

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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Saint Mary's

Saint Boniface

Blessed Sacrament

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Faithful



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.



**Blessed Sacrament
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**Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
Mon & Wed at 8:00 a.m.**



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**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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**Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.
Tues & Fri 7:30 a.m.**

**Sacrament of Penance
Saturday 4:00 p.m.**

We are glad you came to worship with us! If you are interested in joining our parish community, check out our website at southeastrochestercatholics.org and click on "Join the Parish". There you will find access to a downloadable form or an online form. No access to a computer? No problem! Call the office at 585-271-7240 and we can mail a form to you, or pick one up near the entrances of any of our churches.

Interested in having valuable parish information delivered right to your inbox every Friday?

Sign up for the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community's weekly email newsletter. Signing up is easy! Email Kathy Marfione at kathy.marfione@dor.org to get added to the list!

Families with young children are always welcome to join us at Mass. At the entrances you will find **Children's Worship Bulletins** for our young friends. These activity sheets flow from the Gospel of the Day. Hopefully the activities will provide an additional way to learn about the Gospel they will hear proclaimed. During the 10:00 AM Mass at Blessed Sacrament, we offer **Liturgy of the Word for Children** (usually ages 4-8). This offers the kids an opportunity to discuss the readings of the day in a more age appropriate way. Children are blessed and sent forth following the opening prayer and return during the presentation of the gifts. The group is led by trained facilitators and teen helpers. If you are dealing with a fussy toddler—fear not, many in the congregation have been in that position! If you feel the need to leave your seat at St. Boniface and St. Mary's there are rocking chairs in the back of the church that might help comfort the children (and parent!) Blessed Sacrament and St. Mary's have **nursery rooms** available with audio from church. Above all remember what Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Welcome to you "church family", we are glad you are with us.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4

3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SRCC
5:00 p.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC

Sunday, January 5

9:00 a.m. (SB) Lilian & Ciro Califano by Tony Califano
10:00 a.m. (BS) Paula Assenato by Micki Walsh
10:30 a.m. (SM) Sr. Peg Brennan by Jody Brennan
12:15 p.m. (BS) Margherita Pompeii by Monica Pompeii

Monday, January 6

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

Tuesday, January 7

7:30 a.m. (SB) Julianne Palma by Deacon David Palma
12:10 p.m. (SM) Prayer Service with Communion

Wednesday, January 8

7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) Adriaan Zonneveld by John & Judy Lynd

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

7:30 a.m. (SB) Ruth Condon, Anniversary by Marsha Condon
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SRCC

Saturday, January 11

3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SRCC
5:00 p.m. (SB) Dean Fero by The Giess Family

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. (SB) Barry Malady by Ed & Carolyn Engel
10:00 a.m. (BS) Ken Bliss & Phil Bartell by Dennis & Kathy Meeh
Robert Wincowski & Lottie Wincowski by Elizabeth Bopp
10:30 a.m. (SM) Rockwell Ligozio by Wife, Jean Ligozio
12:15 p.m. (BS) Gerald L. Hodges by David Brady

Looking for social and service opportunities for students in grades 6-12? Email ERCC.youth@dor.org and we will send you a calendar and add you to our email list.

Please Pray for Our Parishioners: Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Tim Crosier, Mary Kniep 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 Carney, 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, Pat Nicolosi, Theresa Sullivan

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.



**Readings for January 12, 2020
The Baptism of the Lord
IS 42: 1-4, 6-7
ACTS 10: 34-38
MT 3: 13-17**

Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, January 5

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour— Kilmartin/Bayer

Monday, January 6

6:30 p.m. League Bowling (SB)

Tuesday, January 7

6:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (BS)

Wednesday, January 8

Thursday, January 9

2:30 p.m. Knitting Group (BS)

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)
5:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (SM)

Sunday, January 12

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour— Kurtz/Schey
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (SM)

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

Hopes and Dreams for the New Year

As we move into this new year, we have asked parishioners to share their hopes and dreams. Our Holy Father offered a suggestion for us at the start of 2019:

"... the start of the new year is a time to be 'amazed' not only by the opportunity for new beginnings, but also by the Mother of God, who was deeply united with her son, Jesus. God is no distant lord, dwelling in splendid isolation above the heavens, but love incarnate, born like us of a mother, in order to become a brother to each of us... Ask Mary for the grace to be amazed at the God of surprises."

