

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

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July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will
shine like the sun in
the kingdom of their
Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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***Temporary Sunday Mass Schedule: Saturday 4:00pm at St. Mary's
Sunday, 9:00am at St. Boniface and 11:00am at Blessed Sacrament.***

***Reservations are required to attend these Masses,
see the parish website or call the parish office before Thursday at 3:30pm (585-271-7240)***

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

**The Parish Offices are now open for telephone calls and emails,
but visitors and parishioners will not be granted entry at this time.
If you would like to schedule a Mass or have another need, please call 271-7240, before you set out for the office.
Parish Offices are located in the former rectory at Blessed Sacrament Church.
Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm**



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**Nursery at Blessed Sacra-
ment & St. Mary's are
currently closed due to
COVID-19 restrictions.**



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Parish Events

PRAYING THE ROSARY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Parishioners come together each Thursday pray the Rosary for those listed on our prayer lists, as well as any personal intentions they have. We invite you to join us on Zoom Meeting every Thursday at 2:30pm for our weekly Rosary for Healing. The next Rosary for Healing will be held on **Thursday, July 23 at 2:30pm**, go to zoom.us, click on "Join a Meeting", and when prompted, enter:

Meeting ID: 932 1223 5048

Password: 004061

If you are unable to join us via computer, please consider simply

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP US WITH HOLDING PUBLIC MASSES

We still are looking for some volunteers who are not in the vulnerable or at risk population to help disinfect the church after Mass and be Ambassadors to keep every person in the Church as safe as possible by limiting close physical contact. Some will stand outside the Church in a variety of weather conditions, to maintain distance in the lines, remind people to put on their masks and to distribute hand sanitizer. Some will be inside the Churches directing the traffic flow and seating patterns and answering questions about how Holy Communion will be distributed. Both these tasks require people with tact, patience and leadership skills. It would require being at Mass at least a half an hour early to receive instructions. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr. John, Fr. Mike or Sister Kathleen (our email addresses are in the box at the top of page 5; or call the parish office at 585-271-7240). Thanks.

Living Faith Booklets available this weekend

The July, August and September issue of the Living Faith booklets will be available at the end of Mass for you to take home. There will be a supply of booklets inside the screen door at the Parish Office. If you use this resource for your daily prayer but are not yet coming to Mass or going outside, contact Sister Kathleen (kathleen.wayne@dor.org or 585-507-9961) to receive your booklet.

SUPPER PROGRAM WISH LIST

The current wish list includes: 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 or by phone at 585-442-5279, to arrange the donation of wish list items. We thank you for your support! Please note the Supper Program opens this week.



Readings for July 26, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 KGS 3: 5, 7-12

ROM 8: 28-30

MT 13: 44-52

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, July 18, St. Benedict, Abbot

4:00 p.m. (SM) For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) Betty K. Ruby by Pat Curran
Jeffrey Budd, Birthday Anniversary by Jo Ann Englerth

11:00 a.m. (BS) Murtaugh Dempsey by The Wade Family
Robert Geen by Marge Geen and Family

Monday, July 20, Weekday

For the poor of Rochester by the Cleary family

Tuesday, July 21, Weekday

For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Wednesday, July 22, Saint Mary Magdalene

Donald George by the Blessed Sacrament Class of 1954

Thursday, July 23, Weekday

For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Friday, July 24, Weekday

Robert Ingerick by Rick Lenhard

Saturday, July 25, Weekday

4:00 p.m. (SM) Migdilia Loughlin by Shirley Cirillo

Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

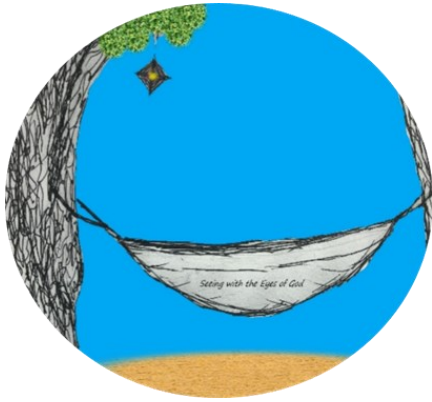
9:00 a.m. (SB) Anna Greene and George Popp by Barbara Green
For the intentions of Peggy and John Finucane on the occasion of their 50th anniversary by Dave and Kitty Jenson

11:00 a.m. (BS) June Bavier by John and Judy Lynd
Walter and Helen Davis by Joan Davis
William Marshall by Frances Carney

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 Vadney, Jeanne Tyler, Jean Milne, Pat Nicolosi, Theresa Sullivan, Jim Melito, Ruth Smith, Bob Miller, Rick Gorman, Maya Jobnsen, Scott Miller, Loretta Rose Doyle, Jerry Lynch, Sam Lanzafame, Kitty Jensen, Mary Ann DiPolito, Larry Eschrich, Linda O'Donnell, John McCrank, Lucy Coonan

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.



