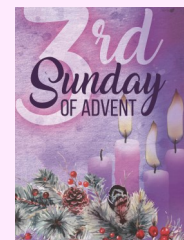


Blessed Sacrament Saint Boniface Saint Mary's Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

www.southeastrochestercatholics.org

December 15, 2019
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 - Tuesday, December 24



- ✦ 3:30pm at Blessed Sacrament
- ✦ 4:00pm at St. Boniface
pageant begins at 3:45pm
- ✦ 4:30pm at St. Mary's
- ✦ 10:00pm at Blessed Sacrament
musical prelude begins at 9:30pm

Christmas Day - Wednesday, December 25

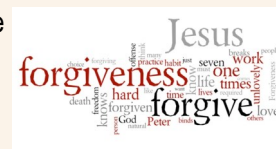
- ✦ 9:00am at St. Boniface
- ✦ 10:30am at St. Mary's

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- ✦ 4:00pm St. Mary's on Tuesday, December 31
- ✦ 10:00am Blessed Sacrament Church on Wednesday, January 1

REJOICING IN GOD'S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS

We rejoice and celebrate with 15 of our young parishioners and their families who prepared for and celebrated the Sacrament of Penance for the first time during this Advent Season. May they always know the blessing of God's forgiving love in their lives. John Baynes; Ava



Christensen; Eric Christensen; Jack Ciardi; Finian Graham; Maxwell Igharas; Aiden Kinney; Matilda Klapetzky; Noah Klapetzky; Willem Krutell; Cara Leonard; Kristen Leonard; Nadia Leonard; Gabriel Rossi Harlston and Rocco Yezzi.

Our parish offers regular opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (Confession). Saturdays 3:00-3:45 at St. Mary's and 4:00-4:45 at St. Boniface. Or, you may schedule an appointment to meet with one of the priests by calling the parish office at 585-271-7240.

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.

Parish Offices are located in the Rectory of Blessed Sacrament Church
Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm



Download our app! Find it on iTunes or Google Play!



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



Low gluten hosts available. Check in the Sacristy before Mass.



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southeastrochestercatholics.org
Click on Ways You Can Give Button

Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, December 15, Poinsettia Deliveries after all Masses

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Toth, Bridget/Julius/Trish (SB)
10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Party (SB)
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour to Benefit Garden Fund (SM)
4:00 p.m. Youth Activity: Cookies & Card Making (BS)
Food Drive to Support Supper Program Pantry & Emergency Food Closet

Monday, December 16

6:30 p.m. St. Boniface League Bowling (SB)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)
6:30 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (BS)

Tuesday, December 17

6:00 p.m. Tithing Committee Meeting (BS)
6:30 p.m. RCIA in School (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)
8:00 p.m. Homeless Initiative (BS)

Wednesday, December 18

10:00 a.m. Bible Study in School (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)
7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer (BS)

Thursday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

Friday, December 20

Saturday, December 21

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)
Food Drive to Support Supper Program Pantry & Emergency Food Closet

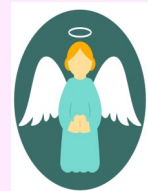
Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Perotti/Scheuerman (SB)
Food Drive to Support Supper Program Pantry & Emergency Food Closet



Candle Intentions

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



REMINDER...

If you took a tag off one of the Giving Trees at our three churches, **gifts are due back on Sunday, December 15 or Monday, December 16—please check the tag.**

Please Pray for Our Parishioners: Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Tim Crosier, Mary Hardy, Michael Boothby, John Larish, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Larry Grasta, Larry Schlosser, Patricia Hynes, Rob Armour, Sr. Marilyn Williams, Muriel Dech, Marilyn Dietz, Silvia Centanni, Landon August Coia, Frances Camey, David Boothby, Barbara Fransen, Sheila Keeler, Thomas Stalts, Brian Dzuba, Carol Childs, Carm Donovan, Carla Spooner, Kathy Haight, Diane Kannel, Gwen Walsh, Diane Vadney, Anthony Dilanni, Mike Wade, Patricia Scouten, Jeanne Tyler, Jean Milne

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 that our 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, December 14, St. John of the Cross

1:00 p.m. (BS) 1st Penance/Advent Penance Celebration
3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) Alberta Longo by Family
5:00 p.m. (SB) Anna Rokos by Mary Ann Pavone

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Marietta Romeo by Kathy & Mike Wade
10:30 a.m. (SM) Lorraine Gapsky by Catherine Marr
12:15 p.m. (BS) Ann & Robert Napier by Charles & Suzanne Adrion

