

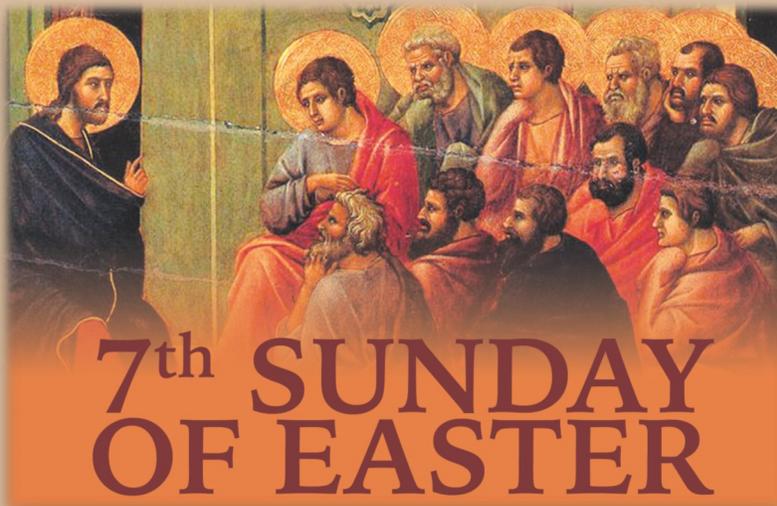
# Blessed Sacrament Saint Boniface Saint Mary's Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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May 24, 2020  
Seventh Sunday of Easter

**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.



## Mass Schedule

**Blessed Sacrament**  
534 Oxford Street  
Rochester, New York 14607

*259 Rutgers Street (mailing)*  
Rochester, New York 14607  
(585) 271-7240

**Saint Boniface**  
330 Gregory Street  
Rochester, New York 14620

*259 Rutgers Street (mailing)*  
Rochester, New York 14607  
(585) 271-7240

**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

*"All public Masses in the Diocese of Rochester have been suspended until further notice."*

*"Those seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in individual confessions,  
please contact one of our parish priests to schedule a time."*

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

**Parish Office is closed and will remain closed due to the NYS COVID19 Mandate**



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## Weekly Calendar/Parish Events



### PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Recently, parishioners from all three churches in our parish community have come together each Thursday in the church at Blessed Sacrament to pray the Rosary for those listed on our prayer lists, as well as any personal intentions they have. We would like to continue this practice by inviting you to join us on Zoom Meeting every Thursday at 2:30pm for our weekly Rosary for Healing with Sue Howard. The next Rosary for Healing will be held on **Thursday, May 28 at 2:30pm**, go to zoom.us, click on "Join a Meeting", and when prompted, enter:

**Meeting ID: 424 858 193**

**Password: 679995**

If you are unable to join us via computer, please consider simply praying the rosary during that time with us.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Please pray for the following couples getting married:*

*Alison Schuppert and Michael Staszkiw*

### New Men's ZOOM forum

Men, how are you weathering this time of pandemic? Do you have a support group to talk about the many challenges (spiritual, emotional, economic, etc.) you are facing? The Men's Forum is an initiative to provide men with a forum in which to discuss issues that men face today and will continue to face. This will be a ZOOM forum which will provide a variety of topics, materials, etc. to help men navigate not just this time of pandemic, but every day. Interested? Contact Fr. Mike at [fr.mike.mayer@dor.org](mailto:fr.mike.mayer@dor.org) or 271-7240, ext. 120. Please include your email and a variety of days/times which would work for you. God bless



### WATCHING MASS AT HOME

While we are unable to attend Mass due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the following options for televised Masses are available:

Sunday 5:30am on News10 NBC (WHEC)

Sunday 8:00am on MeTV (Over-the-Air 10.2 & Cable channel 1245)

Mass may be streamed anytime on WHEC.com

Mass can also be seen daily on EWTN at 8:00am

You may also join Bishop Robert Barron for daily Mass at:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

## Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

**Please note: Our parish priests will offer Mass, without the presence of the faithful, for the following intentions.**

### Saturday, May 23

Maureen Gregor by Family

### Sunday, May 24, Seventh Sunday of Easter

Walter and Helen Davis by Joan Davis

John Ertle by the O'Hara Family

### Monday, May 25

### Tuesday, May 26, St. Philip Neri

For the intentions of Bentley Vega by Sharon Swartz

### Wednesday, May 27

### Thursday, May 28

### Friday, May 29

Emma Miller by Pat Curran

Colleen Cleary Bavosa by Cleary Family

### Saturday, May 30

### Sunday, May 31, Pentecost Sunday

Bonnie Spear by Blessed Sacrament Supper Program

For the intentions of Abigail Tyler on the occasion of her birthday by Jeanne Tyler



**Please Pray for those in need of healing:** Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Tim Crosier, Mary Kniep Hardy, Michael Boothby, 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 V adney, Mike Wade, 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, Kitty Jensen, Ed Warney, Mary Ann DiPolito, Larry Eschrich

**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 May 31, 2020  
Pentecost Sunday

ACTS 2: 1-11  
1 COR 12: 3b-7, 12-13  
JN 20: 19-23

### ***Faith Formation Information***

Our “formal” schedule of Sunday classes has ended for the 2019-2020 school year. While the year ended in an unconventional way, our volunteer catechists made amazing efforts to help the children and families grow in their knowledge of our faith. We ended our year with a Sunday morning Zoom session. The catechists and children were able to “see” each other and share about the experience of “Staying in Place”, doing school from home, missing friends and their many activities.

