

Southeast Rochester Catholic Community

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January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

**The Mailing address for all
three churches is as follows:**

**259 Rutgers Street
Rochester, New York 14607**
(585) 271-7240 (585) 442-7517 Fax
Church locations are listed below.

Blessed Sacrament
534 Oxford Street
Rochester, NY 14607

Saint Boniface
330 Gregory Street
Rochester, NY 14620

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

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday:

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday:

9:00 AM at St. Boniface Church

9:30 AM at Blessed Sacrament

10:45 AM at St. Mary's Church

12:00 PM at Blessed Sacrament

Daily Mass Schedule:

Monday, Thursday & Friday 12:10pm at St. Mary's;

Tuesday & Friday, 7:30am at St. Boniface, and

Monday & Wednesday 8:00am at Blessed Sacrament

Rosary & Communion

Tuesday & Wednesday 12:10 pm at St. 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.

STAR

They were overjoyed at seeing
the star, and on entering the
house they saw the child with
Mary his mother.

MATTHEW 2:10



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Nursery at Blessed Sacrament & St. Mary's are currently closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.



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Weekly Calendar/Parish Events

Tuesday, January 4

6:30 p.m. Bible Study (SM Dugan Center & Zoom)

6:30 p.m. Scripture Sharing (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 6

2:30 p.m. Weekly Rosary (Zoom)

6:30-7:30 p.m. Holy Hour (SB)

Sunday, January 9

10:45 a.m. Faith Formation Classes (BS School)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 8, Young Adult Trip to Buffalo (see page 3)

Book discussions: Universal Christ (p.3) & Life is Messy (p.4-5)

January 16: Next Youth Group Meeting (4:00, BS School)

Please Pray for those in need of healing: Michelle Wade, Layla Tremble, Carla Logan, David Ballerstein, Mary Kniep Hardy, Joan Hacker, Bridget Toth, Larry Grasta, Larry Schlosser, Muriel Dech, Marilyn Dietz, Silvia Centanni, Frances Carney, David Boothby, Barbara Franssen, Brian Dżuba, Carol Childs, Carm Donovan, Carla Spooner, Kathy Haight, Diane Kannel, Gwen Walsb, Pat Nicolosi, Jim Melito, Ruth Smith, Maya Johnsen, Sam Lanzafame, Kitty Jensen, Mary Ann DiPolito, Larry Eschrich, Lucy Coonan, Matthew Grasta, Barbara Tredeau, Louise Adler, Paul Rice, Ann Maloney, Denise Alexander, Rose Koonmen, Mary Beth Ferguson, Loretta Rose Doyle, Diane Vadney, Ann Marie Arnold, Fred Williams, Ann Bauman, Julie Fitzsimmons, Gerry Yawman, Deanna Milne-Azzolina, Mark Schork, Rhonda Fanci, Ginny Sillman, Anthony Zinone, Tom Meteyer, Fred Ludwig, Pete Klee, Timothy Romeo, Joe Wesley, Mary Koenig, and Tracey Schatz.

Please help us keep our list accurate by calling as soon as possible when you or a loved one would like to be removed from the list. Please Note: 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 directly to let us know.



**Our Lady's Candle at St. Mary's Church
burns this week in memory of
Don Wiegand by Family**



Readings for January 9, 2021:

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7

Acts 10: 34-38

Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

COMBINED CHOIR MASSES

Thank you for your support of our SERCC choirs as they returned to singing this Fall. We were excited to welcome members representing all three parishes to the 9:00am Mass at St. Boniface and to hear the combined choir again at the 11:00pm Christmas Eve Mass at Blessed Sacrament. We look forward to hearing them at the 10:45am Mass at St Mary's on January 9, as we close out the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Thank you again for your support of our parish music programs!

Devotions, Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 1, Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

10:00 a.m. (SM) Don Wiegand by Josephine Wiegand

NO Saturday Evening Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 2, Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. (SB) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

9:30 a.m. (BS) Helen and Walter Davis by Joan Davis

10:45 a.m. (SM) Daniel and Carmela Coyne by Liz Clarke

12:00 p.m. (BS) People of the SE Rochester Catholic Community

Monday, January 3, Christmas Weekday

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

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

Tuesday, January 4, Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 a.m. (SB) Kelly Wright by Family

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

Wednesday, January 5, Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:00 a.m. (BS) Clara Margaret Roth by Chris Walsh

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

Thursday, January 6, Christmas Weekday

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

Friday, January 7, Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. (SB) The Haney Family by Bequest

12:10 p.m. (SM) Julianne Palma by Deacon David Palma

Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. (SB) Michael Civalieri by Family

Note the location change to St. Boniface!

