

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

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August 9, 2020  
Nineteenth 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.



## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply,  
"Lord, if it is you, command  
me to come to you on the  
water." He said, "Come."  
Peter got out of the boat  
and began to walk on the  
water toward Jesus.  
- Mt 14:28-29

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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 to pray the Rosary for those listed on our prayer lists, as well as any personal intentions they have. We invite you to join us in a Zoom Meeting every Thursday at 2:30pm for our weekly Rosary for Healing. The next Rosary for Healing will be held on **Thursday, August 13 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 praying the rosary during that time with us.

### **Families with Children Kindergarten-Grade 9**

#### ***FAITH FORMATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION UPDATE***

In preparation for the upcoming school year, we are closely monitoring the safety guidelines and awaiting the directives about school reopening from the Diocese and State of New York. Our priority will continue to be the safety of our students and volunteer catechists. During the week of August 9, all families who participated in our Faith Formation program during the 2019-2020 school year will receive an email with a survey about possible options moving forward. If you will be new to our Faith Formation program in the fall, contact me and I will send you the survey. Families registered in one of the Catholic Schools with children entering Second or Eighth Grades who are interested in preparing for the Sacraments of Penance, First Communion or Confirmation, please email me ([kathleen.wayne@dor.org](mailto:kathleen.wayne@dor.org)) so we can keep you informed of the preparation sessions.

**The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is a process of prayer and conversation that invites people to grow in their understanding of God, faith and the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know is interested in learning more about the process of becoming Catholic, contact Sister Kathleen Wayne 585-507-9961 or [kathleen.wayne@dor.org](mailto:kathleen.wayne@dor.org).

#### ***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](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! Please note the Supper Program has opened for takeout.



Readings for August 16, 2020  
Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

IS 56: 1, 6-7  
ROM 11: 13-15, 29-32  
MT 15: 21-28

## 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, August 8, St. Dominic, Priest**

4:00 p.m. (SM) Marie Voelkl, Anniversary by Amy Voelkl  
Rita Ransom by Bequest

### **Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. (SB) Ford Englerth by JoAnne Englerth  
Gertrude Gaffke by Eileen Stanley

11:00 a.m. (BS) Harold Frost by his family  
For the intentions of Dave and Kitty Jensen on the occasion of their 50th anniversary by family

### **Monday, August 10, St. Lawrence, Deacon**

Gene Walsdorf by Frances Carney

### **Tuesday, August 11, St. Claire, Virgin**

For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

### **Wednesday, August 12, Weekday**

Helen Murphy by John and Judy Lynd

### **Thursday, August 13, Weekday**

For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

### **Friday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**

Colleen Cleary Bavosa by The Cleary Family

### **Friday, August 14, Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption**

5:00 For the Parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community [Livestreamed see page 5]

### **Saturday, August 15, Feast of the Assumption of Mary**

4:00 p.m. (SM) Hindey Moser by Shirley Cirillo  
For the Poor of Rochester by The Cleary Family

### **Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. (SB) Jeffrey Budd by Donna and Tom Murphy  
11:00 a.m. (BS) Joseph Forte by Children  
Helen and Arthur Flindell by Frances Carnay  
Jack Garner by Joy Klein

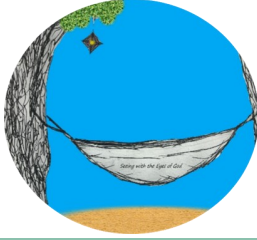
**Please Pray for those in need of healing:** Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Tim Crosier, Mary Kniep Hardy, Michael Boothby, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Larry Grasta, Larry Schlosser, Patricia Hynes, Sr. Marilyn Williams, Muriel 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 Johnsen, 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, John Lentricchia

**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.



Congratulations and our promise of prayers for **Joseph Maurici, who will be ordained a deacon for our Diocese on Saturday, August 15.** Joseph is the son of parishioners Joe and Wendy Maurici and often times (before Covid) assisted at St. Boniface when he was home on break from the Seminary. With God's grace he will be ordained to the priesthood next year. Please pray for Joseph and all who are discerning a call to ordained ministry, religious life, or lay ministry in our church.



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

**Summer Journey of Faith: Week 7 August 9-15**

**Theme:** Take Courage! God meets us in the most unexpected places.

**Scripture:** 1Kings 19:9a,11-13a; Psalm 85; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:22-33

**Prayer:**

**Mary Undoer of Knots**

Holy Mary, full of God's presence during the day of your life, you accepted with full humility the Father's will, and the devil was never capable of tying you up with his confusion.

Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us an example of how to untie the knots in our life. By remaining forever Our Mother, you put in order and make more clear the ties that link us to the Lord.

Holy Mother, Mother of God and our Mother, to you who untie with a motherly heart the knots of our life, we pray to you to receive in your hands (the name of the person), and to free him/her of the knots and confusion with which our enemy attacks.

Through your grace, your intercession and your example deliver us from all evil, Our Lady, and untie the knots that prevent us from being united with God, so that we, free from sin and error, may find Him in all things, may have our hearts placed in Him, and may serve Him always in our brothers and sisters.  
Amen.

**Reflecting in the Hammock:** It can be easy to have doubts when the world is in turmoil. We all experience those moments of fear and isolation from God. As you reflect this week, focus on the temptations you have had to fear that God is not walking alongside us on this tumultuous journey. Are you able to see the presence of God, even in the midst of crisis? Where has God been revealed to you lately?

**RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH**

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. I wondered what they were reading this summer, so I reached out to a few people to ask. I share some of their choices below.

—Sister Kathleen Wayne, RSM

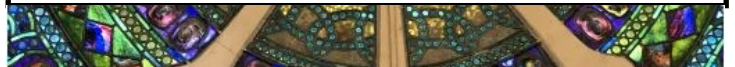
I've been reading a lot which is usually the case for me. A lot of lightweight books like John Grisham's latest, **Camino Winds**, and Daniel Silva's latest, **The Order**.

**Behold the Dreamers**, by Imbolo Mbue, really resonated with me. It was a story about immigrants from Cameroon. The characters really wanted to make it in NYC. I won't reveal the ending. The author was born in Cameroon, so she really knew what she was writing about even though the majority of the book was in NYC.

The book I'm in the middle of now is **Mudbound** by Hillary Jordan, about a family living in the south right after WWII.

**A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles. I loved this book so much. I have so many quotes from it and learned so much about Russia and the Bolsheviks. It is incredibly, beautifully, and brilliantly written. It explores how one might handle circumstances in life out of our control, the importance of change and growth, and the recognition of unidentified blessings. It is a book you don't want to end.

I would like to recommend a book I read few years ago - **Left to Tell** by Immaculee Ilibagiza. It's a true story of a young woman who lost most of her family during the 1994 Rwandan genocide. Wayne Dyer, who wrote the foreword, stated that this book is "by far the most moving and poignantly significant" book he has read in his lifetime. It is one of the best books I have ever read.



**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](mailto:bernieheveron@gmail.com) or call 585-737-4806 for more information. You may also place your contact information in the collection tower at Mass.

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

I have some good news to share with you. We finally received two of the three electrostatic sprayers that were on backorder. These devices will help us to disinfect our churches and other spaces more efficiently, requiring fewer volunteers, less time, and less disinfectant, but providing better coverage. If you go to the homepage of the manufacturer's website ([www.victorycomplete.com](http://www.victorycomplete.com)), you can view a short two-minute video that demonstrates how the electrostatically charged spray coats the top of a vent pipe, but also wraps around coating the underside, and even is drawn into the surfaces inside the pipe. It's pretty amazing.

We are in the process of training both volunteers and staff on the how to operate the sprayers safely and effectively and how to maintain them properly. Given the current demand for these not inexpensive devices, we want to make sure that we use and care for them well. As we become more proficient in their use, it will allow us to more easily perform the required disinfecting of our churches and spaces. In turn, this will allow us to consider expanding our Mass schedule, as well as making use of other spaces for meetings and gatherings.

Yet, we still need to have a number of volunteers on hand to assist with keeping track of those who attend for the purposes of contact tracing, as well as with monitoring the wearing of face coverings, maintaining proper social distancing, the movement of people and the like. A number of wonderful and generous volunteers have been serving as Mass Ambassadors, some even serving every week. But, we will need more volunteers, if we are going to be able to sustain our current schedule over the long run, and if we are going to consider expanding that schedule by adding daily Masses or more weekend Masses.

If you would be willing to volunteer to help with our current Masses or specifically with an expanded number of weekend or daily Masses, please let a staff member, Fr. Mike or I know, or call the parish office and leave your name, contact information and the times and days of the weekend or daily Masses when you would be willing to serve. I have been assured by numerous people who want to expand the number of Masses that volunteers will come forward willingly. I guess this a chance to prove them right. But, in reality, I know that our parish is blessed by many willing and generous volunteers, as I have seen evidence of it time and time again. I trust that the Holy Spirit will inspire those who are needed to come forward, if our desires and plans to expand the number of our Masses and other activities fit with God's plans for us.

