

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface

Saint Mary's

May 18, 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.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said,] "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another."
- Jn 13:33a, 34a



DIOCESAN MISSION SUNDAY IS TODAY!

Please consider making a contribution to honor the missionary efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy working and serving the needs of our brothers and sisters in Brazil and Chili. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who gave to the Easter Flower Funds whose names were missing from last week's insert. We apologize for missing the opportunity to thank them for their generous support of the flowers for the Easter Season.

Donor

Jimmy Gallagher
Richard and Josie Gangemi
Jack DiPolito
Kathy Little

In memory of

Peter Romeo
Chris Fasino
Mary Anne DiPolito
Bill Little

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

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.)

Monday, May 19

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

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Tuesday, May 20

6:30 p.m. Social Ministry Mtg. (BS Parish Office)

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

Wednesday, May 21

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

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7:00 p.m. Line Dancing event (SM-Dugan Ctr.)

Thursday, May 22

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

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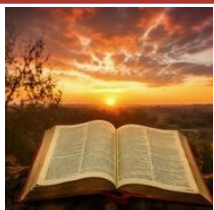
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MASS INTENTIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2025

We are accepting Mass intentions for Masses through September 28, 2025 at our three worship sites. 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”.



Upcoming Readings for May 25th

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 19, Fifth Week of Easter

8:00 a.m. (BS) Peter P. Romeo by Vincent Lamark

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

Tuesday, May 20, Fifth 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 21, Fifth Week of Easter

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

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

Thursday, May 22, Fifth Week of Easter

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

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

Friday, May 23, Fifth Week of Easter

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

Saturday, May 24, Fifth Week of Easter

4:30 p.m. (SB) Thomas and Joyce Meteyer by Family

Pete Klee by JoAnne Englerth

Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. (SB) Catharine Powers Finnegan by Nancy O'Donnell

9:30 a.m. (BS) Peter Romeo by Kathleen Wade

Elinor Redman, Mary O'Neill and Lois Whelehan by daughters

11:15 a.m. (SM) For the People of Ukraine by Al Smith

Thank You to All Who Fed Us During the Next to New Sale

Thanks to all of our chefs who manned the grill. They served over 700 Zweigles pop-opens! A big shout out to Tom Cardillo and Nance Sprague who made just over 100lbs. of chili. Everyone raved about how good it always is!

And, we cannot forget about all of our dedicated volunteers who helped bake and sell all of our delicious treats for the sale. Pictured below is Diana Schindler and Karen Ross who baked homemade scones and muffins for the volunteer staff. Everyone raved about them and they can't wait to come back next year for more!



THE PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS TO BEGIN

Monday-Thursday
8:00AM-4:30PM
Friday
8:00AM—NOON
Beginning May 27



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

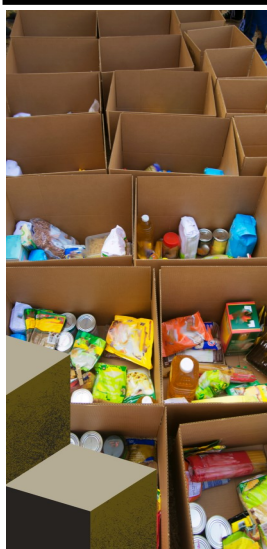
Volunteers from the SRCC along with staff from PCHO (Person Centered Housing Options) and other organizations, travel around our city encountering the homeless at various locations. When our team encounters the homeless, we offer them food and hygiene packs. During this encounter staff from PCHO and 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.

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.



JOIN US IN GIVING

**Please Support Our Food
Collections the weekend of
May 24 & 25 at all three of our
churches!**

Your Donations Help Our
Supper Program, the People's Pantry and
Bethany House! Thank you for your kindness!



"Follow Me"

A CONVERSATION ON DISCERNMENT,
RELIGIOUS LIFE, AND FOLLOWING GOD'S
WILL IN ALL VOCATIONS

MAY 20TH / 7:00PM

ST. BERNARD'S SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & MINISTRY
120 FRENCH RD., 14618

CONVERGE
Young Adult Ministry

FOR MORE INFO & RSVP:
ROC.CONVERGE@DOR.ORG

SR. KELLY SCHUSTER, FMA

A Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco

Sr. Kelly Schuster, FMA is a Salesian Sister of St. John Bosco having made her final vows in 2023. She was born and raised in Delaware, earned her bachelor's in Theology from DeSales University, and is currently working on her Master's degree in Education Management, Leadership and Policy from Seton Hall University. She is currently the Head of School at Mary Help of Christians Academy.

A Word From Father John...



In our Gospel today, Jesus presents us with a new commandment: love one another. However, is this really new? After all, when asked about the greatest commandment, he simply combined passages from Deuteronomy and Leviticus that collectively emphasize the importance of loving God with all our being and loving our neighbors as ourselves (as seen in Matthew 22:35-40, Mark 12:28-34, and Luke 10:27a). Therefore, the command to love is not new; what is truly new is the manner in which we are to love: “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another,” (John 13:34). Moreover, loving in the way that Jesus loved us is not merely one among many qualities we are expected to possess; it is the defining characteristic that distinguishes us as his disciples. Consequently, it is of utmost importance for us as followers of Jesus Christ to emulate his love.

