# **Southeast Rochester Catholic Community**

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**Blessed Sacrament** 

# Saint Boniface

**Saint Mary's** 

November 10, 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.



#### 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

Parish Office Closed this Monday, November 11th in Observance of Veterans Day



#### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

#### **SATURDAY VIGIL MASS:**

4:30pm at St. Mary's Church

#### **SUNDAY MASSES:**

8:00am at St. Boniface Church

9:30am at Blessed Sacrament Church

11:15am at St. Mary's Church

#### Confessions:

Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm at St. Mary's or by appointment with one of our priests.

Blessed Sacrament Supper Program: Would you help us provide a Thanksgiving Feast?

The Supper Program serves a traditional Thanksgiving meal for our guests on Tuesday evening of Thanksgiving week. This year, we expect to serve more than 120 people. If you'd like to help, a 14-16 lb. turkey would really make a difference! We'd also welcome monetary donations to help cover the cost of the trimmings! Donations (financial or turkeys) can be dropped off at the parish office during business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Bowes, Supper Program Director at (585) 271-7240 or Anne.Bowes@dor.org. Thank you!

### Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

#### Saturday, November 9

5:30 p.m. Coffee Hour (SM)

#### Sunday, November 10

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour **(BS)** 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour **(SM)** 

#### Monday, November 11

\*\*\*Parish Office is Closed in observance of the Veterans

Day holiday\*\*\*

5:30 p.m. Book Discussion (Zoom) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?

pwd=vjmjPehiHsB5CTnozIUnVNl5PyXwAN.1 Meeting ID: 880 7953 4354 Passcode: zC4D84

#### Tuesday, November 12

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

#### Wednesday, November 13

10:00 a.m. Scripture Sharing (Zoom) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840? pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgjFa.1

#### Thursday, November 14

3:00 p.m. Parishioner Led Weekly Rosary (Zoom) https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87280771201? pwd=NmxGODV2MkN4a3h3ZHIvaElPYXJSUT09

#### Sunday, November 17

10:40 a.m.-11:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (**BS - School**) 10:45a.m.-12:00p.m. Confirmation Preparation Early Session (**BS -Parish Office**)

12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Late Session (BS -Parish Office)

6:00 p.m. YA "The Chosen" series (BS-Parish Office)

Please Pray for those in need of Healing: Layla Tremble, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Marilyn Dietz, Frances Carney, Barbara Fransen, Brian Dzuba, Carol Childs, Carm Donovan, Carla Spooner, Kathy Haight, Diane Kannel, Gwen Walsh, Pat Nicolosi, Ruth Smith, Sam Lanzafame, Kitty Jensen, 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, Pete Klee, Tracey Schatz, Joseph Guiessly, Ella Dyson, Bertha Ortiz, Mary Beth Ferguson, Rob Armor, Barbara Murphy, Maureen Williams, James Boothby, Becka Crof, Kristina Parker, Stephanie Ortiz, Secret Ortiz, Robert Brownyard, Liz Clarke, Maya Reagan, Nia Hrynio, Karen Agnello, Brian Lynd, Margaret Rutledge, Amanda Milne, Keri McBurney, Evy Pugh, Terry Hin, Andrea Moracco, Greg Stark, Joe Centanni, George Bauman, Kate Byrnes, Thomas Kelly, Christine Sibilio, MaryEllen Melder, Bill Long, Henry Albertelli, Bruce Gorman, Vera Horak, John Osterhout, Sharon Herring, Veronica Horn, Jean Clinton, Dawn Zinn, Mary Pflieger, Rachel Mary Cox, Darlene Simmons, Jack Bowes, Marge Sharick.

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 9, Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

4:30 p.m. (SM) Kathy Groth by Dan and Family

# <u>Sunday, November 10, Thirty-second Sunday of</u> <u>Ordinary Time</u>

8:00 a.m. (SB) Helen Surgan by Bob Morriss

9:30 a.m. (BS) A. Louise Lynd by John & Judy Lynd Dennis Walsh by Micki Walsh

11:15 a.m. (SM) Catherine Fallon-Smith by Al Smith

#### Monday, November 11, Memorial of Saint Martin of <u>Tours</u>

8:00 a.m. (BS) Margaret Keenan by Bob Keenan

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

#### Tuesday, November 12, Memorial of Saint Josephat

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

12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

# Wednesday, November 13, Memorial of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

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

12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

#### Thursday, November 14, Weekday

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

12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

#### Friday, November 15, Weekday

12:10 p.m. (SM) For the People of Ukraine by Al Smith

#### Saturday, November 16

4:30 p.m. (SM) For the People of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

# <u>Sunday, November 17, Thirty-third Sunday of</u> <u>Ordinary Time</u>

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

9:30 a.m. (BS) Sophie Pociask by Marge Sharick Karen Lamark by Vincent Lamark

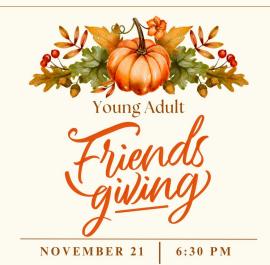
11:15 a.m. (SM) Dr. Jimmy Go and Rommel Palencia by Shirley Cirillo

