

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface

Saint Mary's

May 12, 2024

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.



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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LEP

DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY

The Church is called to proclaim Jesus Christ, who was crucified, died and is risen: through him God bestows "new life" that is divine and eternal. This is the "Good News" which changes people and history, and which all people have a right to hear.

We cannot be content when we consider the millions of our brothers and sisters who don't know Christ and the love of God yet.

"As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:20)

For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 18 & 19, we call upon you to help with your prayers and sacrificial gift, so that they may continue to bring Christ into a world where darkness, despair and emptiness prevail.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:

4:30pm at St. Boniface Church

SUNDAY MASSES:

9:00am at St. Boniface Church

9:30am at Blessed Sacrament Church

10:45am at St. Mary's Church

12:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church

Regular Confessions:

*Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm at St. Boniface
or by appointment with one of our priests.*

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY:

8:00am at Blessed Sacrament Church

12:10pm at St. Mary's Church

TUESDAY:

8:00am at St. Boniface Church

WEDNESDAY:

8:00am at Blessed Sacrament Church

THURSDAY:

8:00am at St. Boniface Church

FRIDAY:

12:10pm at St. Mary's Church

*Rosary & Communion at St. Mary's 12:10 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*

The Physical Addresses of our three churches are:

Blessed Sacrament, 534 Oxford Street, Rochester, NY 14607
Saint Boniface, 330 Gregory Street, Rochester, NY 14620
Saint Mary's, 15 St. Mary's Place, Rochester, NY 14607

The Mailing Address for all three churches is as follows:

259 Rutgers Street
Rochester, NY 14607
(585) 271-7240 Fax: (585) 442-7517

Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Saturday, May 11

4:30 p.m. *First Communion Celebration at Mass* (SB)

Sunday, May 12

9:00 a.m. *First Communion Celebration at Mass* (SB)

9:30 a.m. *First Communion Celebration at Mass* (BS)

10:45 a.m. *First Communion Celebration at Mass* (SM)

Monday, May 13

5:30 p.m. Book Discussion (Zoom)

7:00 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Discernment (BS Parish Center)

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 p.m. Parish Life Committee (BS Parish Center)

7:00 p.m. Holy Hour (SB)

Wednesday, May 15

10:00 a.m. Scripture Sharing (Zoom)

Thursday, May 16

3:00 p.m. Parishioner Led Weekly Rosary (Zoom)

Sunday, May 19

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (SB)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (BS)

11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour (SM)

12:00 p.m. *First Communion Celebration at Mass* (BS)

Mass Intentions Accepted for Dates through June 2024

We are accepting Mass intentions for Masses through June 30, 2024 at our three worship sites. The requested donations is still \$10.00. Please contact the parish office at (585) 271-7240 to schedule your intentions. We 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.

Why do we offer Mass Intentions?

The Mass is a particularly powerful form of prayer that can be offered for a particular person or purpose. For example, a Mass may be offered in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, on a wedding anniversary, during a time of illness, etc.), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We offer Masses for our deceased loved ones, in particular, to aid them in their journeys to heaven to pass more quickly through the purification process called purgatory.

The Role of Religious Women in St. Mary's History

Join us on next Sunday, May 19th, when **Voices of Women** will recreate conversations among the women from St. Mary's past. Why were they called "the walking nuns"? What ministries did they provide? We will enjoy the voices of Sisters of Mercy and St. Joseph, a 1922 graduate of St. Mary's School, a 1940s activist, and pastoral leaders who literally changed the face of our church. Join us as we launch our 190th anniversary and enjoy the rich history women made. Members of the Parish Life Committee will provide refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 11

4:30 p.m. (SB) James Condon by John & Linda Brunner

Sunday, May 12, *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

9:00 a.m. (SB) Lilian Califano by Anthony Califano

9:30 a.m. (BS) Thomas Brown by Lilyanne Hayman
Elinor Redman, Mary O'Neill and Lois
Whelehan by Ellen & Marty O'Neill
and Kathleen Whelehan

10:45 a.m. (SM) Clarita Quintana by Fe Quintana

Joyce Sciolino by Joseph Sciolino

12:00 p.m. (BS) Robert Keenan by Bob Keenan

Monday, May 13, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. (BS) Betty Auberger by John & Judy Lynd

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

Tuesday, May 14, *Feast Day of Saint Matthias*

8:00 a.m. (SB) For the People of the Southeast Rochester
Catholic Community

12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Resurrection & Communion

Wednesday, May 15, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. (BS) Elaine Vander Brook by Rita Lesnick

12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Resurrection & Communion

Thursday, May 16, *Easter Weekday*

8:00 a.m. (SB) For the People of the Southeast Rochester
Catholic Community

12:10 p.m. (SM) Stations of the Resurrection & Communion

Friday, May 17, *Easter Weekday*

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

Saturday, May 18

4:30 p.m. (SB) Daniel Klee by Jack Schuler

Sunday, May 19, *Pentecost Sunday*

9:00 a.m. (SB) Jeanne Shanley by JoAnne Englerth

9:30 a.m. (BS) Richard Lenhard by Micki Walsh
Kathleen (Clancy) Nichols by Henry
DeSanto

