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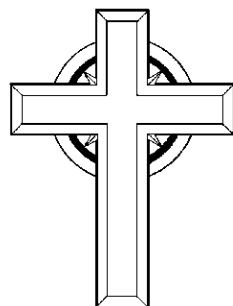
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**April 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY**

Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you
Luke 24: 5-6

Dear Friends in Christ,

Easter Vigil brings to a close, six long weeks of Lent and Holy Week. We gather as a parish family, joining a multitude throughout the world, to celebrate the Lord's resurrection. The fact that the women find the stone rolled away and the tomb itself empty is not disappointing at all to us. We now have clear evidence that Jesus is true to his words. **He is Risen as he said. This means hope, joy and courage for us all.**

Now we must keep vigilant, the events of this night in our hearts and minds always, because life's turns and twists can easily deepen us into a restless abyss. We cannot forget what happens tonight. We also cannot think that it is not important.

You see, in life we are 'seekers': we 'long', we have needs, desires, goals, we want to have a solid family, we want our children to prosper, we want a happy life, good health, we want to see old age. Many times these things might happen according to plan, but for the most part they do not. We fail, we breakdown, we get lost, we are empty and always restless. **We ask, what will truly satisfy our longings and needs?**

The solution is one and given tonight, 'find God and allow his presence and word, a place in your life. The presence of God and his word are 'reliable'. This is what the litany of the readings that we listen to says. It is the message of Genesis: by his word 'let there be' the world is. It is the message of Exodus, he protects, guides and delivers us. It is the message of Isaiah, he satisfies our restlessness. You must be sure we will meet a lot of obstacles in life's journey: grief, pain, loss, resistance, injustice, betrayal, abandonment...yet our hope in Christ will mean that we live for tomorrow.

The world around us longs to hear the message of Easter again. We are the new 'Peter'. **We must not only be amazed at what we hear, but go out and search for those who are restless and empty (and they are 'tons' around...) let them know hope and joy by the way we live our lives.**

A Happy Easter to all!

Fr. Anthony



A Stewardship prayer (*My parish, my home*)

My church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them
It will do great work, if I work,
It will make generous gifts to many causes,
if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship,
if I invite and bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love

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NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome packets are available at the entrances of the church. Call or stop by the Parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism (978-582-4008).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) welcomes all who may be interested in learning more About the Catholic Faith. For more information contact Fr. Anthony Mpagi at stbonifaceparish@comcast.net

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY It is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that a couple should contact the parish **at least one year** prior to the anticipated date of their wedding to allow sufficient time to carry out the various steps of the marriage preparation process. It is important that arrangements be made with the church **before** plans are made with reception halls, caterers, etc.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession) Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

PRAYER LINE MINISTRY If you or someone you know needs prayers or if you would like to be a part of this ministry of those who pray for the needs of neighbors, please contact Sue Cote 978-582-0404 sj33@msn.com

LUNENBURG PUBLIC ACCESS TV

St Boniface Mass from the previous week will be broadcast at 10:45 every Sunday on **Lunenburg Public Access Channel 9** ...anyone interested in helping video tape should contact ... tmurphyesq@aol.com

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We would like to bring them Communion and minister to them on a regular basis either at home or in a health care facility. Please call the parish office 978-582-4008 or email Fr. Anthony at stbonifaceparish@comcast.net or Nancy Cieri 978-582-6983 nancycieri@comcast.net to arrange these visits.



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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

4PM Saturday Vigil Mass
8am & 10:30am Sunday Morning Mass

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

All Masses are at 6:30pm
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8am-12pm & 1- 4pm

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend April 14, 2019

Sunday Ordinary:	\$2,348.00
Maintenance	381.00
Flowers	245.00

Total Contributions: \$2,974.00

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We are excited to announce that we now offer a quick, easy, and automated way for you to offer your tithe to the parish!

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MASS INTENTION

Sat	Apr 27	4pm	Thank you for my life, by Carol Stone
Sun	Apr 28	8am	Howard & Ella May Crane, by the Laford Family
Sun	Apr 28	10:30am	Joseph Billota, by the family
Sun	May 5	10:30am	Patricia Alario, by Paul & Sharon Fontecchio
Sun	May 19	10:30am	Patricia Alario, by Judy Alario
Sun	May 26	9am	Patricia Alario, by Joan Pena & Jeff Resnick



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thank you to David Leet at Conrad's Drive-In Seafood for his generous contribution of the haddock for the Fish Fry.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY WEEKEND APRIL 27 & 28, 2019

There will be a second collection for our Social Justice Outreach ministry PROGRAM.

Thank you to the social justice committee for the pancake breakfast and all you do for our social outreach in our parish!



FIRST COMMUNION MASS

SATURDAY May 4, 2019 10:00 AM



BABY SHOWER FOR CARENET

Sunday, April 28th, At 2:00 PM

St Boniface Parish Hall
Join us for an afternoon tea, games, and fellowship as we come together to donate items to CareNet. Items needed:

- Clothes size birth to three years for boys and girls
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- Nail clippers for babies
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- Books that infants can touch
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- Rattles, teething, No scratch mittens,
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- Baby shoes up to toddler size



RSVP to carlacappucci@hotmail.com so that we may plan accordingly.

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WORKING WITH THE WORD

EASTER SUNDAY

Reading I: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Responsorial Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

Reading II: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: came to the tomb, early in the morning, stone removed from the tomb, taken the Lord from the tomb, came to the tomb, arrived at the tomb, went into the tomb, arrived at the tomb, had to rise from the dead.

To the point: Mary arose "early in the morning" to go to Jesus' tomb. This image of a new day speaks to us of a new beginning, new opportunities, new encounters. Early morning speaks to us of the freshness of new life. By contrast, this gospel uses the word "tomb" seven times, speaking to us about the seeming finality of Jesus' death. By even greater contrast, the gospel ends with the Scripture certitude that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." Death is overcome. Death has no victory. God is the Lord of life. Easter celebrates a new beginning, our certitude of new life. May we choose that Life.