

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

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March 3, 2019
 The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

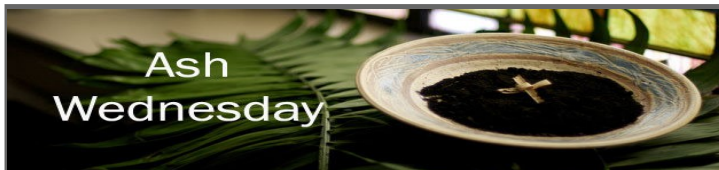
WELCOME EVERYONE: No matter who you are, no matter where you've been, no matter what you've done, you are invited, accepted and most welcome in our parish communities. We hope Christ will bring fullness into your life, and that we can provide you with the spiritual support and information you need.

"TOWN HALL" MEETINGS

In March, Father John will be holding three "Town Hall" style 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, in Church, following Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Boniface
- ✦ March 10, in Church, following Sunday Masses at Blessed Sacrament
- ✦ March 16 & 17, in Church, following Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Mary's

We hope you will consider attending!



Ash
 Wednesday

Wednesday, March 6

7:00am Service—St. Mary's
8:00am Mass — Blessed Sacrament
12:10pm Mass—St. Mary's
5:00pm Service—St. Mary's
5:30pm Mass—St. Boniface
7:00pm Mass—Blessed Sacrament

(Ashes will be distributed at all six liturgies)

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, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation in School (BS)
10:00 a.m. "Town Hall" Meeting in Church after Mass (SB)
11:45 a.m. Parish Book Discussion—Dugan Center (SM)

Monday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m. Parish Book Discussion Group—School (BS)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)

Tuesday, March 5

- 8:00 a.m. Parish Book Discussion—Church (SB)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. Services with Ashes (SM)
7:30 a.m. Rosary before 8:00am Mass (BS)
8:00 a.m. Mass with Ashes (BS)
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BS)
12:10 p.m. Mass with Ashes (SM)
5:00 p.m. Service with Ashes (SM)
5:30 p.m. Mass with Ashes (SB)
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday "Soupper" (SB)
7:00 p.m. Mass with Ashes (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)

Thursday, March 7

- 12:45 p.m. Parish Book Discussion—Church (SM)
7:00 p.m. First Thursday Holy Hour (SB)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

Friday, March 8

Saturday, March 9

- 9:30 a.m. First Communion Prep in School (BS)
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)
5:00 p.m. Coffee Hour after Mass (SM)
6:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dinner (SB)

Sunday, March 10, First Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation in School (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Perotti/Scheurman (SB)
11:00 a.m. "Town Hall" Meeting after Mass in Church (BS)
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour after Mass (SM)
11:45 a.m. Parish Book Discussion—Dugan Center (SM)
1:15 p.m. "Town Hall" Meeting in Church after Mass (BS)
7:00 p.m. Rite of Election at Cathedral

ASH WEDNESDAY "SOUPPER" SOUP SUPPER

The St. Boniface Men's Club will hold their annual soup supper in the School Hall after the 5:30pm Mass at St. Boniface. Please join us for a free light dinner of soup and bread. No reservations are needed and all are welcome!



Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Thomas McHugh by Jeanne McHugh
5:00 p.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Sunday, March 3

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Edward Lynd by John & Judy Lynd
Gloria Zinone by Tony Zinone
10:30 a.m. (SM) Marco Sy by Shirley Cirillo
12:15 p.m. (BS) Frank Tyler by Jeanne Tyler

Monday, March 4

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Nancy Kovis by Shela Giess
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6, Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. (SM) Service
8:00 a.m. (BS) Harold Handel, Sr. by Family
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
5:00 p.m. (SM) Service
5:30 p.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
7:00 p.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Thursday, March 7

- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Patricia & Garrett Cleary by the Cleary Family

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
5:00 p.m. (SB) Teresa M. Haney by Paul Haney

Sunday, March 10

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Ciro & Lilian Califano by Tony Califano
10:00 a.m. (BS) Patricia Hahn by Kathy Wade
10:30 a.m. (SM) James McGrath by Rick McGrath
12:15 p.m. (BS) Alfreda Stachura by Wolf & Todoro Family

Please Pray for Our Parishioners: Margherita Pompeii, Michelle Wade, Michelle Bach Skubis, Layla Tremble, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, Jim Melito, Virginia Fifield, Marie Voelkl, 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., Lois Winslow, Patricia Hynes, Loretta Rose Doyle, Rob Armour, Sr. Marilyn Williams, Muriel Dech
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.

Please Note: Due to HIPAA regulations, hospitals are not allowed to give out the names of patients when they call to report a parishioner is in the hospital. If you or a loved one is in the hospital, please contact the church office directly to let us know.

A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

Are you ready to spring into Lent? We may not associate Lent with Spring, especially here in Rochester, where idealized images of Spring seem out of place and far off as we endure continued cloud cover, cold and snow. Moreover, the stark barrenness and symbols associated with Lent do not readily invoke notions of warmth, birth and new life. Yet, we might step back and appreciate that much of Spring involves preparation, much of which takes place deep within and out of sight. Just like a seed germinating below the soil preparing to thrust up a shoot that one day breaks through the crust of the earth, only then seemingly to spring rapidly upwards to produce leaf, bud and blossom in a burst of rapid, energetic life, so too we cooperate with God's grace to prepare ourselves during Lent to be transformed into a burst of new life at Easter.

