

The Church of Saint Boniface

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



...for they were like sheep without a shepherd;  
and he began to teach them many things.

(The Gospel)

# THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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In today's Gospel, people from towns all over Galilee hurried to see and hear Jesus. His heart was moved, for they appeared to be "sheep without a shepherd." Jesus is that shepherd. Jesus is our shepherd. He has drawn us here today, from different households, from different families, perhaps even from different towns. We come today to celebrate the Eucharist, this wonderful sacrament that Jesus established to be celebrated in his name until the end of time, this sacrament in which we receive our Lord, our redeemer, our shepherd.

Mark does not tell us the "many things" that Jesus taught the vast crowd (6:34), but we do know the lesson he taught the Twelve. He taught them what their priorities should be. Tired and hungry, they hoped to get some rest away from the townsfolk, some of them they may have just visited when Jesus sent them out two by two. But their plans were changed in an instant, for Jesus' heart was moved to pity. Compassion caused them to turn their attention away from themselves and their need for food and rest so they could attend to strangers in need of healing and guidance. Lesson learned.

Question of the Week:

*When has my compassion for someone or for others pushed aside my own needs?*

Alone Time

*He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."*

(MARK 6:31)

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

Saint Boniface update:  
63 parishioners have pledged  
a total of \$397,656 (as of July 8)

Thank you to all those who have  
submitted their pledge amounts and  
have given so generously!



Together we can make a difference!

This means that over \$270,000 will come back to our parish over the next four years. We are well on our way to making our plans a reality! Pledges are still being accepted, and 100% of new donations will go directly to Saint Boniface.

Legacy of Hope is the largest fundraising campaign to date for us at Saint Boniface. Because of its magnitude and size, we are foregoing our parish Grand Annual Appeal for the next four years in order to place great emphasis on the Legacy of Hope. Our wish is to ensure its success by making it easier for more parishioners to increase the size of their pledges.

### About Your Pledge

- Pledges are not legally binding but rather are an indication of your giving intention.
- Payments can be made over the next 4 years either monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.



Use your phone to scan the QR code at left and learn more about the campaign, or make your pledge online at [legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org/donate-now](https://legacyofhope.worcesterdiocese.org/donate-now)

## MASS INTENTIONS

July 22	8:00 AM	<b>Rita Casey</b> , 10th Anniversary, by Sean & Riley Casey
Aug 7	4:00 PM	<b>Leon Tarbell</b> , 1st Anniversary, by his Wife & Family
Aug 8	8:00 AM	<b>Priscilla Rivard</b> , 1st Anniversary, by Mike Rivard

*If you wish to schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please call, email or visit the parish office for more information.*

PRAY THE ROSARY every Saturday at 3:30 PM in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

### WEEKDAY MASS & HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

Wed. 5:30-6:30 PM Holy Hour & Adoration (new!), Mass at 6:30 PM  
Thur. & Fri. 8:00 AM Mass

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 12 — REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN —

GRADES 1-10 If your family is already a member of our program, you do not need to reregister. ONLY new families are required to fill out the registration form. No payment is due at this time. Register online at [www.stboniface-lunenburg.org/registration](http://www.stboniface-lunenburg.org/registration)

Teachers are needed for grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. Please contact Lucy Marcil (978-502-7993 or [Imarcil419@gmail.com](mailto:Imarcil419@gmail.com)) for more information if you are interested in helping with this important ministry.

MANY THANKS to all the parishioners who contributed to the food and supplies needed for the last rotation at the North Star Family Shelter. There were three homeless families in the shelter. A special thanks to Roxanne Letarte, Judit Ernst, Claire Neas, Lori Craig, Nanette Quinlan and Geri Gardner for making dinner for the families. If you are interested in volunteering for our next rotation please contact Allison Lilly at [allison.lilly@comcast.net](mailto:allison.lilly@comcast.net).



The Fitchburg Knights of Columbus Council #99 will have a Chicken BBQ on Sunday, August 22 from 12 - 2:00 PM. Dinner includes a half chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob and cole slaw. Tickets are \$12 each and must be purchased in advance by Wednesday, August 18, at the KofC hall, Electric Ave., Fitchburg, 12 noon – 7:30 PM daily.

### 1230AM & 970AM EMMANUEL RADIO MOTHER TERESA BOOK OFFER

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## COLLECTION REPORT

July 11	
– Sunday Offering	\$ 1,868
– Maintenance	213
Total	\$ 2,081
June ACH/Website Donations	\$5,792
<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT</b>	

Give to our parish whether you're in the pews or not! Many parishioners have been making their weekly offerings online. It's secure, convenient and easy to make one-time or recurring donations at [www.stboniface-lunenburg.org](http://www.stboniface-lunenburg.org)

St. Anne Shrine at St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish in Sturbridge has fully reopened!

We welcome you back and invite you once again to celebrate with us our Annual Novena to Saint Anne beginning on Sunday, July 18th and concluding on Monday, July 26th, the Feast Day of Saints Anne and Joachim.



**This year's celebration will focus on the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** that was established by Pope Francis in January of 2021. We adopted the theme **“ I am with you always” (Mt. 28:20) which is the theme** chosen by Pope Francis for this inaugural commemoration. It expresses the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic.

If you cannot be with us in person we invite you to join us as we will be live-streaming on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/StAnneStPatrick](https://facebook.com/StAnneStPatrick)

The Shroud of Turin exhibit will be on display in the Hall of Saints from July 18-26. The Shroud is one of the most scientifically studied religious icons in history and the exhibit contains a full-length canvas replica.

