

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

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March 1, 2020
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.

INSIGHTS, CHALLENGES AND PRAYERS FROM THE SUNDAY GOSPELS TO INSPIRE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Each week we plan to pose a question to stimulate our religious imagination and help us center our prayers during Lent. These questions will be posted in the bulletin and near our Lenten display of the Cross and Baptismal Font. We are invited to ponder these questions during the week and to write one word or prayer in response to the insight. We will put that piece of paper in the basket near the Cross, which then will be brought up to the Altar each week with the gifts of bread and wine. This visible and tangible offering of our prayers will then be joined to and offered up with the sacrifice on the Altar. We will add to the basket each week until it is full of our prayers and challenges. This week, as we read or listen to the Gospel message of Matthew about the Transfiguration (Matthew 5: 13-16), let us ponder the following to help us answer this week's question: What stands in the way of my desire to see Jesus and hear His message? What healing do I need to open my heart to Him? What fears do I need to ask Jesus to help me overcome to better follow Him? How can I listen to Jesus in a deeper way?

What healing do you need to transform your heart?

Together, we all climb the mountain of holiness until the day we all celebrate our rebirth and salvation at the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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Meet our Catecumins, Candidates and their Sponsors Inside

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, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

- 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, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

- 10:00 p.m. Bible Study (BS)
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (SB)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)
7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group (BS)

Thursday, March 5

- 3:00 p.m. Parishioner Led Weekly Rosary (BS)
6:00 p.m. First Thursday Holy Hour (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (BS)

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 7

- 11:00 a.m. Baptismal Preparation (BS)
3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)
5:00 p.m. Family Faith Formation (SB)
6:00 p.m. St. Patrick's Day Dinner (SB)

Sunday, March 8

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour— Hohman/Thomas (SB)
11:30 a.m. Public Speaking Class (SM)



Our Lady's Candle burns in memory of Maureen Gregor by her Family

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TASKFORCES ON MINISTRIES AND ON FACILITIES

The Parish Pastoral Council is seeking volunteers to serve on two fact-finding Taskforces on Ministries and on Facilities. The Taskforces will be gathering information about the current state of affairs in our parish and reporting that information back to the Council for use in strategic planning. More detailed information about the Taskforces and sign-up forms are available in our churches and the parish website.



Readings for March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent
IS 58: 7-10
1 COR 2: 1-5
MT 5: 13-16

We will begin work on the April-June Liturgical Ministers Schedule on March 16. Please log in to Ministry Scheduler Pro to enter any times you are unavailable to serve. If you are having trouble accessing Ministry Scheduler Pro, please email Kathy Marfione at Kathy.marfione@dor.org. If you do not have computer access, call her at 271-7240. She will be happy to assist you!

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 29

- 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) Ruth Condon by Marsha Condon

Sunday, March 1, First Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Anna Greene by St. Boniface Choir
10:00 a.m. (BS) Jessamine Carpenter by Gerry Yawman
Gloria Zinone by Family
10:30 a.m. (SM) Peter Cumbo by Richard & Josie Gangemi
12:15 p.m. (BS) Teresa Shannon by Patty & Danny Finnerty

Monday, March 2

- 7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) Frank Tyler Birthday Anniversary by Jeanne Tyler
12:10 p.m. (SM) Colleen Cleary Bavosa by the Cleary Family

Tuesday, March 3

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

Wednesday, March 4

- 7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) Edward J. Lynd by John & Judy Lynd
12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Cross with Communion

Thursday, March 5

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

Friday, March 6

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

Saturday, March 7

- 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, March 8

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Edward Anderson by Parishioners of St. Boniface
10:00 a.m. (BS) Robert "Max" McCarthy by Margy Handel
10:30 a.m. (SM) Jim McGrath by Rick McGrath
12:15 p.m. (BS) Alfreda Stachura and Irene Zurkowski by Wolf and Todoro Families

Please Pray for those in need of healing: 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, 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 Scouter, Jeanne Tyler, Jean Milne, Pat Nicolosi, Theresa Sullivan, Jim Melito, Ruth Smith, Bob Miller, Rick Gorman, Maya Johnsen, Scott Miller, Loretta Rose Doyle, Jerry Lynch, Sam Lanzafame.