As we did last year, we have prepared a tabloid-sized insert in our bulletin this week with a calendar of Lenten Opportunities on one side and a fuller description of some of those on the reverse. In addition to the lists of times and locations of Masses and liturgies for Ash Wednesday (March 6), the Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy (March 13), Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Triduum and Easter (April 14-21), the calendar also notes some special celebrations like the St. Patrick's Day Dinner (March 9), the St. Patrick's Day Mass (March 16), and Mass with Communal Anointing of Sick (March 30). We also are adding an evening Mass at 6:30pm on the Tuesdays of Lent, preceded by confessions from 5:30-6:15pm at Blessed Sacrament. Many people like to add daily Mass to their routines during Lent. Hopefully, an evening option will facilitate that for some. Also, on the first four Lenten Tuesday evenings (6:30-8:30), a workshop on Understanding Moral Maturity will be offered especially for our young adults.

We are continuing our focus this year on our Call to Holiness into Lent. Following the first three weekends of March, when we will be holding our "Town Hall" style meetings after both weekend Masses at each site, we will have a series of All Parish Book Discussions the following three weekends after both weekend Masses at each site. In these discussions, we will focus on Matthew Kelly's book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, sharing what we learned from reading the book, especially about Holy Moments, and reflecting on how we might put that into practice in our own lives and the larger parish. While reading books about faith and spirituality may be both informative and enjoyable, as followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to put what

we learn into practice. Failing to do so would be like reading a book about how to build a boat, but then never actually getting around to putting our hand to the task and fashioning a boat. If we think about it, our faith will only grow when we put it into practice. If we try to hang on to it or store it up, it shrinks and fades. Much like love, it increases as we share it with others.

Along these lines, as we go about our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we might challenge ourselves to ask how those practices are helping us to grow in holiness. For example, after we pray the Stations of the Cross, do we find it easier to cooperate with God's grace to create a holy moment? Which is likely to lead to more holy living – giving up chocolate for Lent or giving up a bad habit like gossiping, swearing, or judging others? What if in fasting from a bad habit, we set about creating a good habit to develop and put in its place? Studies indicate that it can take 21 to 45 days to develop a new habit. Lent offers us some 40 days to put into practice each day a good and virtuous action until it becomes a good habit for us. What if we were to challenge ourselves to give of our very selves in acts of charity? Many good causes are supported through almsgiving in the form of monetary gifts. How do we push ourselves to physically engage and give of ourselves to be present and compassionate with those in need? While it is commendable to donate items or money to a food cupboard or meal program, how much more holiness might we experience and grow in, if we took the time to distribute the food or prepare and serve a meal. Sometimes it is only when we step out of our comfort zone that we become open and available to the promptings and power of God's Spirit.

May this Lenten season be a true Spring for you, such that the work done deep within and out of sight bursts forth in holiness and the fullness of new life at Easter!

Peace and blessings!

Yours,
Fr. John

PS – Be sure to hang the Lenten Calendar on your refrigerator or other prominent location where you can continue to refer to it, so as not to miss any of the opportunities that our parish is offering. And if you were not with us last week, please pick up a copy of the letter and information sheet that was inserted in last week's bulletin to help us prepare for the upcoming "Town Hall" style meetings.

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

Lent with a Twist

Fasting is the hardest part of Lent for me. Since I am trying to get healthy and have already cut out sweets and between meal snacks, I had to think outside the box.

I started to look at my daily routines and behaviors. Where were the times I was not acting out of my best self? Where did I find myself anxious or out of sorts? Where and when did I find myself frustrated or angry? Upon reflection, I realized that there are many things that I need to fast from, including the idea that I must do/be everything for everyone. I'm a "helper"; it's in my nature to want to "fix" things. But not everything is mine to fix. I can only do so much, and does God want to me to be stressed and anxious about "should haves, could haves and would haves"?

Fasting from the unrealistic expectations that I put on myself. Fasting from beating myself up for failing to meet those expectations. Fasting from the idea that I am in control, of anything. Fasting from the idea that I am not worthy of God's love because I do fail.

Sometimes I think it would be easier to give up chocolate or Facebook instead, but those things aren't the things stopping me from being my "best self," and ultimately that is what God wants from me and you, to be the best versions ourselves.

What do you need to fast from this Lent to get there?

—Liz Clarke

HIGHLAND HOSPITAL COMMUNION MINISTERS

Do you seek a deeper understanding of your faith and a spiritual awakening? Try out your call to holiness and spread your wings! We have two openings for Communion Ministers to Highland Hospital. I can't begin to tell you how rewarding this ministry is! It is humbling and full of grace. Training is provided and you can shadow another minister until you're ready. We go on Sunday's for about an hour and a half. Please contact Sue Howard to discuss this opportunity in more depth. 271-7240 ext. 123

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.



