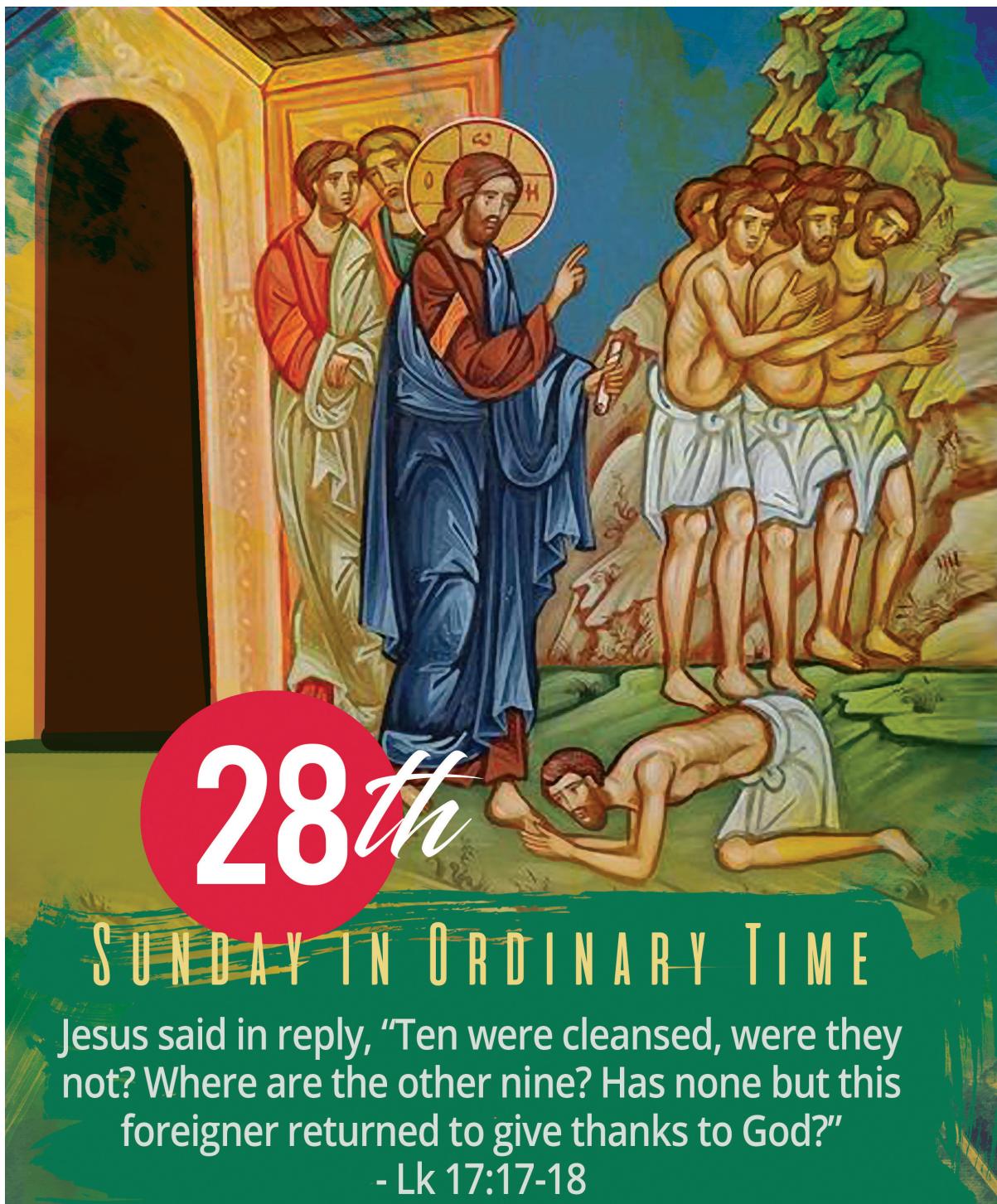


# The Church of Saint Boniface

817 Massachusetts Avenue  
Lunenburg, MA 01462



October 9, 2022



## THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

### October 9, 2022 • Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14–17 | 2 Timothy 2:8–13 | Luke 17:11–19

Saint Paul tells Timothy that he is in chains, imprisoned for the sake of the gospel. The lepers were held captive in a different way, excluded from the village due to their leprosy. At the very beginning of his ministry, Jesus said he was sent “to proclaim liberty to captives” (Luke 4:18). In today’s Gospel, Jesus literally proclaimed liberty to the leper who returned. Paul, despite being imprisoned, testifies that he will reign with Christ in the end. All of us are held captive to sin, but Jesus proclaims liberty to us as well, offering salvation from our sins.

