

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community



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Blessed Sacrament

Saint Boniface

Saint Mary's

September 14, 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.

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:

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Blessed Sacrament, 534 Oxford St.,
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Saint Boniface, 330 Gregory St., Rochester, NY 14620

Saint Mary's, 15 St. Mary's Place, Rochester, NY 14607



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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*Join Us for a Dynamic Presentation on
Learning & Becoming More Involved with
Caring for Creation and Our Common Home*

Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00PM
St. Mary's Dugan Center

The Southeast Rochester Catholic Community is hosting Dr. Gerry Gacioch, who will be discussing progress made on Pope Francis and Pope Leo's desire to continue the journey of caring for creation. Faith communities are called to care for God's creation and understand its connection to Catholic Social Teaching.

Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Sunday, September 14

9:30 a.m. Blessing of Catechists (BS)
10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour (BS)
12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour (SM)
2:00 p.m. Foundations of Faith (Church of the Assumption, 20 East Avenue, Fairport)

Monday, September 15

1:00 p.m. Parish Life Cmte. Mtg. (BS Parish Office)
5:30 p.m. Book Discussion (Zoom)
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87094874406?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87094874406?pwd=RoXJayx4zn9j8c6zaIuBC9Bof8xWJP.1#success)
[pwd=RoXJayx4zn9j8c6zaIuBC9Bof8xWJP.1#success](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87094874406?pwd=RoXJayx4zn9j8c6zaIuBC9Bof8xWJP.1#success)
Meeting ID: 870 9487 4406 Passcode: 6awgP9

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 p.m. Social Justice & Outreach Cmte. Meeting (BS Parish Office)
7:00 p.m. Holy Hour (SB)

Wednesday, September 17

10:00 a.m. Scripture Sharing (Zoom)
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgJFa.1)
[pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgJFa.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83056264840?pwd=qXjwslmsGAKI3XqmwdbbMbAxxjgJFa.1)
7:00 p.m. Care for Creation Cmte. presents Dr. Gerry Gacioch, Guest Speaker (SM- Dugan Ctr.)

Thursday, September 18

3:00 p.m. Parishioner Led Weekly Rosary (Zoom)
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88367489666?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88367489666?pwd=LmtVVDzMy61VwIdvV4XfbFsZ37zOIj.1)
[pwd=LmtVVDzMy61VwIdvV4XfbFsZ37zOIj.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88367489666?pwd=LmtVVDzMy61VwIdvV4XfbFsZ37zOIj.1)
Meeting ID: 883 6748 9666 Passcode: 6V3KzU

Saturday, September 20

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Young Adults "The Amazing (G)race"
Church Tour & History Day (BS)

Sunday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour (SB)
10:40 a.m.-11:55 a.m. Faith Formation (BS School)
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Early Session (BS Parish Office)
12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Confirmation Preparation Late Session (BS Parish Office)

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

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

Monday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 a.m. (BS) Heinrich Donat Pawlik by Marjorie Handel
12:10 p.m. (SM) John & Sarah Parrone; Newton & Emma Mogavero by Dennis and Kathy Meeh

Tuesday, September 16, Memorial of Sts. Cornelius

and Cyprian

8:00 a.m. (SB) For the People of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

Wednesday, September 17, Twenty-fourth Week in

Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (BS) For the People of the Southeast Rochester Catholic Community
12:10 p.m. (SM) Rosary & Communion

Thursday, September 18, Twenty-fourth 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 19, Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary

Time

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

Saturday, September 20, Memorial of Sts. Andrew Kim

Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

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

Sunday, September 21, Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. (SB) Denis Carroll by Timothy and Mary Ellen Coleman
9:30 a.m. (BS) Mary Frances Koonmen by Koonmen family
11:15 a.m. (SM) Joyce Sciolino by Joe Sciolino



Are you interested in Bowling? Bowlers Wanted!

We are looking for bowlers on Monday nights down in the basement of the Nativity Preparatory Academy School hall. If you are interested, please contact Dick Keller at: (585) 709-4882.



Readings for September 21st Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13*



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 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:45AM to Noon at the St. Michael's Church complex.

Our next service date is Saturday, September 20th

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) 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!



Next-to-New Sale Special Fall Donation Days

For those who collect items for the sale throughout the year, we want to help with your stockpiles. The sale will accept donations for the **Spring 2026 sale from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5.** There also will be regular dropoff times in April before the sale.

Please separate clean and gently used clothing from other items and pack in bags or boxes. A reminder that the sale cannot accept large appliances or sofas, desktop computers, encyclopedias, VHS tapes, wedding dresses or password-protected laptops. If you have any questions, email Next2NewSale@gmail.com



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.



PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE FOR CREATION

September 1-October 4 marks the annual ecumenical celebration of the Season of Creation. This year in honor of the Jubilee Year announced by Pope Francis, groups are being invited to participate in pilgrimages honoring creation. The Finger Lakes Catholic Care for Creation Covenant is offering several pilgrimage opportunities which are posted on the Diocesan website. Enjoy God's beautiful Creation and visit a local spot you may not have visited before, or in the same way! Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation: <https://oec.dor.org/pilgrimages-of-hope-for-creation/>



Starting with today's feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross, we turn our attention once again to Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope. For the final eleven weeks of Ordinary Time, our focus will be "**Anchored in Hope**". This builds upon the jubilee logo, which depicts four differently colored figures representing people from the four corners of the earth coming together to embrace the cross and one another in love. The cross, a symbol of our faith, is the means by which Jesus secured our redemption and salvation. At the same time, the cross transforms into an anchor, a traditional symbol of hope. Joined together as pilgrims on life's journey, we embrace faith and hope as guiding forces making our way through the challenges and difficulties symbolized by the turbulent waves. The bend in the cross and anchor symbolize the dynamism of our journey through life. We move forward carrying the cross of faith anchored in hope, while at the same time, the power of faith and hope draw us forward through the turbulence of life.

At first glance, it may seem strange to associate the cross with hope. After all, the cross was a profane instrument of humiliating and excruciating torture and death. Most of us would be taken aback to see a hangman's gallows, guillotine, gas chamber, or electric chair enshrined in our churches or hanging from the neck of a loved one. What makes the cross of Christ different is its unique role in our redemption and salvation. Jesus made the cross holy by sacrificing his life to save us. Through this unsurpassable outpouring of God's love, the atrocity of the crucifixion is transformed into the means by which we receive abundant and eternal life. Through his Resurrection and Ascension into heaven, Jesus is exalted by God the Father, opening up eternal life to all who believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. In this process, our two great fears, sin and death, are overcome forever and for all of us.

Through what Christ accomplished for us in his death and resurrection, the cross is transformed into a symbol of hope and a guiding standard for our own lives. By embracing the cross of Christ, we commit ourselves to the transformative power of God's love. When faced with challenges and difficulties, especially those that involve pain and suffering, we trust in God's willingness and ability to turn those around for us. For example, when faced with sickness and disability, Christ's healing can come to us through miracles, medicines, and medical care, but also by accompanying us as we pass from this life to the next.

Our hope in the transformative power unleashed by the cross of Christ extends into other areas of our life as well. Reflecting on our daily experiences, we witness how failures are reversed, humiliations are exchanged for blessings, anger and tension are dissolved, and bad habits are replaced by good works. This involves more than passive waiting and wishful thinking, as authentic hope impels us to be responsible and responsive by actively cooperating with the Lord in the pursuit of justice and peace. In hope, we move beyond our present incomplete existence to anticipate the fullness of life and joy with God in the new heaven and the new earth that awaits us.

As we celebrate the exultation of the Holy Cross, we may be horrified by Jesus's suffering or sorrowful for our sins. Yet, we place our hope in the transformation that our Lord offers us. We affirm this every time we make the sign of the cross. When we were baptized and the sign of the cross was made over us, we were incorporated into the transformative process of Christ's death and resurrection. The virtues of faith, hope and love, which fuel and are strengthened by this transformative process, are themselves strengthened through prayer, which begins with the sign of the cross.

If we love one another as Christ loved us, we will not escape having to carry our crosses. But our crosses are not just instruments of suffering and hardship. Through the transformative love of God, they can become the means of our salvation. May we embrace the cross, anchored in hope, as we journey with Christ from death to new life.

Yours,

Fr. John

PS - Our parish Annual Meetings, at which we review last year's financial results and present this year's budget as part of our Stewardship Report, will follow the 4:30, 8:00 and 9:30 Masses on the weekend of September 27th & 28th. Parish Trustees, along with Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council members, are strongly encouraged to attend.

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

On the weekend of September 20th & 21st, 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. Specially marked envelopes also will be available in church. Thank you!

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

| <u>September 7, 2025</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Blessed Sacrament | \$ 9,653 | \$ 7,100 | \$ 2,553 |
| St. Boniface | \$ 1,805 | \$ 3,250 | \$ (1,445) |
| St. Mary's | \$ 5,329 | \$ 5,200 | \$ 129 |
| <u>Year-to-Date</u> | | | |
| Blessed Sacrament | \$ 69,691 | \$ 71,000 | \$ (1,309) |
| St. Boniface | \$ 22,742 | \$ 32,500 | \$ (9,758) |
| St. Mary's | \$ 48,382 | \$ 52,000 | \$ (3,618) |

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Blessed Sacrament Seating Capacity - 800

9:30 a.m. Mass Attendance - 158

St. Boniface Seating Capacity - 550

8:00 a.m. Mass Attendance - 74

St. Mary's Seating Capacity - 550

4:30 p.m. Mass Attendance - 84

11:15 a.m. Mass Attendance - 140

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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, 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!

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.

Join Us for Coffee Hour

Enjoy delicious coffee & fellowship with others!

**September 13 & 14 after the
4:30PM & 11:15AM Masses
at St. Mary's Church**



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 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, Gerry Yawman, Mark Schork, Tracey Schatz, Joseph Guinessh, 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, Clifford Cayer, Joseph Anthony Galletta, Mike Sperino.