

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

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July 26, 2020
Seventeenth 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.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
- Mt 13:44

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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 Sacrament & 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 30 at 2:30pm**, go to zoom.us, click on "Join a Meeting", and when prompted, enter:

Meeting ID: 932 1223 5048

Password: 004061

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.

A THANK YOU FROM THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF PASTORAL SERVICES ...

On June 13, dozens of volunteers from all over the Diocese came together to help migrant families. Altogether, over 175 families made donations and many more helped sort the items. In all, 600 bags of food and supplies went to 150 migrant families. Thank you to all who helped us with this project.

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 has opened for takeout.

Readings for August 2, 2020
Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

IS 55: 1-3
ROM 8: 35, 37-39
MT 14: 13-21



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 25, St. James, Apostle

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 Greene

For the Intentions of Peggy and John Finucane on the occasion of their 50th Anniversary by Dave and Kitty Jensen

Jeffrey Budd, Birthday Anniversary by Jo Ann Englerth

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

Monday, July 27, Weekday

For the intentions of Kitty Jensen by Chris Walsh

Tuesday, July 28, Weekday

For the poor souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 29, St. Martha

Roy and Irene Bush by Bequest

Thursday, July 30, Weekday

Rita Ransom by Bequest

Friday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Saturday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:00 p.m. (SM) Eladio v Gonzalez by Shirley Cirillo

Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

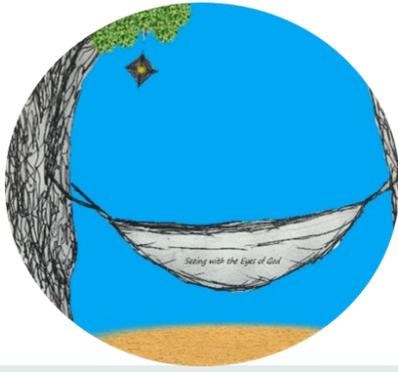
9:00 a.m. (SB) For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

11:00 a.m. (BS) Kevin O'Reilly by Jim and Mary Holleran
Jack Garner by the Next to New Sale Volunteers

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 Johnson, Scott Miller, Loretta Rose Doyle, Jerry Lynch, Sam Lanzafame, Kitty Jensen, Mary Ann DiPolito, Larry Eschrich, Linda O'Donnell, John McCrank, Lucy Coonan, Matthew Grasta, Barbara Tredeau

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 5 July 26-Aug. 1

Theme: Do you have an understanding heart? The treasure of God's Kingdom might not have been revealed to you yet. LOOK FOR IT! It may be "buried"!

Scripture: Kings 3:5, 7-12; Psalm 119; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

Prayer: Have a conversation with God this week. Spend some time in quiet and see if you can hear where God is trying to lead you.

Service: Go on a shopping scavenger hunt for a soup kitchen or food cupboard by finding their wish list... or ... Contact your local donation center for example, St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill, etc. and find out how to give clothing. Then, "HUNT" through your dresser and closet and pull out clothes that you no longer wear. Together as a family, ask: Why do we pass along our clothing to those in need? How many outfits does a person really need? How do I feel when I donate extra clothes to others? Say a prayer for the families who receive the clothing you gave.

Reflecting in the Hammock: Solomon asked God for an understanding heart. Think about a person, a group of people that you have a difficult time understanding. Open your heart to them as children of God. How might you try and walk in their shoes this week?

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.

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

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 shared 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

For summer reading, I suggest almost any of Anne Tyler's novels. They're beloved for their poignant pictures of contemporary family life. Among my favorites are **Saint Maybe**, **A Patchwork Planet**, and **Breathing Lessons**.

I return to Jane Austen's novels year after year—especially **Pride and Prejudice** and **Emma**. But all of them are playful and wise.

If you want a loooooong read, a fictional world you can return to day after day, read Vikram Seth's **A Suitable Boy**. Taking place in India after the creation of Pakistan, the story follows a mother's quest to find the right husband for her daughter—but many subplots also bring in political and social issues of the time.

If history is your interest, read Jill Lepore's well-researched and very accessible books. **Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin** is a marvelous biography of Ben Franklin's sister. Lepore's **These Truths: A History of the United States** is an eye-opening re-examination of the way slavery has formed our history.

Sarah Smarsh, **Heartland**: a fascinating account of the effects of growing up in poverty on a midwest farm.

What are you reading this summer? Share your selections with us by Aug. 5, at kathleen.wayne@dor.org and we will include them in a future column.

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.

A Word From Father John...

After several weeks of celebrating Mass in church with more members of the faithful present, I thought it might be helpful to update you on how things are going. I am happy to report that we have a wonderful group of volunteers who have been assisting us serving as Mass Ambassadors, who assist with check-in, hand sanitizing, seating, ushering folks to communion and to the exits at the end of Mass, and also serving on our Disinfecting Teams, who disinfect the pews and touched surfaces after each Mass. Without their help, we would not be able to celebrate these Masses. At the same time, we would welcome more volunteers to assist us. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office. I also am grateful for the wonderful way those attending have cooperated with all the new processes and procedures to help us do our best to keep everyone safe and mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus. And I cannot overlook the members of our parish staff who have been working harder during this interlude between Sue and Deacon David's retirement and Gina Morgese and Dennis Mahaney joining us in August. So far, God has given all of us the grace we need to do what we need to do. These are just some of the many things for which I can be grateful as we offer God praise and thanksgiving at our Masses.

