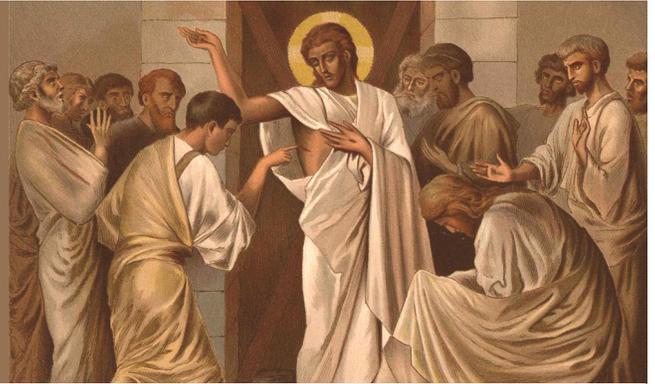


SECOND SUNDAY OF

# *Easter*

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

APRIL 28, 2019



## St. Boniface Catholic Church

**MASSES:** Saturday (Sunday Obligation) 5:30 PM, Sunday: 9:00 AM  
**WEEKDAY MASSES:** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30 AM

**REV. ROGER KUTZNER, PASTOR**

**PERMANENT DEACON:** Mark Otten (815-469-7165)

**PARISH SECRETARY:** Kathy Short

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR:** Deacon Mark and Anita Otten

**MINISTRY OF CARE:** Erwin Bogs

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays After 5:30 Mass

**MARRIAGE:** By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance.

**BAPTISM:** To have a child baptized at Saint Boniface Church, you must be registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00PM (Noon). Call the office to schedule an appointment.

**RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES:** K thru 4th meet Saturdays from 9:00-10:30 AM  
Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8th meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30 AM

**Church:** 5304 W. Main St., Monee, IL 60449

**Rectory:** 25942 So. Middlepoint Avenue

**P.O. Box 217, Monee, IL 60449 (534-9682)**

**Website:** [stbonifacemonee.org](http://stbonifacemonee.org)

**Church Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30am—2:00pm

### Saint Boniface Catholic Church Mission Statement

Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them,  
“Peace be with you.”

*John 20:19*

# Mass Intentions For The Week



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**Saturday, April 27**  
 5:30 PM—Melania Valencia † Req. by Leobardo and Ana Valencia Martinez  
 Al Schnepf † Req. by Marie Schnepf

**Sunday, April 28**  
 9:00 AM—Richard and Barbara Schultz † Req. by Paul and Karen Przybyla  
 Elaine Malito † Req. by Janecek's

**Monday, April 29**  
 8:30 AM—Don Delaney † Req. by Pat Fogerty

**Wednesday, May 1**  
 8:30 AM—Berle Connolly † Req. by Diane Kenny

**Friday, May 3**  
 8:30 AM—Barbara Schultz † Req. by Przybyla's

**Saturday, May 4**  
 5:30 PM—Zofia Iwaniuk † Req. by Family  
 Dr. Robert Kase † Req. by Marie Schnepf

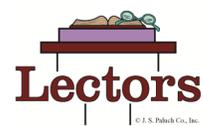
**Sunday, May 5**  
 9:00 AM—Mass of Special Intentions  
 Req. by Polly Schloss  
 Adrian Boruc † Req. by C. Kwasigroch

**April 28**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Mark Otten  
 Anita Otten  
 John Porpora  
 David Schmidt

**9:00 AM**  
 Mark Otten  
 Jennifer Duncan  
 Terry Kwiatkowski  
 Cindy Marden

**May 5**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Robert Gorz  
 Rene Jurack  
 Karen Przybyla  
 Paul Przybyla

**9:00 AM**  
 Mark Otten  
 Therese Bogs-Haser  
 Beth Daly  
 Karen Scrementi



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**April 28**  
**5:30 PM**  
 James Lehnerer

**9:00 AM**  
 Kathy Short

**May 5**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Tracy Sheehan

**9:00 AM**  
 Barbara Mitchell



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**April 14, 2019**

Sunday.....	\$	1622.00
Children's Envelopes.....		12.00
Easter Flowers.....		651.00

**April 21, 2019**

Sunday.....	\$	2440.00
Children's Envelopes.....		23.00
Easter.....		3086.00
Holy Land.....		536.00

Many thanks to all of you for your generous donations to our Parish. May God bless all of you!