A special thank you to our volunteer catechists who share so much faith and love with our young parishioners, Jacqueline Allen, Pre School/Kindergarten; Sheila and Zoe Howland, Grade 1; Karin Christensen, Grade 2; Toni Gagnier, Grade 3; Karen Wozniak, Grade 4; Betsy Parke, Grade 5; Mary Grace McAleavey, Grades 6 & 7; Brian Murphy. Grades 8 & 9.

We are planning for summer and beyond! We (Faith Formation personnel from several parishes) have some fun, safe ideas for **Vacation Bible Camp**. More information will be coming with ideas of options for classes in the upcoming school year. Like everyone, we are dealing with many unknowns about what the future holds. But, trusting in God’s love and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we walk by faith into the future with confidence.

Watch for more information from me and share what you received with neighbors or family members who may be new to our parish family or looking for church community to join.

***Sr. Kathleen Wayne, RSM***



### ***BEWARE OF SCAMMERS***

We have been alerted by a number of people that they have received emails and texts from people claiming to be Fr. John asking for emergency help. The request usually involves you having to purchase iTunes gift cards. We would never ask you to do such a thing. The donations that we need you to make are to the collection at our parish churches. If you receive a message from someone claiming to be Fr. John, then please take the time to stop and verify with someone on our parish staff that the request is genuine. Most likely, it is just someone trying to scam you. Here is some advice that we received from the Diocesan Information Technology Department:

#### ***Please take the following precautions:***

- ✦ Do not click on links or open any attachment in email without verifying its authenticity.
- ✦ Use trusted sources such as legitimate government websites for information on COVID-19.
- ✦ Do not reveal any personal or financial information in email or over the phone.
- ✦ Do not respond to email solicitations.
- ✦ Verify a charity's authenticity before making a donation.
- ✦ Do not purchase gift cards based on an email you receive. Verify by phone call before spending your money.

### ***SUPPER PROGRAM WISH LIST***

The Supper Program continues to provide meals on a take-out basis for approximately 60-70 guests, Monday-Friday, from 5:30 to 6:30pm. We thank the wonderful volunteers who serve on an as-needed basis, and the incredible product donors, like Wegmans through Samaritan Harvest, Palmer’s, Baker St. Bakery, and Evening Star Coffee in Avon that supply the foods needed to provide meals. During this time of suspended Masses, which include monthly second collections at Blessed Sacrament, the program would benefit from additional donations, which can be sent to the parish office: Blessed Sacrament Supper Program, 259 Rutgers St., Rochester, NY 14607.

***The current wish list includes: takeout containers, cookies, Ziploc bags (small size for cookies and bread), salad dressings, olives, lettuce, tomatoes, tuna, elbow macaroni, mayo, egg noodles, hearty soups, ketchup and parmesan cheese.***

If you can provide any of these items, please contact Mary Jo at [maryjo.lightholder@dor.org](mailto:maryjo.lightholder@dor.org) or by phone at 585-442-5279, to arrange the donation of wish list items. We thank you for your support!



Join other parishioners each Wednesday from 7:00 p.m.--7:30 p.m. to stop and pray together for the needs of the Church and the needs of the world. Our worship together will include music, Scripture, intercessory prayer, and a closing prayer.

#### ***Questions?***

Contact Fr. Mike at 271-7240 ext. 120.

***[Click here for Zoom link to weekly Worship Wednesday gathering](#)***

If prompted for a meeting ID and Password use:

Meeting ID# 917 1157 2924  
Password: 948970

If dialing in, use 1-929-436-2866, and if prompted use the Meeting ID and Password listed above.

## *A Word From Father John...*

As I said in the email newsletter on Friday, May 15, many of us are anxious to know, “When can we come back to Mass in our church?” This has become all the more pressing a topic as New York State has implemented *New York Forward*, a regional approach to “re-opening” based on seven criteria over four staggered phases. So far, churches and houses of worship have not been listed under any of the four phases. The Diocese of Rochester has been and continues to be in conversation with state and local officials seeking clarification on where and when churches will be able to “re-open.” At this point, we do not know the date when Mass can be offered with the faithful present or what limitations may be placed on the number of people who may be present.

