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

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November 1, 2020 Solemnity of All Saints



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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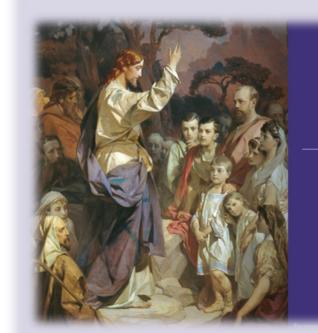
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ALL

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

First Communion Celebration

On Sunday, November 1st, The Feast of All

Saints, we will celebrate First Communion with

eight of our children who have been patiently

waiting since May. The celebration will be held at St Mary's at 2:00 PM for the children and their

Please pray for John Baynes; Ava Christensen; Erik Christensen; Jack Ciardi; Finian Graham; Aiden Kinney; Willem Krutell and Rocco Yezzi

who will receive Communion for the first time

during the Mass. Maxwell Igharas celebrated his

first Communion in August. There are six chil-

dren and their families waiting to celebrate when

their families from out of town can safely gather.

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). <u>Temporary Daily Mass Schedule</u>: 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.

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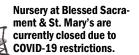
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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, November 1

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)

12:15 p.m. Youth Event: How Catholics Vote (grades 6-12) (BS)

2:00 p.m. Celebration of First Communion (SM)

Monday, November 2

5:30 p.m. Book Discussion: The Wisdom of Jesus (**Zoom**)

7:30 p.m. Young Adult Group Discussion (**Zoom**)

Tuesday, November 3

Wednesday, November 4

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

Thursday, November 5

2:30 p.m. Rosary for Healing (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. First Thursday Holy Hour **(ŚB)**

Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 7

3:00 p.m. Virtual Mass for Family Faith Formation (Zoom)

Sunday, November 8

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS)

12:15 p.m. Youth Event: Ready, Set, Game! (BS)

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

We have been alerted by a number of people that they have received emails and texts from people claiming to be Fr. John asking for emergency help. The request usually involves you having to purchase iTunes gift cards. We would never ask you to do such a thing. The donations that we need you to make are to the collection at our parish churches. If you receive a message from someone claiming to be Fr. John, then please take the time to stop and verify with someone on our parish staff that the request is genuine. Most likely, it is just someone trying to scam you. Here is some advice that we received from the Diocesan Information Technology Department:

Please take the following precautions:

- → Do not click on links or open any attachment in email without verifying its authenticity.
- ★ Use trusted sources such as legitimate government websites for information on COVID-19.
- → Do not reveal any personal or financial information in email or over the phone.
- → Do not respond to email solicitations.
- ♦ Verify a charity's authenticity before making a donation.
- → Do not purchase gift cards based on an email you receive. Verify by phone call before spending your money.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS AT ST.BONIFACE AND BLESSED SACRAEMNT

Because of the Pandemic we will not have the usual giving trees set up in our churches. We will, however, collect and deliver gifts for residents of Kirkhaven Nursing Home and the Rochester Psychiatric Center. If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact Fr. Mike at fr.mike.mayer@dor.org. This effort will involve collecting and delivering gifts to both places.



Readings for November 8, 2020 Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time WIS 6: 12-16 1THES: 4: 13-18 MT 25: 1-13

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Please note: <u>ALL of our weekday Masses are now open</u> to the public.

Saturday, October 31, Weekday

4:00 p.m. (SM) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

Sunday, November 1, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) For the intentions of Bentley Vega by Bill and

Sharon Swartz

11:00 a.m. (BS) Helene Gorges by John and Judy Lynd

Jack Garner by Margy Handel Margaret Keenan by Bob Keenan

Monday, November 2, All Souls' Day

8:00 a.m. (BS) For All the Faithfully Departed 12:10p.m. (SM) For All the Faithfully Departed

Tuesday, November 3, Weekday

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

Wednesday, November 4, Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop

8:00 a.m. (BS) Jessamine Carpenter by Frances Carney

Thursday, November 5, Weekday

12:10p.m. (SM) Patrick and Garrett Cleary by The Cleary Family

Friday, November 6, Weekday

7:30a.m. (SB) Roger F. and Anna Mary Knittel by Patty Cost

12:10p.m. (SM) Martin and Beth Neary by Tom Sheehan

Saturday, November 7, Weekday

4:00 p.m. (SM) Mass with Special Remembrance of Deceased

Sunday, November 8, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) Mass with Special Remembrance of Deceased 11:00 a.m. (BS) Mass with Special Remembrance of Deceased

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, 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, 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, Terrance O'Donnell, Louise Adler, Paul Rice, Craig Milne, Ann Maloney, Denise Alexander, Bob Wilson, Roy Hinckley and Rose Koonmen.