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter  
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy);  
 Julian Calendar Easter

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday: St. Pius V

Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer;  
 Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)

Friday: Ss. Philip and James; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday



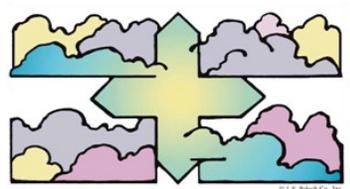
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**April 28**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Kelsey Correa  
 Joey Correa

**9:00 AM**  
 Grace Raftery  
 Lily Raftery  
 Clara Raftery

**May 5**  
**5:30 PM**  
 Alison Porpora  
 Makenzie Albano

**9:00 AM**  
 Ava Daly  
 Brooke Hobbs



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**Second Sunday of Easter  
 (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
 April 28, 2019**  
 Once I was dead,  
 but now I am alive forever and ever.

— Revelation 1:18a

## From the Pastor

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This Sunday, the Feast of Divine Mercy, I want to share with you the following story. It took place a long time ago, in France, during the years following the French Revolution. There was this old man who walked with a limp. He had been a respected soldier in Napoleon's army, but battle wounds had ended his promising career. He traveled from village to village, begging, which he hated to do. He arrived in a village in Western France one evening

and made his way to the steps of the Church. He was willing to take coins from church-goers, but he despised them all the same for believing in a God who could have permitted the terrible crimes he had witnessed. The next morning the priest found the beggar huddled on the steps in a worn blanket and, after Mass, invited him to come to his house for breakfast. The old soldier felt repulsed, as he always did when taking charity, but hunger and the kindness on the priest's face made him accept. The stranger stayed there for several days. The priest's kindness never waned. The old soldier had never been loved so much, so selflessly. And he had never felt so miserable. Finally, the stranger asked for confession. One of his sins stood out from all the rest. The beggar had been the most trusted servant of an aristocratic family. The head of that family had unsuccessfully rebelled against the revolution. His wife and six children entrusted their lives and fortunes to the servant. But for a pouch of gold coins he betrayed his master's wife and children and watched them go one-by-one to the guillotine. Only the youngest child somehow escaped, and no one had seen him since. With tears of shame, the stranger finished his confession. The priest gave him absolution, raised him up and embraced him. As the old soldier's eyes lifted, he saw a portrait on the wall behind - the portrait of the family he had betrayed to their deaths. Shocked, he pulled back from the priest. "Who are you", he asked. "Where did you get that painting?" The priest smiled and answered, "I am the youngest son, my friend. And I forgive you." Our greatest treasure as Catholics is the revelation of Christ, a revelation of God's boundless mercy, the only force strong enough to penetrate the walls of pain, anger, fear, and resentment that we have built around our hearts. We don't have to be smart theologians to try to grasp the nature of God. All we need to grasp is that God's very first act towards us is His unconditional love and infinite mercy. The only thing we need to do in order for God's mercy to be effective in our lives is to come to Him, tell Him the truth and ask for forgiveness. For God there are no hopeless cases with people, although we may have already given up on some of them. Even if you didn't go to confession before Easter, as we all should, you still have a second chance. St. Boniface has confessions every Saturday night after the 5:30pm Mass. In addition, this Sunday, St. Paul the Apostle in Peotone will also have confessions from 1:30pm-2:45pm. At 3:00pm, they will have a special prayer service of Divine Mercy. All are welcome.

+ *Father Roger*

### Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday

One thing we do not want to overlook during this Easter season is its invitation to open our hearts to Jesus so we may be renewed and strengthened by his love and come to experience a newer and more abundant life in Him. This not only includes the promise and hope of eternal life in heaven but also the gifts and blessings that truly satisfy the deepest hunger and yearnings of our hearts such as peace, joy, and fulfillment. With hearts that are more open and responsive to experience more fully the depths of God's love, we can pour ourselves out in love and service to others.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** — The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

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**A Child's Letter to God:** Dear God, You should see our grass. Did you do it? Lou

*A Collection of More Children's Letters to God*

### SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

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### SAVE THE DATE! WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Forty-first Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, August 18 at 2 pm at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Those couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and over 50 years. are welcome to attend. Look for more information in the bulletin closer to the date of the Mass.



