

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface

Saint Mary's

May 11, 2025

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.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
We honor all mothers today!

Diocesan Missions Sunday 2025
May 17th & 18th

Please see page 2 of this bulletin on how you can support the missionary efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy next weekend at all of our Masses.

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. Boniface 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. Boniface
or by appointment with one of our priests.*

Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Monday, May 12

5:30 p.m. Book Discussion (Zoom)
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?pwd=vjmjPehiHsB5CTnozIUnVNI5PyXwAN.1)
[pwd=vjmjPehiHsB5CTnozIUnVNI5PyXwAN.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?pwd=vjmjPehiHsB5CTnozIUnVNI5PyXwAN.1)
Meeting ID: 880 7953 4354 Passcode: zC4D84
7:00 p.m. PPC Discernment Mtg. (BS Parish Office)

Tuesday, May 13

6:00 p.m. Young Adult "The Mass Explained" (St. Louis Church, 64 South Main St., Pittsford)
6:30 p.m. Care for Creation Mtg. (BS Parish Office)
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour (SB)

Wednesday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Scripture Sharing (Zoom)
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKl3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgJFa.1)
[pwd=qXjwslmsGAKl3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgJFa.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKl3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgJFa.1)

Thursday, May 15

3:00 p.m. Parishioner Led Weekly Rosary (Zoom)
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88367489666?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88367489666?pwd=LmtVVDzMy6lVwIdvV4XfbFsZ37zOIj.1)
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Meeting ID: 883 6748 9666 Passcode: 6V3KzU

Sunday, May 18

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (SB)
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour with Care for Creation Presentation (BS)
12:30 p.m. Voices of Women Presentation (SM– Dugan Ctr.)



DIOCESAN MISSIONS SUNDAY 2025

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 I have loved you, so you also should love one another" says Jesus in John 13:34. For over fifty years, the Sisters of St. Joseph have labored in Brazil and the Sisters of Mercy in Chile. Next weekend, May 17th & 18th, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

We are accepting Mass intentions for Masses through September 28, 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.



*Upcoming Readings for
May 18th
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Acts 14:21-27
Revelation 21:1-5a
John 13:31-33a, 34-35*

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 10

4:30 p.m. (SB) Alyce Giambrone by Mary Alyce Streb

Sunday, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. (SB) Lilian Califano by Anthony Califano

Brianna Budd by JoAnne Englerth

9:30 a.m. (BS) Bernice Leo by Marge Sharick

Mary Russell and Joe Kuebel by Bill &
Ruth Russell

11:15 a.m. (SM) Joyce Sciolino by Joe Sciolino

Monday, May 12, Fourth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. (BS) Peter Romeo by John & Judy Lynd

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

Tuesday, May 13, Fourth Week of Easter

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

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

Wednesday, May 14, Feast Day of Saint Matthias

8:00 a.m. (BS) Sophie Pociask by Pociask Family

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

Thursday, May 15, Fourth Week of Easter

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

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

Friday, May 16, Fourth Week of Easter

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

Saturday, May 17

4:30 p.m. (SB) Sharon Holcombe by Shela Giess

Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

9:30 a.m. (BS) Ann and Robert Napier by Suzanne &
Charles Adrion

Robert Barry by Ellen & Gustavo Paz

11:15 a.m. (SM) Ruben Cirillo and Nicole Carpio by
Shirley Cirillo



**Our Lady Candle at St. Mary's Church is
dedicated to the recovery of Suzie Ricci
by Ros DellaPietra**

Young Adult

THE MASS: *Explained*

Join us for a special evening of discussion, prayer, and ice cream as we discuss & break down the significance, purpose, and reason behind how we worship God at Holy Mass!

MAY 13, 2025

6:00 - WALK ALONG THE ERIE CANAL

7:00 - THE MASS: *Explained*

8:00 - ICE CREAM @PITTSFORD DAIRY

St. Louis Church
64 S. Main St., 14534

RSVP - roc.convergeedor.org

*Please Join us in our work of
Social Outreach and Social Justice !!
May 20th at 6:30PM
Blessed Sacrament Parish Office*

Please consider attending our Social Outreach and Justice Committee Meeting on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30PM at the Parish Office. **All are invited.**

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 Social 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 Social 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 at dharris@dor.org (585) 271-7240.