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.



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

LIVING WITH CIVILITY by Dennis Mahaney

We all know the first commandment of polite conversation: Refrain from talking about religion and politics. But who said so? Our founding fathers and mothers considered it the most noble of pursuits. They lived, and died, for the ability to exercise this liberty. Could it be that the problems of today stem, in part, from a surrender of this liberty? Incivility is a choice, after all. We believe that faith contributes to citizenship. We believe that we can enjoy faithful civility with family and friends, at work and online. The US Bishops suggest that faithfilled discourse only requires three commitments:

- **1. Civility** Starts with the willingness to put oneself in another's shoes. This can happen when I:
- → am clear on my motives when I engage in controversial topics.
- ★ let everyone speak for themselves.
- first seek to understand, then be understood.
- → do not expect respect, unless I extend it.
- → pause when my pulse increases and ask myself why I sense myself getting upset.
- 2. Clarity Effective listening tends to encourage clarity in others and self-examination for myself. This is most likely to happen when I:
- → admit both my biases and the Gospel values that undergird my opinions.
- start all sentences with the word "I", not "you" (or the name of any political figure that I oppose). This ensures that I speak only for myself and do not presume to know the views or motives of anyone else.
- → earnestly solicit the values and convictions of others.
- take the time needed to address the feelings of others. Name the feelings expressed, especially when negative. It is when people feel most threatened that they threaten others.
- use reflective listening to ensure that I hear and truly appreciate others.
- **3. Compassion** If I am so sure that I am right and the other person is the one who is misinformed, why do I not simply agree to listen and let them learn and grow? Where debate drives people back into their rhetorical corners, effective listening gives people permission to come out, express their own views. The word "educate" means to "draw out" truth from others, not put our truth in. I am most persuasive when I:
- defend the right of another person to shout at the top of their voice, that which I would gladly spend a lifetime opposing at the top of mine.
- → am accountable for my own views and consider the reactions of others with genuine curiosity.
- → am prepared to hear what I oppose.
- → risk trusting people until they give ample evidence to the contrary.
- humbly challenge actions or remarks that disparage the dignity of others.
- invite a partnership with others in exploring a greater good and mutual gains.

God invites us to grow in faith and citizenship. Let us, explore what unites us, instead of belaboring all that divide us.' - John F. Kennedy

Consider yourself: strengths, need to improve, relevance to today with this reflection tool: https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/19887/documents/2020/10/Civility%20page%202.pdf. You can also find this tool on our parish homepage on the bottom right. Click on the "Civilize It" picture.

RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

Pope Francis's new encyclical, Fratelli tutti (Brothers all)

On St. Francis's Feast Day, October 4, 2020, Pope Francis issued his new encyclical—inspired by St. Francis's solidarity with all people, whatever their station in life or their religion. During the Crusades, for instance, Francis travelled to meet the Egyptian Sultan—not to argue Christianity's superiority but simply to "spread the love of God."

(The Pope's title, and his exhortation to "fraternity" throughout the encyclical, are not meant to exclude women. He's quoting St. Francis's exact words "Fratelli tutti," which—though literally meaning "Brothers all"—have an inclusive meaning for the Pope.)

Noting that issues of human fellowship have long concerned him, Pope Francis humbly acknowledges his debt to "letters, documents and considerations that I have received from many individuals and groups throughout the world"—including "the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom I met in Abu Dhabi."

Pope Francis's goal in this document: "that in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others, we may prove capable of responding with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words. Although I have written it from the Christian convictions that inspire and sustain me, I have sought to make this reflection an invitation to dialogue among all people of good will."

The Pope's Prologue ends: "Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh,... each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all."

During the next eight weeks, our articles in this column will focus on each of Fratelli tutti's eight chapters. To read the encyclical yourself, go to http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals.index.html

-Peggy Rosenthal

MASS INTENTIONS

We will begin accepting Mass intentions on Tuesday, November 3 for Masses at our three worship sites: Blessed Sacrament, Saint Boniface and Saint Mary's. We will be scheduling Masses only until March 31, 2021 because of the uncertainty of our Mass schedules due to COVID 19.