As is the case at many parishes in the diocese and beyond, our attendance at Mass has not approached the limits established by the requirements of NY State and the Diocese. The 4:00pm Mass on Saturdays at St. Mary's has had an average attendance of 44, ranging between 39 and 53, with a capacity of 75. The 9:00am Mass on Sundays at St. Boniface has had an average attendance of 45, ranging between 40 and 54, with a capacity of 75. And the 11:00am Mass on Sundays at Blessed Sacrament has had an average attendance of 62, ranging between 54 and 67, with a capacity of 100. From what I have observed, a number of folks are coming consistently each week. After a few weeks, it seemed that we were poised to see attendance pick up, when the spread of Coronavirus surged in areas that had opened up ahead of us. That seemed to put a damper on things. Yet, we did see a slight uptick last weekend. I hope that others consider joining us when they are ready. It is obvious from these numbers that we have room to accommodate more.

Along these lines, a number of people have mentioned to me that they have not come to Mass, because the busyness of their lives often means that they forget to register on Wednesday or Thursday, and only think of it on Friday or Saturday. And they are not interested in having to stand in a waiting line to find out if they can get in. Who can blame them given the heat that we have been experiencing? Yet, since we have not reached capacity, no one has been forced to wait. We have a separate list with the number of spaces still available after the reservation process. Those who come without making a reservation ahead of time have to check-in, supplying their name and contact information should contact tracing be required. That takes a little more time than for those who have registered ahead of time, whose names can be simply checked off the list. But, so far, it has not meant having to wait very long. I would strongly encourage everyone to keep making reservations as that helps us know how many Mass Ambassadors are needed to handle the expected crowd, and it speeds the check-in process for everyone. To help those who miss making a reservation, we will include the number of those who have registered and the number of seats still available in the email newsletter that is sent out on Friday to those who have signed up to receive them. Hopefully, that will help give you an idea of your chances of just showing and getting a seat. At this point, I am not eager to add more Masses, when we are not approaching capacity in the ones that are already offered.

As indicated previously, we will continue to offer Mass via livestream and recorded for viewing at your convenience. We would like to stay connected with those of you who are not in a position to join us in person or who are not yet comfortable with assuming the risks that are involved with attending public gatherings. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. So, none of us need to rush back to church at this point. We miss seeing you, but respect your decision to do what you need to remain safe and keep others safe in the midst of this pandemic.

Lastly, thanks to all of you who have continued to support our parish with your donations. It certainly enables me to rest easier knowing that those contributions are helping us to meet our financial obligations and continue our parish ministries.

Peace and blessings,

Yours,

Fr. John

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

During these summer months with so much attention being given to the sin of racism, we are reprinting articles members of the parish Social Justice Committee will reflect on the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on racism:

"Open Wide Our Hearts"

The Social Justice Committee read and discussed the document Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love - A Pastoral Letter Against Racism, which was approved by the "full body" of United States Catholic Bishops. Previous to reading it, my education on the topic of racism was through a "secular lens." Learning about and understanding racism, including being in touch, to the extent possible, with my own conscious and unconscious prejudices, was a big part of my training as a psychotherapist.

It was refreshing, invigorating, and hopeful to read this thoughtful document and think about racism through the "lens" of my faith tradition. "Refreshing," as the document does not mince words about what racism is, what we are called to do as Christians, and how our church is called to work toward healing "divisions" brought about by racism. Having the American Bishops single out this issue as important and worthy of significant attention and action makes me feel proud to be Catholic.

The "Christian lens" invigorates me, gives me hope, remembering that with "God all things are possible" (Mt 19:26). The document touched me as it quoted from the prophet Micah that we are called as a people "to walk humbly with your God." It calls me to an "honest acknowledgement of our [my] failures," such as when I have thought of someone as unworthy of equal regard, and reminds me that "it is the Lord who, by his grace, forgives and restores us to these relationships and heals the wounds between us." Being called to walk humbly with my God, and knowing I am loved by God, gives me the safety required to be open to looking at the unconscious ways that racism has penetrated my heart. I am grateful to have read this "letter" and to have my faith to help heal me of prejudice.

—Mary Caughtry

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 WITH THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE.

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PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

July 19, 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,688	\$ 6,700	\$ (2,012)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,646	\$ 3,000	\$ (354)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,337	\$ 5,050	\$ (1,713)
Year-to-Date Totals			
Blessed Sacrament	\$20,237	\$20,100	\$ 137
St. Boniface	\$7,589	\$9,000	(\$ 1,411)
St. Mary's	\$13,905	\$15,150	(\$ 1,245)

**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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