10:45 a.m. (SM) Ruben Cirillo and Nicole Carpio by Shirley
Cirillo

12:00 p.m. (BS) Steven Ensor by Peggy Koch

Upcoming Readings for May 19 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13
John 20:19-23



Garden Help Needed at St. Mary's



Spring is finally here and things are really beginning to grow!! If you like to get your hands in the dirt and are interested in helping for 1-2 hours at a time – weeding, mowing, edging, trimming, mulching - please let me know! There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church and also a form on the weekly e-blast that comes out where you can just click on the article and it will take you to the sign-up form. I will contact you with more information once you sign-up and you can become a member of the Black Mulch Garden Club at St. Mary's. I look forward to working with you!!! Let me know if you have questions!

Diane Kannel, kaneld@gmail.com



JOIN US AT MASS FOR BEAUTIFUL MUSIC BY OUR JOINT CHOIR

Sunday, May 19 10:45AM Mass at St. Mary's
 Sunday, June 2 9:30AM Blessed Sacrament
 Feast Day - Corpus Christi
 Sunday, June 9 9:00AM St. Boniface
 Feast Day Celebration

YOUNG ADULT

LINE Dancing

MAY 19TH ★ 7:00 - 9:00 PM
 St. John the Evangelist Church
 553 Humboldt St., 14610

LEARN HOW TO LINE DANCE & DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

CONVERGE

YOUNG ADULT

KARAOKE NIGHT

MAY 14th - 7PM
 ST. JAMES CHURCH
 130 BRETT ROAD, 14609

CONVERGE

*Congratulations and
many blessings to our
children receiving
First Communion*

**Mikayla Kaiser
 Sam Cummings
 Joseph Koczot
 Eddie Krause
 June Wade
 Noah Klapetzky
 Matilda Klapetzky
 Gabe Harlston
 Meaghan Rutledge
 Elin Sorensen**



Please Pray for those in need of Healing: Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Joan Hacker, Larry Schlosser, Marilyn Dietz, Frances Carney, Barbara Fransen, Brian Dżuba, Carol Childs, Carm Donovan, Carla Spooner, Kathy Haight, Diane Kannel, Gwen Walsh, Pat Nicolosi, Ruth Smith, Sam Lanza fame, Kitty Jensen, Larry Eschrich, Lucy Coonan, Matthew Grasta, Louise Adler, Paul Rice, Ann Maloney, Denise Alexander, Rose Koonmen, Loretta Rose Doyle, Ann Marie Arnold, Fred Williams, Anne Bauman, Gerry Yawman, Mark Schork, Tom Meteyer, Pete Klee, Timothy Romeo, Tracey Schatz, Joseph Guinessly, Ella Dyson, Bertha Ortiz, Mary Beth Ferguson, Rob Armor, Barbara Murphy, Maureen Williams, James Boothby, Brianna Budd, Becka Crof, Kristina Parker, Stephanie Ortiz, Secret Ortiz, Robert Brownyard, Liz Clarke, Maya Reagan, Nia Hrynio, Karen Agnello, Brian Lynd, Margaret Rutledge, Amanda Milne, Marlene Marino, Keri McBurney, Ery Pugh, Terry Hin, Andrea Moracco, Greg Stark, Joe Centanni, George Bauman, Liz Meteyer, Kate Byrnes, Thomas Kelly, Christine Sibilio, MaryEllen Melder, Bill Long, Henry Albertelli, Bruce Gorman, Vera Horak, Linda O'Donnell, John Osterhout, Sharon Herring, Veronica Horn, Sharon Lambert, Dawn Zinn.

A Word From Father John...

In our first reading this week, we hear how the remaining eleven apostles set about restoring their full complement of twelve by seeking a replacement for Judas Iscariot, who had betrayed Jesus and then taken his own life. In Luke's understanding, the twelve apostles were significant symbolically in the restoration of God's people, as the number is tied to the twelve tribes and twelve patriarchs of Israel. In trying to determine who should take Judas' place among the twelve apostles, Peter, as the leader of the eleven, turns to the Lord for guidance in making the selection. The process that they follow combines entrusting oneself to God and God's guidance, but also doing one's part to be open to God's promptings, to use one's own gifts and talents, and then acting accordingly.