A good starting point is to examine this new commandment in the context in which Jesus spoke these words. The passage comes immediately after washing the feet of his disciples and announcing Judas’s betrayal, right before predicting Peter’s denial. Washing the feet of his disciples demonstrates this love in action, revealing how it entails humbling oneself to the point of surrendering life for the other. Jesus extends this love to all, even those who won’t reciprocate it. He washed the feet of Judas, who was about to betray him, turning him over to face his passion and death, and of Peter, who was about to deny even knowing Jesus. Throughout the Gospel, Jesus never ceases loving those who oppose him or don’t understand him. We see this in his conversations with Nicodemus, the Samaritan woman at the well, Martha, and even Pontius Pilate. In each instance, Jesus pours himself out in service. As a result, this love isn’t about warm and fuzzy feelings toward another person; it’s about visible actions that signify a shared relationship with God as our parent and a commitment to one another. While this love doesn’t require us to like or even feel kindly toward the other person, it does demand that we act toward them in the way Jesus loved his disciples. Putting this love into action acknowledges the inherent connection and solidarity we share with one another, while also nurturing and strengthening that bond.

This love is transformative. By consistently practicing it, we change and evolve, affecting our relationships with others and the world around us. A love that refuses to give up on anyone and refuses to let another’s misunderstanding or rejection extinguish our acts of love creates an opening for God’s transformative grace to reveal something new. This grace enables us to abandon tit-for-tat and creates space for healing what is bruised and broken.

As our second reading from the Book of Revelation emphasizes, it is God who brings about all things new. God is vast enough to encompass our diversity and division and unite us as one. This transformation occurs through God’s extravagant and abundant love, which flows to us through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. As we are caught up in this flow of love, we are transformed, inspired, and empowered to share that radical, unconditional, and nonjudgmental love with others.

Putting this love into practice in our daily lives involves imitating the way Jesus’s love for his disciples, humbling ourselves to the point of sacrificing our own lives for the good of others. This will challenge us to help and advocate for the poor and needy, even defending and supporting those whose interests may be of no interest to us. Like Jesus, these acts of loving service will deepen our relationships, as we accompany the stranger who becomes a friend. As we become more aware of our inherent connection, we will truly know them and share in their joys and sorrows. By sharing in the love of Christ in these ways, we will reveal our true identity as disciples of Jesus Christ and begin to live life more abundantly—a life that is fully alive wherever and with whomever we find ourselves.

May our love for others, as Jesus loved his disciples, unite us in the joy and life unleashed in the Resurrection.

Yours,

Fr. John

- PS - 1) Congratulations to Kathleen Whelehan, Mike Mongeon, and Nance Goyette-Duncan who were selected to serve on our Parish Pastoral Council representing Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface and St. Mary’s respectively. We look forward to all that they will bring to the ongoing strategic planning process for our parish. We also thank all of those who put themselves forward to serve. My sense is that they also would have served us well.
- 2) Please consider donating to the Catholic Ministries Appeal to help us reach our goal at Blessed Sacrament. With only a little less than two weeks to go, we only need \$1,500.00 more. Please note that all donations must be received by May 31, 2025. To facilitate this, we kindly request that you make your donation online, place it in the collection on the weekend of May 24/25, or drop it off at the parish office. This way, we can take them directly to the diocesan offices. We truly appreciate all those who have donated to the CMA from all three churches. Your generosity is much appreciated!
- 3) Our parish offices will be switching to summer hours starting the week of Memorial Day (May 26-30). Our office hours will be Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, and on Fridays from 8:00 am to noon. As during regular office hours, we will provide assistance 24/7 through the Emergency Line by calling (585) 271-7240 and following the prompts.

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

<u>May 11, 2025</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,461	\$ 7,400	\$ (2,939)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,537	\$ 3,550	\$ (1,013)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,515	\$ 4,770	\$ (255)
<u>Year-to-Date</u>			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 331,628	\$ 330,000	\$ (1,372)
St. Boniface	\$ 145,215	\$ 159,750	\$ (14,535)
St. Mary's	\$ 232,096	\$ 214,650	\$ 17,446

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

<u>Blessed Sacrament</u>	<u>Seating Capacity - 800</u>
9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance -	214
<u>St. Boniface</u>	<u>Seating Capacity - 550</u>
4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance -	104
8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance -	97
<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Seating Capacity - 550</u>
11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance -	154

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WELCOME NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Parish Pastoral Council extends their sincerest congratulations to our newest members selected on May 12th. We look forward to the great things you will do on our council and thank you in advance for your service beginning in June!

- † Kathleen Whelehan - Blessed Sacrament
- † Mike Mongeon - St. Boniface
- † Nance Goyette-Duncan - St. Mary's

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 Lanza fame, 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 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 Brownyard, Liz Clarke, Maya Reagan, Nia Hrynio, Karen Agnello, Brian Lynd, Margaret Rutledge, Amanda Milne, Keri McBurney, Ery Pugh, 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.



CARE FOR CREATION PRESENTATION TODAY!

Join us during the Blessed Sacrament Coffee Hour today after the 9:30 Mass for a brief presentation on planting Pollinator Gardens. Our bees & butterflies need us!

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