***Homeless Outreach Ministry
Our Next Outreach Is...
May 27th***

Volunteers from the SRCC along with staff from PCHO (Person Centered Housing Options) and other organizations, travel 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 to help them find housing and other needs. In addition, we provide food and hygiene packs. 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 Tues., May 27th** (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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



BECAUSE OF YOU

OUR FAITH FORMATION CLASSES SORTED, COUNTED,
AND WRAPPED UP...

CRIBS, MATTRESSES, SHEETS & BLANKETS
HUNDREDS OF DIAPERS & COUNTLESS WIPES
BATHTUB, TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS, & SOAPS
PILES AND PILES OF CLOTHES
PACIFIERS, TEETHERS, AND SOOTHERS
TOYS AND SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS

THE KIDS WRAPPED OVER 120 PRESENTS FOR A MOM IN
NEED! THANKS FOR HELPING US TEACH A BEAUTIFUL
LESSON WHILE SUPPORTING A GOOD MINISTRY.



***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. Their mission is to bring services and caring hearts and hands to our city and help those who are most in need. Every Saturday, Rochester Hope provides a Food Pantry and other services.

The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community is partnering with Rochester Hope to support their mission of reaching out, living the Gospel and serving those in the core of our city who are most in need. A SRCC team of volunteers gathers and helps out every 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:45AM to Noon at the St. Michael's Church complex.

Our next service date is Saturday, May 17th.

Can you help?? Our volunteers will assist guests walking through the Food Pantry and making their selections. Please contact Mary Coughtry by email (coughtrym@gmail.com) or phone (507-6219) to sign up, learn more, or have your questions answered. Requirements: The physical stamina to be on your feet for three hours and the ability to carry a bag of groceries, and share a smile!

A Word From Father John...



I am writing this column on the eve of the conclave that will select the new pope. The media has been all abuzz with explanations about the process and prognostications about the potential candidates to lead the Church. While the matter may be settled and the new pope announced by the time you read this, we still will have to wait to see what he will be like. Inevitably, the pundits will label whoever is selected as somewhere on the spectrum from traditional/conservative to progressive/liberal, either applauding or bemoaning how they might lead the Church. I am not sure if this categorization is the best way to judge the quality of the new pope.

Therefore, it is fortuitous and appropriate that our readings for this Sunday focus on Jesus's role as the Good Shepherd. As such, a more appropriate assessment might consider the qualities that make one worthy to shepherd God's flock. Some of these qualities would be universally recognized and welcomed in anyone entrusted with caring for other people, such as those mentioned in the Responsorial Psalm: being good, kind, and faithful.

Other qualities have both physical and spiritual significance. For instance, leading the flock to springs of life-giving water alludes to both quenching physical thirst and being renewed and filled with the Holy Spirit in the waters of baptism. Similarly, who wouldn't welcome being sheltered from the scorching desert sun and the heat, as well as being protected from trials, tribulations, and temptations to sin. And on this Mother's Day, are we not grateful to have a parent-like figure in God who stands ready to wipe away our tears and comfort us amid sorrow and grief? Such a God inspires and encourages us to reexamine our situation and see God at work amid the pain and suffering. Hopefully, we reach a point where we are like Paul and Barnabas, able to shake the dust from their feet and move on, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Still other qualities require a great deal more of the shepherd and perhaps only can be exhibited by those who manage to channel the Spirit of Christ. The way Jesus describes himself in today's Gospel suggests a personal and intimate relationship with those who hear his voice and follow him. As he indicates their hearing and following are rooted in his knowing them. This notion is further reinforced in the Alleluia verse before the Gospel, where Jesus declares himself to be the Good Shepherd, the hallmark of which is a mutual knowing in which he knows his sheep and his sheep know him.