The requested donation is still \$10. Please contact the parish office to schedule intentions at 585-271-7240.

Please note that, while we will make every effort to schedule Masses on the date and in the place you request, this is not always possible, given the number of priests and the Mass schedule. We are able by Church law to schedule two announced intentions for the same Mass. Also, kindly note that the pastor is required to celebrate a Mass once a week, preferably on Sunday, "For the Parishioners."

CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE. REMEMBER TO VOTE...BE A FAITHFUL CITIZEN.

As you prepare to vote this week, read the U.S. bishops' statement on Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, watch videos and access other great resources on faithful citizenship. Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org to explore how you can love your neighbors by advocating as a faithful citizen on behalf of those who are poor and vulnerable. For reflection: Why do the bishops encourage all Catholics, whether able to vote or not, to be involved in political life? What are other ways, in addition to voting, that you can be involved in advocacy for important issues?

A Word From Father John...

I mentioned in this column a few weeks ago that our parish staff and I had starting discussing our plans for Christmas. As we considered our plans, we assumed that we will face the same restrictions and requirements for public Masses that we face currently. Our capacity will be limited by the need to maintain a minimum of six-feet of separation between households. We will continue doing everything that we are doing for our weekend Masses: requiring face mask/face covering; checking people in; sanitizing hands; directing people to the next available seat; ushering people to communion and to the exits; and disinfecting the pews and all touched surfaces after each use. Holy Communion will be distributed in the hand by the clergy. And singing will be limited to the cantor only – no choir and no congregational singing.

We realize that as we are seeing the number of positive COVID tests creep up even before college students return home and families possibly gather for Thanksgiving, we may see a spike in cases that leads to a clamp down with increasing restrictions. They have seen this in the Southern Tier, where church services now have been limited to 25 people total. I hope that we recommit ourselves to the practices that brought down the rate of infection in the spring, so as to avoid such an eventuality here. (Please see the reminder at the bottom of this page).

The basic outlines of our plan include both virtual and in-person options. Regarding virtual options, we plan to create an enhanced celebration of the Mass that we will record and make available for viewing at any time starting on December 24th. We will create a packet of materials to be distributed ahead of time to aid your at-home participation in this virtual celebration. Also, we plan to livestream all of our Christmas Masses, so that you will be able to watch Mass celebrated in whichever of our three churches you may prefer. I remember hearing from many of you that you enjoyed watching our celebration of Easter Mass in a familiar setting back when we were in the depths of the shutdown last April.

We are proposing to maintain a similar schedule of in-person Masses as in years past: 3:30pm at Blessed Sacrament, 4:00pm at St. Mary's, 5:00pm at St. Boniface, and 10:00pm at Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Eve; and 9:00am at St. Boniface and 10:30am at St. Mary's on Christmas Day. Given our limited seating capacity, we are proposing to use a lottery system to allocate seats. Everyone will have an opportunity to submit requests to attend any of the six in-person Masses by a given date. That date will be set to give us ample time to run the lottery and inform those who have been selected that they have a seat well ahead of time. As we draw requests, we will assign seats on a map of the church pews until we have filled all the available seats. This will allow us to maximize seating capacity. We are thinking of using a system of "tickets" to ease the check in and seating process. If you come to Mass not having a "ticket," then essentially it will be like flying stand-by. We would offer you whatever seat might be available, if a "ticketed" person fails to show up by five minutes before the scheduled start of Mass.

I reviewed this proposal with the members of our Parish Pastoral Council and two of our Finance Councils this past week. I did not hear any major concerns or strong objections from these groups. Most seemed to be supportive and appreciated of our efforts to offer worthy celebrations of the Nativity of the Lord at Christmas in our parish.

Now that you know something of our proposed plans, I would ask you to consider how the members of your household and anyone who might be joining you might participate in these celebrations. I realize that many of you may still be sorting out what to do about Thanksgiving, let alone Christmas. Yet, taking some time now would be a big help to us as we determine how best to move forward with our planning efforts. Your input would help us to adjust and refine our plans to best meet the needs of as many of you as possible. Please feel free to share your questions and concerns with our parish staff, Fr. Mike and me (by phone 585-271-7240 or email listed on page 5).

Peace and blessings!