Upcoming Readings for November 17th Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time Daniel 12:1-3 Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Mark 13:24-32

### Are You Ready to ROC the Day?

Our Supper Program, with the help of many dedicated volunteers, serves hundreds of hungry people each week. As with every household, though, our food costs have risen quite a bit, and serving healthy, hearty food gets more expensive by the month. We'd be very grateful for interested parishioners to take part in United Way's ROC the Day to make a special one time donation. It's December 3rd, and you can take a sneak peek by visiting www.roctheday.org/supperprogram. Thank you for considering a gift that day to help!





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Please RSVP at 585-502-8812 or roc.converge@dor.org & consider bringing a dish to pass

### GIVING TREE IS COMING SOON TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH

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It is almost time again for the St. Mary's Giving Tree. This is one of our most successful online gift donation programs that benefit several of our social justice ministries. We are currently setting up again this year the online registry complete with QR codes and counting on your unwavering support. Your donations will help those in need through the following organizations: Bethany House, Francis Center, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center, and St. Michael's Families. Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Please Join Us In Our Work Social Outreach and Social Justice November 19th at 6:30PM Blessed Sacrament Office

Please consider attending our Social Outreach and Justice Committee Meeting which will be held on November 19th at 6:30 at the parish offices at Blessed Sacrament!

#### All are invited to attend.

As Catholics and disciples of Christ, we are called to be a sign of God's love to the world! We are called by Jesus to participate in reaching out to others who are in need. Please come to learn about our many Social Outreach and Justice efforts. We also invite you to share your thoughts on how we as a faith community can better address and impact Social Outreach and Justice issues facing our community and world!

This year we will have a special focus on Climate Justice and Care for Creation. Please contact Deacon Duncan Harris for more information or questions. <a href="mailto:dharris@dor.org">dharris@dor.org</a> 585-271-7240 ext. 120

# Homeless Outreach Ministry Our Next Outreach is November 26th

Volunteers from the SRCC and St. Joseph's Church in Penfield, along with staff from PCHO (Person Centered Housing Options) and other organizations, traveled around our city encountering 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 peruse permanent housing for them, as well as setup appointments for these individuals to help them find housing and 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 November 26th (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, 575-271-7240, ext 120.

### MASS INTENTIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH MARCH 2025

We are accepting Mass intentions for Masses through March 31, 2025 at our three worship sites: Blessed Sacrament, Saint Boniface and Saint Mary's. The requested donation is still \$10.00. Please contact the parish office at (585) 271-7240 to schedule your intentions.

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".

## A Word From Father John...

In our gospel last Sunday, Jesus reminds us that our first priority is to love God with our whole being, along with a close second priority to love our neighbor as ourselves. As we consider what is being asked of us in loving God and others, it is natural to wonder how much we must give of ourselves in doing so? What does our reflecting back that love of God and our sharing that love of God with others ask of us?

As Jesus points out elsewhere in the gospel, prudence would dictate that we consider whether we have the necessary resources to succeed in the task that we set before ourselves. Our consumeristic mindset may lead us to assess this in terms of the things that we can marshal in pursuit of our goal. We might take an inventory focusing on the money, time, and possessions at hand, along with required knowledge and skills. Then based on our assessment, we would be able to make a determination of how much we have to give to the task at hand. Yet, as a result, we can end up looking at the world as if there is only so much to go around, and thus we are limited in what we can share in loving God and others.

Along those lines, as Jesus observes in the gospel, we tend to find it easier to give from our surplus as the rich do. And we tend to shy away from sharing from our scarcity. In the latter case, we fear that if we give from what little we have, we won't have enough left to meet our own needs. Yet, even when we have a surplus, we might place further restrictions on what we will give out of fear of waste and futility. What if we give and our gift is wasted? What if our giving requires us to sacrifice much, but it still is not enough to meet the need or make a difference?

Such thinking is blown out of the water by the stories of the two widows in our readings today. They both move beyond assessing their resources and beyond fears of not having enough for themselves and fears of waste and futility. In doing so, they embrace and act out of the superabundance, inspiration and power of the love of God.

In the case of the widow in our first reading, she needs to be invited by the prophet Elijah to look beyond her scarcity to embrace God's promise to provide for her and her son's needs until the drought is over. As she first indicates to Elijah, her food supplies have run so low that she is preparing to feed her son and herself the little that remains and then to die. Scarcity has skewed her thinking so much so that she is thinking in terms of eating to die, not eating to live.

