

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

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February 17, 2019
 The Sixth 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.



6th Sunday
 I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"Blessed are you when people hate you,
 and when they exclude and insult you,
 and denounce your name as evil
 on account of the Son of Man." - Lk 6:22

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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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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, February 17

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Hohman/Thomas (SB)
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (BS)
11:45 a.m. Parish Book Discussion—Dugan Center (SM)
12:00 p.m. Men's Club 2-Person, No-Tap Lucky Strike
Tournament (SB)
4:00 p.m. Youth Gathering (BS)

Monday, February 18, President's Day (Parish Office Closed)

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)
7:00 p.m. Parish Book Discussion—Parish Office (BS)
7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—School (BS)

Tuesday, February 19

- 8:00 a.m. Parish Book Discussion—Church (SB)
6:30 p.m. Parish Social Life Committee (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 21

- 12:00 p.m. Youth Gathering—Dugan Center (SM)
12:45 p.m. Parish Book Discussion—Church (SM)
6:30 p.m. Parish Book Discussion—Supper Program (BS)
7:00 p.m. Frassati Group (SB)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

Friday, February 22

Saturday, February 23

- 9:30 a.m. First Communion Preparation—School (BS)
2:50 p.m. Parish Book Discussion—Dugan Center (SM)
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)

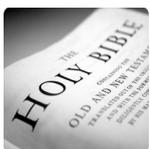
Sunday, February 24

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Anderson/Buck/Volta (SB)
12:00 p.m. Voices of Women presents Holly Rockwell,
discussing our journey towards God—Dugan
Center (SM)



Candle Intentions

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



Readings for February 24, 2019 The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
1 COR 15: 45-49
LK 6: 27-38

Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 16

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
5:00 p.m. (SB) John J. Curran by Family

Sunday, February 17

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Mildred Quinn by Tony Califano
10:00 a.m. (BS) John & Ann Byrne by Ed & Christine Driscoll
10:30 a.m. (SM) Harold Hacker by Joan Hacker
12:15 p.m. (BS) Jim Sands by Charlie Adrion

Monday, February 18

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Gerard Walsh by Chris Walsh
12:10 p.m. (SM) Colleen Bavosa by The Cleary Family

Tuesday, February 19

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

Wednesday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 21

- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Mary & Patrick O'Brien by Tom Sheehan

Friday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 23

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Ann Marie Marfione by JoAnne Englerth
5:00 p.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Sunday, February 24

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) In Thanksgiving by The Finucanes
10:00 a.m. (BS) Agnes Murray by John & Judy Lynd
10:30 a.m. (SM) Shirley McGrath by Rick McGrath
12:15 p.m. (BS) Virginia Schepis by Children

Please Pray for Our Parishioners: Margherita Pompeii, Michelle Wade, Lilianna Jefferson, Michelle Bach Skubis, Layla Tremble, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, Jim Melito, Virginia Fijfield, Marie Voelkel, David Ballerstein, Diane Porcelli, Tim Crosier, Leona Hickey, Mary Hardy, Michael Boothby, John Larish, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Terry Abramowski, Mary Dimock, Larry Grasta, James Boyle, Larry Schlosser, Edward J. Murphy, Jr., Dale O'Donnell, Lois Winslow, Patricia Hynes, Loretta Rose Doyle, Rob Armour

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.

SAVE THE DATE

The St. Boniface Men's Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 9, at 6pm.** The cost is \$15 per person. Tickets may be purchased after Masses at St. Boniface again this weekend, or by calling Tony Califano at 359-0966.



A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

I have been looking for an opportunity to gather our community to talk together about the various challenges and opportunities that face each of our church sites. While each site faces similar challenges, they also have unique needs and desires that need to be raised, explored and discussed. Toward that end, I am going to be holding "Town Hall" style meetings after each of the weekend Masses at each of our three sites. I hope to make a short presentation about the state of the parish at each site, which will touch on finances, attendance, buildings and capital needs, and ministries. Then I would like to hear from you about your hopes, dreams, and concerns. In airing the latter, I hope that we can use constructive criticism that seeks to transform and build up rather than bash and teardown. In this way, I hope that we can discern together positive and constructive ways to realize and address those hopes, dreams and concerns. For example, while we may not be able to turn back the clock to an earlier time, we can look at what was happening and see how we might honor and reimagine it in our current context. In the brief time that I have been with you, I have become aware of the rich history of the three churches that comprise our parish and of the good and talented people, who are striving to sustain the life of our churches. My dream is that these sessions will surface the ideas and people to facilitate and energize that process moving forward.

The schedule of "Town Hall" meetings is as follows: March 2 & 3 following the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Boniface Church; March 10 following both Sunday Masses at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament; and March 16 & 17 following the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Mary's Church. I envision these sessions lasting about an hour. I hope you can join us.

