

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

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March 24, 2019
The Third 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.



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS WEEKEND

Sharing Our Blessings Weekend, April 6th and 7th, will promote the Catholic Ministries Appeal making an extra effort to get us closer to our parish goals. As of March 19: 99 donors have pledged \$22,701 towards our \$26,321 goal at St. Boniface; 141 donors have pledged \$46,619 towards our \$49,313 goal at St. Mary's; and 201 donors have pledged \$55,164.74 towards our \$73,822 goal at Blessed Sacrament. We thank all our donors for their generous support. We will hold a second collection for the CMA on April 6th and 7th and share information about a new option to "text" your CMA gift. It is easy, secure and faster than sending a check or giving online. More details about the text option will be available at Masses during Sharing Our Blessings Weekend. The CMA provides funding for important ministries, services and programs that support our parish and strengthen our whole Church. We hope to demonstrate the vitality of our parish, by increasing the percentage of households that donate to the CMA. Please prayerfully consider participating with a gift of any amount. Every gift is appreciated and moves our parish closer to its goals.

All Parish Book Discussions begin this weekend! Check out the details on Page 5!

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 24, Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation in School (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour– Kilmartin/Bayer (SB)
11:00 a.m. All Parish Book Discussion in Church (BS)
1:15 p.m. All Parish Book Discussion in Church (BS)

Monday, March 25

- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)

Tuesday, March 26

- 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Morality Workshop in School (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)
8:00 p.m. Homeless Initiative (BS)

Wednesday, March 27

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

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

Saturday, March 30

- 9:30 a.m. First Communion Preparation (SB)
10:30 a.m. Mass with Anointing of the Sick (SB)
5:00 p.m. All Parish Book Discussion in Church (SM)

Sunday, March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation in School (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour–Kurtz/Schey/Collins (SB)
11:30 a.m. All Parish Book Discussion in Church (SM)



Readings for March 31, 2019 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

JOS 5:9A, 10-12
2 COR 5: 17-21
LK 15: 1-3, 11-32

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 Totb, 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, Marilyn Dietz*

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 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 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) Ruth Condon, Birthday Anniversary by Marsha Condon

Sunday, March 24, Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Robert & Dorothy Kalb by Bob & Joanne Brownyard
10:00 a.m. (BS) Dennis & Kevin Walsh by Micki Walsh
10:30 a.m. (SM) Colleen Bavosa by The Cleary Family
12:15 p.m. (BS) Betty Rook on the occasion of her 101st Birthday by her Family

Monday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

- 7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) Terry Romeo by Jim & Mary Mason
8:30 a.m. (BS) Stations of the Cross
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Tuesday, March 26

- 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 27

- 7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SERCC
12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Cross w/Communion
5:30 p.m. (SB) Stations of the Cross

Thursday, March 28

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

Friday, March 29

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

Saturday, March 30

- 3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) William Vanderpool by the Stern Family
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
5:00 p.m. (SB) Bernie, Irene & Michael Hohman by Tina Thomas

Sunday, March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Terry Romeo by Dave & Kitty Jensen
10:30 a.m. (SM) Fr. Joseph Brennan by Rick McGrath
12:15 p.m. (BS) Grace Sanford by Bill & Sharon Swartz

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST

St. Boniface Men's Club Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on April 14 after the 9am Mass in the basement of the Nativity School at St. Boniface. Cost is \$7.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children. Reservations can be made after Mass starting the weekend of March 30/31, or by calling the club at 473-7019 or Chris Gordon at 503-3951.

BETHANY HOUSE

The next Bethany House dinner will be held on **Wednesday, April 10, 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...

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our “Town Hall” style meetings and/or communicated their thoughts and concerns to me through other means. I also thank Steve Anderson and Molly Hedges for taking notes and Deacon David Palma for recording our gatherings. In the well over six hours of comments, a number of helpful ideas and suggestions were offered. I would ask your patience as I and others process what was offered and chart possible next steps. A number of the topics and suggestions generated interest and energy among those gathered. So, I am hopeful that we will be able to work together to take a number of steps that will allow those to bear fruit for our parish. I also am aware that carrying out some of these ideas will require a number of volunteers to step forward to help lead and assist with those efforts. As became evident at times, many care passionately about our faith communities that gather at the three worship sites in our parish and how we do what we do. Unfortunately, a few times, that passion spilled out in imprudent and uncharitable ways that may have done more damage than good. As Christians, disciples of Jesus Christ, I trust that as we move forward and take these steps, we will endeavor to act, in the words of Abraham Lincoln, “with malice toward none, with charity for all,” as we strive to undertake the tasks that God places before us.

