

# Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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**Blessed Sacrament**

**Saint Boniface**

**Saint Mary's**

**July 20, 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.



*Summer Mission Appeal - July 26 & 27  
With Reverend Antonio Carpena Lopez  
Diocese of Gracias in Honduras*

We will be taking up a special second collection at all our Masses next weekend!

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING  
SEALING AND STRIPING OF THE  
ST. MARY'S PARKING LOT  
AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>-AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Please be aware that the St. Mary's parking lot will be sealed and striped on 8/1-8/3. You may park in the Excellus Parking garage, but will be required to show a photo ID for entry.

## 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.*

## 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*

## Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

### Tuesday, July 21

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

### Wednesday, July 22

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxigjFa.1>

### Thursday, July 23

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88367489666?pwd=LmtVVDzMy61VwIdvV4XfbFsZ37zOIj.1>

Meeting ID: 883 6748 9666 Passcode: 6V3KzU



### What can we do about microplastics in our environment?

First and foremost is to be *mindful* of our use of plastics. Then we can begin implementing ways to reduce our reliance on them. Its pretty tough. Everything we buy seems to be wrapped in plastic, even cucumbers at the grocery store! And changing shopping habits can be hard. You're not alone.

Consider the following actions to start:

- ⇒ Shop at local food markets. Take your own containers to bring home fresh fruits and veggies.
- ⇒ Replace buying plastic water bottles with a water bottle that can be used and reused.
- ⇒ Use glass storage containers and beeswax wrap covers.
- ⇒ Buy compostable plates and napkins, made from recycled paper, sugarcane, or bamboo, for picnics.
- ⇒ Bring your own container to restaurants for leftovers.
- ⇒ Check out: Marilla's Mindful Supplies at 661 South Avenue, a place where you can find everyday items without any plastic, including personal care products; and Impact Earth at 1458 Monroe Ave., which offers zero waste programs, services, and products aimed at reducing single-use consumption.

YOUNG ADULT  
DAY TRIP TO

*Albany &  
Auriesville*

**JULY 26<sup>TH</sup> // 7AM - 10PM**

\*Departing from Pittsford Plaza  
Barnes & Noble at 7:00 am

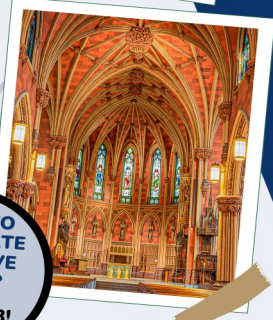
Join us for a once-in-a-lifetime  
trip to the Shrine of the North  
American Martyrs, Saint Kateri  
Tekakwitha & our State's Capital!

- Visit Historic Landmarks!
- Explore the Adirondacks!
- Church Tours & Mass!
- Watch the Sunset!

**QUESTIONS / RSVP:**  
[roc.converge@dor.org](mailto:roc.converge@dor.org)

NEED TO  
COME LATE  
OR LEAVE  
EARLY?

**NO PROB!**



## Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 19

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

### Sunday, July 20, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SB) Pete Klee by Paul White

Ciara Mogavero by Kathy & Dennis Meeh

9:30 a.m. (BS) Virginia Gagnier by Cory Wirt

11:15 a.m. (SM) Betsy Rothstein by Nancy O'Donnell

### Monday, July 21

8:00 a.m. (BS) Brian O'Neill by Doyle Family

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

### Tuesday, July 22, Feast of Mary Magdalene

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

Rochester Catholic Community

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

### Wednesday, July 23, Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

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

### Thursday, July 24, Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

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

Rochester Catholic Community

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

### Friday, July 25, Feast of St. James

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

Rochester Catholic Community

### Saturday, July 26, Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne

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

### Sunday, July 27, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SB) Laura Califano -Laskey by Tony Califano

Anna & Martin Greene by Barbara Greene

9:30 a.m. (BS) Barbara Clark by Clark Family

Earl Handel by Amy Voelkl

11:15 a.m. (SM) Roy Scalera by Jim & Margo Vinci



**Readings for July 27<sup>th</sup>  
Seventeenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13**



GRADES 8+

# FOUNDATIONS of FAITH

## Confirmation Prep

Registration NOW Open!

