

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

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March 10, 2019
 The First Sunday of Lent

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

The next round of "Town Hall" style meetings will be held on March 10, at Blessed Sacrament, after both Masses—followed by St. Mary's on March 16 and 17, after each Mass. Father John will 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.

- ✦ 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!



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.

Gluten Free Gluten free hosts available Check in the Sacristy before Mass.



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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, March 10, First Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation in School (BS)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour– Perotti/Scheuerman (SB)
- 11:00 a.m. “Town Hall” Meeting after Mass in Church (BS)
- 1:15 p.m. “Town Hall” Meeting in Church after Mass (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Rite of Election at Cathedral

Monday, March 11

- 6:00 p.m. First Communion Prep in School (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)

Tuesday, March 12

- 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Morality Workshop (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, March 13, Diocesan Day of Penance

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BS)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

Saturday, March 16

- 5:00 a.m. Coffee Hour after Mass (SM)
- 5:00 p.m. “Town Hall” Meeting in Church (SM)

Sunday, March 17, Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation in School (BS)
- 10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour– Ehmann/Englerth/Gordon (SB)
- 11:30 a.m. “Town Hall” Meeting in Church (SM)
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour after Mass (SM)



Readings for March 17, 2019 The Second Sunday of Lent

GN 15: 5-12, 17-18

PHIL 3: 17-4:1

LK 9: 28B-36

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.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9 St. Frances of Rome

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

Sunday, March 10, First Sunday of Lent

- 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

Monday, March 11

- 7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Joseph Bartley by Molly Bartley
- 8:30 a.m. (BS) Stations of the Cross
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Tuesday, March 12

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Cross w/Communion
- 5:30 p.m. (BS) Sacrament of Penance until 6:15pm
- 6:30 p.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Wednesday, March 13, Diocesan Day of Penance and Mercy

- 7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
- 8:00 a.m. (BS) Anna Minges by John & Judy Lynd
- 11:30 a.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance until 2:30 p.m.
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Cross w/Communion
- 3:30 p.m. (BS) Sacrament of Penance until 7:30 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance until 7:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. (SB) Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 14

- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Peggy Frame by Sharon & Bill Swartz

Friday, March 15

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 12:10 p.m. (SM) For the Poor of Rochester by Cleary Family

Saturday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. (SM) St. Patrick's Day Mass
- 3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
- 4:00 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
- 4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
- 5:00 p.m. (SB) Dale O'Donnell by The Quinn Family

Sunday, March 17, Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Dale O'Donnell by Sharon Donahue & Family
- 10:00 a.m. (BS) Kevin O'Reilly by Ed & Christine Driscoll
- 10:30 a.m. (SM) Joyce Sciolino by Joe Sciolino
- 12:15 p.m. (BS) Anthony Costello by the Smith Family



ST. MARY'S & ST. BONIFACE FOOD COLLECTIONS NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend, **March 16/17**, St. Mary's and St. Boniface will have their monthly food collection for Bethany House, and Calvary St. Andrew's Food Cupboard. Bins will be located in the back of both Churches. All *non-perishable foods* are welcome!

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.

A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

Perhaps it is my fault. In last week's bulletin, I wrote about the connection between Lent and Spring. The blast of cold weather and snow this week seems to deny that reality. But the readings for Ash Wednesday may give us another way to look at it. In our gospel for Ash Wednesday, Jesus talks about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, saying that each should be done in secret and not for show. It is very tempting to approach our Lenten practices as a checklist, in which we engage in a series of practices that fulfill the minimum requirements of what is expected of us. For example, we might say to ourselves, "I will fast as the Church requires on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It's just two days; not a big deal. I will abstain from meat on those days and the Fridays of Lent. After all, I like all sorts of fish and seafood. And a bunch of us love to gather on Fridays at our favorite place to get a fish fry. And just as I have done the past couple years, I will make a special donation to my favorite charities. That counts as almsgiving, right?" It's fairly easy to fulfill the minimum requirements that the Church asks of us during Lent. But in doing so, how many of us are left wondering what's the point of it all when we get to Easter and not much has really changed.

