

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

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November 24, 2019

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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.



THANKSGIVING MASS

Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 28 at 9:30am** at St. Mary's Church. We will be accepting non-perishable food donations to support our Blessed Sacrament Supper Program Emergency Food Pantry.

We will also have a "Blessing Table" set up in church. Simply bring a food item or table item that will be part of your Thanksgiving celebration to be blessed during our liturgy.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER
*Dear Lord, we give thanks for our many blessings,
as we pray for those in need.
We give thanks for our family and friends,
as we pray for those who are lonely.*

*We give thanks for our freedom,
as we pray for those who are oppressed.
We give thanks for our good health,
as we pray for those who are ill.
We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity,
as we share our blessings with others.*

*On this day of Thanksgiving,
May the love of God enfold us,
The peace of God dwell within us,
And the joy of God uplift us.
Amen*

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.

Parish Offices are located in the Rectory of Blessed Sacrament Church
Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm



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Nursery available at Blessed Sacrament & St. Mary's at both Masses. Ask the Ushers to direct you.



Low gluten hosts available. Check in the Sacristy before Mass.

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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, November 24

9:00 a.m. Faith Formation (BS)
10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour—Kurtz/Schey (SB)
12:00 p.m. Voices of Women—Mary of Nazareth (SM)

Monday, November 25

6:30 p.m. Social Ministry Meeting (BS)
6:30 p.m. St. Boniface League Bowling (SB)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study (SB)

Tuesday, November 26

6:30 p.m. RCIA in School (BS)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SB)

Wednesday, November 27

10:00 a.m. Bible Study in School (BS)
6:30 p.m. Downtown Community Forum—An overview of ROC the Riverway, The ROC City Skate Park, and The Play Walk (SM)
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (SM)
7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group in Parish Office (BS)

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving-Parish Office Closed

Friday, November 29, Parish Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

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

Sunday, December 1

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

Please note the parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will re-open on Monday, December 2. Have a very happy, blessed, and safe Thanksgiving.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following couples getting married:

Kaitlyn Richardson & Joseph Jackson (SM)
Kristin Sauerbier & Kyle Tovar (BS)
Sandy Ferri & Neil Halvorsen (SM)



Candle Intentions

Our Lady's Candle at St. Mary's burns in memory of Andrew and Alyce Giambrone by Mary Alyce Streb



Readings for December 1, 2019
First Sunday of Advent
IS 2: 1-5
ROM 13: 11-14
MT 24: 37-44

Please Pray for Our Parishioners: Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Pete Bansbach, Margaret Nordbye, Tina Wagner, Louise Fletcher, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Tim Crosier, Mary Hardy, Michael Boothby, John Larish, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Larry Grasta, Larry Schlosser, Patricia Hynes, Rob Armour, Sr. Marilyn Williams, Muriel Dech, Marilyn Dietz, Silvia Centanni, Landon August Coia, Frances Carney, Ann Marie Arnold, David Boothby, Barbara Fransen, Sheila Keeler, Thomas Stalts, Brian Dzuba, Carol Childs, Carm Donovan, Carla Spooner, Kathy Haight, Diane Kannel, Gwen Walsh, Diane Vadney, Anthony Dilanni, Mike Wade

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.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 23

3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) Marie Voelkl by Diane Kannel
5:00 p.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC

Sunday, November 24, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00 a.m. (SB) Helen Sorgan by Bob & Pat Morriss
10:00 a.m. (BS) Daniel Koonmen, Sr. by Family
Ronald K. Bartholomay by Rick & Marie Bartholomay
10:30 a.m. (SM) Carl Tandoi by Family
12:15 p.m. (BS) Salvatore Mastrosimone by The Simmons Family

Monday, November 25

7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) Colin Murphy by John & Judy Lynd
12:10 p.m. (SM) Colleen Bavosa by the Cleary Family

Tuesday, November 26

7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary w/ Communion

Wednesday, November 27

7:30 a.m. (BS) Rosary before 8:00am Mass
8:00 a.m. (BS) Joseph & Sally Farrar by Bequest
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary w/ Communion

Thursday, November 28, Thanksgiving Day

9:30 a.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SRCC

Friday, November 29

7:30 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC
12:10 p.m. (SM) The Parishioners of the SRCC

Saturday, November 30, St. Andrew

1:00 p.m. (SM) Wedding: Kaitlyn Richardson & Joseph Jackson
3:00 p.m. (SM) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SB) Sacrament of Penance
4:00 p.m. (SM) Steven Killings by his St. Mary's Family
5:00 p.m. (SB) Martin Gorovsky by Paul & Jody LaRose

Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. (SB) The Parishioners of the SRCC
10:00 a.m. (BS) Barbara & Karen Lamark by Family
Martha Johnson by Rick & Marie Bartholomay
10:30 a.m. (SM) Sarah Han Dickman by Rick McGrath
12:15 p.m. (BS) John Lobene by Family



PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS?