Readings for March 10, 2019 The First Sunday of Lent

Is 6: 1-2A, 3-8
1 Cor 15: 1-11
Lk 5: 1-11

YOUNG ADULTS & YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Lent is a time for reflection and transformational spiritual growth that can lead us into a deeper understanding of our faith. Bill Volkmann, who has a passion for this subject and years of experience as a trainer in business ethics has created this program just for you. This is a "Golden Opportunity" for Spiritual Growth and Self-Discovery. The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community offers a transformative series of interactive workshops titled: "Understanding Moral Maturity: Reaching higher levels of moral reasoning". These Tuesday evening workshops build upon each other, however, they may be attended individually.

- ✦ March 12th "The Moral Decision-Making Process"
- ✦ March 19th "Building a Moral Reasoning Framework"
- ✦ March 26th "Use of Virtue as a Moral Standard"
- ✦ April 2nd "Three Dimensions of Human Nature"

All sessions run from 6:30 - 8:30pm, in the Blessed Sacrament School, on the 2nd Floor. Sign up with Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate, susan.howard@dor.org Bring A Friend! Coffee will be provided. Doors will open at 6:00pm if you want to bring your dinner with you. For more information visit: SECC Website: Activities/Young Adults/Programs and Events



YOUNG ADULT HOLY HOUR

The Frassati Society of young adults will be hosting their monthly Holy Hour on Thursday, March 7, at St. Boniface Church. Begin the season of Lent with adoration, the rosary, and evening prayer. All ages are welcome! We hope to see you there!

COME FOR DINNER – LUNCH – BRUNCH!

The deadline for Gathering Tables is fast approaching – March 10th. Sign up now to share a meal with those who worship with us. Forms are available in the back of all SERCC churches. Return **forms by mail to the office** or deposit in appropriate box in the back of Blessed Sacrament or St. Mary's. This is an enjoyable experience that is bringing past participants back to participate again. Try it!

UNITED WAY 2017 CAMPAIGN, AGENCY #2305

Please consider supporting our Supper Program and designating Blessed Sacrament Supper Program when you make your 2019 United Way contribution. In order for our agency to receive your support, you must designate Blessed Sacrament Supper Program, Agency#2305, on a donor choice form each year. If you do not designate, our Supper Program will not receive your United Way funds. Ask your United Way solicitor at work for a United Way Donor Choice Contributor's Brochure or access the United Way web-site and please consider supporting our Supper Program. The last few campaigns have each brought in over \$30,000 which has been a substantial part of our operating budget. Thank you to all who have supported us so generously in the past, and we ask that you consider us in this year's campaign.

**SAVE THE DATES
NEXT-TO-NEW SALE**

The Blessed Sacrament Next-to-New Sale Crew will begin accepting donations for the sale on Saturday, April 13 until Thursday, April 25. Hours are Monday through Friday 10am until 7pm, and Saturday and Sundays 10am until 4pm.

Please note: They will not be accepting donations on Easter Sunday, April 21.

The Next-To-New Sale dates are Thursday & Friday, May 2 & 3 from 9am until 7pm, and Saturday, May 4 from 9am until Noon.

Mark your calendars!

RICE BOWL LENTEN ENCOUNTER

This Lent, our parish is once again participating in the *Operation Rice Bowl* campaign, sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, a world-wide Catholic outreach program which strives to assist and uplift those who are living in poverty around the globe. Our parish is one of over 14,000 Catholic communities across the country to join in this traditional Lenten journey of encounter with our neighbors who are in need both in the Rochester area and in far-flung regions of the world. Small paper "Rice Bowls" containing a Lenten calendar, wonderful regional recipes linked to the country which is being highlighted each week, and access to a "Rice Bowl" App with additional ideas and stories are available as you leave church today. During the approaching 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the stories of individuals and families both near and far. We hope you will join us on this journey.

SIXTH ANNUAL DAY OF PENANCE

You are being called to a life of redemption. Accept God's invitation! As we prepare for the Season of Lent, prepare yourself to embrace the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard throughout the Diocese of Rochester on Wednesday, March 13. Check individual churches for exact times. The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community will hear Confessions from:

- ✦ 11:30pm to 2:30pm at St. Mary's
- ✦ 3:30 to 7:30pm at Blessed Sacrament
- ✦ 5:00pm to 7:00pm at St. Boniface.

For more details and for ways to prepare for the Sacrament check out <http://forgiven.dor.org>.

BEST LENT EVER

What can you do in forty days? Start a new prayer habit? Get more active in your daily life? Lent presents the perfect opportunity for you to take the next step toward the-best-version-of-yourself. Don't let it pass you by.

This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team to discover simple ways to transform your life in forty days.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever/>

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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 24, 2019			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 5,094	\$ 8,450	(\$ 3,356)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,133	\$ 3,419	(\$ 286)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,716	\$ 5,438	(\$ 1,722)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$244,481	\$ 295,750	(\$ 51,656)
St. Boniface	\$110,531	\$ 119,665	(\$ 9,134)
St. Mary's	\$174,351	\$ 190,330	(\$ 16,119)

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

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