Continuing my review of Matthew Kelly's book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, I was drawn to his theory that regardless of whether people regularly come to church on Sunday or not, they all have the same ten things on their minds. He then asserts that if we can speak powerfully and practically to people about those ten things, then we will change the world, (p.73). Needless to say, this caught my attention as someone who is charged to speak with you each week in the homily. I certainly would like to know whether his list captures what is on your and most people's minds. Here is his list:

- 1) **Relationships:** They are central to people's lives. And most people want their primary relationship to improve.
- 2) **Family:** Parents want to know how to be better parents. Most families have something going on with a child, sibling or parent, where they could use some help and direction.
- 3) **Health:** Everyone knows someone with serious health issues. Many of us are involved in their care.
- 4) **Work:** Work occupies most of our lives. Yet, most of us are not very happy at work. We might ask how we can bring more meaning to our work.
- 5) **Money:** We use money every single day of our lives. And we have questions about how we should spend, save, invest and acquire it.

- 6) **Addiction:** Nearly every family is effected in some way by addiction. Whether we are battling our own or those of someone we love, those things to which we are addicted range from drugs and alcohol to food, other people's attention, pornography, shopping, vanity and the like.
- 7) **God, spirituality, and church:** Whether a church-goer or not, we grapple with a range of questions in this area from the meaning of life to the existence of God.
- 8) **Fear:** We all are afraid of something to one degree or another. Our fears can overpower us and control us, so God is continually saying to us throughout the Bible, "Do not be afraid!"
- 9) **Hopes and dreams:** Aside from our freewill, the greatest ability God has given us may be our ability to dream. We have the astounding ability to look beyond our present limitations and envision something bigger and better, which we can work towards.
- 10) **The question:** We each have a particular question with which we are grappling. We yearn to discover a deeply personal answer to that question. And we wait for God to provide that answer.

For Matthew, these things that occupy our minds are very human things. "People are just trying to make their lives work. They have little or no interest in debates about the intricacies of Christianity. They are just trying to get by and be good people," (p.77). In reading the gospels, Jesus always dealt with these really human concerns and needs in such a way as to move those he encountered above and beyond them. Then, in what I find a stinging indictment, Matthew contends that we in the church "don't spend anywhere near enough time talking to people about these topics, and we don't minister to their needs in these areas at the level we should," (p.77). If indeed that is the case, then I would like to take up the challenge of moving us to the point where "Every time someone walks into one of our churches, they should be crossing the threshold of hope, and every time they walk out of our churches, they should be crossing the same threshold filled with hope and encouragement," (p.78).

I hope in the upcoming "Town Hall" meetings and other subsequent conversations and exchanges, we might touch on the accuracy of Matthew's analysis, and on ways that our churches can be places where people are filled with hope and encouragement as they strive to get by and be good people, and that we can do it in such a way that it is attractive enough to draw others into our parish as we all seek to be where and do what God is calling us to be and do.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,
Fr. John

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

How I'm Fed by Social Justice

Sitting in the pew at Mass, week after week, I heard in the sermons how we are called in our Catholic faith to act for justice and to serve others. Often the thought I would have as I listened would be "I came here to be 'fed', not to hear that I need to get out there and 'feed' others." Besides, my life is already full, caring for others in different capacities—as a family member, a friend, and in my profession as a counselor.

However, this gentle interior nudging (the Holy Spirit?) from Sunday Mass, and during my quiet time at home, continued, and led me to join the Social Justice Committee. Before I joined, I had not anticipated the warm comradery I would feel with other parishioners as we discussed and worked together to serve, and advocate for, the most needy in the Rochester community. In addition, it is "filling" to be surrounded by people who are living the gospel and truly believe that we are "all" God's children, each equally valued and loved in the eyes of God.

I have also come to believe that if I am able to trust in the Lord, put aside my strong desire to take control of things, God will provide the time, space, and energy for me to be able to participate in social justice activities. I am always grateful when I say "yes" to the nudge to serve others, as I have come to believe that God calls me to serve, yes, to help others, but also to deepen my faith—I am being fed.

—Mary Coughtry

DO YOU LIKE TO SING?

If you like to sing, here is a great new way to both de-stress during the week and to do God's work for the Church at the same time. St. Mary's choir (which rehearses at 6:30 Wednesdays) is looking for new members to sing for Saturday or Sunday Mass. Blessed Sacrament choir (which rehearses at 7pm on Thursdays) is looking especially for sopranos. If you don't read music, that's okay! Just come with your ears, your voice, and a willing spirit, and there will be many friends to help. Please let us (Margaret - Margaret.Mary.Owens@dor.org or Chelsea - Chelsea.Barton@dor.org) know if you are interested!