Tying this back to my comments last week about the love of a friend being the hallmark of our discipleship, we recall that elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus calls us his friends for whom he is willing to lay down his life. That gift of his life on the cross and through his resurrection is the means by which he gives us eternal life. The rest of the passage highlights the persona and intimate relationship that Jesus shares with his Father-God, as he declares that his Father and he are one. That bond between the Father and the Son is the basis of Jesus's trust in God, enabling him to lay down his life on the cross, knowing that no one and nothing could take him out of his Father's hand. By sharing that bond with us, Jesus assures us that no one can take us out of his hand. Elsewhere, Paul makes the same point in terms of nothing being able to separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. When we experience this love of God, may we be blessed to respond as those in the Responsorial Psalm, singing joyfully to the Lord, serving the Lord with gladness, and coming before the Lord with joyful praise.

Lastly, John's vision in the Book of Revelation highlights, as the 153 large fish signaled last week, that the flock that Jesus seeks to gather is "a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue," (Rev 7:9). Thus, that love of God is expansive enough to never exclude anyone and strong enough to include everyone no matter who they are or what they have done.

Taken all together, may we pray and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide the selection of the new pope to embody many of these qualities of Christ the Good Shepherd: goodness, kindness, and faithfulness; the capacity to act in ways that combine both practical and spiritual benefits; the capacity to channel the gifts of the Holy Spirit to foster the love of God that binds us in a personal and intimate relationship through Christ with God and one another, a bond that cannot be broken; and having the openness to welcome into the Church the great diversity of humanity and the courage to build bridges to overcome whatever divides us. That is a lot to ask of any single human being. Yet, I am encouraged by a story that I heard about Pope Francis. Those who knew him to have been a sourpuss in his past were delighted to witness the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in his becoming pope, which revealed a more light-hearted and humorous side of him.

Congratulations to all our children who are celebrating their First Communion with us this weekend. We thank their parents and catechists for their efforts to pass on the faith to them. May all of us continue to feed and tend to them as disciples of Jesus Christ, who in communion with us form the Church.

Lastly, we express our praise and thanksgiving to God for the success of the Next-To-New Sale, which raised well over \$80,000, setting a new record. We could not have done this without the invaluable contributions of our outstanding volunteers and those who supported the sale. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Yours,
Fr. John

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

| <u>May 4, 2025</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Blessed Sacrament | \$25,383 | \$ 7,400 | \$ 17,983 |
| St. Boniface | \$ 3,006 | \$ 3,550 | \$ (544) |
| St. Mary's | \$ 5,645 | \$ 4,770 | \$ 875 |
| <u>Year-to-Date</u> | | | |
| Blessed Sacrament | \$327,167 | \$ 325,600 | \$ 1,567 |
| St. Boniface | \$142,678 | \$ 156,200 | \$ (13,522) |
| St. Mary's | \$ 227,581 | \$ 209,880 | \$ 17,701 |

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Blessed Sacrament Seating Capacity - 800

9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance - 198

St. Boniface Seating Capacity - 550

4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance - 79

8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance - 66

St. Mary's Seating Capacity - 550

11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance - 149



Voices of Women Presents Sr. Barbara Moore "And Mary Said Yes"

VOW's last event, before our summer recess, is dedicated to Our Lady. We have invited Sr. Barbara Moore to share her thoughts on the Blessed Mother, and her "YES" to God's plan.

Sr. Barbara has notable accomplishments as a teacher, author, homilist, executive, and more. She has been a favorite speaker over the years and always offers uplifting insights. Her presentation will be **Sunday, May 18th at 12:30PM in the Dugan Center of St. Mary's Church.** Free parking is available on the street and parking lot opposite Geva. If interested, join us for Mass at 11:15pm.

Come early and ask Ros DellaPietra for a tour of our historic church and the iconic stained glass windows! Bring a friend!

Opioids in our Community Affect All of Us!

You are invited to attend a community education session on the opioid crisis hosted by MC Collaborative, a member of the City of Rochester Neighborhood Ambassador Program.

Learn about drug issues and resources in an engaging panel discussion. The session will take place on **Wednesday, May 14th, 6-8PM** at Blessed Sacrament Church. Dinner will be provided. For questions, please contact Andy Carey, mccollaborative1@gmail.com

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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, Tracey Schatz, Joseph Guieshly, 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, 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, Jack Bowes, John Wesley, Bill Speechley, Charles Ronder, Steve Hahn, Phyllis DiMora, Suzie Ricci.