On this Third Sunday of Lent, we are well into our Lenten journey. I hope that you are finding the Calendar of Lenten Opportunities a useful reference in keeping track of what is being offered, when and where. As I was made aware at our Parish Pastoral Council meeting this past Monday, I need to highlight again something new that we are offering this year. On the next three Tuesday evenings, there will be an opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in individual confession from 5:30-6:15pm, followed by daily Mass at 6:30pm, in Blessed Sacrament church. I am aware that a number of folks like to add daily Mass to their Lenten routine. By offering a daily Mass in the evening, I hope to allow more of you to participate in daily Mass. In this penitential season, it seemed to make sense to pair that with an opportunity for confession, and to do it at the church site in our parish that does not have regularly scheduled confessions. As with all things new, we will need to track how it is received and evaluate how best to proceed in the future.

Starting this weekend and the next two, we will be offering a series of All Parish Book Discussions after all the weekend Masses at each of our three sites. The first session will be after the 5:00pm Mass at St. Boniface on Saturday evening, March 23, followed by the second and third sessions following the 10:00am and 12:15pm Masses at Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, March 24. Having offered Matthew Kelly’s book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, as our parish read, I am hoping that we can glean some insights that will help us personally and as a parish

community. We hope to cover three areas in our discussions. First, we will touch on our general impressions about the book and analyze its central argument. Second, we hope to consider how reading this book will aid us on our spiritual journey. Third, as we look ahead, we will ask for your evaluation of our All Parish Book Read program and process, as well as seek your input as we plan other opportunities to grow in our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. As with the “Town Hall” style meetings, if you are unable to attend one of these discussions or prefer another means to offer your feedback and input, please feel free to contact me or a member of our staff, in person, by phone, email or mail. We will be offering childcare during the book discussions following the 10:00am Mass at Blessed Sacrament on March 24 and the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary’s on March 31, so that families with children have an opportunity to participate. I hope that you are able to join us.

Lastly, I thank everyone who has donated to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We are moving closer to reaching our goals: We have reached almost 75% of our goal with \$18,657.26 remaining at Blessed Sacrament. At St. Boniface, we have reached over 86% of our goal with \$3,620 remaining. And we are inching closer at St. Mary’s having reached 94.5% of our goal with just \$2,694 remaining. In an effort to close the remaining gap, we are joining with other parishes in a diocesan-led effort called *Sharing Our Blessings Weekend*, on April 6 & 7 (see the cover of the bulletin for more information). My hope is that this concentrated effort will bring us closer to reaching our goals. I also want to alert you to two other means of helping our three parish churches meet our CMA goals. First, you may make an anonymous donation through the parish by contacting our Director of Finance, Molly Hedges (molly.hedges@dor.org; 271-7240 ext.115). Second, you may make a donation to our parish to cover any potential shortfall in reaching our CMA goal. As you may know, our parish must use its operating funds to make up for any shortfall as of May 31, 2019. Any donations made to our respective parish churches that are not used to cover the CMA shortfall will be used to offset the operating deficits at that respective parish church. Please mark your donation with “CMA shortfall” in the memo line on the check or on the envelope that can be placed in the regular Sunday collection or delivered to our parish offices. All donations whether large or small give evidence of the vitality of our parish by moving us closer to our goals and driving up our participation rate. Thank you.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,
Fr. John

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. Thank you for your support!

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

My Journey Back to Church

My journey back to church started in September of 2018, when I began my RCIA classes. My knowledge of what it means to be Catholic was minimal, but now I truly understand the religion that my mother and father had baptized me in.

Overall I started it as a gift to my mother because I knew it was important to her that I receive my First Communion and Confirmation. It was her birthday, and whilst growing up she decided that if my brother and I wanted to go to classes, that was a decision for us to make. Along the way I realized it was also one of the greatest gifts I could give to myself, so I reached out to Blessed Sacrament Church. Thereafter, I started to attend church and class every Sunday until March 4th, when my classes had been completed.

I learned along the way all about being selfless and being closer to God because I know he set me on this Earth for a purpose. Whenever I go to church now, I have a sense of peacefulness and knowing that he will instill in me all the blessings and all the hardships he knows I can handle. I know now that the purpose of faith is to believe in a higher being that will guide me through this journey in life. Through the ups and downs, I know that I will have someone looking over and out for me, and this experience has made me become more open minded, spiritual, and blessed.