Monday, December 16

7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) Marie Murphy by John & Judy Lynd
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SRCC

Tuesday, December 17

7:30 a.m. (SB) Helen Beckerman by Bequest
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary w/ Communion
4:30 p.m. (SB) Quiet Prayer in Church

Wednesday, December 18

7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SRCC
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary w/ Communion
4:30 p.m. (SM) Quiet Prayer in Church

Thursday, December 19

12:10 p.m. (SM) For the Intentions of Deacon Stephen Seymour by Tom Sheehan
4:30 p.m. (BS) Quiet Prayer in Church

Friday, December 20

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

Saturday, December 21

3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) Marie Voelkl by Rick McGrath
5:00 p.m. (SB) Christopher Kowal by John & Peggy Finucane

Sunday, December 22

9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Virginia Schepis by Children
10:30 a.m. (SM) Rosemarie Horvath by RAIHN Volunteers
12:15 p.m. (BS) For Deceased Members of the Handel Family by Family



HELP WANTED—ST. BONIFACE MEN'S CLUB

We are in need of a part-time Manager to run the bowling alley for parties and league bowling. Duties include handling money, reconciling nightly receipts, stocking coolers, answering phone, light mechanical duty, oiling the lanes and cleaning after each event. Please contact Dan Klee by email or phone at DankLee@frontiernet.net or 585-473-7019.



Readings for December 22, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Advent

IS 7: 10-14

ROM 1: 1-7

MT 1: 18-24



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following couples getting married:

Sandy Ferri & Neil Halvorsen (SM)

ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

We will begin work on the January through March liturgical ministers schedule soon. Please submit dates you are not available through Ministry Scheduler Pro by **Monday, December 16**. Thank you for all you do!!



A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as *Gaudete Sunday*, so called because the first word we hear as we begin our celebration in the Introit at Mass is *Gaudete*, which is Latin for "Rejoice!" The way that I like to think about the joyful expectation of this day draws on the rose colored candle and vestments that mark out this day. The other days of Advent are marked with violet as a sign of our hope as we await the coming of the Lord. In the Church, the color of Christmas is white signaling the inbreaking of Christ, who is our light driving back the darkness and revealing the love of God in all its splendid glory. The joy unleashed by Christ's coming cannot be contained, but spills out in all directions and across time. Today, we are called to look for and sample that joy starting to emerge in the closing days of Advent. We mark that white of Christmas joy emerging on this Sunday of Advent lightening the violet of the season to rose. As we go about this day when we are called to "Rejoice!", we might step back and consider where we see signs of that joy emerging like the light of candle on a dark night. And then we can share that joy with others by pointing it out or using it to inspire us to create some joy for those encounter today. Rejoice!



I have given over the rest of my column to a letter from our Parish Pastoral Council. We have launched a serious effort of strategic planning for our parish. While no immediate directive or need exists, we need to be better prepared to make wise and prudent decisions should a change in circumstances require it. Much of that will require us to gather good and accurate information about and from our parish community. Please take a moment to review the letter and prayerfully discern how you might respond to their request for your support and assistance. We need not fear what the future has in store for us. For as this season of Advent reminds us, we are striving to be awake and prepared for the coming of our Lord - a coming that will bring justice, peace and harmony – and a reason to be filled with hope and joy!

Yours,
Fr. John

Greetings from your Parish Pastoral Council,

In this Advent season, we are reminded that this is a period of spiritual preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. We wish you a blessed and holy Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

We also invite you, as members of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community, to join us in our efforts to look at the future of our Catholic community. No decisions have been made, but we must be prepared to make good decisions about the future of our parish.

We are talking and brainstorming about what the future holds. We are learning about the needs and wants of our Catholic community. It is important that we hear all the voices and gather solid information about our community, our buildings, our ministries and our finances.

We have a Catholic community rich in history and tradition, and made up of many fine and talented parishioners. So we ask you to join us in this process. In addition to meeting and brainstorming, we have been doing our homework and looking at what is happening around us. We have all visited and worshipped at the different churches in our community and we are impressed with the beauty of the buildings and the kindness and caring of the people in all of our churches. We invite you to join us by participating in the following ways:

- ✦ Read the bulletin and look at the information about attendance and collections
- ✦ Participate in the parish census
- ✦ Bring your time and talent to the table
- ✦ Volunteer to work on committees developing information about our ministries and our facilities
- ✦ Look at the thirteen buildings that we own and maintain
- ✦ Participate in any surveys that we send out
- ✦ Help us to identify the ministries that are sustainable
- ✦ Attend town meetings when we hold them
- ✦ Bring your neighbors and friends to worship with you
- ✦ Attend a worship service at another worship site in our parish

We are in your churches and at your Masses. Talk to us. Tell us what your vision is for the future of our churches. Please pray for us as we examine and consider what the future has in store for our churches, and pray that God will guide us with wisdom and an open heart, and grant us the humble obedience to accept God's guidance. May God bless you and keep you safe and warm.

