

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

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October 4, 2020
Twenty-Seventh 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.

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27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone."
- Mt 21:42ab

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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

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 secure a space at these Sunday Masses, walk-ins will be welcome until we reach capacity. See the parish website or call the parish office before Thursday at 3:30pm (585-271-7240).
Temporary Daily Mass Schedule: Monday, Thursday & Friday 12:10pm at St. Mary's; Tuesday & Friday 7:30am at St. Boniface, and Monday and Wednesday 8:00am at Blessed Sacrament
NO Reservations required for these daily Masses.
Those seeking to celebrate the **Sacrament of Penance** in individual confessions, please contact one of our parish priests to schedule a time.

The Music Corner

Visit

serccmusiccorner.weebly.com/
to view our newest information, including information about the first of the "First Fridays" concerts. Our thanks to all of our musicians for their ministries.



Download our app! Find it on iTunes or Google Play!



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



Low gluten hosts available by request at "Check-In" before Mass.

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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, October 4

Monday, October 5

5:30-7:30 p.m. Book Discussion: *The Wisdom of Jesus* (Zoom)
7:30 p.m. Young Adult Group Discussion (Zoom)

Tuesday, October 6

4:00 p.m. Book discussion: *Provocative Mothers and Their Precocious Daughters* (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 7

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Zoom)

Thursday, October 8

2:30 p.m. Rosary for Healing (Zoom)
7:00-8:00 p.m. Holy Hour with the Lord (SB & Facebook Live)

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

Sunday, October 11

12:00p.m. The Catholic Roots of Halloween presented by Fr. John Family Pumpkin Decorating both after the 11:00 Mass (BS)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5: [40:30 Young Adult Group](#) will meet every Monday 7:30 - 8:30pm via Zoom. See our website or email newsletters for more details.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18: [Discussion: "How Catholics Vote"](#) Presented by Dennis Mahaney, 2:30-4:30 at BS.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11: [The Catholic Roots of Halloween & Family Pumpkin Decorating](#) after the 11:00 Mass at BS.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25: [Ninja Warrior: Catholic Edition](#). Enjoy lunch after the 11:00 Mass at BS and then attempt our Ninja Warrior Challenge. (Try the Camp Stella Maris "Adventure-Based Learning Experience.")

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following couple getting married:

*Chelsea Hewitt and John Cunningham
Karen Guerand and Joseph Williams
Lindsay Wheeler and Christopher Maltzan*



*Our Lady's Candle at St. Mary's Church
burns this week for
Maureen Gregor — Family*

*The Sanctuary Candle at St. Boniface burns
in memory of Mark and David Brownyard*



Readings for October 11, 2020
Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

IS 25: 6-10A
PHIL 4: 12-14, 19-20
MT 22: 1-14

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Please note: ALL of our weekday Masses are now open to the public.

Saturday, October 3, Weekday

4:00 p.m. (SM) Catherine Marsden by June and Mike Allen

Sunday, October 4, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) Margaret Nordbye by Mary Smith

11:00 a.m. (BS) Liz and Christina Turoski by Zinone Family

Mike Wade by John and Judy Lynd

Robert Keenan by Bob Keenan

Monday, October 5, Weekday

8:00 a.m. (BS) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

12:10p.m. (SM) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

Tuesday, October 6, Weekday

7:30 a.m. (SB) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

Wednesday, October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00 a.m. (BS) Vivian and Peter Meyer by family

Thursday, October 8, Weekday

12:10p.m. (SM) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

Friday, October 9, Weekday

7:30a.m. (SB) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

12:10p.m. (SM) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

Saturday, October 10, Weekday

4:00 p.m. (SM) Rita Hickey by Joan Kelly

Sunday, October 11, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) David and Mark Brownyard by Joanne and Bob Brownyard

11:00 a.m. (BS) Mary Flanagan by Judith Kiehl

John Nicolosi by Frank Wood

Ann Lobene and John Lobene by Richard

Lobene

Please Pray for those in need of healing: Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Mary Kniep Hardy, Michael Boothby, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Larry Grasta, Larry Schlosser, Patricia Hynes, 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, Pat Nicolosi, Theresa Sullivan, Jim Melito, Ruth Smith, Rick Gorman, Maya Johnsen, Scott Miller, Loretta Rose Doyle, Jerry Lynch, Sam Lanzajame, Kitty Jensen, Mary Ann DiPolito, Larry Eschrich, Linda O'Donnell, John McCrank, Lucy Coonan, Matthew Grasta, Barbara Tredean, John Lentricchia, Terrance O'Donnell, Louise Adler, Conrad Scheg, Paul Rice, Craig Milne, Anne Zukoski, Ann Maloney and Jimmy VanderLinden.