—Cassandra Feulner

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 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 FOR LENT

As we enter into the middle of Lent, we remind you once more of our annual Rice Bowl outreach project, sponsored by Catholic Relief Service. Rice bowls are still available in entrances of the church—please take one if you have not yet done so. Donations are used to fund many worthwhile projects both abroad and locally. This week our journey introduces us to the Dhathcroos family who had to flee to India during the Civil War in Sri Lanka. When they were finally able to return—after many years-- to their home, their family farm was in shambles. Catholic Relief Services has helped the family to rebuild their lives, revitalize their farms and educate their children for a more promising future. This family is only one of the thousands helped by donations from the Lenten Rice Bowl project.

ST. MARY'S TITHING FUND COMMITTEE REMINDER

As a reminder, the committee is still accepting applications for the next round of tithing funding. If you are associated with an organization that meets the criteria below please consider submitting an application:

- Provide human services such as food, clothing, shelter, counseling and group support;
- Provide prevention and/or intervention services which address social problems or issues such as education, awareness and crisis management;
- Are 501(c)(3) corporations or not-for-profit charities with tax exempt status
- Need assistance to continue operation; and/or provide self-sustaining initiatives (example community micro enterprise)
- Serve the southeast section of the city of Rochester, NY
- Recipients must submit a W-9 taxpayer ID# before a check can be issued.

Applications can be found on the parish website and any questions can be directed to Deacon David Palma at 585-271-7240 or by email david.palma@dor.org or Jessica Wojick at jwojick11@hotmail.com.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED??



Check out our Parish Ministry Directory. The directory has a wealth of information on all the different ministries within our parish community, along with contact information, time commitment, etc...There are dozens of ministries available for your consideration. The Directory is available on our website at www.southeastrochestercatholics.org or you can request a copy in the parish office. You are also welcome to look at the copies that we have housed in the back of each church. Our parish needs you and the gifts of time and talent that you can offer. Thank you for your consideration!

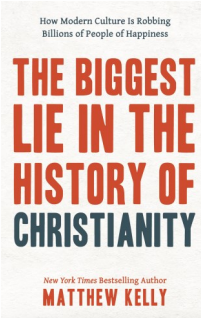


**START YOUR SPRING
CLEANING!!!
NEXT-TO-NEW SALE**

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.



**THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY—
OUR ALL PARISH READ**

Did you know that over 800 books were distributed in our parish during the month of January? There were options to participate in discussion groups held at various times during the past several weeks. Thank you to all who participated. Special thanks to the those who

volunteered to facilitate discussion groups: John Myers; Christopher and Robbyn Upham; Teanna Tomko; John Ladd; Amanda Rayburn; Ann Maloney; Sister Kathleen Wayne and Deacon David Palma.

What's the next step? Whether you read the book on your own, were involved in a discussion group or have the book but have not yet read it, you are invited to join us for All Parish Discussions to share your thoughts and ideas about the book, what difference it made in your life and what future activities and opportunities you would like the parish to consider.

We look forward to hearing from you. Plan to join us after Mass, in the church at one of the following times:

March 23 St Boniface following **5:00 PM Mass.**

March 24 Blessed Sacrament following both **10:00 (childcare available) and 12:15 Masses.**

March 30 and 31 St Mary's following the **4:00 PM and 10:30 (childcare available) AM Masses.**

April 7 St Boniface following **9:00 AM Mass.**



VIOLIN AND PIANO CONCERT

Our associate music director, Margaret-Mary Owens, and her friend and Eastman colleague Letitia Jap, would like to warmly invite you to a short concert of violin and

piano works by Mozart, Beethoven, and others as a way to share their music and herald in the long-awaited spring season. Letitia is a DMA candidate in violin performance at Eastman and is on faculty at the Eastman Community School. Their concert will be on **March 31 at 3pm** at St. Mary's Church.

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

2018-19 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$73,822	\$26,321	\$49,313
Pledged	\$55,164	\$22,701	\$45,619
% of Goal	74.73%	86.25%	92.51%
% of Households Participating	21%	25%	22%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

	Actual Collection	Weekly Budget	Variance
March 17, 2019			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 6,488	\$ 8,450	(\$ 1,962)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,741	\$ 3,419	(\$ 678)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,700	\$ 5,438	(\$ 738)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$267,504	\$ 321,100	(\$ 53,983)
St. Boniface	\$120,076	\$ 129,922	(\$ 9,846)
St. Mary's	\$189,225	\$ 206,644	(\$ 17,559)

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

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