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

A God Morning

Last week I described my first meeting with Jacqui, newly arrived from Peru, as we were each walking to St. Mary's one Sunday for Mass.

After Mass we went down with others to the Dugan Center for Coffee Hour. I saw a table with two couples where it looked like we could fit so asked if there was room for us. "Of course," they answered, as they rearranged things to make more space. As introductions were made, we learned that we were at the table with a gentleman from Mexico in the same MBA program as Jacqui at Simon School of Business at UR. He spoke Spanish! It was another miracle.

Jacqui and I are now friends. I've connected her to Fr. Mickey McGrath, who serves Spanish-speaking parishioners as the Pastor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish here in Rochester, and connected her to Gustavo (from Peru) and Ellen Paz at Blessed Sacrament, who have already had her over for dinner with a familiar Peruvian dish. Jacqui was so touched by their generosity. Jacqui and I sometimes go to breakfast together before Mass.

To summarize this God Morning:

—The Gateways Music Festival was awesome and just as glorious as Mass needs to be every Sunday. Praise be to God for those St. Mary's folks with that vision and to Chelsea and Margaret Mary for their encouragement!

—I'm ALL about horizontal connections. Who is sitting next to you at Mass? When was the last time you all had dinner together? Please say "Hi" to Jacqui when you see her. She is so enthusiastic about her adventure in America. Say a prayer for her and *all* students. Do you want to join us for breakfast?

—It's an All-Parish connection! It is a Holy Spirit orchestrated event. Thank God I was tuned in!

—Margaret King



SAVE THE DATE— ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

The St. Boniface Men's Club St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on **Saturday, March 7, at 6pm**. This All-Parish Social Dinner is \$15 per person for adults and \$8 per person for children (12 and under). Tickets may be purchased after all Masses this weekend, February 29/ March 1, or by calling Tony Califano at 359-0966.

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!

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2019-20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL AS OF 2/25/2020

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$68,823	\$26,322	\$49,313
Pledged	\$56,994	\$25,048	\$42,432
% of Goal	83%	95%	86%
# / % of Households Participating	163 / 17%	87 / 22%	120 / 19%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

February 23, 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,284	\$ 7,300	(\$ 3,016)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,927	\$ 3,350	(\$ 423)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,751	\$ 5,400	(\$ 649)

Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$226,976	\$248,200	(\$ 21,224)
St. Boniface	\$109,777	\$113,900	(\$ 4,123)
St. Mary's	\$178,235	\$183,600	(\$ 5,365)

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

ATTENDANCE for February 22 & 23, 2020

Blessed Sacrament Seating Capacity—800
 10:00a.m. Mass Attendance—244
 12:15p.m. Mass Attendance—136

St. Boniface Seating Capacity—550
 5:00p.m. Mass Attendance—83
 9:00a.m. Mass Attendance—138

St. Mary's Seating Capacity—550
 4:00p.m. Mass Attendance—110
 10:30a.m. Mass Attendance—168

A Word From Father John...

We have set off on a journey from the ashes of this past Wednesday to the living font of Easter. As we accompany our catechumen, Chad, and our candidates, Pat and Brendan, who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, we join them in listening more intently to the word of God and opening ourselves to the call of the Spirit to new life. In responding to that call, we recognize that we fail and fall short. That awareness does not prompt us to beat ourselves up or tear ourselves down, but in the spirit of repentance to acknowledge our need for God's grace and help. We seek God's help to bring about a transformation within us.

