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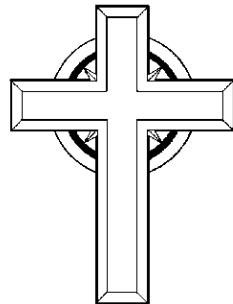
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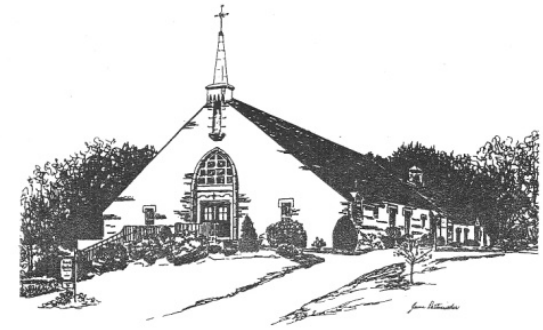
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**April 14, 2019
 PALM SUNDAY**

He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave (Philippians 2: 7)

We start Holy week this weekend on a sad note in our local church in Worcester. Saturday April 6 2019, Bishop Rueger, retired auxiliary bishop of Worcester died. Bishop Rueger was one of the best, beloved and endeared by so many. He was a man of great kindness, simplicity and gentleness (he 'hated' being at the center of attention). His humility was especially powerful and it inspired many priests. He lived simply and shared all he had with those in need.

We pray in a special way for him this weekend as we say 'thank you' for who you were and all you did for us and for a life well lived. May God reward you with the gift of eternity.

Everything about the behavior of Jesus, clearly shows that he is a man on a mission. The mission is to follow through with God's plan to restore hope and life in the world. He is a savior and enters Jerusalem as one. But what kind of Savior is he?

He is a self-emptying savior, a king who rides not on a horse but on a colt. No armies. No servants. Isaiah anticipates him as rather 'the servant himself'. 'I among you as one who serves.' He comes to comfort the weary, to speak a word that is not his own, to open the ear to listen. He will suffer innocently and greatly, that others may not be exploited or treated unjustly. He becomes 'small' (self – sacrifice), so as to earn others a way to hope. Everything about Jesus is done to bring worth to others.

This mission of Jesus still needs to be accomplished today. It is our mission too. This means we must be of Jesus' style (behavior /manner of life). To bring worth to others is our calling. The worldly spirit we live in will not make this easy at all. The worldly spirit is about self-aggrandizement, self-love, and my own greatness. 'Save yourself' is all the world preaches. In this kind of world or mentality: intrigue, betrayal, denial, rejection, mockery, competition, rivalry and constant ridiculing of others, as not good enough thrives. 'Others' matter only when I want something or when they meet my demand.

There is hope for this world, even as imposing and domineering as it looks. Holy week leads to Easter. The way to that hope is living like Jesus. Bringing worth to others. Serve others.

Are you ready to embrace this mission? What makes you hesitate? How does your faith (Christianity) manifest itself in your life?

A Blessed Holy week!

Fr. Anthony

**Most Reverend George E. Rueger, retired Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester, deceased at 89
 Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Christopher House in Worcester**

"The thing I guess I want to say more than anything else: **no matter where you go and whatever you do, you do it with joy and happiness, because you are reflecting, to the best of your ability, the Lord Jesus, the first priest. He sought to bring people closer to God, and so, in everything he did and said, he was being a priest.**" *(On Occasion of his 60th anniversary of ordination to the Priesthood, Catholic Free Press)*

Bishop Rueger was a kind and gentle priest and bishop who dedicated every moment of his life to the people. His humility was grounded in a complete commitment to his vocation. As a good steward of all the gifts God gave him, he lived simply and shared all he had with those in need.

May his Soul Rest in Eternal Peace.



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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 14, 2019

Sunday Ordinary:	\$3,007.00
Maintenance	572.00
Easter Offering	10.00
Flowers	45.00
Fuel Env.	15.00
Total Contributions:	\$3,609.00

Thank you for your continued support!

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!

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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



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MASS INTENTION

Sun	Apr 28	8am	Howard & Ella May Crane, by the Laford Family
Sun	Apr 28	10:30am	Joseph Billota, by the family

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **Holy Thursday** April 18th:
7pm Mass followed by
Visiting of 7 Churches
- **Good Friday** April 19th
4:30pm Ecumenical Stations of the Cross @ Gazebo
7pm Liturgy Service
- **Easter Vigil Mass** April 20th: 7.30pm
- **Easter Sunday Masses** April 21st: 8am and 10:30am



A Gathering of the Christian Community of Lunenburg this Good Friday at the Gazebo for an adapted Stations of the Cross prayer.

All are welcome!



**COMPASSIONATE COMPANIONS
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Leominster -
Wednesday, May 1-June 5 7:00- 8:30 p.m.
Family Rm. -Parish Center

The group is a faith based support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. This group will provide a safe and confidential environment for sharing thoughts and feelings expressing sadness and learning ways to cope while grieving.

Pre registration is required for group participation and registration is limited. Please call Elaine Hackett (978-345-6826) by April 17, 2019 to register or email Elaine at: mhackett1@verizon.net.

- 5/1/19 What is Grief, and how long does it last?
- 5/8/19 What are the emotions of Grief?
- 5/15/19 Dealing with changes in relationships after loss
- 5/22/19 The loneliness of Grief and anticipating special occasions
- 5/29/19 Sensing the presence of your deceased loved one: Stories and messages from beyond
- 6/5/19 Empowering your healing

BABY SHOWER FOR CARENET

Sunday, April 28th, At 2:00 PM
St Boniface Parish Hall

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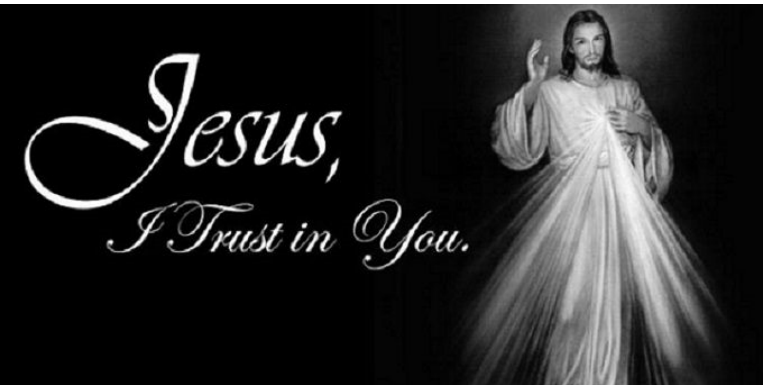
games, and fellowship as we come together to donate items to CareNet. Items needed:

- Clothes size birth to three years for boys and girls
- Digital thermometers for babies
- Nail clippers for babies
- Toys
- Books that infants can touch
- Shampoo
- Baby Wash
- Hooded Bath Towels
- 1-2 Baby Baths
- Rattles, teething, No scratch mittens,
- Pacifiers 0-3 mons & 0-6 months
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FIRST COMMUNION MASS

SATURDAY MAY 4, 2019

10:00 AM