Hopefully you have read the flyer in the bulletin with our Advent activities and the times for our Christmas Masses. Again, this year we will offer a reenactment of the Christmas story (pageant) before the start of the Christmas eve Mass at St. Boniface. The pageant, at 3:45, will precede the 4:00 PM Mass. All children and families who are interested in participating in the pageant and the Mass are asked to email Sister Kathleen (Kathleen.wayne@dor.org) **BEFORE DECEMBER 8**. We need all the "key players"—you know the story!, ADULTS who can help coordinate--this will include--checking on costumes, being present for 1 rehearsal, being available on Dec 24 for the Mass and repacking the costumes, etc... sometime the week after Christmas. We will also need servers, greeters, and lectors for the Mass. Questions or concerns? Contact Sister Kathleen. We are also looking for a baby Jesus (who will bring along his or her parents for Mary and Joseph). Interested? Have an idea of who we can ask? Email me.

ADVENT CANDLES—There is a limited supply of candles (3 purple 1 pink 10 inch tapers) available for purchase. If you are interested in a set, contact Sister Kathleen 507-9961 or stop in the parish office (Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30-closed Noon-1:00 PM for lunch). Cost per set is \$5.00.

A WORD FROM FR. JOHN...

Please note that due to the printing schedule set by the publisher of our bulletin, I am writing this column on November 17, for submission to the printer above, on November 18.

Just over two years ago, I arrived as your new pastor following the retirement of Fr. Bob Kennedy. On the one hand, those two years have passed rather quickly for me. In many ways, I still feel relatively new to the position as I am still struggling to learn names and discovering new things about our three church communities almost every week. It certainly makes things interesting, as well as keeps me on my toes and humble at the same time. On the other hand, I am starting to feel more and more at home in our parish. I am getting to know more people and becoming familiar with the rhythm and flow of things, as well as coming to appreciate the gifts that each community brings to our parish and the wider community. We face numerous challenges in these difficult times. But my sense is that being open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, we will rise to the occasion and find opportunities to move along the path that God sets before us.

As we enter this week in which we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, I encourage all of us to pause to consider to whom and for what we are grateful. Coming as it does at the end of the traditional harvest season, we might consider offering thanks for the bountiful food with which God blesses us and the many people who have a hand in bringing that food to our tables from farmers and ranchers, to field hands and migrant workers, to those involved in transporting and marketing that food, to those who prepare and cook it for us. With the sudden change of season, we might be grateful for shelter and a warm place to call home. As we gather with family and friends, we may recall and give thanks for those loved ones we have lost in the last year, as well as the new faces that have entered our lives. We also might reflect on all the things that have happened since we celebrated Thanksgiving last year. Amid the ups and downs of our lives, do we appreciate the blessings that we have received? Those blessings may include not merely the successes and good fortune that came our way, but also having a sense of God's presence and the support of others as we passed through trials and tribulations. Whom and what we consider as we offer our thanks can be unique to each person.

Some of the things that I am grateful for include all the wonderful people that I have the opportunity to pastor and minister with in our parish. I especially appreciate the many volunteers who are key to making all the ministries and events happen in our parish. I also thank everyone who supports our parish financially through collections, fundraising efforts, gifts, bequests and donations. I am grateful to and for the many people who participate in and benefit from the ministries and services offered in our parish. I appreciate and thank all those who have been patient and kind with me, when I have made mistakes and not been my best. And I am grateful to all those who have offered me support and encouragement as a priest and as a person. And above, I am grateful to God who is the source and sustainer of all that is good.

Before I close, I would offer two ways to ritualize our gratitude on Thanksgiving. First, we simply can go around the table with those gathered and each person share someone or something for which we are grateful. We might choose to incorporate that into our prayer and grace before the meal. Second, for those of us who will gather for Mass on Thanksgiving Day, as I have done the past two years, I will be inviting folks to share voluntarily for whom and/or what they are grateful. May we all find time on this holiday to pause and offer God and those around us our gratitude and appreciation.

Lastly, I extend my best wishes along with those of our staff and resident priests to all of you and yours for a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace and blessings!

Yours,
Fr. John

PS – If you didn't get a copy of the bulletin last week, please pick up and review a copy of our Advent-Christmas flyer which is available on our parish website and at the church entrances. It is full of wonderful opportunities and important dates and times, including our Christmas Mass schedule.