As we heard when we were marked with ashes, that process invites us to "Repent and believe in the gospel." Repentance involves both a turning away from and a setting our face on a new course. Thus, it is fitting on this First Sunday of Lent, that we are reminded of how sin has marked the human condition since the original sin of Adam and Eve. While acknowledging that original sin wounded and weakened our will, such that we are marked by concupiscence - an inclination toward sin and evil, our human nature is not entirely corrupted. And, as St. Paul reminds us, the gracious gift of grace in Jesus Christ is so much more than the transgression. In Christ, we receive the abundance of grace and the gift of justification. As we know, through baptism, the effects of original sin, except for concupiscence, are wiped away, and we are turned back to God.

But just as for Jesus, baptism does not mark the end but the beginning of our journey. Although not spelled out in our gospel passage today, the Spirit that leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil is the same Spirit that came down upon Jesus in his baptism by John in the Jordan river. What is important for us to note is that the Spirit doesn't lead Jesus out into the wilderness and leave him there alone to face the devil and his temptations. The Spirit remains with Jesus, inspiring and empowering him.



In the first temptation, the devil cunningly preys upon a natural desire and attempts to twist it to his own ends. Knowing Jesus' hunger after forty days of fasting, the devil encourages him to use divine power to change stones into bread. Turning away from sin and toward God, Jesus, quoting the word of God, notes that the source of life is not found in bread alone but in the word of God. There is an interesting parallel with our celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which marks the end of Lent. Jesus, the word of God, draws on the power of the Spirit to transform bread into his body. Not bread alone but the very body of Christ indeed becomes what we consume to share in eternal life with God.

In the second temptation, the devil appeals to the word of God on which Jesus has claimed to live, to suggest that Jesus can hurl himself from atop the Temple, because God won't allow any harm to come to him. Jesus rejects such thinking, noting that he will not put God to the test. Again, if we look at the events of Good Friday, then we see that God indeed does not send his angels to rescue Jesus from harm. In the process, it is not God who is put to the test, but Jesus' faith in God as he humbly submits to God's will for him in his passion and death. By forgoing the rescue of his beloved Son, God rescues us in order to save us and restore us to our place as his daughters and sons, which is affirmed for us in our baptism.

In the third temptation, the devil appeals to what he imagines is the desire of every son of God to receive God's kingdom as his own. This gambit had worked on Adam and Eve, who imagined that if they ate of fruit of the forbidden tree, then they would not die but become like gods. All that Jesus needs to do is prostrate himself and worship the devil. Jesus see through the devil's ploys, chasing off Satan. And once again, Jesus turns to the word of God, stating emphatically his determination to worship the Lord God and serve him alone. Again, if look to the events of Easter Sunday, having worshipped the Lord God and obeyed God's word, Jesus is raised up in glory and given his rightful place in the kingdom of heaven to reign over all the kingdoms of the earth.

Throughout these temptations, Jesus is inspired and empower by the Holy Spirit to turn away from sin and faithfully fulfill the word of God. Having overcome the devil and his temptations, the devil leaves Jesus, and the angels of God come and minister to him.

What about us? Through baptism, we have been marked as daughters and sons of God and filled with the Holy Spirit who inspired and empowered Jesus to overcome the devil's temptations. As we enter our Lenten journey of forty days, are we ready to rely on that same Spirit of Christ, so that we too can turn away from evil and be faithful to the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ?

Yours,
Fr. John



HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, "Give them some food yourselves." Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Rice bowls with information packets can be found by the entrances to all three churches. For more information, visit the Catholic Relief Services website at:

www.csricebowl.org

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



"I truly believe God led me to my wife and in turn Blanca led me to God. Her humility, kindness and compassion have been an inspiration in my life and played a significant role in my conversion to the Catholic faith. In the past I had volunteered serving the community at the Blessed Sacrament Supper Program and it has been a blessing to be welcomed by the church. I am thankful to all those involved in the RCIA program including Sister Kathleen, Andrew Kraft, my sponsor Jonathan Scouten, his wife Patricia Scouten and many others. Their direct involvement has kept me engaged, their kindness has made me feel welcome, and the process has given me a greater sense of focus on my relationship with God. To all those in the community who have welcomed me, it has been a great blessing. What an incredible journey and supportive experience. All glory to God

for the wisdom and understanding shared through the Gospels, his love and compassion reflected in the church, and the opportunity to grow in my relationship with Christ through meditation on his life and self-reflection upon my own life."

