

# Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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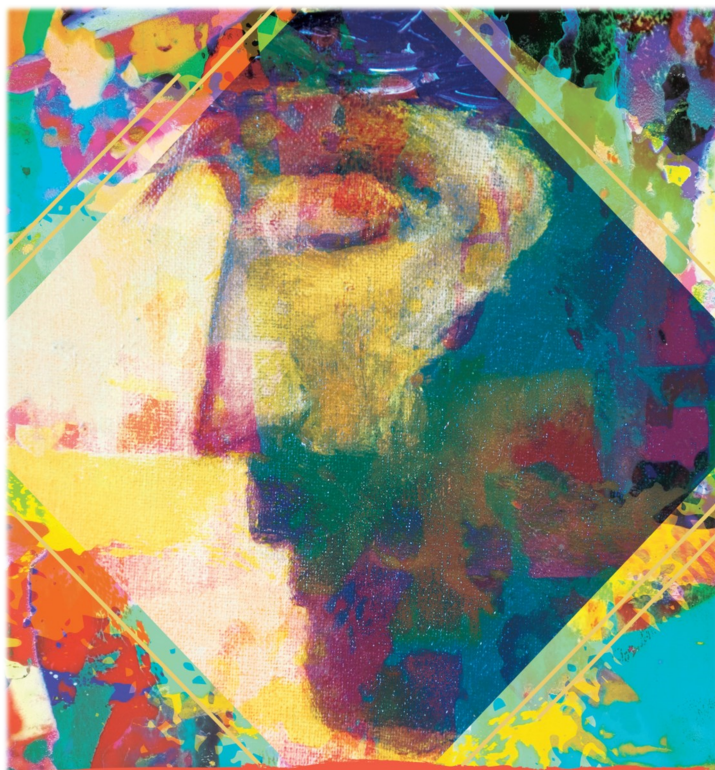
**Blessed Sacrament**

**Saint Boniface**

**Saint Mary's**

**September 7, 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.



## 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:33

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Happy  
Grandparents Day!



*Readings for September 14<sup>th</sup>  
Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

*Numbers 21:4b-9  
Phillipians 2:6-11  
John 3:13-17B*

## 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 12:10pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday*

The Mailing 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

### Sunday, September 7

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

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

### Monday, September 8

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88079534354?pwd=vjmjPehiHsB5CTnozIUnVNl5PyXwAN.1>  
Meeting ID: 880 7953 4354 Passcode: zC4D84

### Tuesday, September 9

6:30 p.m. Care for Creation Cmte. Mtg. (BS Parish Office)

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

### Wednesday, September 10

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgFa.1>

### Thursday, September 11

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 14

9:30 a.m. Blessing of Catechists (BS)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (BS)

2:00 p.m. Foundations of Faith (Church of the Assumption, 20 East Avenue, Fairport)

## Caring for God's Creation



### Care for Creation Committee

### *Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendars!*

On Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Care for Creation Committee at the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community is hosting Dr. Gerry Gacioch of Transfiguration Parish. Dr. Gacioch is a local cardiologist from Rochester and was trained as a Climate Change Ambassador in 2010 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to speak about Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to care for the earth, our common home. As we begin the Season of Creation, consider hearing Dr. Gacioch speak on how we all can participate in Pope Francis's call to protect people and the planet through *Laudato Si'*.

**Join us at St. Mary's in the Dugan Center at 7:00PM on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday, September 8, Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. (BS) A. Louise Lynd by John & Judy Lynd

Justin Reynold by Tom Tosti

12:10 p.m. (SM) John Wesley by Joe & Judy Wesley

### Tuesday, September 9, Memorial of Saint Peter Claver

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

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

### Wednesday, September 10, Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (BS) Andrew Giambrone by Mary Alyce Streb

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

### Thursday, September 11, Twenty-third 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, September 12, Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

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

### Saturday, September 13, Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom

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

### Sunday, September 14, Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

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

9:30 a.m. (BS) Elaine Vander Brook by Rita Lesnick

Frances Carney by Gerry Yawman

11:15 a.m. (SM) Rose and Frank Sherman by Bill & Doreen Robert





### ***The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community Supports Rochester Hope!***

Rochester Hope is 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month from 8:45AM to Noon at the St. Michael's Church complex.

#### **Our next service date is Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto: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!



### **OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE ... A HUGE SUCCESS!**

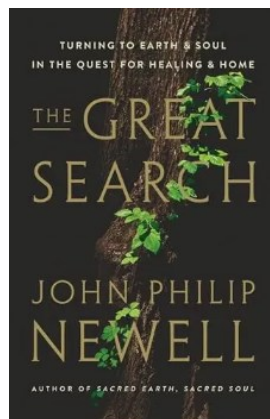
Thank you to everyone who donated much needed school supplies for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Our appeal was a huge success and we are grateful to those that provided these necessary supplies!

Your generosity will bring many smiles to the children who receive them. Because of your generosity, we were able to support Nativity Preparatory Academy and other local schools and families with hope and encouragement for a successful school year!

### ***SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING***

***September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM***

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



### ***Monday Book Discussion is Starting Back Up Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. You will find the Zoom link listed in our "Weekly Calendar/Parish Events" in this bulletin.