**Bernie Van Etten, Joe Bishop, Virginia Perozzi, Jay Johnson, Ruth Marcukaitis, and Karen Males**

For these and others currently sick or recently deceased...

*To have someone added to this list please call the parish office.*

**Please consider remembering St. Boniface Church in your will.  
For information contact the office.**

**Peace and pardon.** The disciples of the Lord, in great fear, locked themselves away in the upper room. Jesus breaks in upon them to declare two realities. To be at peace is first – from him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. To extend pardon is second – given not just to the Twelve but to all the followers. Four of the spiritual works of mercy fall into this pardoning need. There is much we can do. How can I bring peace to my home and work? What delicate work of pardon and forgiveness will fill my words and actions? How will I comfort and forgive in this second week of Easter joy?

Do you know a child, adolescents, or young adult who has experienced a loss of someone significant in their life, either through divorce, death, deployment, or some other trauma? RAINBOWS is a program that provides professional curricula to help process grief within a safe, facilitated environment. For information or referral to a group in our area, contact the RAINBOWS International Headquarters at 847-952-1770.

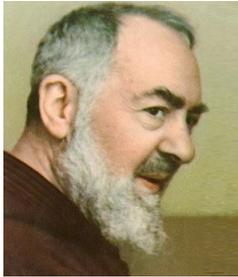
### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

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## Relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina to Visit the Diocese of Joliet, IL



**In the Catholic Church**, relics are physical objects associated with a saint or candidate for sainthood – part of the person’s body or something with which he or she was in contact. Relics are not worshiped but treated with religious respect.

**The relics of St. Pio of Pietrelcina**, popularly revered as Padre Pio, will be at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Joliet on Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The relics include St. Pio’s glove, crusts of his wounds, blood-stained cotton gauze, a lock of his hair, his mantle (cloak); and the saint’s handkerchief soaked with his sweat hours before he died. Veneration of the relics will be from 9:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Mass in Honor of St. Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 PM.

St. Pio was born May 25, 1887, in Pietrelcina, Italy, and baptized Francesco Forgione. He first expressed his desire to become a priest at age 10. The future saint entered the Capuchin order at 15 years old, taking the name Pio. He was ordained a priest in 1910 at age 23. During his lifetime, Padre Pio was known as someone with miraculous powers of healing and knowledge who bore the stigmata, a term used to describe the wounds an individual receives that correspond to the crucifixion wounds of Jesus. His stigmata emerged during World War I, after Pope Benedict XV asked Christians to pray for an end to the conflict, Padre Pio had a vision in which Christ pierced his side. A few weeks later, on Sept. 20, 1918, Jesus again appeared to him, and he received the full stigmata making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church. It remained with him until his death Sept. 23, 1968. Pope John Paul II canonized him in 2002. *More information about St. Pio and the relics is at <http://www.saintpiofoundation.org>.*

**New Beginnings:** After a divorce or the death of a spouse, what used to be US is no longer. It is a life transition that is neither welcome nor easy. However, eventually it is necessary to transition to ME. New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. This group meets every Tuesday at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville at 7:30pm. No reservation is required. For more information visit [newbeginningsnaperville.com](http://newbeginningsnaperville.com) or call 505-553-1958.

**Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.**

### Monee Community Vacation Bible School 2019!

Join us at In the Wild for a week of amazing encounters with Jesus. Each day kids will make crafts, play fun games, enjoy tasty snacks, sing cool songs, and dig deep into God's Word. Kids will learn that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name. Date: June 24-27 Times: 6-8:30pm Location: St. Paul's UCC (Monee).

**One is almost bound to fall into error if one tries to say a great deal.**

—Erasmus



**The Ladies Club Annual Dinner** will be held Monday, May 20th at 6:30pm at Scrementi’s restaurant. There is an insert in this week’s

bulletin for all the ladies of the parish. Please join us in an evening of fun, good food, and great friends. If you are interested in attending, please fill out your menu choice and return it, along with a check (or cash) to reserve your spot. You can place it in the collection basket or give it to the office.