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.

CONSCIENCE, CANDIDATES and DISCIPLESHIP

The Social Justice Ministry Committee, comprised of members from our three churches, tasks itself to contemplate and act within the modes of social action within the Church. In this season of the General Election, we find words of Pope Francis which guide us: In summary, he says, “The Earth is our common home, all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed ‘just’ ordering of society is a central responsibility of politics, the Church cannot remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.” These powerful thoughts are expanded by Bishop Robert W. McElroy in his paper “Conscience, Candidates, Discipleship.” I paraphrase some of these thoughts below along with those of Pope Francis.

It becomes clear: the problem facing us is bigger than voting for specific issues. To fulfill our task for justice, life, and peace, our teaching refuses to let us prioritize and fill only certain boxes on social issues; our duty also is to elect a candidate. Bishop McElroy has outlined ten societal concerns that require our decisive action. But he points out two over-arching and critical issues: abortion and climate change. Where does Catholic theology help us in sorting out our role in ennobling the world when it comes to these? The death toll from the first is immediate; from the latter, unchecked climate change threatens the future of humanity and devastates the poor and marginalized. Both issues have compelling moral claims on us as Christians, and we seek insight as we also look to the election of a national political leader. We understand both issues vary in priority and claim, but are united in orientation to the common good. Faithful voting therefore depends on the specific ability of a candidate to actually advance the common good. In making our determination, competence and character also come into play.

Gary Goodwin

Social Justice Ministry Committee member

FIRST FRIDAYS AT ST. MARY’S RETURNS!

First Fridays at St. Mary’s is a new series of monthly concerts featuring musicians from the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community, the Eastman School of Music, and the larger community. Each month, we will host a solo guest artist or ensemble to present a 45 minute concert from St. Mary’s at 7:30pm. Join us virtually, bring a friend, and enjoy the music. While indoor concerts remain prohibited by the State of New York, our first few concerts will be prerecorded and made available on the following link at the date and time of each concert. <https://serccmusiccorner.weebly.com/first-fridays-at-st-marys.html>. Our first concert was held October 2 at 7:30pm. and it is posted at the above address already. A live link is available in the Tuesday and Friday email newsletters.

A NOTE FROM THE ST. BONIFACE MEN’S CLUB

The Saint Boniface Men’s Club hopes that you and your family are staying safe during this pandemic. Well, it’s that time of year again, when we have our annual membership drive. While we are uncertain about the future due to the virus, the Men’s Club Board did put together our calendar of events for the upcoming year, which unfortunately at this time all have been cancelled until January 2021 due to CDC, NY State, diocesan, and parish guidelines.

This year your dues will be even more important as we do not know the future. But the Men’s Club Board wants to be prepared to continue our good work and service to the parish and the community. If any parishioner would like to join [\$20.00 annual fee] or donate to the club please email Tony Califano @ acalifa1@rochester.rr.com or call 585-359-0966 for details.



RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

Franciscan Spirituality from a Lay Person’s Perspective

I experienced Franciscan Spirituality when I lived in an intentional Franciscan Community for a year. It’s still a large aspect of my spiritual identity. Community and simplicity are two aspects of Franciscan spirituality that anyone can incorporate into their prayer life. Matthew 18:20 says “For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst.” God made us to be social beings who thrive in community; not an island unto ourselves, and this applies to our faith life as well. Having a spiritual community of other believers who support me in my faith and lift me up in prayer is so important! They remind me how much God loves me and that I am never alone.