So, when we face challenges and difficulties in our own lives, what are some of the steps that we might follow in discerning God's will? First, we look to God to affirm for us that what we may perceive as a need to be filled is indeed a need in the eyes of God and one that is our place to address. We see this in Peter using the word of God contained in scripture as affirmation that someone else should take Judas' place. Second, we draw on what Jesus has revealed to us in his life, ministry, and teaching, to determine what is required to address the need. In this case, we see a practical application of Jesus' teaching about remaining in him as he remains in us, that we have heard repeatedly these last several weeks. As such, Peter highlights that it is necessary that the one chosen to take Judas' place should be someone who had accompanied them the whole time Jesus was with them from his baptism by John until his ascension into heaven. In this way, they aren't just familiar with Jesus' teaching, they have experienced his very person, along with his healing, preaching, and teaching, and his suffering, death, and resurrection, up close and personal. Third, focused on the need confirmed in God's word and informed by what Jesus has revealed, we act accordingly to address the need by doing what is possible. As such, they propose two people who meet the necessary requirements. Fourth, we recognize our limits and be wary of claims of knowledge and certainty. Showing a degree of growth and maturity and transformed by the grace unleashed in the resurrection, the eleven are aware of their own limitations and act accordingly. Their minds finally grasp what Jesus had shown them repeatedly in the gospels, that especially when they felt for certain that they knew for themselves what was right and true, they in fact were blind and dead wrong. Fifth, having done everything that we can, we have to entrust the matter to God and ask for God to do what is best for all. So, showing appropriate humility and faith in God, the eleven turn to prayer, asking the Lord, who knows the true heart of the matter, to show them which one of the two God has chosen. Then they draw lots to determine God's choice. In these ways, we allow God to inform and shape important decisions that we face.

While not every situation in which we find ourselves may lend itself to a direct application of these exact steps, we would do well to use them as a guide, adapting them to the particularities of the situation in which we find ourselves. As I think about how I have handled similar challenges and difficulties, I must admit that I have not always relied on a similar process. Yet, I also am aware that when I have done so, I have invariably experienced a better result in the long run.

Within our parish, the process of discernment that we use in selecting new members of our Parish Pastoral Council draws on the example that the eleven used in selecting Matthias to take Judas' place among the twelve apostles. I will share the results of that process next week, announcing the three new members (one from each church) who have been selected to serve. I thank all of those who have been nominated for their willingness to serve as we engage in strategic planning for the future of our parish.

I also thank all of those who were involved with the Next-To-New Sale. Certainly, we appreciate all our donors and shoppers, who play a crucial role in the success of this parish fundraiser. Yet, I am especially grateful to our hardworking and dedicated volunteers, especially those who take on leadership roles, who are essential to the operation and success of the sale. We simply could not do it without you. As was announced at Masses last weekend, our preliminary numbers indicate that we raised some \$68,800.00. That's fantastic! God truly has blessed us with these resources that help to sustain our parish and its ministries.

As I indicated last week, the Parish Pastoral Council is grateful to some 270 parishioners who responded to the Mass Times Survey. They are busy compiling and analyzing the results. I expect that they will make their recommendation to me, so that we can announce a new four Mass weekend schedule in the beginning of June to be implemented on the first weekend in July.

Just as we congratulated and ask for God's blessings on all our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend, we are pleased to be celebrating with our children who are celebrating their First Communion this weekend. They have been working hard preparing for this day. And we thank our catechists and their parents and families, who have encouraged and supported them. It is always encouraging and wonderful to see our children take this significant step in their faith journey and continued incorporation into the Church, as members of the Body of Christ.

May the peace and joy of Easter continue to fill our hearts as we await the celebration of Pentecost.

Yours,

Fr. John

Homeless Outreach Ministry Update



A huge thank you for our Homeless Outreach Team, who went out at 6:30am on April 23rd. Volunteers from SERCC and St. Joseph's Church in Penfield, along with staff from PCHO (Person Centered Housing Options) and other organizations, traveled around our city and encountered the homeless at various locations.

When our team encounters the homeless, we offer them food and hygiene packs. During this encounter staff from PCHO and other organizations work with these individuals to help them find housing and address other needs.

In addition to providing food, hygiene packs, and assistance with housing, this outreach is also a learning experience for the volunteers involved. During the interactions with the homeless individuals, our volunteers talk, visit, and get to know them. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the homeless situation in our city.

Our next Homeless Outreach opportunity is on May 28th (this Outreach is restricted to adult volunteers only at this time). For more information about this ministry, please contact Deacon Duncan Harris dharris@dor.org, (585) 271-7240 ext. 120.

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PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

<u>May 5, 2024</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 8,155	\$ 7,075	\$ 1,080
St. Boniface	\$ 2,975	\$ 3,550	\$ (575)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,903	\$ 5,300	\$ (1,397)
Year-to-Date Totals			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 339,485	\$ 318,375	\$ 21,110
St. Boniface	\$ 151,062	\$ 159,750	\$ (9,408)
St. Mary's	\$ 241,414	\$ 238,500	\$ 2,914

Blessed Sacrament Seating Capacity—800

9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance — 166

12:00 p.m. Mass Attendance — 78

St. Boniface Seating Capacity—550

9:00 a.m. Mass Attendance — 84

4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance — 91

St. Mary's Seating Capacity—550

10:45 a.m. Mass Attendance — 122

"Everyday Peace"

Presented by the
Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester



Social Justice Day
Monday, May 20th

Register at:
NotreDameRetreat.org

Notre Dame Retreat House
5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua

