

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface

Saint Mary's

December 8, 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*

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.*

**Moves to St. Boniface starting January 4, 2025*

**Don't Forget To Shop At Our
Alternative Christmas Fair this Weekend
St. Mary's Church - Dugan Center
Sat., Dec. 7th from 3:30PM to 6:30PM
Sun., Dec. 8th from 10:30AM to 1:30PM**

*Upcoming Readings for December 15th
Third Sunday of Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18*

*The Mailing Address for all three churches is:
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(585) 271-7240 (585) 442-7517 Fax*

*The Physical Addresses of the 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*

Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Saturday, December 7

9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. St Boniface Men's Club Sale of Hot Cocoa, Coffee & Raffle Tickets to support Children's Christmas Party (SB School)

3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Alternative Giving Fair (SM-Dugan Center)

10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Young Adults Advent Retreat (St. John the Evangelist, 533 Humboldt St.)

Sunday, December 8

10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Alternative Giving Fair (SM-Dugan Center)

10:40 a.m. - 11:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS School)

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

Monday, December 9

5:30 p.m. Book Discussion (Zoom) <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?pwd=vjmjPehiHsB5CTnozIUvNl5PyXwAN.1>

Meeting ID: 880 7953 4354 Passcode: zC4D84

8:30 p.m. Young Adult -Hallmark Movie Night (BS Parish Office)

Tuesday, December 10

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

Wednesday, December 11

10:00 a.m. Scripture Sharing (Zoom) <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgFa.1>

Thursday, December 12

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

Saturday, December 14

10:00 a.m. St. Boniface Men's Club Children's Christmas Party (SB School Basement)

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

7:00 p.m. Young Adults Christmas Party (BS Parish Office)

Sunday, December 15 * Giving Tree Gifts due back to St. Mary's by Noon*****

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (SB)

10:40 a.m.- 11:55 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS School)

12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour (SM)

2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Confirmation Christmas Party (BS Parish Office)

2:00 p.m. John Dady & Friends Advent & Christmas Concert (SB)

6:30 p.m. 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 Guinessly, Ella Dyson, Bertha Ortiz, Mary Beth Ferguson, Rob Armor, Barbara Murphy, Maureen Williams, James Boothby, Becka Crof, Kristina Parker, Stephanie Ortiz, Secret Ortiz, Robert Bronnyard, Liz Clarke, Maya Reagan, Nia Hrynio, Karen Agnello, Brian Lynd, Margaret Rutledge, Amanda Milne, Keri McBurney, Ery 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, John Wesley.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7, Memorial of Saint Ambrose

4:30 p.m. (SM) Steven Killings by Mary Wagner

Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:30 a.m. (BS) Michael Lynd by John & Judy Lynd
Mary Bianchi by Dan & Rose Koonmen

11:15 a.m. (SM) Russ Phillips by Jeanne Phillips

Monday, December 9, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*****Holy Day of Obligation*****

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

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

5:30 p.m. (SB) For the People of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Tuesday, December 10, Advent Weekday

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

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

Wednesday, December 11, Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. (BS) Robert Howe by John & Judy Lynd

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

Thursday, December 12, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:30 a.m. (BS) For the People of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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

Friday, December 13, Memorial of Saint Lucy

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

Saturday, December 14, Memorial of Saint John of the Cross

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

Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. (SB) Maureen Miller by Cousins

9:30 a.m. (BS) Marie Murphy by John & Judy Lynd
Deceased members of the Howard Family by Sue Howard

11:15 a.m. (SM) Alyce Giambrone by Mary Alyce Streb



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, December 21st.

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.

The Southeast Rochester Community
Invites you to Shop at our:



Alternative Christmas Fair

Saturday, December 7, 2024
3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

and

Sunday, December 8
10:30 am – 1:30 pm

St. Mary's Parish Dugan Center
15 St. Mary's Place

Please note that not all Vendors accept Credit Cards.
Some will only accept Cash or Checks.

Please Support the Good Work of these Vendors:

St. Michael's Woodshop - Wood Crafts and More

Kuc Majok School in South Sudan - Beaded Jewelry

St. Mary's Garden - Poinsettia Plants and Cards

Coffee Connection - Job Training for Women in Recovery

Artistry of Kristine Malone: Paintings

Artistry of Sue Howard - Folk Art, Fine Art and Collage

One World Goods - Global Fair Trade Crafts

Resources Available for A Greener Christmas

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



Donations are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers in memory of family and friends. Please be sure to designate Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface or St. Mary's on the form below and return it to the church office.

Donation in Memory of:

_____ *please print*

Amount: _____ ☐ Cash or ☐ Check
(please make checks payable to designated parish)

Donation for: ☐ Blessed Sacrament ☐ St. Boniface

☐ St. Mary's

Donation made by: _____ *please print*

A Heartfelt Thank You from the Kramers



Bill and Rita Kramer wish to thank their many friends and parishioners of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community for their prayers, concerns, and goodness extended to them during their recent fire and the challenges it presented. They have now returned to their home once again, and wanted to send their appreciation for all of the support! God Bless all of you!

St. Mary's Giving Tree

You may visit www.southeastrochester-catholics.org or use the QR Code above (put your cell phone in camera mode) or on the back of the pews or pick an ornament from the tree. Each ornament has the QR code.

For people without internet access, Gary Goodwin (cell # 414-7688) will help you select a gift from the "online tree". Gifts are due back no later than Noon on December 15 at St. Mary's or the parish office. Please contact Mary Coughtry at 507-6219 if you have questions.

A Word From Father John...

Mirror, mirror...in the creche?...whose the _____-est of them all? As we see ourselves reflected in the mirror in the creche display at church, how might we fill in that blank? Would we dare attribute to ourselves some of the characteristics ascribed to Jerusalem in our first reading? Can we see ourselves wrapped in the splendor of God's glory? Are we instruments of Christ's peace arising from following God's ways of justice? Might we see ourselves standing up tall and looking out to see "our children" - those whom we nurture and inspire - gathering in response to the word of the Lord and rejoicing that God has not forgotten them in their struggles? Or turning to the Responsorial Psalm, might we see ourselves as filled with joy at all the great things that God has done for us? In particular, have we experienced a great reversal of fortune in which a time of sorrow and tears has been replaced by laughter and rejoicing? That's a lot for us to consider and reflect on looking into that mirror.

Yet, as I suggested in discussing the aspects of the displays last week, looking into that mirror is intended to encourage us to see in ourselves a reflection of the Christ who lay in the creche in his incarnation and whose coming we await with joyful hope. As such, in looking in the mirror, we don't look to ourselves but to Christ. As John the Baptist proclaims, Jesus Christ comes into the world in the incarnation and into lives in the here and now, so that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God." The first part of our gospel today situates the coming of Jesus Christ in a particular time and place in human history in which an imperial power kept the inhabitants of Palestine in fear and grief at many levels. Jesus lives as one of us, one with us amid all these goings-on much as we do. Yet, he will transcend them as the Lord whose power is in weakness and who leads with humble loving service. This inspires and empowers hope and faith that we may follow him in the way that he has opened up for us.

Heeding John the Baptist's call to prepare ourselves to follow that way of the Lord, we seek to enter into God's divine work of making straight, filling in, leveling out, smoothing over. That work of conversion involves both examination and action. Looking once again into the mirror, we examine how we are a reflection of Christ. While we acknowledge and are grateful to God for the ways in which we are good and we can do good, we also recognize and accept that we are incomplete. We still make mistakes and are lacking. Yet, even when we feel as though we are failures, we find comfort and hope knowing that Christ is not finished with us yet. We are always being invited and inspired to grow and change.

Seeking to grow and change, our preparing ourselves inwardly through repentance must be complemented by reaching outward beyond ourselves by doing good works. True conversion requires both acknowledgement of our sin paired with concrete action to uproot it. We do not and cannot do that alone. In preparing the way for Christ at his coming, we seek equity and justice together with God, who Baruch and Isaiah (quoted by John) portray as an engaging in a divine leveling that will allow all people to experience the glory of God's kingdom. And gathered as disciples of the Lord, we are filled with hope and work collectively to remove obstacles and cooperate with God's vision for the entire human family to be filled with hope and joy.

May we be open and cooperate with God's work of conversion in us and all of creation as we prepare for Christ's coming this Advent and throughout of lives.

Yours,
Fr. John

A Note from the Liturgical Environment Committee regarding the Advent Display: Creche, Mirror, and Candle

Looking for a King-Sized Bed?

Look no further than this rustic crib, a trough filled with straw, a source of nourishment for the lowest of the lowest. It is a prophetic symbol of Jesus being given as food for all humanity. It is the bed of hope for the world. But wait!
What do I see in the crib?

Our Care for Creation Committee offers a few suggestions:

How to Recycle Christmas Tree Lights

- ◆ Home Depot, Lowe's and Walmart collect lights for a few weeks during the winter holidays.
- ◆ Eco Park, 10 Avion Dr, Rochester, NY 14624 accepts Christmas Tree lights all year round.

Which batteries can be recycled? Which go into the trash? What else should we be aware of? During the Christmas Season many of us are shopping for toys or electronic equipment that use batteries. Here's what you should know:

- ◆ Alkaline batteries can be taken to Staples. Unless specifically stated on other websites, they go into the trash!
- ◆ Rechargeable batteries can be taken to EcoPark or to certain stores that sell electronics, like Staples or Best Buy. Check the web for other possibilities.
- ◆ Always check with Monroe County Waste Management to learn what can be put into curbside recycling and what goes into the trash! <https://www.monroecounty.gov/des-residentialrecycling>
- ◆ EcoPark -<https://www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark/>



PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

<u>November 24, 2024</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 5,768	\$ 7,400	\$ (1,632)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,817	\$ 3,550	\$ (733)
St. Mary's	\$ 9,272	\$ 4,770	\$ 4,156

<u>December 1, 2024</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 7,782	\$ 7,400	\$ 382
St. Boniface	\$ 5,830	\$ 3,550	\$ 2,280
St. Mary's	\$ 8,926	\$ 4,770	\$ 4,156

Year-to-Date Totals

Blessed Sacrament	\$146,536	\$ 162,800	\$ (16,264)
St. Boniface	\$ 68,703	\$ 78,100	\$ (9,397)
St. Mary's	\$ 116,116	\$ 104,940	\$ 11,176

ATTENDANCE FOR 11/24 & 12/1

Blessed Sacrament	Seating Capacity—800
9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance —	192, 168
St. Boniface	Seating Capacity—550
8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance —	96, 86
St. Mary's	Seating Capacity—550
11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance —	127, 120
4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance —	82, 83

2024-2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Extending Christ's Mission
through the Catholic Ministries Appeal



Appeal as of 12/3/24	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$64,000	\$26,000	\$46,000
Pledged	\$37,415	\$22,307	\$36,990
Amount Remaining	\$26,585	\$3,693	\$9,010
% of Goal	58%	86%	80%
# / % of Households Participating	105 12%	52 14%	77 12%



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