Psalm 116:6 says, “The Lord preserves the simple; I was brought low, and He saved me.” I can’t focus on God when my life is full of distractions. When I start to feel stressed and don’t have the time to pray, I need to reevaluate and simplify! For me, that’s often limiting my media consumption. I am not a perfect Christian. I sin on a regular basis and have spiritual “dry spells” when God feels far away. Therefore, I always go back to Franciscan spirituality as part of my prayer life; to remember that by trusting in God, all things are possible. “Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”—St. Francis of Assisi

—Pastoral Associate Gina Morgese

SAVE THE DATE: JOIN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PRAYING THE ROSARY

On Saturday, October 10, at 1:00 p.m. we will be joining thousands of people around our nation to again pray the Outdoor Rosary. We will gather in front of the Fatima statue beside St. Boniface Church at 330 Gregory Street in Rochester. Please bring your own chair or a blanket and your mask. Prayer sheets will be provided. We will observe appropriate social distancing. The gathering is **limited to 50 people** in accord with NYS regulations. Please pray for good weather (the church will be closed). The anniversary of the last apparition in Fatima is Tuesday, October 13. Also, remember that St. Boniface has Mass at 7:30a.m. on Tuesday mornings.

WINNING THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR WOMEN

Join our parishioner, Suzanne Schnittman, in a Zoom presentation on the women who fought for the right to vote and included their daughters in the struggle that won that right 100 years ago. This is a timely discussion since in less than a month, citizens will be exercising the precious right to determine who will govern this country.

The book: *Provocative Mothers and Their Precocious Daughters*

When: Tuesday, October 6 at 4:00

Who: all who will exercise their right to vote this November and young people who will be participating now or in the near future

Why: to appreciate the struggle of obtaining the right to vote as well as supporting the abolitionist movement

Zoom: sign on begins at 3:40 using this information:

Meeting ID: 959 0865 8958

Passcode: 718924

**Join Suzanne for a lively discussion
on the right to vote then and now.**

A Word From Father John...

October 4th is a significant date in the Church calendar. On this day, we usually mark the feast of St. Francis, who was noted for his charismatic personality, deep compassion for all, and love for God's creation. In the years past, when public gatherings presented fewer challenges and threats to our health, we often would offer a Blessing of Animals for pets and other animals. This year, the feast of St. Francis is overshadowed by our celebration of the solemnity of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Furthermore, as the first Sunday in October, it is also Respect Life Sunday marking a month in which we help Catholics and others understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life.

Elsewhere in this bulletin, there are articles touching on the need to protect human life from the threat of abortion. But as Pope St. John Paul II recognized in his encyclical the Gospel of Life, the full range of threats against human life include poverty and malnutrition, murder and war. As the insert in last week's bulletin indicates that list of threats also includes: euthanasia and assisted suicide; capital punishment; unjust discrimination; pollution and destruction of the environment; among others.

Given the heightened focus on race and justice, since the tragic death of George Floyd, I would like to focus on racism as a right to life issue. This is not a novel approach. For the Church has been speaking out against racism at least since the early 1960's. I would like to share with you a number of quotes highlighting the Church's teaching on racism.

But any kind of social or cultural discrimination in basic personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language or religion, must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design. [Gaudium et Spes ("The Church in the Modern World"), Vatican II, 1965, #29.]

Let the Church proclaim to all that the sin of racism defiles the image of God and degrades the sacred dignity of humankind which has been revealed by the mystery of the Incarnation. Let all know that it is a terrible sin that mocks the cross of Christ and ridicules the Incarnation. For the brother and sister of our Brother Jesus Christ are brother and sister to us. [Brothers and Sisters to Us, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1979.]

John Paul II in turn reaffirmed: "Man's creation by God 'in his own image' confers upon every human person an eminent dignity; it also postulates the fundamental equality of all human beings. For the Church, this equality, which is rooted in man's being, acquires the dimension of an altogether special brotherhood through the Incarnation of the Son of God.... In the Redemption effected by Jesus Christ the Church sees a further basis of the rights and duties of the human person. Hence every form of discrimination based on race...is absolutely unacceptable." [The Church and Racism: Towards a More Fraternal Society, Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace, 1988, #17.]