Below are some of our parishioners' hopes and dreams for 2020:

Healing.

Peace in the world. Reward refugees for their journeys with kindness.
An increase in parishioners in all churches.

I dream that family members get along with each other and share their hopes and dreams with each other.

I want to get steady enough on my feet to be able to participate in ministering at communion. I love doing that.

A different job.

I hope to begin post-graduate studies.

My dream of dreams would be to have Our Lord's return.

My hope is for the conversion of many souls to the salvation of Christ's merciful love.

Hoping that more people have eyes to see and ears to hear that God may continue to work through our community.

I dream of a society where everyone is treated with dignity and respect because we are all created by a loving God.

I hope that as I continue to grow in love with God, it will be reflected in my actions and words.

LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO IN THE NEW YEAR??

Bible Study—Give your spiritual apathy a booster shot! Come and join one of our Bible Study Groups! We have two groups: Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:30 and Monday nights from 7:00-8:00pm

In each group we use the book "At Home With the Word." We read the upcoming Sunday Bible readings, learn a little bit about what the historical and theological background is for each, and then we discuss how those readings are relevant in the world today and in our own lives. No previous knowledge is required and no question is brushed aside! See our website for more details. We'll be looking for you!

Holy Hour—Start your new year out right with a time of Praise and Adoration! Join us on Thursday, January 2nd at 7:00pm at St. Boniface Church. All are welcome!

Young Adult Brunch—For all people in their 20's and 30's. Sunday, January 12 at 1:15 in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Dining Room. Matt Crawford will share his experiences hiking the Camino de Santiago. Come and meet new people for this informal meet and greet! Also, Who's up for some Ice Skating on Monday, January 20th? Stay in Touch! Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate (susan.howard@dor.org or 271-7240)

Looking for other 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.southeastrochester Catholics.org or you can request a copy in the parish office. You are also welcome to look at the hard 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.



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.

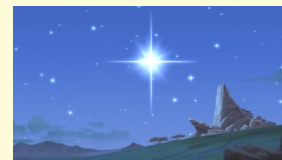
When? **NOW** is the time to fill out a registration form, either a hard copy available in our churches or using the online form found on our homepage (www.southeastrochester Catholics.org).

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.

A Word From Father John...

Because of bulletin publisher's schedule, I am sitting down to write this column that will appear on the Epiphany of Lord on the day after the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas, which is the feast of St. Stephen, a deacon in the nascent church and the first disciple to be martyred. As if there weren't enough seeming disjunction between the latter two celebrations, having to jump ahead to the feast of the Epiphany before having a chance to allow the events of the last two days to settle just adds to the muddle of my mind these days. But, I will continue to trust that the Lord will help me in this endeavor as he does in so many others in my life and ministry.

At its root the Epiphany is about the appearance or manifestation of God. God reveals God's self to us, in this case, in the birth of Jesus, his Son, our Lord, in the humblest and most vulnerable circumstances. That is greeted by all of heaven breaking loose in a light show and song to poor, humble shepherds just trying to get through the night watch without anything unexpected happening. We know from the story of the Magi, the philosopher-astronomers from the East, that the heavens were sending out signals of our Savior's impending birth in the form of a star shining bright and signaling the birth of a new king to these Magi, who come in search of this newborn king.



As our gospel for this Sunday relates, this group of Magi come bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. These are precious and expensive gifts that would have been suitable to present as gifts to a newborn king.



Commentators assert that these gifts symbolize the Christ child's identity and mission: gold for one who would be king; frankincense for one worthy of the worship due God; and myrrh for one who will be anointed after giving all of himself to the point of suffering a sacrificial death so that others may have eternal life. I am not sure that the Magi necessarily had all of that in mind as they selected their gifts. I suspect that they chose the very best gifts that they could obtain and present to the one they believed would be a great and

glorious king.

