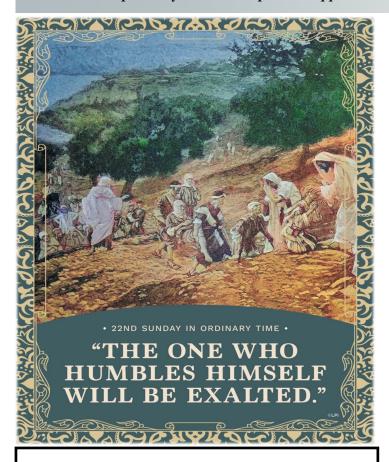
# **Southeast Rochester Catholic Community**

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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface August 31, 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.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1st in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will return to our regular office hours of 8:30-4:30 beginning on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Happy Labor Day and God Bless!



#### 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

#### 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)

Monday, September 1 \*\*\* Parish Office is closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday. \*\*\*

#### Tuesday, September 2

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

#### Wednesday, September 3

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

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840? pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgjFa.1

#### Thursday, September 4

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

#### Sunday, September 7

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

9:30 a.m. Blessing of Backpacks at Mass (BS)

#### **Caring for God's Creation**



# Care for Creation Committee Presents Some Personal Bio Information on Dr. Gerry Gacioch

Dr. Gerry's day job is Cardiologist (Emeritus Chief) at RGH. He and his wife Annette founded the Care of God's Creation Ministry at Transfiguration in 2007. He will discuss how his parish utilized the Laudato is Action Platform to discern their 7 year plan to be fossil fuel free by the end of 2028. He will discuss the successes, opportunities and challenges of trying to meet their goal!

As our Care for Creation Committee begins its second year, we invite you to consider how our parish community wishes to respond to the challenges given to us by Pope Francis in the light of today's challenges.

#### Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, August 30

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

# <u>Sunday, August 31, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>

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

# Monday, September 1, Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (BS) For the People of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

#### <u>Tuesday, September 2, Twenty-second Week in Ordinary</u> <u>Time</u>

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

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

## Wednesday, September 3, Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great

8:00 a.m. (BS) Mary Lou Greibus by John & Judy Lynd 12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

# <u>Thursday, September 4, Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time</u>

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

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

#### <u>Friday, September 5, Twenty-second Week in Ordinary</u> <u>Time</u>

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

#### Saturday, September 6

4:30 p.m. (SM) Arlene Lewis and Vida Delaney by Inez Delaney

## Sunday, September 7, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 a.m. (BS) Mary Frances Koonmen by Family Michael Finigan by William & Diane Finnegan

11:15 a.m. (SM) Fred Shank by Rick McGrath

Readings for September 7th Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

> Wisdom 9:13-18B Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33



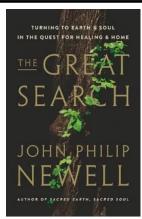


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#### SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

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.



Monday Book Discussion Is Starting Back Up Monday, September 8th at 5:30PM

Please join us as we discuss "The Great Search: Turning Earth and Soul in the Quest for Healing and Home..." We will begin on Monday, September 8th at 5:30PM. You may find the Zoom link listed in our "Weekly Calendar/Parish Events" section in next weekend's bulletin.

For more information, please contact Lucien Cayer at lowelllucien 359@gmail.com.

#### 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...



Today's first reading and gospel seek to cultivate the virtue of humility within us. The root of the word "humility" lies in the Latin word "humus," meaning earth. Therefore, the call to humility invites us to connect with our earthly nature, to be grounded with our feet planted firmly and solidly. We acknowledge who we authentically are, free from pretense and artifice, and recognize our fundamental relationship with God, our connection with one another, and to all of creation. This is beautifully illustrated in the story of God forming human beings out of clay and breathing the spirit of life into them in the Book of Genesis. Highlighting our connectedness to what is

earthly is apt as we are called to focus on the Care for Creation throughout September.