RSVP / Learn More:  
[tyler.davis@dor.org](mailto:tyler.davis@dor.org)

Please join us for a fun and joyful

## Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 17  
Noon-3pm

Carmen Clark Lodge  
Brighton Town Park

**Tickets on Sale:**

**July 26/27; August 2/3; August 9/10**  
**Cost: \$20 Per Person; \$5 Per Child;**  
**\$60 Per Family**



**HELP DONATE TO THOSE IN HUNGER!**  
**ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND**  
**NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS**

**JULY 26/27** | **AT ALL THREE CHURCHES**  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**

YOUR DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY,  
BETHANY HOUSE AND OUR VERY OWN SUPPER  
PROGRAM!  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!



## Homeless Outreach Ministry

### Our Next Outreach is July 22<sup>nd</sup>

When our volunteer team encounters the homeless, we offer them food and hygiene packs, but we also engage with them in conversation. It is truly a learning experience for our volunteers involved because they talk, visit, and get to know these individuals personally, as well as learn about the homeless situation in our city. It becomes a truly rewarding experience that provides a sense of deep satisfaction, fulfillment and personal growth.

If you are interested in joining this outreach, our next Homeless Outreach opportunity is on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. (The Outreach is restricted to adult volunteers only at this time). For more information about this ministry, please contact Deacon Duncan Harris [dharris@dor.org](mailto:dharris@dor.org), (585) 271-7240 ext. 120.



## THE SRCC BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE!

**We will be collecting items July 26<sup>th</sup>-August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**NEW backpacks & school supplies**

Backpacks and school supplies will be shared with Nativity Preparatory Academy, other local schools, families, and children in need of school supplies. Boxes for donations will be available at all of our church locations starting July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW supplies needed:** Backpacks for all ages, 2-pocket Plastic Folders, Markers, Crayons, Colored pencils, Highlighters, #2 Ticonderoga pencils, USB thumb drives, Blue or Black pens, Expo (dry erase) markers, Index cards, Post-it notes, 5-tab dividers, Spiral notebooks, Composition books, Large erasers, Kids scissors, Glue sticks, Personal hand sanitizer, Pencil case/box, Sharpies, Small staplers and staples, Small pencil sharpeners.

## A Word From Father John...



The story of Mary and Martha, like the parable of the Good Samaritan, is familiar to most of us. When I hear this Gospel passage, I can't help but recall my seminary experience. Drawing on Jesus's admonition, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things," the seminary rector would give out the "Martha, Martha Award." This tongue-in-cheek award went to the seminarian, who was tasked with motivating and organizing us, his fellow seminarians, to help host various functions for large numbers of outside guests. Needless to say, it was a challenging and largely thankless task as a large number of seminarians resisted volunteering to help, but were only too ready to offer critiques and complaints about how things were being done. While thankfully I was never chosen for that task, observing what happened was good preparation for facing similar challenges, critiques and complaints as a pastor of a parish.

That said, this passage is more relevant for what it has to say about offering hospitality as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Jesus adds to the above quotation, saying, "There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." What's that one needed thing? Martha is trying to be a good host, to provide for her guests' bodily needs, but she is forced to do it without the help she was counting on. For her, the one thing that she needs is the help of her sister, Mary. As a result, Martha's service is not joyous or eager like Abraham's in the first reading. Instead, she gives while counting the cost rather than with abandon. Stressed and overwhelmed, Mary unloads her problem on Jesus, her guest, rather than confronting Martha with her concerns. Her efforts to offer hospitality in the form of comfort, rest, and peace, along with food and drink are overturned by dumping her troubles on Jesus. Martha, at least in part, remains focused on herself and what she feels she needs to accomplish for Jesus, influenced by cultural and traditional expectations.

In contrast to Martha, who is consumed with tending to Jesus's bodily needs, Mary chooses to sit at the feet of Jesus consuming his every word. Her posture signifies discipleship, which was usually reserved for males. She allows herself to truly encounter her guest, by opening her heart to enter into a relationship of belonging that fosters her transformation. In this way, she does the one thing needed: she gives herself over totally to Jesus. The hospitality that Mary offers allows for an encounter with Jesus that leads to loving relationship and life-giving transformation, similar to Abraham's encounter with the divine leading to Sarah's pregnancy and the birth of Isaac.