**VACATION BIBLE CAMP:
Seeing with the Eyes of God**

Summer Journey of Faith: Week 4 July 19-25

Theme: Can you put words to the kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom like---mustard seeds, weed/wheat, yeast? We are called to practice HOPE; be Open to the Spirit.

Scripture: Wisdom 12:13-16-19; Psalm 86; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43

Prayer: The Act of Hope is a traditional Catholic Prayer. Pray it this week!

O my God, relying on your infinite mercy and promises,
I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of your grace,
and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my
Lord and Redeemer.
Amen.

Reflecting in the Hammock: If you were to write your own parable, what would you compare the Kingdom of God to? Consider what the world would look like if we were to have the Kingdom of God here on Earth.

HELP NEEDED WITH FACILITIES

The Facilities Taskforce is seeking the short-term assistance of those who are skilled in electricity, plumbing, and heating/cooling (HVAC). Our goal is to assess the state of each of the 14 buildings in the Southeast Parishes. A good deal of the work is already up-to-date and well-documented. We are fortunate to have on the team a qualified surveyor, architect, building inspector, and maintenance experts. Once we have a complete team in place, we expect the work to move quickly. Please consider joining us in this project. Contact Bernie Heveron at bernieheveron@gmail.com or call 585-737-4806 for more information. You may also place your contact information in the collection tower at Mass.

Summer Reading

While out walking through my city neighborhood on a recent beautiful day, I was struck by the number of people sitting on their porches reading books. If I had a camera, it would have been a perfect picture. It made me think about what is on people's summer reading list. I reached out to a few people to ask. I share some of their choices below. I hope the summer provides you an opportunity to enjoy a good book while sitting on your porch, in your yard or safely at a park. — Sister Kathleen Wayne, RSM

I've read and recommend these accessible but insightful books on our ongoing social issues: Ralph Ellison, *Invisible Man*; Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy*; Dan Cullen, *Parkland: The Birth of a Movement*; and Janet Napolitano, *How Safe Are We?*

History-wise, I highly recommend Elaine Weiss, *The Women's Hour*, about the approval of the 19th Amendment.

All that would be pretty serious stuff. So I recommend Delia Owens, *Where the Crawdads Sing* — a beautifully written description of the flora and fauna of the Outer Banks, and a murder mystery rolled into one!

I usually have several books going at the same time! Let me give you three to invite people to consider this summer.

Maeve Binchy's *Whitethorn Woods*. What's not to like? It is a typical Binchy novel. Lots of characters, including "Father Flynn," situated in a quaint Irish village and oh, did I mention, it deals with change! Will the town embrace change or hold on to tradition? It is an easy read.

During this time of "stay at home". A.J. Jacobs' *Thanks a Thousand: A Gratitude Journey* provided needed perspective on viewing life through a lens of gratitude.

The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation, by Richard Rohr with Mike Morrell, provided me with fresh insights into the mystery of God as Trinity.

What are you reading this summer? Share your selections with us by Aug. 1, at kathleen.wayne@dor.org and we will include them in a future column.

As We Return to Public Mass...

Please note that it is important that we keep an accurate attendance of who has attended Mass each week for possible contact tracing due to COVID19 regulations. **Therefore, we need to lock the doors once Masses have begun.** Please keep this in mind as you prepare to come to Mass each week, and plan to arrive a few minutes early. This will help us to keep our records and help to keep our parishioners safe. Thank you for your help and understanding in this matter.

...Please don't be late or you may be locked out.

A Word From Father John...

This weekend, we finally are able to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation and the Rite of Reception with those in the RCIA process who have been anxiously waiting to do so. Normally, we would have celebrated those over three months ago at the Easter Vigil back on April 11th. But like so many things, that celebration was postponed because of the restrictions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, it is with great joy and anticipation that we welcome Chad Simpson, Patricia Sales, and Brendan and Bridget Tassone as fully initiated members of our faith community.

You might recall that back in our bulletin for the First Sunday of Lent, on March 1st, Chad, Patricia and Brendan, along with their sponsors, shared a little bit about themselves and their story. And I would like to tell you a few more things to help paint a fuller picture of these wonderful people within whom the Spirit is doing remarkable things.

Chad is being fully initiated, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist all in one celebration. I imagine that his baptism will be especially meaningful, because as a metalworker and artisan, Chad reworked the lid and fashioned a new bowl for the baptismal font at St. Boniface, which he completed on June 5th - St. Boniface's feast day. He will be the first person to be baptized in the beautiful font that he has fashioned for our church. As he worshiped with the 5:00pm Saturday Mass community at St. Boniface, it is fitting that we are celebrating his initiation at a Saturday evening Mass in that church.