As Jesus' criticism of the "hypocrites" in the gospel suggests, it is not about the external show, but the internal transformation. The reward that we seek is not the praise and admiration of others, but the results of the slow quiet work that God does within each of us. Much like all the work of Spring that goes on beneath the snow and out of sight as trees and plants slowly wake up from their winter dormancy, getting ready to burst forth, bud and blossom with new life. We are challenged to take seriously our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to allow God to do the slow work of transformation deep within each of us, so that we can burst forth with new and renewed life at Easter..

Along these lines, instead of focusing on and starting with that list of external practices, what if we were to start by pausing to reflect and go deep within ourselves. If you are like me, you probably are all too aware of your faults, failings and bad habits. You may even have a sense that those are the things that God may be calling you to change and do better on this Lent. But like those trees and plants, we need to get to the root of the issue to start the work that will eventually lead to growth and bear good fruit.

A place to start may be that traditional list of vices called the Seven Deadly Sins—pride, gluttony, lust, greed, wrath, sloth, and envy. The root of our sinful behavior usually can be found among these. But we should not stop there, focused on the negative. Instead, each vice that we identify has a countervailing and positive virtue. The corresponding list would include - humility, temperance, chastity, charity, patience, diligence, and gratitude.

Once we have acknowledged the vice(s) that we struggle with, we can set about, with the help of God's grace, to develop the countervailing virtue(s).

It is then that we can think about how we will use the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to aid us in dying to our vice(s) and rising to the virtue(s) that we seek to possess and express in their place. Fasting can be recast as fasting from the vice(s) and feasting on the virtue(s). The practice of fasting in terms of restricting our food intake can be offered along with prayer to aid us in cooperating with God's grace to bring about the transformation that God dreams for us. Abstaining can be directed at avoiding the thoughts, words and actions associated with the vice(s) that we are asking God to help us overcome. Prayer whether attending daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross, or reciting the Rosary also can be directed at aiding and supporting us in that process. Prayer also deepens our relationship and connection with God, who can inspire and help us to overcome the seemingly impossible. The more time we spend with God in prayer, the more we will grow in our friendship with God and the more we will become like God.

So, how will we use these Lenten practices to bring about a springtime in our journey of faith? While the cold, wind and snow of winter may not release its grasp on us any time soon, we can use the season of Lent to do the deep, quiet work that will bear much fruit for us in a burst of new and renewed life come Easter.

If you were not with us the last few weeks, then be sure to pick up a copy of my letter and associated information which sets a context for our "Town Hall" style meetings being held after each Mass at Blessed Sacrament this weekend and St. Mary's next weekend. We held our meetings at St. Boniface last weekend. Also, you will want to be sure that you have a copy of the tabloid-sized Calendar of Lenten Opportunities that was inserted in last weekend's bulletin and provides an extensive list and description of much of what our parish has to offer for Lent.

Lastly, Dynamic Catholic's BestLentEver.com program is based on our all parish read, Matthew Kelly's book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. When you sign up, you will receive an email each day with a link to a short video, along with short associated Focus, Act, Pray activities. To sign up, simply go to the website: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,
Fr. John

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

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

As our parish continues to reflect on Holiness in our everyday life, we invited the families involved in preparation for the Sacrament of Penance with their children to consider what difference the experience made in their lives. Below are some of their thoughts.

“In preparing for Penance, I found myself having great conversations with my family about how much God loves us and how unconditional and forever it is. It was something that helped my son to embrace making his confession. He clearly understood how deep God's love is!”

“Through the process of Reconciliation preparation, my daughter and I began to feel closer to our church community, to find a more comfortable place in our parish, and to simply feel closer to God in general.”