Amanda Rayburn Marc Fleming Jeff Goldstone Bernie Heveron
Dick Kilmartin Patricia Marks Patricia Morriss Lorrie Perotti
Bill Roberts Jeanne Tyler Carol Wilson Cory Wirt

Advent's "O Antiphons"

The world," Pope Francis warned, "does not end with us," but with the Lord, with Our Lady, and with Mother Church. "So," he said, "we do well to repeat the invocation: 'O Wisdom, O Key of David, O King of the nations, come!'"

Francis concluded this Mass by inviting the faithful to "repeat many times, 'Come, Lord Jesus!' and look to see that our soul be not one of those souls that say, 'Do not disturb!' No! Let ours be great souls — souls open to receive the Lord in these days and that begin to feel that which tomorrow the Church will speak to us in the antiphon: 'Know that today the Lord will come, and in the morning you will see his glory!'" The seven "O Antiphons" (also called "Major Antiphons") are said each day of the last week of Advent before Christmas Eve. Sometimes called the "Golden Nights," they come from the afternoon Vespers prayer service. They were originally prayed by monks and nuns, and you can still experience these prayers at the nearby Abbey of the Genesee in Piffard.

Each Antiphon begins with "O" and addresses Jesus with a unique title which comes from the prophecies of Isaiah and Micah, and whose initials, when read backwards, form an acrostic for the Latin "Ero Cras" "Tomorrow I come."

The importance of the "O Antiphons" is twofold:

- 1) Each refers to the prophecy of Isaiah of the coming of the Messiah.
2) Each one highlights a title for the Messiah:

- O Sapientia (O Wisdom),
O Adonai (O Lord),
O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse),
O Clavis David (O Key of David),
O Oriens (O Rising Sun),
O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations),
O Emmanuel (O Come Emmanuel)

—Robert Wilcox

(Grades 6-12)

This weekend: Sunday, Dec. 15, from 4:00-6:00 pm, in the Blessed Sacrament School Youth Room. Enjoy Christmas carols and cocoa while we bake and decorate cookies as well as Christmas cards for people who are sick, home bound, alone/away from family during the Christmas season.

Showing Love of Neighbor at the Blessed Sacrament Supper Program on Thursday, December 19 from 5:30-7:30pm. RSVP by end of day on December 15 to SERCC.youth@dor.org

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

The Gift of Prayer: Stop by the church for quiet prayer and reflection. Stay as long (or short) as you would like. Tuesday: 4:30-6:30 at St Boniface; Wednesday: 4:30-6:30 at St. Mary's; Thursday 4:30-6:30 at Blessed Sacrament.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (CONTINUED)

After the person is baptized, they are anointed with Sacred Chrism, an aromatic olive oil which was blessed by the bishop during Holy Week. In ancient times priests, prophets and kings were anointed with oil. This was to bless and set them apart for God's work. A baptized person is an adopted son or daughter of God and is called to lead people in prayer (priest), proclaim the story of salvation and guide those who stray (prophet), and to be a servant-leader as was Jesus (king). The baptized's white garment is then highlighted, reminding us that we are a new creation in Christ through baptism. This is followed by the lighting of the baptismal candle which is held by one of the godparents. This echoes the gospel story of the wise virgins awaiting the return of their master with their lamps burning. The person baptized is to keep the light of faith burning in their life so that they will be ready to serve and greet Christ when he comes for them. Finally, the ears and mouth of the person are blessed so that they may hear the Gospel and proclaim it. As you can see, there are many rich symbols and levels of meaning in the baptismal ceremony and the sacrament continues to enrich our lives as disciples. How aware are we of what baptism calls us to be and demands from us as members of the Body of Christ?