Elijah challenges her to turn that upside down. That's particularly challenging as she is not an Israelite, so the God that Elijah asks her to trust is not the god that she normally worships and prays to. Sensing her questions and doubts, Elijah invites her to not be afraid. While she can follow her motherly instinct to provide for her son and herself, first she needs to show Elijah hospitality by offering him food and drink. If she shows this loving kindness to Elijah, he assures her that God will continue to provide her with the flour and oil that she needs. Showing true faith and courage, she moves beyond her fears, crossing religious and cultural boundaries to embrace and act out of the love of God. As a result, filled with the love of God, she is then able to continue acting with loving kindness by offering Elijah hospitality, including sharing in her food and shelter for another year.

This widow offers us another example of how the love of God can help us to overcome the division and polarization that afflict the world and our relationships. That love gives us the courage to face our fears of scarcity, waste and futility. Overturning fears of scarcity, we learn to trust that God will provide us with enough to show loving kindness to someone from a different religion and culture and still have enough for our own needs. The love of God helps us to see that our relationship with those who are different from us is not a zero-sum game, but a win-win in which both benefit. That love also overturns fears of waste as Elijah gratefully puts her gifts of food and shelter to good use. Similarly, that love prompts her to sacrifice what little remaining she has, which turns out to be more than enough to meet Elijah's needs as well as her son's and her needs for a year. This is not a futile act, but life-giving for all involved.

How might the love of God be inspiring and empowering us to overcome our fears, cross whatever boundaries separate us from our fellow human beings, and come to share in the abundance of life revealed and opened up for us by Jesus Christ, our Lord? When we open our hearts and minds to the love of God, it is amazing what we can accomplish. Like the poor widow in the gospel, while others may look upon our sacrificial offering as of little or no account, we can trust that Christ sees and accurately assesses the true value of our acts of loving kindness.

As I write this on Tuesday evening before any election results are announced, I am aware that regardless of the results, we need to cooperate with the love of God in working to overcome the division and polarization that afflict so much of life. May the two widows in our readings today, continue to inspire us to give of ourselves in generous and self-sacrificing ways.

The chart on page 5 indicates that we continue to make good progress toward reaching our Catholic Ministries Appeal goals in all three of our parish churches. As Jesus indicates, the significance of each contribution is not based on its size. Every contribution, large or small, is very much needed and appreciated. Thank you for your generous support!

Peace and blessings to all as we await and come to terms with the election results and whatever challenges we may face.

Yours,

Fr. John

#### **PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION**

November 3, 2024	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 9,504	\$ 7,400	\$ 2,104
St. Boniface	\$ 2,711	\$ 3,550	\$ (839)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,402	\$ 4,770	\$ (1,368)
Year-to-Date Totals	;		
Blessed Sacrament	\$121,769	\$ 133,200	\$ (11,431)
St. Boniface	\$ 53,691	\$ 63,900	\$ (10,209)
St. Mary's	\$ 82,396	\$ 85,860	\$ (3,464)

#### ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Blessed Sacrament Seating Capacity—800

9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance — 207

St. Boniface Seating Capacity—550

8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance - 77

St. Mary's Seating Capacity—550

11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance — 123 4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance — 58

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

# Extending Christ's Mission through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



Appeal as of 11/5/2024	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$64,000	\$26,000	\$46,000
Pledged	\$22,770	\$16,047	\$19,285
Amount Remaining	\$41,230	\$9,953	\$26,715
% of Goal	36%	62%	42%
# / % of House- holds Participating	68 8%	32 8%	44 7%

## Visioning Women's Voices in the Church Celebrating Ten Years of VOW

Voices of Women invite you to circle the date, November 17, and join us for a panel discussion on the role of women in the Church today. Our moderator for the program will be Nancy DeRycke who served in the diocese as a Pastoral Associate and is a part-time chaplain at St. John's Home. Presenting their vision of the role of women in today's church and their experiences are three members of the Rochester diocese: Sr. Barbara Moore, RSM, known for her homilies and a weekly blog on the Sunday's scripture; Gloria Ulterino, a former pastoral associate and author of three books, and Sonia Livingston, an associate professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University and author exploring the changes in the Catholic Church in her book: The Virgin of Prince Street. Join us at 12 o'clock at St. Mary's Dugan Center for this exciting discussion on the status of the voices of women in today's church.

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# The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community Supports Rochester Hope!

Rochester Hope was conceived as a not-for-profit organization to serve the needs of city of Rochester families and refugees. Every Saturday, Rochester Hope provides a Food Pantry and other services.

The SRCC is partnering with Rochester Hope to support their mission of reaching out and living the Gospel and serving those in the core of our city who are most in need. A SRCC team of volunteers will gather and help out every 3rd Saturday from 8:45AM - Noon at the St. Michael's Church complex. Our next service date is Saturday, November 16th.

Can you help?? Our volunteers will assist guests walking through the Food Pantry. Please contact Mary Coughtry by email: coughtrym@gmail.com or by phone: 507-6219 to sign up, learn more, or have your questions answered.