

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

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February 2, 2020
The Presentation of the Lord



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.



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34a

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



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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour— Toth, Bridget/Julius/Trish (SB)

Monday, February 3

1:30 p.m. Book Discussion: The Universal Christ (BS)
6:30 p.m. League Bowling (SB)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)

Tuesday, February 4

5:30 p.m. Book Discussion: The Universal Christ (BS)
6:00 p.m. Tithing Committee Meeting (BS)
6:30 p.m. RCIA Meeting (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

6:00 p.m. First Thursday Holy Hour (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

Friday, February 7

7:00 p.m. Cabin Fever Euchre Social (SB)

Saturday, February 8

3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)
5:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (SM)
6:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (SB)

Sunday, February 9

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour— Perotti/Scheuerman (SB)
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (SM)



Readings for February 2, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord

MAL 3: 1-4

HEB 2: 14-18

LK 2: 22-40

PUBLIC SPEAKING CLASSES

At the request of several parishioners, Alfred Smith, Ph.D., DTM, PDG (long-time parishioner at St. Mary's Church) has agreed to lead a group, which will instruct people in techniques that will improve their communication skills and add to their enjoyment.

To facilitate a group, Alfred would need an idea of who is interested, and what days would work best. The day chosen most often will be the day the group meets. The group would begin the last week of February. Alfred will be in the back of church after both the 4pm Mass and the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's this weekend, February 1/2 and next weekend, February 8/9.

Over his year's of teaching public speaking, Alfred has found that most participants found the speeches interesting and an added benefit to learning.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1

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) Bucky Curran by Pat Curran

Sunday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

9:00 a.m. (SB) Kay Flanagan by Bob & Pat Morriss
10:00 a.m. (BS) Wayne Olson by Frances Carney
10:30 a.m. (SM) Diane Porcelli by Voices of Women Group
12:15 p.m. (BS) Margherita Pompeii by Joyce Klein

Monday, February 3, Sts. Blaise & Ansgar

7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) John Wojciechowski by Bob Keenan
12:10 p.m. (SM) For the Intentions of Diane Kannel by Tom Sheehan

Tuesday, February 4

7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC
12:10 p.m. (SM) Prayer Service with Communion

Wednesday, February 5, St. Agatha

7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) For the Intentions of Mary Donnelly by Chris Walsh
12:10 p.m. (SM) Prayer Service with Communion

Thursday, February 6, St. Paul Miki

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

Friday, February 7

7:30 a.m. (SB) Robert & Dorothy Kalb by Bob & Joanne Brownyard
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SRCC

Saturday, February 8, Sts. Jerome and Josephine

3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) Mary Febrey Russo by Ginny DiPonzio
5:00 p.m. (SB) Richard Pearson by the LaMagna Family

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Frank DiCesare by Michael & Debra Manzo
10:30 a.m. (SM) Joan Hensler by Rick McGrath
12:15 p.m. (BS) Robert "Max" and Betty McCarthy by Jim and Mary Holleran

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, Mike Wade, Patricia Scouten, Jeanne Tyler, Jean Milne, Pat Nicolosi, Theresa Sullivan, Jim Melito, Ruth Smith, Sarah McHugh, Bob Miller, Rick Gorman, Maya Johnsen

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.

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

For the 5 weeks between Martin Luther King Day and Valentine's Day, members of the parish Social Justice Committee will reflect on the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on racism:

"Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism"

Today: Key Quotations from the Letter

In their document, the bishops make some important points. At heart, their letter is an invitation or a call to personal conversion. "All of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur."

How do we begin the journey of conversion? The bishops recommend that we listen. Listen as individuals and as a church community. "As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice." When we listen carefully to the lived experiences of Native, African, Hispanic, Asian and other Americans, we begin to understand that, "as a nation, we have never sufficiently contended with the impact of overt racism. Nor have we spent the necessary time to examine where the racist attitudes of yesterday have become a permanent part of our perceptions, practices, and policies of today, or how they have been enshrined in our social, political, and economic structures." The bottom line is that, "when we start to see some people as 'them' and others as 'us,' we fail to love. Yet love is at the heart of the Christian life."

A copy can be found on line at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf>

—Deacon David Palma

HIT MAKERS: SAVE THE DATE

Once again, this theater season, the **Parish Life Committee** has selected a JCC Hit makers show. This NEW production is THE ORIGINS OF CLASSIC ROCK. Once again, it's a musical penned by fellow parishioner Jack Garner, at JCC's CenterStage at 7p.m. on February 13. It's a celebration of all-new songs, from such stars as Led Zeppelin, the Doors, Steppenwolf, The Band, the Beatles, Stones and Who, Van Morrison, Eric Clapton, Rod Stewart, and more. And Jack will provide a personal introduction for us at the JCC's Lipson Lounge at 6 p.m., one hour before the show. Purchase your own tickets, and select your own seats online (jccrochester.org/events/special-events/centerstage-theatre) Tickets are normally \$33, plus service fee, but Jack has secured a \$4 discount for our group. Simply use the password **GARNER** when ordering tickets. Don't delay. We suggest ordering soon, because the Hit Makers is a popular series and shows typically sell out. We hope to see you on February 13!