“We have had more conversations as a family about Jesus and our faith. The kids' questions made us think more about our faith and delve into the messages at Mass more than we previously had.”

“I struggle with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I asked my child to participate in order to have them participate in communion. I found holiness in the journey of discussion with other parents and with my children. It helped me investigate my own faith, why it's important to be a part of a faith. I have still not readied myself to go to confession but the courage will come because I am learning it's an outpouring of love.”

“Our children seemed to understand more about forgiveness — giving and receiving.”

“The monthly classes after Mass led to discussions about Jesus and prayer. We made a blessings box, which was a real conversation starter with the kids.”

“The Sacrament of Penance just reminded us all to be more patient and conscious of how we treat each other and to have in our minds to live in God's way.”

“Celebrating First Penance reminded our whole family of how loved we are — how great God's love for all of us is.”

ALL PARISH BOOK DISCUSSIONS

We all want to be happy and live life to the fullest, but the answer isn't found in the world's definition of happiness. Modern culture is constantly feeding us lies, and these lies affect you more than you know. Whether you have read our all parish read, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, by Matthew Kelly, or not, please consider joining us for discussions surrounding the book after Masses on the following days:

- Saturday, March 23 after the 5:00pm Mass at St. Boniface
- Sunday, March 24, after 10:00am Mass and the 12:15pm Mass at Blessed Sacrament
- Saturday, March 30, after 4:00pm Mass at St. Mary's
- Sunday, March 31, after 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's
- Sunday, April 7, after 9:00am Mass at St. Boniface

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: SERCC Website: Activities/Young Adults/Programs and Events

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 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.

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**

Donations accepted: Saturday, April 13 until Thursday, April 25. Hours are Monday through Friday 10am until 7pm, and Saturday and Sundays 10am until 4pm. **(No donations accepted on Easter Sunday, April 21)**

Sale begins: Thursday & Friday, May 2 & 3 from 9am until 7pm, and Saturday, May 4 from 9am until Noon.



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN
REMINDER**

The first two weeks of March our Southeast Rochester Catholic Community Social Ministry Committee is sponsoring a Birthright of Rochester Baby Bottle

Campaign to raise funds for their ministry. If you took a bottle last week please remember to return it next weekend March 16 & 17. Please fill it with coins, paper currency or checks made out to Birthright of Rochester. Birthright offers love, friendship, and support to women who are pregnant or think they may be pregnant. Birthright is interdenominational and is not involved in any political activities, or lobbying. Birthright's focus is on loving the mother, reminding her that there is hope and ensuring she is not alone.

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>.

PEOPLE ON THE BORDER

Please join us on Sunday, March 24 from 11:30am-Noon for light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize, then stay for the presentation, which begins at Noon. Hear what life is like for people on the border—both the volunteers and the countless people who are seeking a chance for a new life in our country. Sister Phyllis Tierney, SSJ, will speak about what she experienced, about some of the realities that cause people to flee their country, why immigration is an important issue to understand, and how people of faith can respond to the crisis. Plan to make this presentation part of your Lenten journey. This event is organized by the Downtown Community Forum and our Parish Faith Formation Committee. The Dugan Center is barrier free. Free parking is available on the street around St. Mary's, in the lot across the street from St. Mary's or in the Excellus parking garage.

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2018-19 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$73,822	\$26,321	\$49,313
Pledged	\$54,264	\$25,551	\$45,619
% of Goal	73.51%	85.68%	92.51%
% of Households Participating	21%	24%	22%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

	Actual Collection	Weekly Budget	Variance
March 3, 2019			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 8,256	\$ 8,450	(\$ 194)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,085	\$ 3,419	(\$ 334)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,714	\$ 5,438	(\$ 724)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$252,737	\$ 304,200	(\$ 51,463)
St. Boniface	\$113,616	\$ 123,084	(\$ 9,468)
St. Mary's	\$179,065	\$ 195,768	(\$ 16,843)

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

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