Yet, also on that Friday, we received a memo from Bishop Matano highlighting the considerable thought and planning that our parish will need to undertake concerning practical and logistical needs for the celebration of Mass with the faithful present in our churches during the ongoing pandemic. In reviewing the memo, it becomes clear that this is a complex and multifaceted undertaking, since **we will not be returning to the way that we have done it in the past**. A number of changes and modifications will be necessary to protect the health and welfare of all concerned.

Among the changes that we may have to face are the following:

- Limited Attendance – a cap on the total number or a percentage of the total occupancy;
- Modification of the Mass Schedule;
- Provision of hand sanitizer at entrances to church;
- Those attending Mass required to bring and wear their own face masks;
- New pattern and different entry and exit points to and from church;
- People helping to coordinate and direct entry, seating and exit in the church;
- Change in available seating to maintain social distancing (minimum of six feet);
- Need to clean and sanitize church after each Mass, wedding, funeral, etc.;
- Nurseries closed and unavailable;
- All missalettes, hymnals, prayer cards, and other materials removed from pews;
- Holy Water fonts emptied;
- Change to collection process – no longer passing the basket – secure containers provided in which to deposit collection envelopes and donations to the parish;
- Collections of food, supplies, etc. for charity on a day and time other than Mass times;
- No choirs or congregational singing (due to research indicating that singing expels significantly more aerosolized particles of virus than speaking);
- Involvement of liturgical ministers initially reduced and limited to only what is absolutely needed (e.g. one lector; one musician with one cantor; ushers/greeters as few as needed; no altar servers until further notice; perhaps no or only one Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion). **Please note that anyone who feels vulnerable or who has concerns will not be asked to fulfill ministries during the pandemic**;

As Bishop Matano states in his memo: “**When more information is received, the Diocese will provide specific and detailed policies and guidelines to parishes for the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments, which are already in preparation.**” In other words, we have not yet received the final word on all of these matters.

**Please note that even with all the precautions that we will undertake collectively and individually, there still will be a risk for anyone who attends a public gathering, including Mass, to contract the coronavirus.** In light of that reality, a number of provisions remain in place:

- Anyone who feels sick or not quite right should stay home;
- Anyone who fears contracting a disease by attending Mass should stay home;
- Anyone who is among those who are vulnerable should remain at home in accordance with recommendations from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

**For this reason, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass will remain suspended for all Catholics in the Diocese of Rochester until further notice.**

One thing that we all can do now to get ready for when our churches “re-open” is to please get a facemask, if you don’t have one, because every person will need to bring and wear a facemask in order to attend Mass.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding. Please continue to pray for our parish and our parishioners, especially as we together work to develop plans to be ready to “re-open” our churches when given permission to do so.

As we await the feast of Pentecost next Sunday and the day when we will be able to return to Mass in our churches, may we offer that wonderful prayer of invitation, “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love...”

Peace and blessings!

Yours,

***Fr. John***

**RENEWING & REFRESHING ADULT FAITH**

**Returning to Pope Francis' encyclical on the Environment**

This week is the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home*. So this is an occasion to return to the encyclical and see if it still speaks to us today.

By "our common home," Francis means our planet, which "is falling into serious disrepair." Yet we must treasure it as God does. "Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." And we, all of humankind, are in deep relationship with all that is. "God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement."

Our intimate relation with the earth is inseparable, for Pope Francis, from our relation with the world's poor. "A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings." In an especially beautiful image, Francis adds: "The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face."

Therefore, "the same mindset which stands in the way of making radical decisions to reverse the trend of global warming also stands in the way of... eliminating poverty."

I've barely touched on all the themes of this extraordinary document. Do read it: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html) Take your time with it; its riches can't be rushed.

I find *Laudato Si* as profoundly helpful as it was five years ago. What's discouraging, though, is that we don't seem to have made much, if any, progress over this time in caring for our common home.

—Peggy Rosenthal



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**2019-20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL AS OF 5/11/2020**

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
<b>Goal</b>	\$68,823	\$26,322	\$49,313
<b>Pledged</b>	\$58,059	\$26,173	\$45,057
<b>% of Goal</b>	84%	99%	91%
<b># / % of Households Participating</b>	170 / 19%	97 / 25%	128 / 20%

**PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION**

May 17, 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$10,081	\$ 7,300	\$ 2,781*
St. Boniface	\$ 4,557	\$ 3,350	\$ 1,207
St. Mary's	\$ 4,445	\$ 5,400	\$ (955)

\*Includes a significant Required Minimum Distribution in the weekly collection amount that is not likely to be repeated on a weekly basis.

Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$314,247	\$335,800	(\$ 21,553)
St. Boniface	\$141,958	\$154,100	(\$ 12,142)
St. Mary's	\$237,131	\$248,400	(\$ 11,269)

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