LUCKY STRIKE-NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT

St. Boniface Men's Club 2- person Lucky Strike- No Tap Tournament is scheduled for Sunday February 16th starting at 12 noon. All are welcome to play and the cost is \$20.00 per person with one free drink for every participant. Call Ken Ehmann @ 703-8547 or Mike Klee @ 474-0501 for more details or stop down Monday or Tuesday evening at the club to sign up.

CATHOLICS SPEAK OUT FOR THE VULNERABLE: OPPOSE PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE IN NYS

Next week you'll have the opportunity to sign our diocese-wide Public Policy Weekend petition in opposition to physician assisted suicide. It will read:

I strongly oppose any legislation to legalize assisted suicide in New York State. Allowing doctors to prescribe a lethal dose for patients to end their lives devalues human life. There is also significant potential for abuse. I urge you to focus instead on improving palliative care, to ensure compassionate, comprehensive care and pain management for those who are terminally ill. We need to accompany rather than abandon them.

If you would prefer to sign the petition online, please go to www.dor.org/petition.

WE NEED PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Next Step is requesting donations of clean disposable plastic bags (like grocery bags). These bags will be used to crochet water resistant sleeping mats for the homeless. The bags can be dropped off between 1:00 and 4:00 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the basement of the Blessed Sacrament Church. There will also be a receptacle at the side of the church near the Supper Program door. We thank you for your continuing support of our Supper Program guests.

PARENTS WITH



(Infants to 4 years old and their older siblings)

Please join us for Family Night on **Saturday, February 8th from 5:00-6:30pm** in the Dugan Center at St. Mary's. Consider joining us for Mass at 4:00pm.

Bring a Salad or Dessert to Share and we will provide the pizza. This is an informal gathering to meet each other and have a very general discussion about supporting you in your prayer life and in your desire to create a family with Catholic values. For more information or to RSVP contact Sue Howard, Pastoral Associate susan.howard@dor.org

PARISH CENSUS— HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

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 to tell us you are with us!

A Word From Father John...

Back on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, I challenged all of us as baptized Christians to find ways to be more intentional and inclusive in our neighborliness at church. I suggested that during the time before Lent we make use of the Introductory Rites to get to know better those with whom we worship at Mass. At the start of Mass next weekend, February 8 & 9, we first will pause to introduce or re-introduce ourselves to those who sit around us. If we already know those who sit around us, then we might take the opportunity to introduce ourselves to someone we don't know.

The second part may be a little more challenging. Yet, it offers us an opportunity to get to know one another better and draw closer as a community. We will be asking each of us to consider sharing with the person to whom we introduce ourselves something about what we are praying for that day. Perhaps we are praying for ourselves or someone else concerning a health issue, a challenge at home, work or school, a strained or broken relationship, a larger issue in our neighborhood, church, city, nation or the world, etc. Or perhaps, we are thankful for some good fortune or for prayers answered. We may be praying for any number of things. How much detail we wish to share is up to each person. We may be willing to share more or may just indicate that we are praying for "a friend" or "a family member" or "a situation at work."

We should not think of this as a distraction from Mass. As we all are asked as part of the Introductory Rites to pause and consider for whom or what we are offering our prayers at that particular Mass. When the priest says, "Let us pray," that is an invitation to all of us to turn to God forming and offering our own prayer intention for the Mass. The time that it takes for the altar server to bring the Roman Missal to the priest is our time to formulate our intentions, not to wonder why it's taking so long. The prayer that the priest offers next is called the Collect, because through that prayer all our individual prayers are gathered together and offered to God. Our hope is that just as through the celebration of the Eucharist the gifts of bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, so too we and who or what we offer in our prayers will be transformed.

The third part will involve us praying for the other person and their intention(s) during the following week. That may involve just simply adding that person and their intention to our own list of intentions that we are praying for throughout the week. Or we may choose to offer special prayers for the other person and their intentions, such as a rosary or chaplet. In these ways, we can support one another through our prayers. Also, I have discovered that I tend to grow closer to those for whom I pray. Hopefully, we will experience a similar growth in a sense of community among ourselves and those for whom we pray.

I realize that the introverts among us (including me) will find this opportunity challenging as we are asked to introduce ourselves to others and share something about ourselves. Yet, I expect that it really won't be that bad. And the benefits will far outweigh the burdens. And please don't worry, I won't be asking us to do this every time we come to church.

Switching gears, having met with the Finance Councils of our three churches over the last week, I want to thank everyone for their good stewardship over the course of the first six months of our fiscal year. Compared to where we were last year when I asked you to gather for Town Hall meetings to talk about our financial situation, we are certainly in a stronger position with regard to our finances. We still struggle to consistently meet our weekly need in terms of collections. But we are not hemorrhaging to the degree we were last year. So, please continue to support our parish. And if you are able to do so, please consider increasing your contribution. Thank you.

