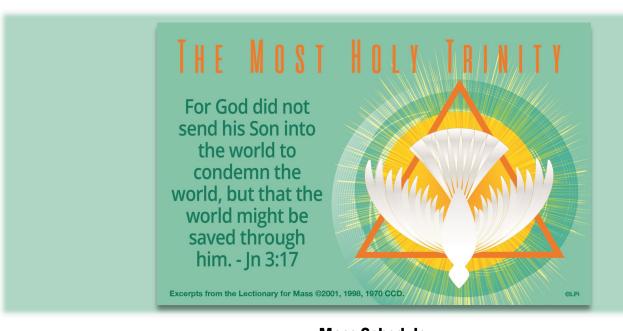
Blessed Sacrament # Saint Boniface # Saint Mary's Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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June 7, 2020 The Most Holy Trinity



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.



Mass Schedule

Blessed Sacrament 534 Oxford Street Rochester, New York 14607

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259 Rutgers Street (mailing) Rochester, New York 14607 (585) 271-7240 Saint Mary's 15 St. Mary's Place Rochester, New York 14607

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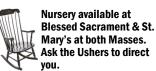
"All public Masses in the Diocese of Rochester have been suspended until further notice."

"Those seeking to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance in individual confessions, please contact one of our parish priests to schedule a time."

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

Parish Office is closed and will remain closed due to the NYS COVID19 Mandate











Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

FROM KATHY MARFIONE

It is with a mixture of emotions that I let you know that I have decided to accept a position as a part-time Office Services Manager at Third Presbyterian Church. My last official day as Communications Coordinator for our Southeast Rochester Catholic Community will be Friday, June 19. This position will afford me the opportunity to work part time and continue tutoring and teaching at Bryant & Stratton College, which I have been doing while working full time for the past 6 years. I just feel the need to slow down a bit in my life!

Beginning with my work at St. Mary's and then transitioning into our parish community of Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface and St. Mary's, I have been with our parish community for twelve years. In that time, I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many wonderful parishioners and a staff that in so many ways feels like family to me. Many of you have journeyed with me through happy times as well as difficult ones in my life with the loss of my mom and most recently, my sister. I will always be grateful for the support, love and kindness you have shown me. It has been a pleasure bringing the news of our parish to you each week and especially through this unprecedented time of pandemic. Please know you will always be remembered warmly in my thoughts and prayers, and I ask that you keep me in your prayers as well as I take on this new chapter in my life.

With love and gratitude, Kathy

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Please pray for the following couple getting married:
Alison Schuppert and Michael Staszkiw



Our Lady's Candle at St. Mary's Church burns this week for the intentions of Maureen Gregor by Family.

The Sanctuary Candle at St. Boniface burns in memory of Anna Green

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
You may also join Bishop Robert Barron for daily Mass at:
https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Please note: Our parish priests will offer Mass, without the presence of the faithful, for the following intentions.

Saturday, June 6

Victor Angelo by Ron Provenzano

Sunday, June 7, The Most Holy Trinity

Anna Bansbach by JoAnne Englerth Gary Travaglini by Chris Walsh John Nicolosi by Peter P. Romeo Patricia and Garret Cleary by the Cleary Family Betty Rook, First Anniversary by Jeanne Tyler

Monday, June 8

Edward J. Lynd by John and Judy Lynd

Tuesday, June 9

Wednesday, June 10

Anna Minges by John and Judy Lynd

Thursday, June 11, St. Barnabas

Friday, June 12

Saturday, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua

Margaret Longo by Family John and Bucky Curran by Pat Curran

Sunday, June 14, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gertrude Scheg by JoAnne Englerth Thomas A. Zimmerman by Peter P. Romeo Mary and Steve Travinski and Family by Zinone Family Chris Fasino by Richard and Josie Gangemi Elaine King by 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, Mike Wade, 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, Ed Warney, Mary Ann DiPolito, Larry Eschrich

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.



Readings for June 14, 2020 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

> DT 8: 2-3, 14b-16a 1 COR 10: 16-17 JN 6: 51-58

Recruiting Volunteers to Reopen the Churches

There has been an enthusiastic response to Fr. John's article about the reopening of the churches. Here are somethings you can help with.

We are looking for some volunteers who are not in the vulnerable or at risk population* see the definition below.

- 1. Deep cleaning and sanitizing the churches before we open. This will take place on a weekend so that people who work can assist.
- Sanitizing the churches after each Mass (including weekends and daily Mass). These two tasks will be physical labor, including bending reaching and stretching. We anticipate cleaning will take about 8 people for an hour
- 3. 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.

*The vulnerable population defined by the CDC:

Based on currently available information and clinical expertise, older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

Based on what we know now, those at high-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are:

- People 65 years and older
- People who live in a nursing home or long-term care facility
- People of all ages with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including:
 - People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma
 - People who have serious heart conditions
 - People who are immunocompromised
 - Many conditions can cause a person to be immunocompromised, including cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications
 - People with severe obesity (body mass index [BMI] of 40 or higher)
 - People with diabetes
 - People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis
 - People with liver disease

A message from Sister Kathleen

During these turbulent days in our city and across our nations, it is imperative that people of faith and good will turn to God to pray for peace. I offer these simple reflections for you to use as part of your prayer. Let each of us, wherever we are, commit to one action each day that will help make peace a reality.