Patricia was baptized as a child in the Presbyterian Church and has discerned a call to join the Roman Catholic Church. At Mass on Saturday evening, Patricia is being received into the Catholic Church and completing her initiation with the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. As we think about the ways our parishes evangelize those out in the community, the story of Patricia's coming to worship at St. Mary's has some important lessons for us. Patricia was first drawn to St. Mary's by its beautiful gardens. Then when she entered the church, she was offered a warm welcome and hospitality from the greeters who serve at our weekend Masses. We sometimes hear that the seemingly little things can have a profound effect in leading others to deeper faith. Patricia's story confirms that the Spirit works in powerful and mysterious ways, when we exercise the gifts that we have been given to do what is good and kind. We don't need a degree in theology or a title before our name in order to help build up the body of Christ.

The story of Brendan and Bridget is fairly remarkable as well. Brendan and Bridget, who are twins, were baptized in the Catholic Church, but then grew up attending a nondenominational church. As baptized Catholics, they are completing their initiation by celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist. As Brendan indicated back in March, after searching for a longtime, attending Mass with his grandfather as he transitioned to long term care facilities and while walking the Camino de Santiago sparked a profound desire that he knew would not be satisfied until he could participate fully in Holy Communion. It was not until he joined our RCIA process that he discovered that Bridget separately had decided to join the RCIA process in Philadelphia. As originally planned, Bridget was supposed to be confirmed and receive her first Communion from the Archbishop of Philadelphia prior to the Easter Vigil. This meant that Brendan, Bridget and their family would be able to attend both celebrations. Of course, the Coronavirus pandemic upended those plans. And Bridget, who had been teaching in Philadelphia, moved back home to Rochester. But happily, that created a new opportunity for Brendan and Bridget to celebrate Confirmation and the Eucharist together with their family and with us at St. Boniface. We might see this as an example of when one door closes, God opens another for us (see Acts 5:17-25 for an scriptural illustration of such). Regardless, we are thankful and joyful to have both Brendan and Bridget celebrating with us this weekend.

Whether you are able to join us in person, via livestream or tape-delay, hopefully you along with everyone involved will experience this as a holy, glorious and joyful celebration of God's grace and presence in lives of these fine candidates and of our larger parish community. In the midst of this pandemic and the seemingly endless barrage of bad news, we may easily slip into despondency, despair and depression. May the good news and grace pouring forth from this celebration be a source of joy, peace and love for all of us. And may it strengthen our own faith in Jesus Christ and God's promise to deliver us from all that afflicts us.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,

Fr. John

**What does LIVING IN JUSTICE or JUSTICE MAKING
Bring to your mind?**

We invite you to continue to ponder this new column's title as we probe together our call and response as Christians. Over the next several weeks we will reprint reflections on the US Bishops pastoral letter on racism.

Bishops Write Letter on Racism

One of the most difficult challenges we face in our society today is racism. Systemic racism is interconnected to many of the issues confronting our world, especially poverty, immigration, housing, education and the environment. To help us confront racism in the world and in our own lives, the American Bishops have recently written a pastoral letter titled: **Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism**. The bishops begin their letter with a definition of racism. They write that, "Racism arises when—either consciously or unconsciously—a person holds that his or her own race or ethnicity is superior, and therefore judges persons of other races or ethnicities as inferior and unworthy of equal regard." The bishops then describe the sin of racism. "When this conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat, or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity, it is sinful. Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors Christ calls us to love (Mt 22:39)." This past fall, the parish Social Ministry Committee read and discussed this powerful document. Over the next few weeks, members of the committee will share their reactions to the pastoral letter in this column. It is not a long document, and the Social Ministry Committee highly recommends you read it. 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

BETHANY HOUSE REOPENS AFTER SHUTDOWN

Bethany House is looking for volunteers to help staff the daily Food Pantry and assist with tasks around the house. We need 3 individuals daily between the hours of 9:30am and 1pm to staff the Food Pantry. We are following the direction of Food Link, so currently we are preparing bags of food and meeting individuals at the door. We provide masks and gloves for volunteers, clean the area daily and do a daily COVID-19 check. We are also looking for teams of individuals to prepare weekday meals* for the guests (usually somewhere between 7 and 10) when we open. If you are interested or need additional information, please contact Sr. Karen Dietz at karen@bethanyhouserocny.org or 585-454-4197.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT, On September 12, 2019, the Diocese of Rochester ("Diocese") filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

The Bankruptcy Court has established August 13, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) as the deadline to file proofs of claim against the Diocese (the "Bar Date").

If you have a claim against the Diocese, including, without limitation, a claim related to sexual abuse committed by any person connected with the Diocese, you must file a claim on or before the Bar Date.

Please visit <https://case.stretto.com/rochesterdiocese> or call (855)347-3773 for more information on how to file your proof of claim.

IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOU MAY FORFEIT YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TO SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTIONS MADE TO CREDITORS IN CONNECTION

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PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

June 28, 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 6,540	\$ 6,700	\$ (160)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,697	\$ 3,000	\$ (303)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,908	\$ 5,050	\$ (142)

Year-End 2019-2020			
Blessed Sacrament	\$349,692	\$379,600	(\$ 29,908)
St. Boniface	\$155,834	\$174,200	(\$ 18,366)
St. Mary's	\$261,875	\$280,800	(\$ 18,925)

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

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

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