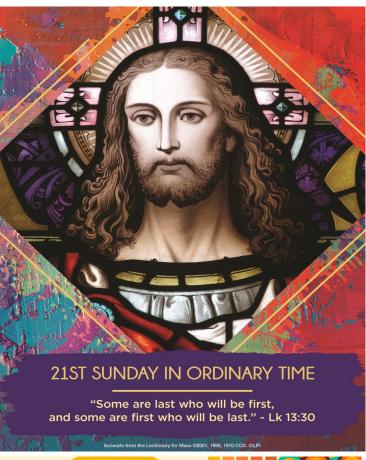
Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface August 24, 2025 **Saint Mary's**

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.





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

The Mail Address for all three churches is: 259 Rutgers Street, Rochester, NY 14607 (585) 271-7240 (585) 442-7517 fax

The Physical Addresses of our three churches are: Blessed Sacrament, 534 Oxford St., Rochester, NY 14607

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

Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

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

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

Thursday, August 28

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

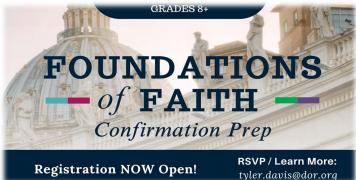
Saturday, August 30

5:30 p.m. Farewell Reception for Deacon David (SM)

Sunday, August 31

12:15 p.m. Farewell Reception for Deacon David (SM)





MASS INTENTIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2025

We are accepting Mass intentions for Masses through December 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.

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 23

4:30 p.m. (SM) Keith Fish by Shela Giess

Sunday, August 24, Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SB) Ford Englerth by JoAnne Englerth

9:30 a.m. (BS) T. Murray Lynd by John & Judy Lynd

11:15 a.m. (SM) For the People of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

Monday, August 25, Twenty-first Week in Ordinary Time

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

12:10 p.m. (SM) Karen Yastremski by Dennis & Kathy Meeh

Tuesday, August 26, Twenty-first 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

Wednesday, August 27, Memorial of Saint Monica

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

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

Thursday, August 28, Memorial of Saint Augustine

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

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

Friday, August 29, Memorial of the Passion of Saint John

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

Saturday, August 30

4:30 p.m. (SM) For the People of Ukraine by Al Smith

Sunday, August 31, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SB) Nora O' Rourke by Bob & Pat Morriss

9:30 a.m. (BS) Curt and Edie Shiebler by Edith & Carol Shiebler

11:15 a.m. (SM) Rubin Cirillo and Eliezer Nocon by Shirley Cirillo

Readings for August 31st Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

> Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a Luke 14:1, 7-14





SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

September 16th at 6:30PM

Our next Social Justice and Outreach Committee Meeting is on Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30PM in the Blessed Sacrament Office. Please plan to join us! For more information, contact Deacon Duncan Harris at dharris@dor.org or (585)271-7240.



Care for Creation Committee Would Like to Introduce Gerald "Gerry" Gacioch, MD as the Guest Speaker on September 17

Dr. Gerry Gacioch, a local cardiologist from Rochester, trained as a Climate Change Ambassador by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will be speaking to us about

Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to care for the earth, our common home. He is known outside of Rochester and has spoken in Upstate NY, NYC, Long Island, Vermont and Ohio. We have invited him to share his lived experience putting Laudato Si' into practice in his parish community with us!

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING!

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who provided lunches to those in need at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality last month! Your willingness and genuine compassion are a wonderful sign of living out the Gospel and our faith.

Are you interested in helping with preparing and serving a simple meal at St. Joseph's House of Hospitality? **Our next opportunity to serve a meal is on Thursday, October 2nd.** No experience is necessary! Please contact Deacon Duncan at (585)271-7240 ext. 120 or dharris@dor.org for more information about serving those in need.

Coming This October!

A Fresh Look at Being Catholic

Some of us are well into our adult years but are still living off what we learned about faith and God as children. Some of us have walked away but feel a nudge to reconsider our relationship with our faith

of inheritance. Some of us have never been Catholic but have our share of questions about being Catholic. Is your faith or spiritual life feeling dry. Are you having difficulty with prayer?

If one of these descriptions fits you, you may want to be a part of four evenings of discussion – certainly about Jesus and other topics as they arise from participants' questions – for example, ways of understanding the Catholic Church, prayer, community as an essential ingredient of faith. Feel free to invite a friend. Group discussion leaders: Sr. Joan Sobala SSJ and Susan Howard, Retired Pastoral Associate.

Wednesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 6:30 to 8:00PM Blessed Sacrament Parish Office

For information or to confirm a seat at the table, contact Katie Amman at 271-7240 Katie.Amann@dor.org or Susan Howard at 944-7836 s.howard.dor@gmail.com

A Word from Fr. John...



Why can't Jesus simply provide a straightforward answer to the question, "Will only a few people be saved?" Well, when you understand human beings as well as Jesus does, he realizes that the question isn't really about numbers; it's about the likelihood that the questioner and others will be included among the saved. The way the question is phrased suggests that if the chances are slim, then it might not be worth even trying. Yet, knowing what is being offered to us, Jesus can't comprehend how anyone wouldn't give their all to be among the saved. Therefore, Jesus answers the question the only way that he can.

First and foremost, we need to keep in mind that salvation is God's work; we don't save ourselves. As Jesus indicates, many may try to enter by their own individual efforts, but they will discover that on their own, they are not strong enough. Consequently, the true path to salvation is about positioning ourselves to cooperate with God's efforts to redeem us.

