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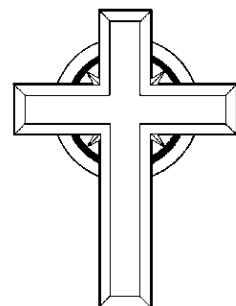
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April 28, 2019

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

From the Religious Education Desk...

This is one of my favorite Gospel readings because we can relate to Thomas. Jesus is Risen and appears to his disciples, except Thomas is not there to see it. So when they tell him that Jesus came to them, Thomas is like "NO...I don't believe you." It is not that Thomas does not believe in the Resurrection, he doubts what his friends have seen and experienced.

How many times have we gone to church and come out wanting to tell of what we have experienced, only to be met by friends who were less than impressed with what we had to say. The feeling of regret over speaking of our experience creeps over us and we feel our spirit dampened. It happens more times than not. It is very hard to duplicate our meetings with Jesus to others.

It is a dilemma that many of our Catechists feel when teaching. We speak of Jesus and all that he has done: the wonders and miracles and our students cannot relate to the feelings that we have. They need to "see" for themselves. They need to experience Jesus for themselves.

Next year, Religious Education classes for Grades 1-9 will be on Sunday mornings. Grades 1-5 will go from 9-10:15 am and Grades 6-9 will go from 11:30-12:30pm. Why the change you ask? The change was made so that each child can have the opportunity to experience Jesus each week with their families in the celebration of the Mass and the reception of the Eucharist. We urge you, as a family to make a commitment of at least 2 Masses a month. We will be dedicating the 10:30am Mass to the families of our parish and our children will be actively participating. We owe it to our children and ourselves to perpetuate a strong sense of faith and belonging.

In the end, this is not a story of absence and doubt. It is the amazing message that the good news of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, which is able to break through locked rooms, through the limits of time and space and into our hearts. Open your hearts to Jesus this year. Let his love guide and strengthen your family. Never doubt that he is with you.

God Bless,
Lucia Marcil
Religious Education Director



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

SICK OR HOMEBOUND

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In Service to One. In Service to all.

The members of St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council #16480 meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight James Dijak (978) 534-7956 or Deputy Grand Knight Brian Cusick (978) 534-2326, or you can email the Council at kofc16480@gmail.com



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 28, 2019

Sunday Ordinary:	\$2,416.00
Easter	2,078.00
Maintenance	95.00
Fuel	30.00
Total Contributions:	\$4,619.00

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To date: 54 donors have pledged \$17,743. towards our goal of \$22,500.

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THE PATH TO A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY LUNENBURG Lunenburg Library at 1023 Massachusetts Avenue

On Monday May 20th, 2019, from 6 PM to 8 PM, please join the Lunenburg Dementia Friendly Action Team and your local legislators to learn about the effort to create a more inclusive and supportive community. This info session will detail the plan to make Lunenburg dementia friendly, what that label means, and how we will get there. Refreshments will be served. Please bring questions, ideas, and much support.

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



We commit to give thanks to God who has blessed us with his generosity. To be Christian is to give. The Sunday offerings are a portion of our blessings that we give

to God (Church) in gratitude to what God has done for us. Our contributions are used to further the good works of Jesus Christ in the community and to grow the mission of the Gospel in our area.

- Sunday Offerings are the financial life blood of our parish. **These weekly offerings are needed to pay the operational bills of our parish facilities: our church building, rectory, and the grounds and the remuneration of Church employees.**
- We do not receive any funding from the Diocese of Worcester or the Vatican to maintain Saint Boniface. **This is the sole responsibility of our parish, its members, and the Catholic community around us.**
- **This is an annual commitment by each of us to support our parish in a weekly manner.** This commitment should not be attendance driven. Just as a household, our parish bills never stop.
- We ask that you prayerfully examine your personal finances to look for an opportunity to lend regular support to Saint Boniface Parish.

Thank you for your commitment and offerings to Saint Boniface.

ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

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

Instead of trying to remember your checkbook or cash each week, simply click on the "Online Giving Options" link located on the Quick Links bar on the St. Boniface website.

You can make a one-time offering, or better yet, set up a convenient recurring Sunday Offering for consistent giving. We thank you for your support



FIRST COMMUNION MASS

SATURDAY May 4, 2019 10:00 AM



Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN)



4TH ANNUAL WALK FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES On Saturday, May 11, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 10 AM, The Montachusett

Interfaith Hospitality Network is sponsoring their 4th Annual Walk for Homeless Families. Please join and register for the walk to help support MIHN.

The walk is at Doyle Field, 100 Priest Street in Leominster, MA. Registration starts at 8:30 AM

RED SOX TICKET RAFFLE TO BENEFIT MIHN

Chance to Win 4 Red Sox Tickets by entering Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network Raffle.

Support a great cause and support the MIHN homeless center by entering this raffle.



Raffle Drawing will be held on May 20th, 2019 for **4 Red Sox Seats for the May 27, 2019 game vs the Cleveland Indians.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 26, 2019, to prepare and deliver meals to the Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) located in Leominster.

Also, prior to May 26th look for donation tags in the church for volunteers to generously purchase food goods for MIHN. Please, return any donated goods to the back of the church next to John the Baptist carving by May 26th. You will see a MIHN sign. Thank you. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.