On a sad note, I met with the Leadership Team of our Next-To-New Sale to discuss what we might do this fall. After much thoughtful and considered deliberation and discernment, it was decided that that a Next-To-New Sale was not possible this fall. I know that will be disappointing particularly to many of you who have been storing up donations for several months. Members of the team had contacted a large number of our volunteers, who are essential in making all the preparation, sale and clean-up possible. Not surprisingly, given that many of our volunteers are in the vulnerable category themselves or live with someone who is vulnerable for any number of reasons, a significant number indicated that regrettably they did not feel that they could help with a fall sale. The Leadership Team also considered all of the logistical and practical challenges presented by requirements like wearing face coverings, social distancing, and restricted capacity limits. All the signs pointed to the wisdom and prudence of forgoing the sale for this fall. Yet, the team is very much committed to mounting a sale in the spring of 2021, God willing.

Also, they are going to be looking at what might be possible on a much smaller and limited scale this fall. But we are aware that those efforts will not generate anywhere near the \$40,000 in revenue budgeted. This will be an item of concern and discussion when I meet with my Finance Councils this coming week.

With that said, it makes the necessity of our meeting our budgeted collection targets all the more important. Again, I thank everyone who has continued to support our parish with contributions large and small. These are difficult and challenging times for many, if not all of us. All your gifts are very much needed and appreciated. Thank you.

Lastly, on a positive note, we are delighted to welcome our new Pastoral Associate focused on Social Justice & Ministry and Evangelization & Discipleship, Dennis Mahaney, who will begin working and ministering with us this coming week. Some of you may remember meeting him and his wife, Tracy, when they came to our Masses earlier this summer. I am hoping that more of you who come to Mass next weekend, August 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, have a chance to meet him and wish him well. I am sure that as we get to know him better over the next few weeks and months, we will come to appreciate him and all that he has to offer our parish. Please keep Dennis in your prayers during this time of transition to what is for him, like Gina, a new position in a new parish in a new city. May God be with him and bless him.

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 wrote reflecting on the U.S. Bishops' pastoral letter on racism:

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

Today: **Fighting Racism: First Challenge the Imagination**

In the Bishops' letter, I was struck by the historical and economic analysis to explain how we got to where we are. It is a succinct overview of the development of racism as we know it in the New World. However, grand historical vistas aside, we are born into this world with no control over who our parents will be, which values they will teach us, what we will look like and what mental and physical abilities we will have. Like it or not, our births are the first great lottery in life.

Upon reflection, I thought: I could have been born in the 19th century to an enslaved woman or to indigenous people on the Great Plains of North America. Perhaps it could have been my fate to be born a healthy white male child to a loving or unloving family somewhere in Maine in the 1990s. Sometimes when I am at Mass, I look at my fellow parishioners and my imagination whispers, "I could have been you or you could have been me." I am challenged by the arbitrary nature of this observation; I am suddenly unmoored.

This feeling does not last too long. I am practical by nature but also grateful for an imagination that allows me to see the echoes of others' humanity in me. We were made in God's image. My challenge is to remember that when I see you.

—Lucia Espinosa

**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



**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**

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**PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION**

August 2, 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 5,871	\$ 6,700	\$ ( 829)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,044	\$ 3,000	\$ 44
St. Mary's	\$ 3,554	\$ 5,050	\$ ( 1,496)
<b>Year-to-Date Totals</b>			
Blessed Sacrament	\$30,334	\$33,500	(\$3,167)
St. Boniface	\$12,205	\$15,000	(\$2,795)
St. Mary's	\$21,930	\$25,250	(\$3,320)

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



**Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Aug. 15**

This Feast, declared a dogma of our Catholic faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950, celebrates the belief that God assumed Mary's body into heaven. "The celebration of the Assumption is the celebration of God's promise and fulfillment. God chose Mary—young, female, powerless—as the first human to experience the resurrection of the body to lead the way for all of us," (taken from The Sourcebook 2020 published by LTP). We rejoice in a special way on this day, the parish feast of St. Mary's Church. There is a beautiful stained glass window depiction of The Assumption of Mary in the Sanctuary of the Church at St. Mary's. "In 'The Assumption' window, God brings Mary into heavenly glory, the promised inheritance for each of us living in the Body of Christ," (The Light Within: A spiritual journey in stained glass windows from St. Mary's Church). **We will have a live-streamed Mass from St. Mary's on Friday, August 14th at 5:00 PM. Happy Feast Day to all!**

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