A lot more would have to happen in the life of this newborn king before the fullness of the Epiphany of the Lord was revealed and made manifest for all to see. What we come to realize is that the manifestation of our Lord tended more toward humble, ordinary words and actions that sparked epiphanies in another sense. For the word epiphany also refers to a sudden intuitive perception or insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience. What we sometimes experience as a lightbulb suddenly going on in our mind that opens our eyes to what is right in front of us, staring back at our face. Biblically, a similar image is used in terms of the dawn from on high breaking upon us, as the light of Christ reveals God and God's love and will for us.

Assuming that we have experienced some sort of epiphany in this latter sense resulting from the Epiphany of the Lord, not only in his birth among us as one of us, but across all of time including the here and now, we might ask ourselves how we are to follow the example of the Magi. To what lengths will we go in leaving the comfort of the places where we feel at home to journey into unknown places in search of our Lord? Would we be open to the aid of others and to finding him in humble and completely unexpected ways? And what gifts would we bring to offer him? What are the very best gifts that we can obtain and present to him?



Admittedly, the latter is a bit of a challenge, because as God, our Lord has everything that God could possibly want or need at his disposal. Hopefully, with some prayer and reflection, we come to realize that only thing that we can give God that God does not already have is our love – the love of our whole being – body, mind, spirit and soul. That is a much more challenging gift to get and give than even gold, frankincense or myrrh. For most of us, that will take a lifetime of continually striving to give more and more of ourselves to God. And it will involve finding the peace, love and joy of Christ as we pass through times of celebrating both the excitement and festivities that accompany Christmas, but also the martyrdoms of great saints like Stephen and of would be saints like you and I and those we know and love.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,
Fr. John



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

Celebrating Sacraments

Our Catholic Faith is rich in tradition. The Sacraments are an important part of that tradition. Perhaps you are wondering about next steps in arranging these special celebrations. The following may help:

Baptism of Infants or young children. Parents are asked to contact Sister Kathleen (kathleen.wayne@dor.org or 271-7240) to begin the process. We ask you to participate in a preparation session prior to scheduling a baptism. We ordinarily celebrate Baptisms during Sunday Mass because we are welcoming your child into our community of faith and we promise to support you with our prayers and example.

Confirmation ordinarily is celebrated during the High School years. Teens prepare in a variety of ways by participating in classes, service events and retreats. Parents and sponsors support the teens by participating with them in activities

First Communion and First Penance (Reconciliation, Confession) ordinarily children in Primary grades prepare by attending Religion classes (at the parish or at a Catholic School) and by attending sessions that help to explain the sacraments in an age appropriate way.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process designed for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about our faith, this would be a process to consider. Contact Sister Kathleen Wayne at (kathleen.wayne@dor.org or 271-7240) for more information.

Sacrament of Penance is celebrated on Saturday afternoon at St Mary's Church (3:00-3:45 pm) and St. Boniface (4:00-4:45) or anytime by appointment. Contact Father John or Father Mike about this sacrament.

Our priests, Father John Loncle and Father Mike Mayer, are available for anyone who is interested in preparing for the **Sacrament of Marriage**, in need of the **Anointing of the Sick** in an emergency situation, or when dealing with a medical condition. You can reach them by calling the parish office at 585-271-7240.

***Due to early bulletin transmission dates between now and January 5, we could 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 12/27/2019

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$68,823	\$26,322	\$49,313
Pledged	\$48,489	\$22,118	\$33,767
% of Goal	71%	84%	69%
# / % of Households Participating	139 / 15%	74 / 19%	97 / 15%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION*

December 22, 2019	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 5,878	\$ 7,300	(\$ 1,422)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,288	\$ 3,350	(\$ 62)
St. Mary's	\$ 5,371	\$ 5,400	(\$ 29)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$168,289	\$182,500	(\$ 14,211)
St. Boniface	\$ 83,364	\$ 83,750	(\$ 386)
St. Mary's	\$129,680	\$135,000	(\$ 5,320)

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

ATTENDANCE for December 21 & 22, 2019*

Blessed Sacrament	Seating Capacity—800
10:00a.m. Mass Attendance—269	
12:15p.m. Mass Attendance—150	
St. Boniface	Seating Capacity—550
5:00p.m. Mass Attendance—103	
9:00a.m. Mass Attendance—115	
St. Mary's	Seating Capacity—550
4:00p.m. Mass Attendance—86	
10:30a.m. Mass Attendance—160	