Bulletin content is normally due by noon on Tuesday. Please send bulletin info to Kathy Marfione at Kathy.marfione@dor.org

Please note as we move through the holiday season and into the new year, the need to submit the bulletin earlier than normal will affect when content is due. Please submit any content as early as possible. Thank you for your help!

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

Reflection on Grief at the Holidays

When I was first asked to write this reflection, I was hesitant. I live with my grief every day. It can be very challenging at times, and the thought of reflecting on grief was not appealing. However, I appreciated that maybe if I shared my thoughts it might be helpful.

Several months ago, in a homily, I asked the congregation if anyone had experienced the loss of a loved one – a parent, spouse, child, relative, or a friend. It didn't surprise me that almost every hand was raised. It was a visual demonstration that grief is a part of the human journey. Many people said to me after Mass how surprised they were to find out about specific losses faced by their friends that they did not know about. Many people were crying when they spoke with me. They said they had no idea that so many shared their journey.

As we approach the holidays, it is important to recognize that many people in our lives are grieving. Most of us put on a brave front and plunge into the hectic preparations. Over the years, I have found that I need to take special care of myself during this season. Grief can be exhausting, especially at this time of year when the sights and sounds intensify my longing for the missing people in my life. My faith has helped me. It has taught me that at this time of celebration and longing, I need to open my heart to the love that is all around me. It seems to me that the message of Christmas is that love is a force. This force is shining brightly for all to see, and if we let it, it will light our darkness.

—Deacon David Palma



ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Support socially responsible ventures and get your Christmas shopping done! Shop the Alternative Christmas Fair this year on Sunday, December 8, from 9:30am-1:45pm at . It will be located at Blessed Sacrament in the Supper Program Dining Room in the lower level of the Church building. If you would like to volunteer to help or if you would like more information, contact Mary Coughtry, 256-0861.

PARISH CENSUS—HAVE YOU REGISTERED YET?

Who needs to fill out a new census form? **EVERYONE!** (Whether you have previously registered or not)

Why? Updated information is vital in determining the needs of our parishioners, planning services, staffing needs, and projecting our budgets. It also provides and opportunity to register for those who have yet to do so. We need to know who is with us as we plan our future together.



When? **NOW** is the time to fill out a registration form, either a hard copy available in our churches or using the online form found on our homepage (www.southeastrochestercatholics.org). Signing up now will prevent us from having to pester you with follow-up mailings, phone calls and visits. Please take a moment now to tell us, **"COUNT ME IN!!!"**

ST. BONIFACE MEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY EUCHRE SOCIAL

St. Boniface Men's Club Holiday Euchre Social Event is Friday, December 6th downstairs in the Nativity School. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration begins at 7:00pm & games will start at 7:30pm. Reservations can be made by calling Bob Carr 330-6336 or the Men's Club at 473-7019.



Youth Ministry News

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to the teens and parents who spent their Veterans Day school holiday, praying for and making care packages for some local veterans. On Monday November 11, I had the honor of personally delivering the 14 care packages made by our youth to the Veteran's Outreach Center on South Avenue. I can not begin to describe the joy and gratitude in which the packages were received by the volunteer at the desk. **Southeast Rochester Catholic Community Youth and parents, you made a lot of people happy on Monday - thank you!** After building care packages and enjoying lunch we took off to play lasertag at Lasertron in Henrietta. For the second time this day I was witness to Christ alive in our youth - we were teamed up with about 10 other adults and teens that we had never met before and even though we were shooting lasers at the other teams targets, our youth did it with excellent sportsmanship, compassion and teamwork - even when we lost! - **Amanda Rayburn**

Thank you Southeast Catholic Youth and parents, Christ is surely alive in our church in many ways and you make that very evident!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (continued)

When there is a baptism during Mass the child and their parents and godparents are greeted at the entrance of the church. The parents give the name of their child and ask for baptism. Then they agree to raise their child in the faith and the child is signed with a cross to signify that they have been claimed by Christ. The family then proceeds to their seats in the congregation. After the homily the family is invited forward for the prayer of exorcism and an anointing. In the prayer the presider asks God to protect the child from temptation and then the prayer is "sealed" when the child is anointed on their chest with the oil of catechumens. The oil of catechumens may also be used for anointing those who are participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation as they prepare for baptism during the Easter season.



HANDMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE IN THE SOUTH WEDGE FESTIVAL

On Saturday, December 7, St. Boniface will be participating in the Handmade Holiday Craft Show as part of the "It's a Wonderful Life in the South Wedge" festival. The event introduces people to the vibrant South Wedge city neighborhood by featuring local businesses, showcasing our commercial district, and offering the best in local entertainment, vendors, food and drink.

Taking advantage of the crowds drawn to our neighborhood for this event, we are once again opening our church at St. Boniface to visitors. We are looking for volunteers to welcome visitors to our church between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Our musicians will be performing, and we will provide information about our parish to share with visitors. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Diane Pawlik at the parish office, 271-7240, or email her at Diane.Pawlik@dor.org.

YOUNG ADULT TREE TRIMMING PARTY



Join us on Thursday, December 5 at 7:00pm (After the Holy Hour) as we enjoy pizza, trim the tree, and decorate the Supper Program Dining Room for Christmas!



THREE SPIRITS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us for the Three Spirits Christmas Party to be held on **Wednesday, December 11 from 11:00am until 2:15pm**, at the Carmen Clark Lodge in Brighton Town Park. Luncheon will be served at 11:30am, and will consist of salad, baked ziti, roasted potatoes, marinated chicken, meatballs w/ sauce, Italian sausage w/peppers and onions, beverages and dessert. The cost is \$13 per person. **Deadline for reservations is Friday, December 6.** Please pick up a flyer and reservation form in the back of all three churches.

ROC THE DAY 2018

Mark your calendars for this year's annual ROC the Day event on **Tuesday, December 3rd!** We will be collecting funds for the Supper Program at Blessed Sacrament! Check it out at: <https://www.roctheday.org/causes-to-support-blessed-sacrament-supper-program>



BE A CHRISTMAS ANGEL

If you would like to support one of our many outreach ministries, you can look for gift tags on the decorated trees in each church beginning the weekend of November 30 and December 1.

The agencies we support include Bethany House, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Catholic Family Center's Frances House, Kirkhaven Nursing Home and Rochester Psychiatric Rehab patients. **Please pay close attention to the return dates on your gift tags as they vary by agency.** There are several other opportunities to be a Christmas angel as well! We send cards and poinsettias to all our homebound and nursing home parishioners, we accept food donations to the Supper Program and the South Wedge Food Pantry. Please see the Advent-Christmas Offerings, Giving Opportunities and Mass Schedule flyer inserted in last week's bulletin. Copes are available at church entrances. Keep it handy to refer to for a complete listing of activities and opportunities in our parish.



CHRISTMAS COOKIES AND TREATS!

We need them for the coffee hour during the Alternative Giving Sale on Sunday, December 8. Items can be homemade or store bought! Cheese and crackers or fruit is appreciated as well. Maybe you can't bake, but if you like to shop- we could use cider and coffee creamer too. Bring items in on Friday, December 6 or on Sunday, December 8. Call Larry Garney at 351-3262 if you can help.

UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

The vitality of our parish grows out of the social and personal connections we make with people before and after Mass. The more people we get to know, the stronger we become. It would be a worthwhile endeavor for each of us to try to meet some new people this fall. Here are some opportunities you may want to consider.:



St. Boniface: Saturday night December 14 & 21, and every Sunday morning in the Nativity School Cafeteria

St. Mary's : Dec.14/15

Blessed Sacrament- December 8 during the Alternative Fair in The Supper Program Dining room.

***Due to early bulletin transmission dates between now and January 5, we will be one week behind in reporting collection, CMA and attendance figures in the bulletin. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience!**

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2019-20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL AS OF 11/16/2019

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$68,823	\$26,322	\$49,313
Pledged	\$21,724	\$6,148	\$6,085
% of Goal	32%	23%	12%
# / % of Households Participating	43 5%	28 7%	27 4%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION*

November 10, 2019	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 8,423	\$ 7,300	\$ 1,123
St. Boniface	\$ 3,240	\$ 3,350	(\$ 110)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,749	\$ 5,400	(\$ 651)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$121,908	\$138,700	(\$ 16,792)
St. Boniface	\$ 63,101	\$ 63,650	(\$ 549)
St. Mary's	\$ 93,075	\$102,600	(\$ 9,525)

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

ATTENDANCE for November 9 & 10, 2019*

Blessed Sacrament Seating Capacity—800

10:00a.m. Mass Attendance—333
 12:15p.m. Mass Attendance—120

St. Boniface Seating Capacity—550

5:00p.m. Mass Attendance—82
 9:00a.m. Mass Attendance—94

St. Mary's Seating Capacity—550

4:00p.m. Mass Attendance—106
 10:30a.m. Mass Attendance—211

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