To achieve this, Jesus emphasizes the importance of rigorous training to condition ourselves to accept the God's gift of salvation. When Jesus talks about striving to enter the narrow gate, the verb used for striving is similar to athletic training. We are to gradually build up strength through daily disciplined exercise, combining consistent effort and training. The letter to the Hebrews further develops Jesus's teaching, by drawing an analogy between the discipline that a child receives from a parent and the guidance that God provides us for deepening the spiritual life. This discipline is not about punishment for wrongdoing but rather instruction and training for responsible living. Sometimes, we freely choose to adopt certain practices to strengthen our spirit and follow the path Christ sets before us. At other times, God, like a good parent, helps us to learn from the difficulties we face and perhaps become stronger for having endured them.

Jesus also makes clear that certain practices are not enough. Simply knowing enough to bang on the door and call out to the Lord won't cut it. Nor is it enough to have shared a meal with the Lord and heard his teaching. Wait! Isn't that what we do at Mass, listening to the word of God in scripture and then consuming the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist? A clue emerges in the master's reply, as he sends away all those who are evildoers. To truly benefit from what we receive at Mass, we must go out and put it into practice on a daily basis by doing good and avoiding evil.

If all this is not restrictive enough, Jesus further underscores that belonging to the line of people stretching back to the original faithful ancestors and prophets is no guarantee of our being welcomed into the kingdom of God. Having family who served in the military may be enough to acquire a USAA insurance policy, but family ties are no assurance that we will get into heaven. In fact, any number of people, who have no association with the people of God and appear to be completely excluded from consideration, will precede us into the heavenly banquet.

All of this would seem to suggest that the narrow gate we're striving to enter means that very few will make the cut. Yet, in a curious twist at the end of today's Gospel, echoing our first reading today, Jesus indicates that people from all nations throughout the world would be welcomed into the kingdom of God. Our God is all about radical inclusion. While God chose Israel for initial revelation and a special purpose, God's ultimate goal is to bring all people into union with God. This contrasts with the limitations of our human mind, which lead us to categorize and divide people based on class, race, religion, sexual orientation, political opinion, vocation, and so on. We often relish in imagining ourselves part of the "in" group and seeking to affirm that by labeling others as outsiders and outliers. Yet, as God is infinite and beyond limits, God's love doesn't divide or exclude; instead it unites and includes all humanity and all of creation. So, in reality, we are in no position to judge others. Instead, we ask God for the courage and humility to live out the love of God through works of mercy and prayer on a daily basis as that is the only sure path to heaven.

Peace and blessings as summer winds down and we gear up for the start of school and the return to our "normal" routines. Yours,

Fr. John

PS - Thank you so much to the members of our Parish Life Committee, volunteers, and staff whose hard work and good spirit made our wonderful Parish Picnic possible. You adapted and made the best of changing weather conditions and threatened rain to pull together a relaxing and enjoyable time. I never thought I would see at a picnic meals being delivered to individuals seated at tables. But you pulled it off with grace and care. Thank you!!!

Farewell Receptions for Deacon David

Saturday, August 30th after 4:30pm Mass Sunday, August 31st after 11:15am Mass

As Deacon David's letter indicated in last week's bulletin, he will be entering senior status on September 1st, and stepping away from active ministry for six months. In conjunction with the final Masses at which he is scheduled to serve, we will be holding Farewell Receptions at St. Mary's Church after Mass. We will have an opportunity to thank him and wish him well, as well as enjoy some light refreshments.

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

August 17, 2025	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,527	\$ 7,100	\$ (2,573)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,581	\$ 3,250	\$ (669)
St. Mary's	\$ 5,873	\$ 5,200	\$ 673
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 51,108	\$ 49,700	\$ 1,408
St. Boniface	\$ 17,335	\$ 22,750	\$ (5,395)
St. Mary's	\$ 34,841	\$ 36,400	\$ (1,559)

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance - 133

St. Boniface **Seating Capacity - 550**

8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance - 86

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

4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance - 66 11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance - 104

Holy Beginnings Outreach

Cordially invites you to join us in prayer and conversation, for monthly gatherings of our LGBTQ+ community (family, friends and allies welcome as well).

First Thursdays Every Month

Thursday September 4th

Mass at 6pm (adoration at 5:30pm) **Gathering 6:45-7:45 pm**

St. Rita Catholic Parish 1008 Maple Drive, Webster 14580

Holy Beginnings is a collaboration of Catholic faith communities fostering inclusion and dialogue

to those on the margins of the church and society, allowing us, as children of God, to live our call authentically.

Learn more: holybeginnings.org Contact: Deacon Duncan Harris - dharris@dor.org

Coffee Hour Is Returning to Blessed Sacrament Sunday, September 14th after the 9:30AM Mass

We are back! Hope everyone had a great summer. Linda and Larry welcome everyone back to our famous coffee hours.

Pumpkin cookies, apple crisp cups & monster cookies are just a few fall treats that we look forward to! As always, please bring your sweet offerings down to the Supper Program Dining Room before the start of Mass.

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Help Support the Knights of Columbus by Purchasing a Raffle Ticket!

The Knights of Columbus are selling their Charitable and! Benevolent Raffle tickets on the following dates and times at our three churches:

August 30 4:30PM at St. Mary's August 31 8:00AM at St. Boniface 9:30AM at Blessed Sacrament & September 7

11:15AM at St. Mary's

Tickets are \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00, and 4 for \$10.00 Please show your generous support by purchasing a ticket!

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 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, 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 Iannehone, Clifford Cayer.