Sunday, January 9, The Baptism of the Lord

9:00 a.m. (SB) Bob and Larry Janick by Kathy Wade

9:30 a.m. (BS) Henry Leo and Eleanor Bojara by Marge Sharick

10:45 a.m. (SM) Rita Gan Hong by Shirley Cirillo


12:00 p.m. (BS) For the intentions of the People of Afghanistan, still living in their country by Chris Walsh

OUR LADY OF VICTORY NATIONAL SHRINE & BASILICA

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE

NIAGARA FALLS



YOUNG ADULT TRIP TO BUFFALO!

JANUARY 8TH

10:00 - 6:00

(CARPOOL DEPARTING BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH AT 8:30AM)
(BRING CASH FOR LUNCH)

RSVP WITH TYLER



SAVE THE DATE



Holy Hour at St. Boniface Church
Thursday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Join others to pray that 2022 will be a year of deeper faith in Jesus Christ.

"Thank you to all who coordinated last night's Holy Hour at St. Boniface! It was a beautiful, breathtaking, peaceful, and musical hour of much needed peace, praying and reflection while watching the dozens of flickering and dancing candles! I literally could feel my BP lowering as well as God's presence!"
Join us for our January Holy Hour to pray in 2022 with a special Litany for the New Year.

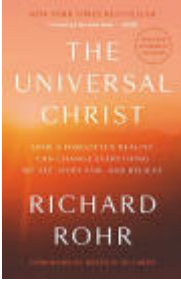
CATHOLIC CONVERSATIONS: DEATH WITH TRUE DIGNITY

The Finger Lakes Guild of the Catholic Medical Association invites you to attend "Catholic Conversations: Death with True Dignity" either in person at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry or virtually via Zoom. This event will be held on Saturday, January 15, 8:30am-2:00pm. This special event is geared towards community members, health care providers, hospice workers, and ministers and will highlight Catholic teaching on end-of-life care. Break-out discussion groups by topic interest will occur both on site and via Zoom. Registration is free but advance registration is required. www.bit.ly/CatholicConversations.



MONDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Our online book discussion group will begin reading Richard Rohr's book, **The Universal Christ** starting January 10 and continuing on Monday evenings 5:30-7pm. If you would like more information or to join us, please contact Lucien at 402-4629 or lowelllucien359@gmail.com. Order information is in the Tuesday email newsletter, as will be the link to the Zoom meeting once we start.



LINK FOR STEUBENVILLE INFORMATION

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84871958978?pwd=UEg3WEdYdkZwMjJNeWkxSGRjOTBWUT09>

Meeting ID: 848 7195 8978
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2022

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Informational Meeting
January 8th, 2022 @7pm - via Zoom

A Word From Father John...

As we continue our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, we mark a number of feasts that help us to unpack the Mystery of the Incarnation, the almighty God becoming one of us, a humble, lowly human being. Last Sunday, in the feast of the Holy Family, we celebrated that in sharing the fullness of the human experience, Jesus was a son in the human family of Mary and Joseph. And by extension, Jesus was part of a larger family that included grandparents, aunts and uncles, and cousins of varying degrees, as well as in-laws and others. The lists of his ancestors in the gospel genealogies give hints that his family shared in the scandals and dysfunction that characterize most, if not all, human families. Yesterday's feast of Mary, Mother of God celebrates the resolution of a debate about whether Mary could be considered the mother of Jesus, only in a limited sense of his human nature, by concluding that she is indeed the mother of [the Son of] God in his divine nature, having borne God in her womb. God holds nothing back, as we experience his complete divinity in the human person of Jesus Christ.

That brings us to today's feast. The Epiphany of the Lord celebrates that in coming into the world as one of us, God made God's divine self manifest for all to see in a showing forth or revelation of God to all human beings and all of creation. While the humble manner of his coming as the baby Jesus was largely quiet and unexpected, it did not go unnoticed. On that first Christmas night, the angels gave the poor and lowly shepherds a great fright in making them aware that the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger was a savior born for us who is Christ and Lord. And in our gospel today, the magi, who were living in lands far off to the east, saw a star at its rising that they interpreted as a sign of the birth of a new king and came to do him homage. Yet, we note that the religious authorities, the chief priest and the scribes, living right there in the land of Judah and having access to the prophecies of the coming messiah, failed to take note of the signs pointing to the coming of Christ. If they had been watching and waiting for signs of the promised messiah, surely, they also would have taken note and recognized the coming of Christ in the infant Jesus born in Bethlehem.

This leads us to ask ourselves a number of questions on this feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. Haven't we heard again and again those same prophecies about the coming of Christ? Wasn't that a large part of what Advent was all about, as we were called to watch and wait for the Lord's coming? Moreover, even if we were caught up in other demands on our time and attention, have we not been made aware in the midst of the Christmas season that Jesus, our savior, has already come to us, as Christ and Lord?