Along those same lines, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. In challenging times, we have made good progress toward our goals, reaching close to 83% of our goal at two of our churches, and 92% at the third. The participation rates among our households have lagged behind the diocesan average of 30%. As I consider that all three of our parish churches above average, I am hopeful that our participation rates will pick up. If you have not yet had an opportunity to donate to the CMA, please prayerfully consider how you might help our parish reach its goals. Every contribution no matter how large or small helps us demonstrate the vitality of our parish churches. Thank you.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,
Fr. John

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED!

We are currently in need of additional collection counters. We count Sunday Mass collections each Monday morning at all three parish offices. The time commitment is approximately 1 ½ - 2 hours every other week. If you are interested in helping in this important ministry, please contact Molly Hedges at molly.hedges@dor.org or 271-7240. If you are unable to commit to a regular rotation, but would like to be placed on a substitute list, that is an option as well.

CABIN FEVER EUCHRE SOCIAL

St. Boniface Men's Club Cabin Fever Euchre Social Event is Friday February 7th downstairs in the Nativity School. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Registration begins at 7:00pm & games will start at 7:30pm. Reservations can be made by calling Ken Ehmann @ 703-8547 or the Men's Club at 473-7019.



Youth Ministry News

HANDS OF CHRIST 2020

Congratulations to the High School Seniors from our parish community who will receive the Hands of Christ Award from Bishop Matano on Tuesday, February 4 during a prayer service at St. John of Rochester Church. We are incredibly blessed by their presence and witness. Below is some of the information sent in on the nomination forms for the teens.

Maya Reagan St. Boniface Parish senior at Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women. What impresses me most is that she is a kind person. In church she has been an Altar Server. Mutual friends, who know her from school, speak highly of her and her involvement. There is a maturity about her that is amazing. She is a wonderful Christian young lady, always with a smile on her face.

William McDermott St. Mary's Parish senior at RCSD School #58 World of Inquiry. William has been the faith community representative for the Mayor's Youth Voice One Vision committee. He has attended NCYC twice and in November served as a Youth Ambassador. He has been active in our parish youth activities, both service and social events and has served as a volunteer catechist in our Faith Formation program. In addition he has been involved with the Browncroft Community Church youth activities including volunteering in the Flower City Work Camp week of service.

Nicholas Swanger Blessed Sacrament Parish senior at Penfield High School. Nick's faith is a large part of who he is as a person. He lives his faith on a daily basis by how he treats and interacts with family, teachers, friends and others. He attends and participates in church regularly. Since the 5th grade he has been an altar server. He attended NCYC and was inspired by the large number of teens who, like him, have a strong faith connection. He willingly volunteers as needed at church—the Next to New Sale, Supper Program and in the wider community St Michael's Workshop, Food Link, Salvation Army and Meals on Wheels, and with youth soccer programs. He does not shy away from speaking about his beliefs and is always respectful of other's beliefs.

James Frisa Blessed Sacrament Parish senior at Spencerport High School. James is a devoted Catholic for a person his age. He attends church weekly and follows his beliefs when not in church. He volunteers both in his church and school communities. He attended NCYC in 2017 and came home rejuvenated and with a stronger faith. He has had positive relationships with our priests and the church community. I believe James will continue to grow and live in the beliefs that he has grown up with.

GRANT WRITER NEEDED

We are in need of a grant writer to pursue a grant through the Rochester Area Community Foundation, which offers competitive grants for historic organ repair and preservation. The grant would be used to repair the organ at St. Boniface Church. The deadline for this grant request is mid-April of this year. If you are an experienced grant writer who would like to help us, please contact Molly Hedges, Finance Director for the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community at molly.hedges@dor.org by email or by phone at 585-271-7240.

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2019-20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL AS OF 1/28/2020

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
			
Goal	\$68,823	\$26,322	\$49,313
Pledged	\$56,859	\$24,398	\$40,892
% of Goal	83%	93%	83%
# / % of Households Participating	159 / 17%	84 / 21%	114 / 18%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

January 26, 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 5,953	\$ 7,300	(\$ 1,347)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,760	\$ 3,350	(\$ 590)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,541	\$ 5,400	(\$ 859)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$205,615	\$219,000	(\$ 13,385)
St. Boniface	\$ 97,065	\$100,500	(\$ 3,435)
St. Mary's	\$160,388	\$160,388	(\$ 1,612)

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

ATTENDANCE for January 25 & 26, 2020

Blessed Sacrament	Seating Capacity—800
10:00a.m. Mass Attendance—275	
12:15p.m. Mass Attendance—128	
St. Boniface	Seating Capacity—550
5:00p.m. Mass Attendance—71	
9:00a.m. Mass Attendance—107	
St. Mary's	Seating Capacity—550
4:00p.m. Mass Attendance—116	
10:30a.m. Mass Attendance—193	

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