Chad Simpson, Catecumin

Chad is a reflective person, turning to scripture and Church teachings for guidance in his various relationships. He seeks conversation about these beliefs and how other people experience God. Family is important to Chad, as he maintains daily contact with his wife who is from Nicaragua and currently studying in Madrid, Spain and with his mother and siblings here in Rochester. In his quiet way, Chad shares his faith with the people in his life. He is open to new adventures and experiences. This past Christmas season he visited Nicaragua for the first time and was touched by the people's way of life there. Chad presently seeks baptism and full initiation in the Catholic Church.

Jonathan Scouten, Godparent



I've lived in my home in Gates for 30 years. I'm a retired accountant so have plenty of time for my hobbies of gardening, watercolor painting and walking my dog Buddy. While walking downtown, I saw St. Mary's and was attracted to the beautiful garden. I had been looking for a church to help my faith journey, so I attended a Mass and have felt so welcomed there.

Patricia Sales, Candidate

Pat came to visit St. Mary's one Sunday with an interest in becoming a Catholic. On her second visit, I had the pleasure of having a delightful discussion with her and invited her to contact Sister Kathleen about our RCIA process for becoming Catholic. I was thrilled to be asked by Pat to be her sponsor. We have journeyed through the process together. And I might add that Pat has been very enthusiastic and has actively participated in our community. How exciting the Easter Vigil will be when Pat makes a profession of faith and is officially received into the Catholic Church. Welcome Pat!



Karen Huonker, Sponsor



I am a Rochester native raised in a nondenominational church in Penfield. I have always been drawn to the rich tradition of the Catholic Church; I began toying with the idea of joining it in high school, when my family changed churches. I was left unsatisfied by a new set of teaching that differed strongly in many aspects from what I had been learning previously. I was also retrospectively unsatisfied by what I had been taught at my previous church, although I couldn't quite put my finger on why I felt that way. Years later, I came to realize that my feelings of unease stemmed from lessons that were the product of personal interpretations of cherry-picked verses rather than a cohesive theology supported by tradition. I would change churches several more times during high school but never attended one specific church consistently.



The trend continued in college. Although I didn't know it at the time, I was searching for a consistent liturgy. I eventually found it in (no surprise here) the Catholic Church, which I began attending while taking my grandfather to Mass in different churches as he transitioned into assisted-living and nursing homes. I became convinced that, eventually, I would join the Church. It wasn't until I had a chance to attend Mass daily on the Camino de Santiago that I was struck by the full beauty of the Eucharist and began to appreciate what I was missing. I knew then that I wouldn't be satisfied until I could fully participate in communion, and I began RCIA as soon as I could. I am nothing but satisfied with my decision and could not be more thrilled to be on the journey towards full membership in the Church.

Brendan Tassone, Candidate

I have known Brendan since we were in school; we met at a Young Life meeting -- a non-denominational/Protestant Christian youth club. Brendan's parents, faithful Christians, hosted these meetings in their basement which were often attended by 30+ high school students. I have always been Catholic. After high-school, Brendan and I lost touch. We reconnected at a confirmation ceremony. Since that day, I consider him one of my closest friends. Since Brendan asked me to act as his sponsor for confirmation, we have had a number of conversations about his conversion. Central to all of these conversations was Brendan's desire to participate fully in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Everything I see in Brendan leads me to confidence that this desire is genuine; that he understands the Church's teaching on the sacrament, and that he desires to be a full and faithful participant in it. For this reason, I fully and joyfully bear witness to Brendan's conversion and will gladly present him as a candidate for confirmation.

Karl Gustav Hetzke, Sponsor

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