

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

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December 30, 2018
 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

And because he had been warned in a dream,
 he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and
 dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been
 spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled,
He shall be called a Nazorean. — Mt 2:22b-23



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Mass Schedule

Blessed Sacrament
 534 Oxford Street
 Rochester, New York 14607

259 Rutgers Street (mailing)
 Rochester, New York 14607
 (585) 271-7240
 (585) 442-7517 Fax

Sunday 10:00 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.
 Mon & Wed at 8:00 a.m.

Saint Boniface
 330 Gregory Street
 Rochester, New York 14620

259 Rutgers Street (mailing)
 Rochester, New York 14607
 (585) 271-7240
 (585) 442-7517 Fax

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday 9:00 a.m.
 Tues & Fri 7:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.

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

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
 Mon, Thurs, Fri 12:10 p.m.

Rosary & Communion
 Tues & Wed 12:10 p.m.

Sacrament of Penance
 Saturday 3:00 p.m.



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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, December 30

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Hohman/Thomas (SB)

Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve—Parish office closed

- 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary,
The Mother of God (SM)

Tuesday, January 1, New Year's Day—Parish office closed

- 10:00 a.m. Mass for the Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God (BS)

Wednesday, January 2

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary before 8:00am Mass (BS)
10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BS)

Thursday, January 3

- 7:00 p.m. First Thursday Holy Hour (SB)

Friday, January 4

Saturday, January 5

- 3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SM)
4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (SB)

Sunday, January 6, Epiphany of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Anderson/Buck/Volta (SB)



BANNES OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following couples getting married:

Amy Margaret Skrip & Matthew Casciani (SM)



Readings for January 6, 2018 The Epiphany of the Lord

IS 60: 1-6
EPH 3: 2-3A, 5-6
MT 2: 1-12



If you are interested in joining our parish community, check out our website at southastrochestercatholics.org and click on "Join the Parish". There you will find access to a downloadable form or an online form. No access to a computer? No problem! Call the office at 585-271-7240 and we can mail a form to you, or pick one up in the back of any of our churches.

Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 29

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
5:00 p.m. (SB) Jack & Mary Haskell by Bill Bauman &
Bonnie Keller

Sunday, December 30

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) Bernice Reinhardt by The Twilighters
10:00 a.m. (BS) Martha Johnson by Rick & Marie Bartholomay
Ed Dempsey by Family
10:30 a.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
12:15 p.m. (BS) William Miller by Bill & Sharon Schwartz
4:00 p.m. (SM) Wdg: Lauren DiSimone & William Wagner

Monday, December 31, New Year's Eve

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Tuesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 10:00 p.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SERCC

Wednesday, January 2

- 8:00 a.m. (BS) The Parishioners of the SERCC
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

Thursday, January 3

- 12:10 p.m. (SM) Lewis & Julia Ratigan by Bill & Addie Setek

Friday, January 4

- 7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SERCC
5:00 p.m. (SM) Wdg: Amy Skrip & Matthew Casciani

Saturday, January 5

- 4:00 p.m. (SM) Ann Marie Marfione by The Next-to-New Sale
Volunteers
5:00 p.m. (SB) Joseph Strazzeri by Paul Larose

Sunday, January 6, Epiphany of the Lord

- 9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SERCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Anita Hellenberg by Gerry Yawman
10:30 a.m. (SM) Julianne Palma by Deacon David Palma
12:15 p.m. (BS) Mark Pompeii by Monica Pompeii

Please Pray for Our Parishioners: Margherita Pompeii, Michelle Wade, Lilianna Jefferson, Michelle Bach Skubis, Layla Tremble, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, Jim Melito, Virginia Fijfield, Marie Voelkel, David Ballerstein, Diane Porcelli, Tim Crosier, Leona Hickey, Mary Hardy, Michael Boothby, John Larish, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Terry Abramowski, Mary Dimock, Larry Grasta, James Boyle, Larry Schlosser, Edward J. Murphy, Jr., Dale O'Donnell

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.

HOLY DAY MASS TIMES

Mass times for the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are as follows:

*(Vigil) Monday, December 31 at 4:00pm—St. Mary's
Tuesday, January 1 at 10:00am—Blessed Sacrament*

A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Our sense of any married couple as a family grows with the birth or addition of children, is one that may be familiar to us, but, of course, the addition of the Christ child made their family unique and special in so many ways. We might imagine that their family life was easier with at least two of three members being without sin. Yet, could you imagine being poor Joseph? What must it have been like living in a family where when there was evidence that someone did something wrong, everyone looked at you. Moreover, we know of at least one instance that we hear about in our Gospel today, where tensions rose when Jesus as a young boy of twelve became separated from his parents during a trip to Jerusalem.

This always reminds me of a joke. As we hear in the gospel, following this incident, Jesus “went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; ... And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man,” (Luke 2:51-52). The next time, we hear about Jesus, he is reported to be some thirty years old, (Luke 3:23). As one comedian remarked, “Boy, Mary and Joseph must have been really angry with Jesus following that incident in Jerusalem. Can you imagine being grounded for eighteen years?” Hopefully, you find that joke at least somewhat amusing. May it serve to remind us that life in the Holy Family was not without many of the challenges and joys that all families face. And at the same time, may it help us to realize that all families, including our own, that we may imagine as more dysfunctional than fun, let alone healthy, have the capacity to be holy.

If you have been listening to the announcements at Mass and reading the bulletin closely over the last month, then you are aware that we are offering you an opportunity today to pick up a copy of a book that we hope many, if not all of us, will read in the next month or so. This relatively short book is directed right at the issue of holiness. First, we need to accept the truth that holiness is possible for each and every one of us. Matthew Kelly, the author, argues that it is possible for us, because we can go out and cooperate with God in creating one Holy Moment. Second, by stringing a series of those Holy Moments together, we start to live holy lives, grow in character and virtue, and become the best-version-of-ourselves (who we were created by God to be). I can't summarize the book for you here. Nor would I want to, since I think there is more for you to gain by reading it for yourself. In addition to giving us a list of examples of Holy Moments, Matthew Kelly also offers us other practical and helpful advice on how to grow in holiness.

This effort ties in with our previous efforts to encourage you to read *Gaudete et Exsultate* (*Rejoice and Be Glad*), Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation on the call to holiness in today's world. Hopefully, you have had a chance to read it. Like many of Pope Francis' other writings, it is readable, practical and helpful. As Pope Francis indicates, holiness is necessary because it leads to our sanctification. Yet, some may object that they don't want to be or can't be saints. Fair enough. But you do realize what the alternative is? If our goal is to get to heaven, then we need to work on our holiness. First, because to be in heaven means being a saint. We need not be one of the great saints that we venerate with feast days, statues and images. But nonetheless, either we are a saint (or on the way to becoming one in purgatory) or we will find ourselves in hell. Second, because by seeking to lead holy lives here and now, we have the best chance to improve the things that need changing in our world and in our lives here and now. Pick whatever issue you see as plaguing our world: poverty; racism; corrupt and incompetent government officials; gun rights and safety; clergy sexual abuse and its cover up; addiction; mental health; migration, immigration and refugees; crime, violence, terrorism and war; etc. Wouldn't our striving to be holy, individually and collectively, help in each and all of those circumstances?

There is a wonderful prayer about stewardship that captures this idea: “My Church is composed of people like me. I help make my Church what it is. My Church will be friendly and welcoming, if I am friendly and welcoming. The pews will be filled, if I help fill them. My Church will do great work, if I help with the work. My Church will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. My Church will bring all people into worship and fellowship, if I invite and bring them. My Church will be a Church of love, of faith, and of a Spirit of Holiness, if I am filled with these things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to being all of these things that I dream for my Church. Amen.”

While we might benefit by working on all these areas, I am inviting you to join me in working on the one area of holiness by picking up a copy of Matthew Kelly's book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, and reading it. Hopefully, it will help us with the grace of God to grow in holiness, both individually and collectively as a parish.

May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph inspire us as individuals and families to strive to be more and more holy each day!

Yours,
Fr. John

BETHANY HOUSE

The next Bethany House dinner will be held on **Wednesday, January 9, at 5:30 p.m.** If you would like to participate by bringing a dish to pass and help serve guests, please call Sandy Behnke at 478-4063.

***Deadline for submitting articles for bulletin is
Tuesday by noon to kathy.marfione@dor.org***

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

Finding Holiness

Horrible wildfires in California. Mass shootings that are now all too common. We wake to some pretty tragic events on a daily basis. There's a quote from Mr. Rogers that often gets mentioned during these dark times: "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

If we're lucky, we'll never experience some of these sad, tragic events first hand. But that doesn't mean we all don't have our own struggles in our daily lives. Maybe it's the loss of a job, the end of a marriage, or a loved one with an illness. These aren't national tragedies, but when it happens in your own life it can feel like the end of the world. You probably know people who are fighting one of these battles—maybe you're one of them. And while it can be easy to get lost in your own sadness, if you stop and reflect on your day-to-day activities you can probably identify—as Sister Kathleen would say—where you saw God in your day. Something as simple as a friend offering to pick up your kids can feel like a miracle when you can't figure out how you're going to be in three places at once! It's in those simple acts that you can sometimes find a great act of holiness.

—a parishioner

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

Give your spiritual apathy a booster shot! Come and join one of our Bible Study Groups! We have two groups: **Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:30** and **Monday nights from 7:00-8:00pm**



In each group we use the book "At Home With the Word." We read the upcoming Sunday Bible readings, learn a little bit about what the historical and theological background is for each and then we discuss how those readings are relevant in the world today and in our own lives. No previous knowledge is required and no question is brushed aside! See our website for more details. We'll be looking for you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Did you know that you can place a collection envelope from any Church in our collection baskets during Mass? Save stamps and time! We will make certain it goes to the correct Church, so you will receive proper credit.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 31 and Tuesday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's Holiday. The office will re-open on Wednesday morning, January 2. We wish everyone all the best for a blessed 2019!

