

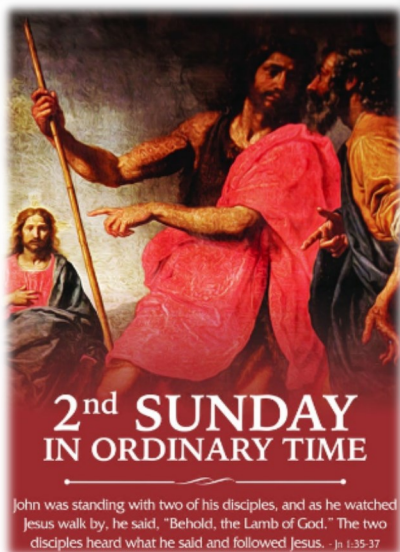
Blessed Sacrament Saint Boniface Saint Mary's Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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January 17, 2021
Second 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.



Visit serccmusiccorner.weebly.com/ and join our musical discussion. All are welcome to comment and enjoy recordings of music for the week. We look forward to your feedback.

The Parish Offices (located in the former rectory at Blessed Sacrament Church) 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.

Office Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm.*
* Closed Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Temporary Sunday Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00pm at St. Mary's

Sunday: 9:00am at St. Boniface

11:00am at Blessed Sacrament

5:00pm at St. Boniface

Due to restrictions from our Orange Zone designation, reservations are required to secure a space at these Sunday Masses. See the parish website or call the parish office between 10:00am Wednesday & 3:30pm Thursday at (585-271-7240) to reserve a seat.

Temporary Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 12:10pm at St. Mary's;

Tuesday & Friday, 7:30am at St. Boniface, and Monday & 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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(585) 271-7240
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Church locations are listed above.**



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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, January 17

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

Monday, January 18

5:30p.m. Book Discussion: Meaning of Mary Magdalene (Zoom)

Tuesday, January 19

2:00 p.m. Bible Study—The Gospel of Mark (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 20

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

Thursday, January 21

2:30 p.m. Weekly Rosary* (Zoom)

Sunday, January 24

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

*The Rosary for Healing Group will meet virtually at 2:30pm on Thursday. Our Room ID is **93212235048** and the Passcode is **0040061**. The direct link is in the Tuesday email newsletter.

JANUARY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Beginning January 4, 2021, a group will be forming to read and discuss the book **The Meaning of Mary Magdalene** by Cynthia Bourgeault. This is a Zoom meeting, facilitated by Lucien Cayer, that meets on Mondays from 5:30-7:00 PM. The book can be purchased online. Please read the preface and chapter one for the first session. Contact Lucien lowellucien359@gmail.com or 585-402-4629, if you have further questions and/or plan on joining the discussion.

Once again this Christmas season we are offering you a gift.

I Heard God Laugh by Matthew Kelly offers a practical guide to life's essential daily habit—prayer. We invite you to read the book over the next several weeks. Later in January we will offer various opportunities to reflect and share insights—perhaps in writing (through our Renewing and Refreshing Adult Faith bulletin column) or virtually in our Zoom Room. Books will be available at each of our worship sites following Mass or at the parish office. Questions? Contact Sister Kathleen Kathleen.wayne@dor.org or 507-9961.

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 Dżuba, Carol Childs, Carm Donovan, Carla Spooner, Kathy Haight, Diane Kannel, Gwen Walsh, Jeanne Tyler, Pat Nicolosi, Jim Melito, Ruth Smith, Maya Johnsen, Sam Lanzafame, Kitty Jensen, Mary Ann DiPolito, Larry Eschrich, John McCrank, Lucy Coonan, Matthew Grasta, Barbara Tredeau, Terrance O'Donnell, Louise Adler, Paul Rice, Ann Maloney, Denise Alexander, Bob Wilson, Roy Hinckley, Rose Koonmen, Mary Beth Ferguson, Loretta Rose Doyle, Amanda Milne, Maya Johnsen, and Diane Vadney.

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

ALL of our Masses are now open to the public.

But attendance is limited by COVID restrictions.

Saturday, January 16

4:00 p.m. (SM) Rita Wayne by Sr. Nancy O'Brien and Sr. Sheila Geraghty

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) Anna Greene by Barbara Greene

11:00 a.m. (BS) Phyllis Anne Lodato by Charles Butera

5:00 p.m. (SB) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

Monday, January 18, Weekday

8:00 a.m. (BS) Claire Sterling by John and Judy Lynd

12:10p.m. (SM) Patrick and Eileen O'Brien by Tom Sheehan

Tuesday, January 19, Weekday

7:30 a.m. (SB) Aggie Seneway by Rick Lenhard

Wednesday, January 20, Weekday

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

Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

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

Friday, January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

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

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

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SB) Jeffrey Budd by JoAnn Englerth

11:00 a.m. (BS) Sadie Costello by Jeff and Alicia Smith and Family

5:00 p.m. (SB) Sr. Estelle Martin by Amanda Rayburn



Readings for January 24, 2021
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

JON 3: 1-5, 10
1COR 7: 29-31
MK 1: 14-20

Thank you to the following parishioners who contributed to our Christmas Flower Fund. We are very grateful to you for your response. We appreciate your help in making our churches look so beautiful at Christmas time.