TAX SAVING QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DEDUCTION

The 2018 changes to Federal income tax rules are a mixed blessing for New York Residents. However, one tax saving deduction that remained is the Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD). Tax payers 70 1/2 and older, who must make annual MRW withdrawals from IRA retirement accounts, can deduct amounts made directly to charities (such as Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface and St. Mary's) decreasing taxable income. QCDs are subtracted from the taxable income on line 4a of the 1040. However, you cannot have such withdrawals sent to you and then forwarded to a charity. They must go directly to the charity from the IRA account. Contributions qualifying as QCDs can be made at any time during the tax year. This is not intended as tax advice. If you have questions, talk with your tax advisor or investment account holder. Please contact Molly Hedges at 271-7240, ext. 112 or by email at Molly.Hedges@dor.org for more information

Bulletin content is normally due by noon on Tuesday. Please send bulletin info to Kathy Marfione at Kathy.marfione@dor.org

Please note as we move through the holiday season and into the new year, the need to submit the bulletin earlier than normal will affect when content is due. Please submit any content as early as possible. Thank you for your help!

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:

please print

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

Donation for: [] Blessed Sacrament [] St. Boniface

[] St. Mary's

Donation made by: _____

please print

PARISH CENSUS—HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

Unlike Mary and Joseph, you do not need to travel to Bethlehem to complete the Parish Census...



Who needs to fill out a new census form? **EVERYONE!** (Whether you have previously registered or not)

Why? Updated information is vital in determining the needs of our parishioners, planning services, staffing needs, and projecting our budgets. It also provides an opportunity to register for those who have yet to do so. We need to know who is with us as we plan our future together.

When? NOW is the time to fill out a registration form, either a hard copy available in our churches or using the online form found on our homepage (www.southeastrochestercatholics.org).

Signing up now will prevent us from having to pester you with follow-up mailings, phone calls and visits. Please take a moment register now, and don't worry, there is always room at our inn.

Parking at St. Boniface

As result of a neighbor's vehicle getting towed from the parking lot at St. Boniface last weekend, and the resulting communications with several of our neighbors on Whalin Street, we are asking that you help us to be good neighbors.

First, if you have concerns about a vehicle that is parked on church property, then please bring the matter to the attention of parish staff. Towing is something that should only be requested by parish staff and only as a last resort after every attempt is made to contact the owner of the vehicle.

Second, the residents of Whalin Street have very limited off-street parking, so they have asked us kindly to refrain from taking up parking spots on the street near their homes. We appreciate that parking is limited. And we trust that you will only consider parking there as a last resort and for as limited a time as possible. Thank you.



THE GREAT CHARITABLE SEWING BEE

The South Wedge Food Program gives out almost 1,000 bags of free groceries each month! That's a lot of charity, but it is also a lot of plastic! To help eliminate their use of plastic bags, they are sewing reusable shopping bags for their clients. Want to help? Come to the South Wedge Food Program Sewing Bee, and help us make reusable bags. The date is Monday, December 30 from 12pm-3pm, address is 64 Ashland St, 14620. Bring your sewing machine (if you don't have one, you can use theirs) a pair of scissors, a spool of any color thread, and any Christmas cookies you need to get out of the house! They will gladly accept donated fabric and thread. Please contact them at southwedgefoodrochester@gmail.com to RSVP or to make a donation.

***Due to early bulletin transmission dates between now and January 5, we will be one week behind in reporting collection, CMA and attendance figures in the bulletin. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience!**

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2019-20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL AS OF 12/10/2019

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$68,823	\$26,322	\$49,313
Pledged	\$38,250	\$16,323	\$20,680
% of Goal	56%	62%	42%
# / % of Households Participating	103 / 11%	56 / 14%	71 / 11%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION*

December 1, 2019	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 7,339	\$ 7,300	\$ 39
St. Boniface	\$ 3,165	\$ 3,350	(\$ 185)
St. Mary's	\$ 9,054	\$ 5,400	\$ 3,654

Year-to-Date	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$145,828	\$160,600	(\$ 14,772)
St. Boniface	\$ 73,471	\$ 73,700	(\$ 229)
St. Mary's	\$112,549	\$118,800	(\$ 6,251)

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

ATTENDANCE for November 30/December 1, 2019*

Blessed Sacrament	Seating Capacity—800
10:00a.m. Mass Attendance—185	
12:15p.m. Mass Attendance—86	
St. Boniface	Seating Capacity—550
5:00p.m. Mass Attendance—95	
9:00a.m. Mass Attendance—127	
St. Mary's	Seating Capacity—550
4:00p.m. Mass Attendance—106	
10:30a.m. Mass Attendance—104	

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