These reflections are taken from the book *Peace Prayers Meditations, Affirmation, Invocations, Poems and Prayers for Peace* edited by the staff of Harper San Francisco.

"Dear God, with you everything is possible. Let the cup of war, killing and destruction, the cup of bloodshed, human anguish and desolation, the cup of torture, breakage in human relationships and abandonment... Dear God, let this cup pass us by. We are afraid. We are trembling in the depths of our being. We feel the sweat and tears of thousands of people all over the world. People who are afraid---afraid to fight, afraid to kill, afraid being killed, afraid of an uncertain future." Henri J.M. Nouwen

"It is the enemy who can truly teach us to practice the virtues of compassion and tolerance." The Dalai Lama

"Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." 2 Corinthians 13:11

"Seek peace in your own place. You cannot find peace anywhere save in your own self. In the psalm we read: 'There is no peace in my bones because of my sin.' When a man has made peace within himself, he will be able to make peace in the whole world." Rabbi Bunam

Food & Supply Drive to Support Migrant Families – Saturday, June 13

Our migrant brothers and sisters are struggling with few resources available to them. This collection for basic food and household items is one way we can provide support during this difficult time. Keeping in mind cultural needs, please consider helping with the specific items listed:

GROCERIES: Evaporated Carnation Milk, Dried Pinto Beans, Long-grain White Rice, Pasta for Soup (i.e., Barilla, Moderna), Maseca (specific Corn Flour), All-purpose Wheat Flour, All-purpose Flour, Mazola Oil, Canned Tuna, Cookies & Crackers, Potatoes, Nestle Chocolate Abuelita, Decaf & Regular Coffee (Instant, Ground), Sugar; **PERSONAL HYGIENE**,

LAUNDRY & CLEANING supplies; Walmart Gift Cards

Please bring your donations to one of the drop off areas below:

9:00 am-12:00 pm: Church of St. John of Rochester (8 Wickford Way, Fairport NY)

1:00-4:00 pm: Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester Pastoral Center (1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester NY)

Volunteers will be wearing a mask, gloves and practicing social distancing.

- Remember to wear a mask.
- Kindly stay in your vehicle, but please place your items where a volunteer can easily collect it; for instance, in the trunk of your vehicle.

To mail in a donation, please address it to <u>Diocese of Rochester Migrant Ministry</u>, (note **FOOD & SUPPLY DRIVE** in memo), Attn: Bernard Grizard, Pastoral Services, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624. Thank you for your generosity!

A Word From Father John...

A word from Fr. John,

The events of this last weekend left me feeling sad. As I write this column on Tuesday, I am not sure that I know all the facts at this point or am in position to speak authoritatively about the larger issues at play. I can only offer what I saw and experienced living in the center of our city.

Before 1:00pm on Saturday afternoon, the parking spaces around Washington Square Park and on St. Mary's Place, that have largely remained empty over the course of the pandemic, started to fill up with those assembling in Martin Luther King Jr. Park for the rally against police brutality spurred by the death of George Lloyd. Sometime later, my attention was drawn outside again as a large crowd marched down Court Street toward the Public Safety Building, chanting, drumming and waving signs as they went. Then towards 3:30, the chanting marchers returned, assembling around the large monument in the center of Washington Square Park. The chanting died down as various remarks were offered. I headed off to church to get ready for our 4:00 livestreamed Mass. As the start of Mass approached, Fr. Ed and I went to the front of the church looking out from the large circular window near the front doors to church. A volunteer in our Supper Program sent me a photo that they had seen on Facebook that captured the moment. In the background of the photo of the crowd assembled in the square, Fr. Ed and I are visible through that window. Things seemed to be dying down. And I remarked that the rally was supposed to run until 4:00. We went back into church and celebrated Mass. By the end, the crowd had dispersed, and the square was largely empty. A police car remained parked across the end of St. Mary's Place at Woodbury Blvd.

Around 5:45, we gathered in the common room for drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Fr. Ed had run out to pick up a takeout meal from Veneto that had been made possible through the generous gift of a parishioner. He returned to report that he had trouble getting back home, because all the streets were blocked off downtown. He had to leave his car in a parking lot near the intersection of South and Mt. Hope. We turned on the TV and caught the news reports about the mayhem unleashed near the Public Safety Building. Soon a helicopter was circling above downtown. And smoke from the burning vehicles drift across the river and past our home. As we went out on our upper patio, we watched individuals and groups of pedestrians both walking away from and towards the river. While it was disconcerting and concerning to watch the events unfold on TV, I did not feel personally threatened or fearful. I went down to prepare a green salad to have with the takeout food and set the table. The others joined me and we had a nice meal. As we finished cleaning up, we talked about going for a walk as is our usual pattern after dinner on Saturday evening. Fr. Ed indicated that he needed to go retrieve his car. So, a group of us set off and did so, returning without incident well before the city curfew. The rest of the evening and night passed without incident for us. We received phone calls and texts from friends and family checking up on us, as they watched the events unfold and were concerned for our welfare.