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RENEWING AND REFRESHING ADULT FAITH

We asked parishioners: has Covid affected your prayer life? If so, how? Here are some of their responses.

"Prayer life" for me during the Covid I characterize by its social expression. It developed within the body of two wonderful groups within the SRCC. Studying the weekly Sunday Scripture readings with one group and praying the Rosary with another, both on Zoom, have been spiritual benchmarks for gratitude. They have brought me together socially, but remotely, with some of the remarkable people of our parish. Taken "as one body", brought together in prayer, I have felt the presence of the Holy Spirit among us.

I can say with conviction that my prayer has changed in that I no longer ask for blessings of health. I only say thank you to God for keeping my loved ones healthy and also make it known that I am ok with whatever His will decides. I know that if I or any of my loved ones are to be affected by illness that there is a reason for it and that it is up to God, not me.

He is teaching me to not stress over these times. He is teaching me to only focus on the things that I can control. It is a huge weight off of my shoulders.

I now spend a lot of time reciting the "Hail Holy Queen" many, many times throughout the day. It's one of the few prayers that makes sense to me right now: Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To you we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us; and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

If you'd like to share your prayer experience during Covid, send it to Sr. Kathleen at kathleen.wayne@dor.org

AT HOME WITH THE WORD BOOKS

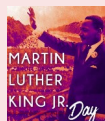
We have a limited number of books with the weekly Sunday readings and reflections. These *At Home with the Word* books are available for \$7.00 each. If you would like to purchase one for your preparation and prayer, contact Sister Kathleen at 585-507-9961 or kathleen.wayne@dor.org.

HOLY HOUR:

NOW ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

The holy hour will now be regularly scheduled for the second Friday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church.

NEEDED: Volunteers to help set up before and take down after each holy hour. Please contact Fr. Mike (fr.mike.mayer@dor.org) if you are interested.



OFFICE CLOSED JANUARY 18 FOR MLK

Please note that our office will be closed Monday to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



A Word From Father John...

In our gospel today, John the Baptist calls his own disciples attention to Jesus, saying, “Behold the Lamb of God.” This is a reaffirmation of what John already had declared at Jesus’ baptism, “Now I have seen and testify that he is the Son of God.” The two disciples heard what John said and followed Jesus, staying with him, becoming his disciples and leading others to Jesus.

What about us? Have we heard John and others of God’s prophets? Who have we chosen to follow? Why would we ever consider that possibly John or another of God’s prophets has pointed to someone else as God’s chosen one?

Considering the current crop of candidates to behold, do we really think that God is asking his prophets to say, “Behold, Donald.” or “Behold, Joe.”? Why would we look to either of them or anyone else except the one that God has revealed as the Christ? Do we really believe that anyone else can fulfill that role better than the Son of God, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

It seems that many have fallen prey to what is often extremist rhetoric that portrays their chosen candidate as the only one who can save us from the alternative, who only will bring about some sort of apocalyptic death and destruction, from which the world will never recover. Everything then becomes a life-and-death, zero-sum game. Viewing things that way, one imagines that the only way for one side to gain anything is for the other side to lose something in direct proportion to what one side gains. There seems to be no appreciation, let alone consideration, that through negotiation and cooperation both sides can gain some benefit. It can be a win-win for both or all sides involved. Admittedly, this may require each side to sacrifice something for both or all sides get that something more. In that regard, the Church’s teaching about solidarity, subsidiarity, and the common good may help to reshape our perspectives and come to appreciate that sustaining the betterment of each and every one over the long haul requires us to work together cooperatively, each and every one doing what we can, each and every one making sacrifices for the good of all.

An essential primary step requires us to refocus our attention on the one that we are to behold. As the disciples discovered in listening to John and following Jesus, by coming and seeing what Jesus was about, they found what they were looking for. An important step in that process involves staying with Jesus for a period of time. Spending time with our Lord will help us to recognize and appreciate that he indeed is the Christ, the one with us, the one for us. While we do not have the advantage of Andrew, Peter, and the other disciples, who could stay with the earthly Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we have a number of ways to spend time with our Lord.

The primary means for us to do that is in prayer. And the variety of forms of prayer offer us many possible ways to spend time with our Lord. Those of you who are familiar with Matthew Kelly’s story, as told in *I Heard God Laugh* and other of his books, know that Matthew’s prayer life took a dramatic turn when he followed the advice of an older and more experienced friend, much like Eli advising Samuel in our first reading, and started spending ten minutes sitting in church on his way to school just talking to God about his day. After some time, Matthew came to a graced realization that instead of just talking at God in a manner that equated to “Listen up, God, your servant is speaking,” he would do better to echo the words of Samuel in our first reading, “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Turning things around and asking, “God, what do you think I should do?” changed his life forever.