Yours,

Fr. John

TIMELY REMINDER

As we enter the flu season and are starting to see an uptick in COVID-19 cases in our community, here are a few reminders of what we can do to help prevent the spread of disease.

People can protect themselves from and keep from spreading respiratory illness with a few everyday preventive actions:

- 1. Stay home if sick. Only leave for essential medical care or other essential errands.
- 2. Keep physical distance. Stay at least 6 feet away from other people.
- 3. Keep your hands clean. Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds or a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- 1. Do not touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- 2. Wear a face covering. You can be contagious without symptoms.
- 3. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces daily.

These simple actions helped to knockdown the spread back in the spring. We may be growing weary, but need to keep practicing them especially now. Please remember: We are all in this together...and God is with us!

An offer to consider but hurry, there is a deadline!

Our parish has the opportunity to order this book with 365 reflections from Mother Teresa at a much discounted price. It would make a wonderful Christmas gift for you to

would make a wonderful Christmas gift for you to share with family or friends. Think of it as a gift that could be used each day in the new year!

Books are available TO BE ORDERED FOR \$1.00/copy. TO ORDER—CONTACT SISTER KATHLEEN at 585-507-9961 or

kathleen.wayne@dor.org. Deadline for ordering the book is Tuesday, NOVEMBER 10.



UPDATING OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONER LIST

We are in the process of updating our homebound parishioner list. If you know of anyone who might not be on the list or who should be included, please contact Fr. Mike at fr.mike.mayer@dor.org.

COMING UP: REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND, NOVEMBER 7-8

During the month of November—the month of All Souls—we remember members of our parishes who have died over the last year. At each of the Masses on the weekend of November 7-8, we will name and remember our deceased parishioners.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE PHOTOS

In light of COVID restrictions, this year we must have a slightly different format for our Masses with Remembrance Services on the weekend of November 7th and 8th. If you would like to have a photo of your loved one on the table near the sanctuary during these Masses, we will need to have it ahead of time. The easiest way to do this is to send photos electronically to Katie at *Katie.Amann@dor.org* or text them to Katie at (585) 319-7817. If you are unable to send your photo electronically, you can bring it to Diane in the office and she will scan it for you and give it right back. She will be available to do this Wednesday through Friday, October 28-30 during regular office hours.

During the actual Mass, the photos will be printed out, a few on a page, and displayed in frames on a table at the front of church. The photos will also be visible during the live-streamed Mass, recorded from St. Mary's on Saturday, November 7th.

NEEDED: HELP FOR STUDENTS IN ROCHESTER

Here are two ways in which parishioners (and friends) can help students in the Rochester City School District:

- Tutoring. Tutors are needed for math, social studies, science and reading. You don't need to leave your home for this; tutoring is currently done through ZOOM.
- 2) Drop-in Staffing. This would take place in a parish building and provide a safe, quiet place for students to study. Positions would include greeters, registration, sanitizers, and monitors. This would not involve tutoring, just providing hospitality to students who may not have the environment for study at home. If you are interested in participating in either of these much-needed efforts, please contact Fr. Mike (fr.mike.mayer@dor.org) or Dennis Mahaney (dennis.mahaney@dor.org).

FIRST FRIDAYS AT ST. MARY'S PRESENTS

A VIRTUAL CONCERT OF STRINGS AND PIPES

Romantic songs for violin, piano, and solo organ featuring ...

Dr. Letitia Jap, violin & Margaret Mary Owens, piano, organ.

Please join us virtually November 6, 2020 at 7:30pm.

The concert itself and more information is available on our music blog at

Serccmusiccorner.weebly.com

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October 25, 2020

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PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

Budget

Variance

Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,486	\$ 6,700	\$ (2,214)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,448	\$ 3,000	\$ (552)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,864	\$ 5,050	\$ (1,186)
Year-to-Date Totals Blessed Sacrament St. Boniface St. Mary's	\$92,835 \$49,070 \$78,212	\$113,900 \$ 51,000 \$ 85,850	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR YOUTH!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8: An afternoon of games for grades 4-12. Snacks, drinks and games after the 11:00 Mass at BS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15: Fantasy and Faith: A Discussion on Catholic Themes in the Lord of the Rings. Hobbit snacks served after the 11:00 Mass in the BS school. Grades 6-12 welcome.

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 or seen daily on EWTN at 8:00am

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