For more information, please contact Lucien Cayer at [lowelllucien359@gmail.com](mailto:lowelllucien359@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 2<sup>nd</sup>.** No experience is necessary! Please contact Deacon Duncan at (585)271-7240 ext. 120 or [dharris@dor.org](mailto: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](mailto:Katie.Amann@dor.org) or Susan Howard at 944-7836 [s.howard.dor@gmail.com](mailto:s.howard.dor@gmail.com)

## *A Word from Fr. John...*



Are we aware of the cost of following Jesus as his disciple? In today's gospel, as Jesus journeys towards his passion and death in Jerusalem, he insists that all of us who seek to accompany him must ask ourselves this question. This is not surprising, as each step he takes brings him closer to his own passion and death on the cross. Keeping this in mind, his seemingly harsh demands don't seem as unreasonable or unthinkable. After all, if we are going to accompany Jesus along the way, we need to be aware of what it takes to follow him the whole way through. As he clearly states, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple," (Luke 14:27).

The form that cross will take may vary from person to person. However, Jesus highlights three common attachments that can cause us to stumble, as we seek to follow him along the way. First, his call to hate one's parents, spouse, children and siblings challenges our natural affection for and attachment to family. This can be particularly hard to hear, as many of us derive a sense of our identity and social standing from our families, who also can provide essential material, financial, and emotional support. Unfortunately, this latter aspect can lead us to treat family and friends as possessions that we need to dominate and control. Thus, the loss of family through death or any other means can seem tantamount to losing one's own life.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we must be willing to embrace as family others who are not related by blood or any other usual affiliation. We have to be a brother or sister to those who are different across all the ways that we distinguish ourselves from one another: race, class, social status, ability, gender, sexual orientation, politics, education, occupation, etc. This is what Paul is calling Philemon to do in looking upon and treating Onesimus not as his runaway slave but as his friend and brother in Christ. For some disciples, this new family may cause tension and disruption within themselves, with their biological families, and with friends and associates. Jesus wants us to be forewarned of these challenges so that we can be prepared to confront them.

Second, Jesus calls us to renounce all our possessions, which is particularly challenging in our consumeristic and materialistic society. We have been conditioned to rely on things to provide us with safety and security, with fun and diversions. As Jesus's parables suggest, we also tend to gather resources to accomplish a given task or goal. Similarly, we tend to stockpile things just in case the worst should happen. This leads us to an overreliance on ourselves and our possessions, instead of relying fully on God. As his disciples, we choose Jesus, in place of every other thing, as the source of all that we need, even life itself.

Third, looking to Jesus as the source of our life points to his repeated call to lose our life to save it. In picking up our cross and following Jesus, we may be called to give our lives in bearing witness to the gospel. While this may not involve physical death, it may mean dying to ourselves in various ways, including letting go of our possessions, prejudices, and preferences. As we transcend both natural and habitual tendencies, we participate more fully in the all-encompassing love of God. By learning to love as God loves, we avoid division and give up our preferences, growing to love each human being equally and fully.

Through prayer and reflection, we can uncover and name our attachments. By detaching ourselves, we gain the freedom to establish and maintain relationships with everybody and everything in our life, such that we engage with them in ways that enhance our relationship with God and our humble loving service of others. In doing so, we don't rely solely on ourselves, but lean into the inspiration and power of the Holy Spirit to help us chart a way to follow Christ more closely, as the last line of today's first reading suggests. In this way, as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, we pick up our cross and follow him trusting that God walks with us, guiding us along the way through death to new life.

Peace and blessings to all of us as we strive to free ourselves to fully embrace the life we share with Christ.

Yours,

Fr. John

### **Break the Cycle of Poverty: Support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development**

On the weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, we'll be accepting donations for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD addresses the root causes of poverty in America by supporting grassroots, self-help organizations of low-income people. Here in our Diocese, many lifechanging community organizations have been funded with major CCHD national grants. They included a refugee organization, a small enterprise that provides employment to women in addiction recovery, and a land trust of low-income people becoming homeowners in inner city Rochester. In addition, 25% of the funds will remain in our diocese to fund smaller anti-poverty projects. By supporting the CCHD, you are standing with people on the margins and making positive social change. Please make your check payable to the parish, write "CCHD" in the memo line, and place them in the collection. Thank you!



### PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

<u>August 31, 2025</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,837	\$ 7,100	\$ (2,263)
St. Boniface	\$ 1,487	\$ 3,250	\$ (1,763)
St. Mary's	\$ 3,368	\$ 5,200	\$ (1,832)
<u>Year-to-Date</u>			
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 60,038	\$ 63,900	\$ (3,862)
St. Boniface	\$ 20,937	\$ 29,250	\$ (8,313)
St. Mary's	\$ 43,053	\$ 46,800	\$ (3,747)

### ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

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

9:30 a.m.      Mass Attendance - 146

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

8:00 a.m.      Mass Attendance - 80

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

4:30 p.m.      Mass Attendance - 71

11:15 a.m.      Mass Attendance - 139

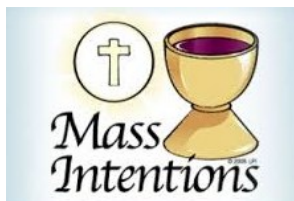


We are excited to announce  
our first program for Fall 2025!

### ***The Bridge from Selma to Rochester Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>***

Voices of Women will feature a woman of faith and courage, Sr. Barbara Lum, SSJ, who 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!

### **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.

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### ***Coffee Hour Is Returning to Blessed Sacrament Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

***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 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, 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.***