Jesus sets his teaching about humility within the context of hospitality, particularly focusing on our roles as guest and host. Noticing how the invited guests were jockeying for places of honor to enhance their social standing, Jesus offers some practical advice to the guests that has a broader application and deeper meaning in the life of a Christian: "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

As we apply his teaching to more of our life, we come to realize that humility is the way of Christ. In the Incarnation, the Son of God did not cling to his divinity, humbly emptying himself to become one of us, one with us. Throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly demonstrated humble, loving service by engaging with people who were more "earthy" and forging a bond with them. Most profoundly, he humbled himself to the point of death on the cross, and God greatly exalted him, raising him up to the glory of heaven.

By humbling ourselves, we enter into that same pattern of dying to ourselves for the sake of others, trusting that God will raise us up to be more like Christ. Also, by humbling ourselves to engage with others of differing views and values, we are brought into contact with our shared common humanity, forging a connection that supersedes our differences. Such an approach counteracts the current tendency to engage only with those who are like us, which simply reinforces our own views. It is not surprising then that as society has become increasingly polarized, standing out in a gathering of likes with likes requires going to ever-increasing extremes. Gathering with those unlike ourselves, especially those with whom our "in-group" would refuse to associate, demands immense grace. Jesus's example of dining with Pharisees in today's gospel inspires and empowers us to follow his ways through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

This points to how humility informs our role as a host. Jesus challenges us to break the cycle of expected repayment, wherein we invite someone to dinner or a party, expecting them to reciprocate in kind. Instead, Jesus calls us to shower our resources on those who cannot repay us. Humbling ourselves by reaching out to those on the margins of society, we emulate God's generosity, pouring out lavish gifts on those who need them the most. True gifts are those given freely without strings attached, conditions, or expectations. Embracing this approach opens us up and makes us vulnerable, aligning with the essence of humility.

We have opportunities to fulfill the call to humility as both guests and hosts. In both instances, we strive to emulate the Lord. Humbling ourselves in loving service of others, we are confident that our ever-faithful and generous God will raise us up to be more like Christ. Similarly, as hosts who invites those who can't repay us and who are radically different from us, we emulate our loving God who always gives us more than we deserve and more than we can ever return, who does so, so that we might be joined in union with God for all eternity.

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Yours,

Fr. John

#### **PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION**

August 24, 2025	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,093	\$ 7,100	\$ (3,007)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,095	\$ 3,250	\$ (1,155)
St. Mary's	\$ 4,844	\$ 5,200	\$ (356)
Year-to-Date			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 55,201	\$ 56,800	\$ (1,599)
St. Boniface	\$ 19,450	\$ 26,000	\$ (6,550)
St. Mary's	\$ 39,685	\$ 41,600	\$ (1,915)

#### ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Blessed Sacrament Se	eating Capacity - 800
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9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance - 155

St. Boniface Seating Capacity - 550

8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance - 68

St. Mary's Seating Capacity - 550

4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance - 71 11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance - 147



We are excited to announce our first program for Fall 2025!

#### The Bridge from Selma to Rochester Sunday, September 28th

Voices of Women will feature a woman of faith and courage, Sr. Barbara Lum, SSJ. Sr. Barbara will tell of her experiences as a nurse in Selma, Alabama at the time of the Civil Rights Movement. We will hear of the young man, dying from a sheriff's bullet during a march for voting rights holding Sr. Barbara's hand and asking: "Sister, don't you think this is a high price to pay for freedom?". In September 2024, Sr. Barbara received Nazareth University's first ever Presidential Medallion Award for her contribution to society. Join us for this enlightening talk on Sunday, September 28th (The Fourth Sunday) in the Dugan Center of St. Mary's Church. The program begins at 12:15. Free street and lot (next to GEVA) parking. The Dugan Center is accessible by elevator. All parishioners are welcome. Bring a friend!

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

We are back.....

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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#### 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.

Please Pray for those in need of Healing: Layla Tremble, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Marilyn Dietz, 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, 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.