BETHANY HOUSE

The next Bethany House dinner will be held on **Wednesday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m.** If you would like to participate by bringing a dish to pass and helping serve guests, please call Sandy Behnke at 478-4063.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN GUIDING OUR LIVES?

This month, Voices of Women has invited Holly Rockwell of the Mercy Spirituality Center to talk about our journey toward God. Do we journey alone? In which case the Holy Spirit can lead us to a deeper connection with our God. Do we journey with others, such as through discernment, spiritual direction and listening to or reading the words of others.

Our speaker, Holly Rockwell, is the Program Manager of the Mercy Spirituality Center, a trained Ignatian prayer guide and spiritual director. Ms. Rockwell co-founded the Monroe Village Farmer's Market. Besides a degree from SUNY Buffalo School of Law she is a certified Master Naturalist from Cornell University. As a naturalist, Ms. Rockwell revels in the time she spends roaming the fields and forests where she finds God. Join us and discern your spiritual journey.

St. Mary's Dugan Center, February 24 from 12:00-1:00. Bring a friend.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS



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In March, Father John will be holding three Town Hall sessions to discuss the state of each parish, including finances, attendance, buildings, capital needs and ministries. There will also

be a time to hear from you, the parishioners, about your hopes, dreams and concerns for our parish. The Town Hall Meetings will be held on:

- ✦ **March 2 & 3, following Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Boniface**
- ✦ **March 10, following Sunday Masses at Blessed Sacrament**
- ✦ **March 16 & 17, following Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Mary's**

We hope you will consider attending!



ARE YOU TECH SAAVY ?? YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

The Next-to-New Sale is in need of volunteers to help test out electronic equipment that has been donated to the Next-to-New Sale, to make sure it is in saleable working condition. Hours can be flexible! Even if you only have an hour or two to spare, They can use your help! Please contact Jeanne Tyler at jeannentn518@gmail.com if you are interested in helping them out!

ATTENTION ALL LAY MINISTERS!

It is time to construct the lay ministers schedule for March 16/17 through June 22/23. We have added some new people for the upcoming schedule, which is wonderful since we are in need of more lay ministers at all three sites!

Please send information about your availability during this time **as soon as possible and no later than February 20**. The schedule takes time to compile in order to incorporate many requests at all three sites. Thank you to Marsha Condon at St. Boniface and Mary Alyce Streb at St. Mary's for their many years of hard work overseeing the schedules at their individual churches. Please send your information by the above date to the following:

- ✦ St. Boniface, contact Marsha Condon at 473-2620 or mcondon@cyncon.com;
- ✦ St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament, please send info to Pastoral Associate Beverly LaBelle at 271-7240 or Beverly.labelle@dor.org.

Thanks for your help and your devoted service to these very important liturgical ministries!

THE GATHERING TABLES

In 2010, a social program called "Gathering Tables" was created as an opportunity for parishioners of St. Mary's to share a meal and become better acquainted. This successful program has been revived for the Spring of 2019 as a means of building community among members of St. Mary's, Blessed Sacrament and St. Boniface. All parish sites are invited to participate!

A flyer describing the program as well as guidelines for participating in the Spring Gathering are now available with a signup deadline of March 10th. **Look for materials in the gathering space of all three churches, and beat the deadline of March 10th!**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING 2019 ROCHESTER CAMPAIGN

Do you think you can do more to end the scourge of abortion? One of the most proven, effective means to decrease abortion is 40 Days for Life. Since its inception, over 15,200 babies have been saved from abortion! Take part in the Spring 40 Days for Life Rochester Campaign from **March 6 through April 14**. Through prayer and fasting embrace human life and promote the end of abortion. Volunteer to pray with your friends, in a peaceful vigil, outside of Planned Parenthood at 114 University Avenue. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/Rochester for info and to sign up for prayer vigil times. For more info, contact Rick Paoletti at (585) 489-9555 or Roc40DFL@gmail.com.



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2018-19 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$73,822	\$26,321	\$49,313
Pledged	\$54,159	\$21,906	\$45,569
% of Goal	73.37%	83.23%	92.41%
% of Households Participating	21%	23%	22%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

	Actual Collection	Weekly Budget	Variance
February 10, 2019			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 9,679	\$ 8,450	\$ 1,229
St. Boniface	\$ 2,709	\$ 3,419	(\$ 710)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,099	\$ 5,438	(\$ 1,339)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$234,384	\$ 270,400	(\$ 44,853)
St. Boniface	\$104,855	\$ 112,827	(\$ 7,972)
St. Mary's	\$165,662	\$ 179,454	(\$ 13,932)

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