportunity to gather this Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon to celebrate communally the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the forgiveness of our sins. Experiencing God's pardon and peace through this sacrament is a great way to enter into the expectant joy of Advent.

It is also a wonderful way to bring a little joy to heaven (see Luke 15), as God rejoices over us and renews us in his love (Zeph 3:17). Perhaps all too often, we are told not to grieve God by our sins. Hopefully, we hear in this good news that when we allow Christ to take our sins away, we set God to singing joyfully over us.

Giving and forgiving two ways to prepare for the coming of Christ, acknowledge God's presence in our midst, and enter into the hope and expectant joy that are amplified for us on this Gaudete Sunday: "Rejoice!...I say it again: Rejoice!"

All of our churches could benefit from an increase in the number of regular Mass attenders. Our Christmas celebrations offer us a wonderful opportunity to extend hospitality to those who may not be with us on a regular basis, bringing them into our community to work with us to welcome someone new next year. To accomplish that goal, we will need the support of our liturgical ministers, ushers and greeters. Please let our staff and volunteer schedulers know as soon as possible at which Masses you will be available to serve. If you would like to volunteer on a one-time basis to help with greeting and ushering, especially at the more crowded Masses, please call or email the parish office.

All of us can help by being friendly and accommodating to everyone. Offering a smile and warm "Merry Christmas" greeting goes a long way. And helping someone locate the restroom is also appreciated. Undoubtedly, the earlier Masses on Christmas Eve will be crowded, leading to competition for parking and seats. This may be a good opportunity to consider heeding Jesus' teaching about going to the lowest place, and doing so with humility, humor and graciousness. Also sliding into the center of the pew to make room for others seeking a seat is great way to welcome the stranger. Working together, we will show that our church family always has room for more of God's children, as we, the sisters and brothers of Jesus, celebrate the coming of Christ into our world, into our lives and into our very beings.

Lastly, according to the reports received on Tuesday, December 11, all three of our churches have reached about 67% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal goal. I thank those who have already donated, and invite the rest to join us in supporting vital ministries throughout our diocese and in our own parish. While we are keeping on pace with the diocesan average, I would expect us to be above average as we are in so many other ways.

Yours,
Fr. John

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.

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH
Experiencing Holiness in Advent

I hope to experience holiness in the love that I give to others. Whether it be my friends, family, coworkers, or neighbors — this time of year allows us to reflect on how much we love our neighbors, and maybe even allows us to find areas in which we can love them even more. Even with people with whom we don't get along — especially with those people — it's important to share love, because most of the time, negative people need love the most. In my opinion, love is one of the holiest gifts that we can give to others, and it's also the least expensive.

During the weeks leading up to Christmas, we've been talking a lot about the state of the world, and how dire things seem sometimes. We're living in an age in which conflict seems to be around every corner; not just physical and verbal conflict, but spiritual conflict as well; but the love that we hold in our hearts shines a light on that conflict — illuminates it — not just for us, but also for everyone whom we encounter. That is why, in this Christmas season, it's important to bring the holiness of love into everything we say, everything we do, and everything we are.

—Matthew Crawford

BECAUSE I'M HAPPY...

Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth
Clap along if you know what happiness is to you
Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do.

For many of us, being a Christian is a part time thing. We do our family thing, our job, our hobbies, our volunteering, and our church life. They're all good, but we're divided by them. But there is a difference between being busy and being complicated. Our lives may be busy with stuff, but if we're focused on doing what's pleasing to Christ, our lives won't be complicated. Ask yourself: Is your life simple — or too complicated? Jesus doesn't want to be just one among many good projects in our lives. He is the one thing necessary; the standard by which we measure everything else and our path to happiness—unbounding, joyful happiness. Starting **December 29th**, 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. Take a copy and read it. Within it are the easiest steps, measured by mere moments, to uncomplicate our lives and bring us happiness.

Are you ready to let God transform you?

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Did you know that you can place a collection envelope from any Church in our collection baskets during Mass? Save stamps and time! We will make certain it goes to the correct Church, so you will receive proper credit.



- ✦ NCYC Information Meeting - 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 this 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. If you are unable to attend but interested in NCYC, please send me an e-mail.
- ✦ All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend a cookies, cocoa, Christmas movie, and card making event this **Sunday, December 16th from 4-6pm in the Youth Room in the Blessed Sacrament School**. We will be making cards for members of our parish who are alone during this holiday season, while enjoying some treats!
- ✦ Finally, on **Thursday, December 20th from 5:30-7:30pm** the young adult group has invited a limited number of youth to join in on their supper program night. If you are interested in volunteering, please let me know as soon as possible. Participants will be chosen on a first come first serve basis

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

We welcome Matthew Crawford, who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church during the 10:00 AM Mass. Matthew, baptized as an infant in the United Methodist Church, made a profession of faith in the Catholic Church, was Confirmed and received his First Communion during the Mass at Blessed Sacrament. His preparation for this day began when he was a student at SUNY Geneseo and has continued with the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) here in our parish. We rejoice with him as he celebrates this important and significant moment in his faith journey. He is already generously sharing his gifts and talents with us in our Music Ministry. Congratulations and may God bless you always.

If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or the celebration of sacraments, contact Sister Kathleen Wayne kathleen.wayne@dor.org

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, if you can lend a hand Tuesday, Dec. 18 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: _____

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

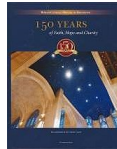
Donation for: Blessed Sacrament St. Boniface

St. Mary's

Donation made by: _____
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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.



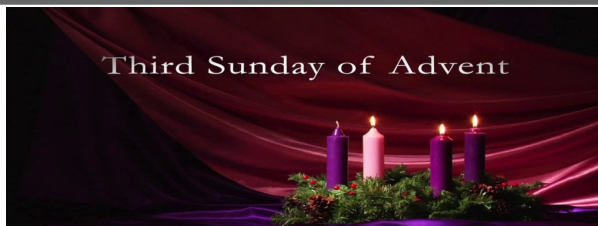
The books will also be available in the back of Church at St. Mary's again this weekend.

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!



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BETHANY HOUSE

The next Bethany House dinner will be held on **Wednesday, January 9, 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
Goal	\$73,822	\$26,321	\$49,313
Pledged	\$49,710	\$17,906	\$34,492
% of Goal	67.34%	68.03%	69.95%
% of Households Participating	18%	19%	17%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

	Actual Collection	Weekly Budget	Variance
December 9, 2018			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 6,616	\$ 8,450	(\$ 1,834)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,419	\$ 531
St. Mary's	\$ 5,550	\$ 5,438	\$ 112
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$174,931	\$ 202,800	(\$ 28,256)
St. Boniface	\$ 77,720	\$ 82,056	(\$ 4,336)
St. Mary's	\$121,080	\$ 130,512	(\$ 9,532)

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

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