While it might be wonderful to speculate how much our society would be transformed for the better, if more people would shift the same amount of energy, resources and fervor from chasing after the word of those who are not the one to behold, to pursuing the word of God in Jesus Christ, we probably do not possess a magic wand or incantation to bring that about. Instead, we might do better to model ourselves after Andrew in the gospel, taking the advice of others, like John, who already have a close connection with God, and following our Lord when he is pointed out to us. And having done so, willingly accepting our Lord’s invitation to come and see. And above all, developing a habit of spending time with our Lord, so as to discover that Jesus Christ is indeed the one for whom we are looking. And then once we have been convinced that indeed we have found the Christ, going and bringing others to our Lord.

Admittedly, that will take a lot of more time and effort than simply waving a wand and speaking an incantation, but that is the way that discipleship works. By making ourselves better disciples, we prepare ourselves to bring others to Christ, so that they too can become his disciples. All the more reason to get that process rolling. Prayer is a place to start. Matthew Kelly’s book, *I Heard God Laugh*, may offer some insights as we seek to grow in our spiritual life through prayer. Please consider taking some time to engage what he has to offer.

If you would be interested in facilitating a book discussion group using a prepared guide for *I Heard God Laugh*, please contact Sister Kathleen (Kathleen.Wayne@dor.org; 585-507-9961). We hope to start gathering in the next several weeks.

Peace and blessings!

Yours,

Fr. John

NEEDED: TECHIES AND WANNABES



It is clear that digital outreach through the Internet to both parishioners and others is not just a fluke caused by the pandemic. It is an important component of both our present and future outreach efforts. During the pandemic our parishes have successfully provided a wide range of digital offerings: recorded and livestreamed Masses, faith formation programs, prayer and retreat programs, etc. Christian organizations around the country are making it clear that digital connections are not a temporary phase due to the pandemic but must be considered part of the meat and potatoes of ongoing church outreach. Predictions suggest that 10-20 percent of people who regularly attended church services before the pandemic will not return in the future. It is also clear that a digital church connection is favored by over a third of millennials. If anything, we are being encouraged to expand our digital/virtual outreach while also encouraging parishioners to attend services and programs in our churches and church buildings. For this to happen we need people of all ages who are interested in learning about and expanding our ability to serve both parishioners and non-parishioners through online connections. We need people with not only digital computer skills, but also those who want to learn how to set up a livestreamed event or host a ZOOM meeting. No one is too young or too old to be a part of this "tech team" endeavor. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Mike at fr.mike.mayer@dor.org or 271-7240, ext. 120.

SEEKING CONTRIBUTORS FOR OUR PARISH LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET

We are looking for volunteers who would be willing to write a short reflection (150 words) on the daily Mass readings for Lent. We are hoping to recruit a different volunteer for each day. We will combine the reflections into a Lenten Booklet that we will share with the whole parish. This is something that Dennis Mahaney suggested to us as he had done it successfully at a parish where he worked previously. Since Ash Wednesday is February 17, we would hope to have the booklet completed and ready for distribution by the second Sunday (at the latest) in February. That means that reflections would be due in early February. If you are interested in learning more or offering to write a reflection, please contact Fr. John (fr.john.loncle@dor.org; 585-271-7240 ext. 119) or Sister Kathleen (kathleen.wayne@dor.org; 585-507-9961). Don't miss this opportunity to share your faith and inspire others.

LIVING WITH FAITH BOOKS AVAILABLE

Living with Faith books for January, February, and March are available at each worship site and at the office door.

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

January 10, 2021	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 7,125	\$ 6,700	\$ 425
St. Boniface	\$ 1,882	\$ 3,000	\$ (1,118)
St. Mary's	\$10,190	\$ 5,050	\$ 5,140

Year-to-Date Totals

Blessed Sacrament	\$ 167,231	\$ 187,600	\$ (20,370)
St. Boniface	\$ 77,571	\$ 84,000	\$ (6,429)
St. Mary's	\$ 143,784	\$ 141,400	\$ 2,384

Christmas (as of 1/12/21)

Blessed Sacrament	\$ 5,885	\$ 10,000	\$ (4,115)
St. Boniface	\$ 4,254	\$ 5,000	\$ (746)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,617	\$ 5,000	\$ (1,383)

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

PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION

We are ready to begin preparation for the Sacraments of Penance and First Communion. Any families with children in Second Grade or older, who have been enrolled in Faith Formation classes or in Catholic Schools are asked to contact Sister Kathleen (Kathleen.wayne@dor.org) to receive the registration information. Out of an abundance of caution we are designing our preparation to be virtual. Preparation begins the third week of January and our hope is to celebrate First Penance in early Lent and First Communion during the Easter Season. Thanks for your attention to this important process of preparation.

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