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

January 1st, the beginning of the secular year, the time for resolutions. Usually these focus on our own self-improvement, trying to change ourselves for the better—exercise more, lose weight, drink less, eat healthier, all self-focused. And we also set resolutions to improve our own personal faith journey and relationship with Jesus. But maybe it's not about us. Maybe we are not meant to reflect on our own personal self-improvement but on how God has given us unique callings to help other people improve their lives.

Today, after Mass, in the back of church, please pick up a copy of Matthew Kelly's *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity: How Modern Culture is Robbing Billions of People of Happiness*. Within it are the simple steps, measured by mere moments, that will improve your life and help you improve the lives of others, very easy ways to serve God and carry out His plan for us. We ask \$1 donation but, please, do not let that stop you. Take a copy, make it a New Year's resolution to read it—and stay tuned for more.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Interested in contributing to our youth ministry program? Come to an informational meeting on **Wednesday, January 16th at 7pm** in the meeting room of Blessed Sacrament School with the youth minister, Abby Cantello. There are opportunities to work directly with 6-12th graders and/or help with behind the scenes organization and execution of events. All members of the parish are welcome and encouraged to attend!

WORLD DAY OF PEACE 2019

How can we use our political and social systems to seek peace? In announcing the theme for this year's World Day of Peace on January 1, 2019, the Vatican made note of the call to all of us to engage with our civic systems saying, "Political responsibility belongs to every citizen and, in particular, to those that have received the mandate to protect and to govern." Instead of indifference, cynicism or thinking our voices do not matter, we believe the Gospel calls us to raise our voices for the common good, for "politics is one of the highest forms of charity." Advocating for and with communities who are oppressed, disadvantaged, or excluded is a response to our baptismal call to love all members of the Body of Christ, in imitation of Christ's love.

God created human beings as social and relational creatures, made in his own image. We are called to reach out and build relationships of love and justice, making love visible in structures and policies through political engagement. Two areas in which we are called to protect human dignity is in our "concern for the future of life and of the planet, of the youngest and littlest." We must work to ensure that the dignity of all is protected is through our political, social, and economic systems. As Pope Francis teaches us in his World Day of Peace Message, these systems must always work to promote peace in our communities. Catholic Social Teaching demands that politics must have a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable, and not be used to promote violence or marginalize those in poverty. Instead, "Good politics is at the service of peace."

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Donations are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers in memory of family and friends. Please be sure to designate Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface or St. Mary's on the form below and return it to the church office.



Donation in Memory of: _____

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Amount: _____ Cash or Check
(please make checks payable to designated parish)

Donation for: Blessed Sacrament St. Boniface

St. Mary's

Donation made by: _____
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LOOKING FORWARD TO SUMMER VACATION?

PLANNING CAMPS FOR THE CHILDREN?

Our annual week of Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for **July 22-26, from 9:00-Noon** on the grounds of Blessed Sacrament school. Children age 4 through those going into Grade 5 (Fall of 2019) are welcome to join as campers. Students Grade 6 (Fall of 2019) through High School are encouraged to sign up to be helpers. The theme for the week has not yet been selected. If you want to help plan for VBC, contact Sister Kathleen (Kathleen.wayne@dor.org) or by phone at 585-507-9961. Save the dates! More information will be coming in early Spring!



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS AND GROWING IN FAITH

If your "New Year's Resolution" includes seeking to become closer to God and the Church family, or a desire to prepare for the Sacraments, you are encouraged to contact Sister Kathleen Wayne (Kathleen.wayne@dor.org) or call the Faith Formation office 585-507-9961. A new group will be forming for those over 18 years of age who would like to be Confirmed. We have ongoing preparation for families who would like to celebrate the baptism of an infant or young child. Our year-round Rite of Christian Initiation process (RCIA) is always ready to welcome those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic. In addition, we have opportunities for Bible Study and Scripture Sharing and during the month of February, book discussion groups will be forming. Much is happening around the parish. We invite you to consider joining us.

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2018-19 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$73,822	\$26,321	\$49,313
Pledged	\$50,580	\$20,231	\$40,979
% of Goal	68.52%	76.10%	83.10%
% of Households Participating	19%	21%	19%

This is the most current collection data available as of early bulletin submission deadlines for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

	Actual Collection	Weekly Budget	Variance
December 16, 2018			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 6,786	\$ 8,450	(\$ 1,664)
St. Boniface	\$ 3,127	\$ 3,419	(\$ 292)
St. Mary's	\$ 5,185	\$ 5,438	(\$ 253)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$181,717	\$ 211,250	(\$ 29,200)
St. Boniface	\$ 80,847	\$ 85,475	(\$ 4,628)
St. Mary's	\$126,264	\$ 135,950	(\$ 9,826)

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

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