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DID YOU KNOW that Fr. Benito Vines, a Cuban priest, helped predict hurricanes in the 19th century before computers, satellites, and radar could forecast severe weather?

**Fr. Benito Vines wasn't just another priest.** Born in Spain in 1837, he became a Jesuit priest and was sent to Havana, Cuba in 1870 to oversee the Meteorological Observatory at El Colegio Belén. Fr. Vines was horrified by the devastation that hurricanes caused in Cuba, and wanted to figure out how to predict these coming disasters.

Fr. Vines made incredible discoveries at the observatory. When a storm would come, he made weather observations every hour from 4 AM to 10 PM. After each storm, he would find areas in which the storm caused wreckage and study the aftermath to determine its strength and direction.

Through these observations, Fr. Vines became an expert in hurricane detection. He noted how patterns of clouds and winds ahead of a storm could be used to predict a future hurricane and its potential movements. Based on where the clouds were moving, he could say where the hurricane was going and where it would make a turn.

**Fr. Vines's discoveries saved many Cuban lives.** In 1875, his first forecast was published in a local newspaper in Havana. He predicted an intense hurricane that ended up ravaging Cuba's coast. Because of his forecast, many Cubans were able to prepare for the storm and preserve their lives.

The following year, Fr. Vines predicted another major hurricane and, in the 1880s, his forecasts were being regularly published to every island in the Caribbean. Cubans began calling him the "Hurricane Priest." He went on to establish a network of meteorological stations throughout the Caribbean and is considered the founder of tropical meteorology.

Despite his achievements, Fr. Vines remained humble, committed to serving God through his talents. Fr. Vines is one of many Christian scientists who demonstrate the perfect compatibility between faith and science..

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## Saints of the Week

July 19.

**SAINT MARY MacKILLOP**

Australia's first canonized saint, Mother Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, better known as the Josephite Sisters. They addressed the educational and social needs of the poor, especially of the aborigines. Today the Sisters serve in Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Brazil, East Timor, Ireland and Scotland.



*Stained glass window at Saint Mary MacKillop shrine, Penola South Australia*

July 20.

**SAINT APOLLINARIS**

Unwilling to take no for an answer, Saint Apollinaris was exiled from Ravenna several times, but he always returned trying to preach the good news to the people. He finally died of a beating he received in a suburb of Ravenna.



*Statue of Apollinaris in Santa Maria del Suffragio, Ravenna*

July 21.

**SAINT LAWRENCE of BRINDISI**

A Capuchin Franciscan, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi was a scholar, administrator, preacher, and lover of the poor. Versed in many languages, Saint Lawrence was an outstanding scripture scholar and used his knowledge of the holy writings to produce many homilies. He served his community as Minister General and served the papacy as an emissary and peacemaker.



*Statue of Saint Lawrence at the Capuchin Friary and Seminary*

July 22.

**SAINT MARY MAGDALENE**

Whether or not Saint Mary Magdalene was a notorious sinner—and she most likely was not—she was one of the women who traveled with Jesus and the Apostles, and was present at the cross. She also was the one chosen to bring the good news of the resurrection to the Apostles.

*Saint Mary Magdalene is the Patron Saint of penitents and perfumers.*



*Altar window in the Church of Saint Mary Magdalene, Wethersfield, England*

July 23.

**SAINT BRIDGET of SWEDEN**

Saint Bridget of Sweden was married, a mother of eight, and the foundress of a monastery for men and women. She spent her final days in Rome seeking to correct Church abuses for which she received much opposition.

*Saint Bridget of Sweden is the Patron Saint of Europe.*



*Line engraving in the Wellcome Collection, London*

# Saint Boniface Church

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday / Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Closed 12:00 – 1:00 PM)

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Summer Mass schedule will remain the same as above for 2021 until further notice.

Weekday Masses: 6:30 PM Wednesday | 8:00 AM Thursday & Friday

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Adults are baptized at the Easter Vigil as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Infant and child Baptisms are by arrangement.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparation begins in grade one and includes classes, retreats, and home instruction. Children receive First Eucharist in grade two.

CONFIRMATION Our Confirmation program begins in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. For young adults who have been baptized but not yet confirmed, contact the parish office.

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.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK Please call the parish office 978-582-4008 or email Fr. Omolo at [stbonifaceparish@verizon.net](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto:dinalou1@comcast.net) to arrange these visits.

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](mailto:sj33@msn.com).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480 *In Service to One. In Service to all.* Members meet in the Parish Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Any Catholic men over 18 who are interested in joining the Knights should contact Grand Knight Peter Bak (978-403-5119) or Deputy Grand Knight Claude Poirier (978-660-3202), or email [kofc16480@gmail.com](mailto:kofc16480@gmail.com).

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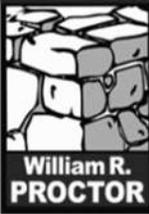
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**Newcomers to St. Boniface** are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more. Registration forms are available at the doors of the church, the parish office, or on our website.

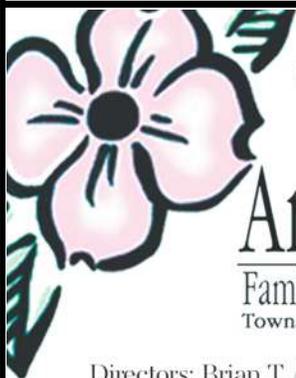
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