Given the current battle over gender identity and expression, encompassing a wide range of perspectives from "trad wives" to transgender persons, we note that Jesus prioritizes welcoming and offering hospitality in a way that enables us to be transformed by our encounters with Christ. Martha chooses to offer hospitality according to the expectations and limitations that culture and tradition place on her as a woman. When she asks Jesus to impose those constraints on her sister, Mary, he rejects such thinking. In fact, he asserts that Mary has chosen the better part (usually reserved for males) and that it will not be taken from her. At the same time, Jesus isn't denying the good in the hospitality that Martha has chosen to offer. But he rejects any notion that gender alone should prevent someone from choosing the better part or result in having that better part taken away from them. The one thing that is needed is an encounter with Christ that leads to loving relationship and life-giving transformation.

We don't know when, where, or how we may encounter Christ. He comes to us as a stranger, as someone in need whom we have never met before. Yet, he may also come to us in someone whom we have known for some time but whom we encounter in a new way. We may also encounter Christ in a dream, while in deep reflection, or in prayer. Furthermore, we can't overlook how we encounter Christ as we gather in his name to celebrate Mass and the sacraments. In each instance, we are given the opportunity to respond as Mary did, opening our hearts and giving all of ourselves over to Christ in the other person. This often involves offering hospitality, charity, food, shelter, clothing, and reminding them of their inherent human dignity as a beloved child of God. When we do so, we invite the other person into an encounter with Christ that leads to loving relationship and life-giving transformation.

May God's peace and blessings be ours as we go forth to encounter Christ in one another.

Yours,

Fr. John

### ***SUMMER MISSION APPEAL IS NEXT WEEKEND!***

***JULY 26 & 27, 2025***

***With Reverend Antonio Carpena Lopez***  
***Diocese of Gracias in Honduras***

If you would like to help host Fr. Antonio during his stay with us (July 21-27), please contact Fr. John. Perhaps, you might take him on a tour of local sites, a museum, the Finger Lakes, or Niagara Falls, or share a meal with him in your home or at a restaurant.

We are being asked to support a newly formed and lively diocese stretching across two of the poorest regions in Honduras, the majority of whose population is from the indigenous Lenca people. Our prayers and financial support will bolster diocesan efforts to eradicate poverty and underemployment through education, as well as provide healthy food, clean drinking water, and adequate health care; organize empowerment programs for women and families; promote religious vocations; and provide pastoral services. The letter inserted in last week's bulletin provided more information about the opportunities and obstacles faced by the faithful of this young and vibrant diocesan church. Whatever support we can offer is very much needed and greatly appreciated.



### PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

<u>July 13, 2025</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 8,230	\$ 7,100	\$ 1,130
St. Boniface	\$ 2,469	\$ 3,250	\$ (781)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,663	\$ 5,200	\$ (1,537)

#### Year-to-Date

Blessed Sacrament	\$14,402	\$ 14,200	\$ 202
St. Boniface	\$ 4,934	\$ 6,500	\$ (1,566)
St. Mary's	\$ 10,802	\$ 10,400	\$ 402

#### ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

##### **Blessed Sacrament                      Seating Capacity - 800**

9:30 a.m.      Mass Attendance - 182

##### **St. Boniface                                  Seating Capacity - 550**

8:00 a.m.      Mass Attendance - 79

##### **St. Mary's                                      Seating Capacity - 550**

4:30 p.m.      Mass Attendance - 64

11:15 a.m.      Mass Attendance - 120

***Please Pray for those in need of Healing:*** *Layla Tremble, a 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, Andrea Moracco, Greg Stark, Joe Centanni, George Bauman, Kate Byrnes, Thomas Kelly, 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, Suzie Ricci, Paula Frumusa, Michael Iannebone.*

Please help keep our list accurate by calling as soon as possible when you or a loved one would like to be removed from the list. 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 at (585) 271-7240 to let us know.

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**(585) 271-7240 (585) 442-7517 fax**

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**Saint Boniface, 330 Gregory St., Rochester, NY 14620**  
**Saint Mary's, 15 St. Mary's Place, Rochester, NY 14607**

### ***MASS INTENTIONS 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 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 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 by passing more quickly through the purification process called purgatory. 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 your intentions.