Finally, too often racism comes in the form of the sin of omission, when individuals, communities, and even churches remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered...[R]acism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. This evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts. The persistence of the evil of racism is why we are writing this letter now. People are still being harmed, so action is still needed. What is needed, and what we are calling for, is a genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society. Conversion is a long road to travel for the individual. Moving our nation to a full realization of the promise of liberty, equality, and justice for all is even more challenging. However, in Christ we can find the strength and the grace necessary to make that journey. [Open Wide Our Hearts, USCCB, 2018].

Be "unconditionally pro-life." These are the words of St. Pope John Paul II from his final pastoral visit to the United States. He summoned Catholics to "eradicate every form of racism" as part of their wholehearted and essential commitment to life. [Bryan N. Massingale, "The assumptions of white privilege and what we can do about it: Amy Cooper knew exactly what she was doing. We all do. And that's the problem." National Catholic Reporter, June 1, 2020.]

In my reflection on Fr. Massingale's just quoted article in my bulletin column on July 5, 2020, I noted that "Realizing that coming to terms with the reality of systemic racism can leave us feeling helpless, confused, and even despondent, Fr. Massingale offers us six things that we can do in response." Those included: (1) "understand the difference between being uncomfortable and being threatened;" (2) "sit in the discomfort this hard truth brings;" (3) "admit our ignorance and do something about it;" (4) "have the courage to confront family and friends;" (5) "be 'un-conditionally' pro-life;" and (6) "pray."

As we enter this Respect Life Month, I reiterate: "My hope is that as a parish, we will be able to see in this moment an opportunity to cooperate with the promptings of the Holy Spirit and the gift of God's grace. As Fr. Massingale offers, 'Perhaps, then, the grace of this dark time in our nation is that it reveals how racially toxic our politics, society and culture have truly become, in order to spur us to build a new culture based not on the exploitation of fear but on solidarity with and for the least among us.'" In this way, may we use this month to become more and more truly unconditionally pro-life as we fully embrace a consistent ethic of life across all the areas that the Church highlights for us, especially at this time working to eradicate the sin of racism in ourselves and in our society.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,

Fr. John

**CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE.
FORM YOUR CONSCIENCE.**

As we celebrate Respect Life Sunday, commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Gospel of Life, and continue to grow in our understanding of political engagement, we are reminded of Saint Pope John Paul II's words that human life finds itself most vulnerable when it enters the world and when it leaves the realm of time to embark upon eternity (Evangelium Vitae, 44). As we challenge our political leaders to support the dignity of human life, let us all take responsibility to walk with those in need at critical moments of decision-making. Questions for reflection: On the preeminent priority of abortion, as described by the U.S. Bishops in the introductory note of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, how can I work with political leaders to end the tragedy of abortion in my community? How can I walk with moms-in-need this year to show that support for women and children in crisis is available? For more information please go to www.LifeRoc.org.

LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

Respect Life Month Statement, October 2020

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

As Catholics in the United States, we will soon mark our annual observance of October as Respect Life Month. It is a time to focus on God's precious gift of human life and our responsibility to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

This year's theme, "Live the Gospel of Life," was inspired by the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical The Gospel of Life. Pope John Paul's masterfully articulated defense of the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized is more relevant today than ever before.

This past November, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." While we noted not to "dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty," we renewed our commitment to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to live.

This past January, I shared with Pope Francis that the Bishops of the United States had been criticized by some for identifying the protection of the unborn as a pre-eminent priority. The Holy Father expressed his support for our efforts observing that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a culture of life and civilization of love. The important work of transforming our culture begins by allowing the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make. May we strive to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps, caring for the most vulnerable among us. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to live courageously and faithfully his Gospel of life.

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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PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

September 27, 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,569	\$ 6,700	\$ (2,131)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,008	\$ 3,000	\$ (992)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,249	\$ 5,050	\$ (801)
Year-to-Date Totals			
Blessed Sacrament	\$72,785	\$ 87,100	\$ (14,315)
St. Boniface	\$36,142	\$ 39,000	\$ (2,858)
St. Mary's	\$57,838	\$ 65,650	\$ (7,812)

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

PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP US

WITH HOLDING DAILY MASSES

We have returned to our full schedule of daily Masses. Yet, to sustain that schedule over the long term, we need a few more volunteers to assist with the check-in process and hand sanitizing. Both these tasks require people with tact, patience and leadership skills. It would require being at Mass about twenty minutes early. 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.



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