This awareness of God's manifestation of God's self in the person of Jesus Christ demands a response. Surely, none of us is going to be caught off guard and respond as rashly and violently as King Herod did in ordering the slaughter of innocent children in a fit of blind paranoid rage. But, in making our response, how far are we willing to go to see Christ as he comes among us? As Mother Theresa was wont to say, we don't need to travel to India to care for those in need, especially the sick, the dying and the homeless. Any number of ministries right here in our parish and within the larger community invite us to encounter Christ right here in our neighborhood and city. For some that may be a more challenging journey to make. At the same time, given the challenges that many of us face right in our homes and among our family members, we might not even need to leave home to encounter Christ in our care for others. If, for whatever reason, we are not in a position to engage in direct service to those in need, how else might we reach out to offer our prayers and support to those need and those who serve them?

Wherever we are and no matter our circumstances, the coming of Christ at Christmas, at the end of time, and here and now, calls us to reflect on and respond to God's revelation of God's self to us in the person of Jesus Christ. The Epiphany of Lord, whether recognized and acknowledged, has an effect on every aspect and every moment of our day-to-day lives and the world in which we live. We avoid and ignore that fact at our own peril. We recognize and embrace it as a sure path to the fullness of life marked by joy, peace and love.

Just before Christmas, I received some very good news on our progress toward reaching our Catholic Ministries Appeal goals. At St. Boniface, the generosity of 70 donors has gotten us to 78% of our goal. Whereas at St. Mary's, 96 generous donors have gotten us to 94% of our goal. And at Blessed Sacrament, 136 generous donors have enabled us to surpass the goal, topping over 103%. That is the first time as your pastor, that Blessed Sacrament has reached our goal. At the same time, I am very pleased with the progress at St. Boniface and St. Mary's. Given our experience over the last few years, I am confident that we will reach the goals at our latter two churches as well. If you have not yet had chance, please prayerfully consider making a gift to the CMA. No matter how large or small, every contribution is very much needed and greatly appreciated. CMA envelopes are available at church, and other means are available online at www.dor.org/cma.


We are looking to recruit a few more volunteers to assist with serving as Mass Ambassadors, who greet, seat and usher folks, and on our Disinfection Teams, which takes about fifteen minutes after Mass, at our 4:30pm Saturday Mass as it moves to St. Boniface on January 8th. We could use a few more volunteers also at the 10:45 and 12:00 noon Sunday Masses. Please contact a member of parish staff or call the parish office, if you are interested in volunteering.

May the peace, joy and love of the Christmas season be yours now and throughout the new year!

Yours,

Fr. John

2021-22 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL AS OF 12/17/2021

	Blessed Sacrament	St. Boniface	St. Mary's
Goal	\$64,919	\$26,129	\$44,406
Pledged	\$63,864	\$18,770	\$38,167
Amount Remaining	\$1,055	\$7,359	\$6,239
% of Goal	98%	72%	86%
# / % of Households Participating	127 / 14%	65 / 17%	90 / 15%

PARISH COLLECTION INFORMATION

December 19, 2021*	Actual	Budget	Variance
Blessed Sacrament	\$ 4,885	\$ 6,030	\$ (1,145)
St. Boniface	\$ 2,251	\$ 3,000	\$ (749)
St. Mary's	\$ 5,123	\$ 4,900	\$ 223

Year-to-Date Totals

Blessed Sacrament	\$ 144,425	\$ 150,750	\$ (6,325)
St. Boniface	\$ 81,507	\$ 75,000	\$ 6,507
St. Mary's	\$ 112,482	\$ 122,500	\$ (10,018)

*Thank you for your faithful and generous support!
We depend on your thoughtfulness and commitment.
God bless you.*

* Because of the holidays this time of year, our bulletins often require submission dates before the collections are counted from the previous weekend. Thank you for your patience with us. **The numbers will run a week behind** most weeks between now and the beginning of January.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS



Donations are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers in memory of family and friends. Please be sure to designate Blessed Sacrament, St. Boniface or St. Mary's on the form below and return it to the church office.

Donation in Memory of:

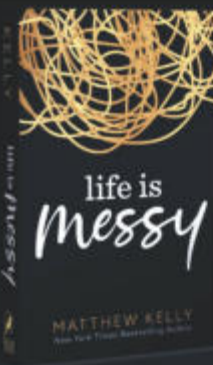
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2021

Christmas Featured Title

LIFE IS MESSY

Free book! Thanks to a donation from a generous parishioner, we have hundreds of copies of Matthew Kelly's newest book.

Please join us in reading, reflecting, and discussing as a parish.

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