On Sunday morning, I received several texts from our parish staff concerned about how our various churches had faired amid the vandalism and looting during the night. I ventured out to check on all of our properties. I started with St. Mary's. I was relieved to find no damage. But as I rounded the front of the church, I heard the distinct sound of broken glass being cleaned up not too far away. I set off toward Xerox Tower. On the way, I saw some graffiti scrawled on the side of the Court Street Garage. The Wintergarden attached to the Legacy Tower (formerly Bausch & Lomb) appeared unscathed as I walked down Court St. toward Clinton Ave. As I approached the intersection, I noticed much more graffiti scrawled along the sidewalk at the base of Xerox Tower. As I crossed Clinton, I could see that the large windows at the base of the tower had been busted and partially covered with plywood. I was glad to see that the First Universalist Church also appeared to be unscathed. As I turned around to head back, I discovered that windows in the Wintergarden and Legacy Tower along Clinton Ave. similarly had been busted and boarded up. I felt a sadness come over me as I took in this seemingly senseless destruction.

I went onto St. Boniface and Blessed Sacrament, touring all around our buildings. I was relieved to discover that they were unscathed as well. While there was no evidence of damage to properties in the neighborhood around St. Boniface, as I approached Blessed Sacrament, teams of folks were boarding up windows on Monroe Ave. That raised some concerns that were quickly dispelled as I toured our campus. In the process, I ran into a parishioner picking up a copy of the bulletin from the door to the parish office. We chatted for a bit before I drove up Monroe Ave. on my way home. Numerous shops and businesses were being boarded up to protect unbroken windows in the event that the prior night's vandalism and looting were repeated.

Along the way home, I also witnessed teams of people out cleaning up along the street and in Washington Square Park. I learned in the newspaper on Monday, that thousands had responded to a call assembling at Frontier Field to be sent out to help clean up our city on the Lord's Day. As I considered the good that those people did, that lifted my spirits. To me, they were a sign of God's grace operative in our neighborhoods and in our city.

While it may be easy to focus on the mayhem and seemingly senseless destruction unleashed, what gives me hope today is the witness that many in our city have given in the good that they have done over the last several days. I think of the many hundreds who participated peacefully in the rally, the members of law enforcement who served honorably, the first responders who risked their lives to help others, the many hundreds who came out on Sunday to help clean up, and the many hundreds who have been and will continue to strive to do good in addressing the systemic problems that give rise to the sad and tragic events of these last several days. They each act with courage, restraint and above all with God's grace.

Let us pray that God continues to inspire and empower people, including all of us, to strive to do the good that gives rise to the hope, peace and love that God seeks to share with each and every one in our neighborhoods, city, country and throughout the world.

Peace and blessings!

Yours, Fr. John

RENEWING & REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

Reflection on Staying at Home

At the beginning of the quarantine period, I was determined to continue my life as 'normal' as I could. After a few days, I realized the normal I knew was long gone.

It has especially been difficult with a four-year-old who was so used to the routine of waking up, breakfast, off to daycare, and then mom would pick him up in the afternoon. In our free time, we would visit his cousins and friends, go to the library and the store without thinking twice. We can't do that anymore, and he doesn't quite understand why.

While staying at home and not being able to personally visit our friends and family, I have been able to find solitude in the quietness of life as we now know it.

Instead of being on the go, we stay home and play with his dinosaurs and monster trucks, read books together, and 'snuggle' while watching a movie on the couch. While some days have really tested my patience – you know, staying at home all day with a four-year-old can have its challenges – I have found I enjoy our quality time much more now. That, for me, is the silver lining in all of this.

—Jessica Gaspar

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 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 January 14, 2021 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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2019-20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL AS OF 5/26/2020

I AM the Line you are the BRANCHES where the transcribers research	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$68,823	\$26,322	\$49,313
Pledged	\$58,084	\$26,523	\$45,482
% of Goal	84%	101%	92%
# / % of Households Participating	171 19%	98 25%	128 20%

2019-2020 CMA Campaign: The diocese will credit us with any donations received as of June 3. Any shortfall will have to be paid to the diocese from parish funds. Thank you again to all those who contributed directly to the CMA or our parish Shortfall Fund. Every little bit helps.

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

Budget

Variance

St. Boniface St. Mary's	\$ 9,088 \$ 2,018 \$ 2,765	\$ 7,300 \$ 3,350 \$ 5,400	\$ 1,788* \$ (1,332) \$ (1,635)
Year-to-Date Blessed Sacrament St. Boniface St. Mary's	\$326,834 \$146,167 \$243,698	\$350,400 \$160,800 \$259,200	(\$ 23,566) (\$ 14,633) (\$ 15,502)

Actual

*Includes a significant yearly, one-time envelope contribution in the weekly collection amount that is not likely to be repeated on a weekly basis.

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

May 31, 2020

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