**Question of the Week:** *What sins are holding me captive? How do I show my gratitude to God and to others for their forgiveness?*

#### Connect! Sunday Reflection

By: Allison Gingras

Naaman was cured of leprosy by dipping seven times in the Jordan according to the prophet Elisha’s instructions. Recognizing the miraculous movement of God at that moment, he returned to Elisha, proclaiming, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel.” Naaman experienced a profound conversion as the power of God transformed him from the outside — in. He knew this was not a magical cure and from where the healing came, vowing to offer worship to no other god than the one true God.

In Psalm 98, we hear, “Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds.” Church father, Origen of Alexandria (c.185 – c.253), interpreted the “new song” as a prophecy of the death and resurrection of Christ. Naaman’s cleansing from leprosy, and his encounter with the one true God, put a new song in his heart long before the Passion of our Lord, and we should continue to sing this new song two millennia later.

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus cures ten lepers, yet only one returns in gratitude with thanksgiving. He, too, having been profoundly moved by the grace of God upon him, cannot help but make a return to the Lord, and for that is told, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” When healed from your suffering, faithfulness seems easy compared to those who remain steadfast in love and trust in the Lord, when the illness, pain, or dilemma remains.

In 2 Timothy, St. Paul addresses this, jailed and suffering for the Gospel, “if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him, he will deny us. If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.” St. Paul offers a remarkable example of uniting our crosses with those of the Lord and presenting them as intercessory prayer for the conversion of souls, “[bearing] with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.”

I have suffered from Dyshidrotic Eczema for years — it is characterized by blistering and peeling of the skin on one’s hands and feet — I often referred to myself during particularly gruesome flares as a leper. At times, the disease rendered my hands useless, and I found myself begging for the Lord to heal me. It took three years for those prayers to be answered. However, while I waited on the Lord, I learned many beautiful lessons. My condition presented numerous opportunities to embrace the virtue of patience, humility, and fortitude.

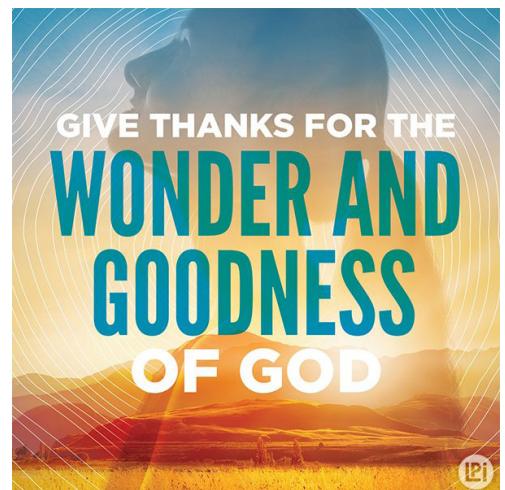
Just as the disease left my hands, it attacked my feet and remains to this day. However, I can accept this suffering, seeing the blessings instead of wallowing in self-pity and disappointment with how the Lord chooses to answer my prayers. I prefer to focus on this suffering as intercessory prayer for others, just as St. Paul taught, especially my loved ones away from the faith. Grateful in His mercy, I’ve regained full use of my hands so I may live my vocation as wife and mother, Catholic writer, and social media evangelist to the fullest.

Throughout all three of today’s readings runs a thread of gratitude and thanksgiving at seeing the wonder and goodness of God. There is a profound desire to be close to the Lord. To develop and maintain a relationship with Him — not for what He does but for who He is.

How do we make a show of thanks to the Lord? Do we remain a few minutes after Mass, having just received the Eucharist, whose very meaning is thanksgiving, and offer a prayer to the Lord? When was the last time we went “glorifying God in a loud voice; [falling] at the feet of Jesus and [thanking] him,” even if only in our hearts and upon our knees. Does our behavior reflect, like Naaman, the knowledge there is no other God but our good and mighty God?

“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”  
(Luke 17:18)

Most of us live relatively “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, clothing and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.



#### A Prayer

*With joy and trust in my heart,  
I will make a return to the Lord,  
with thanksgiving for all  
He has done for me.  
For the blessings, the challenges,  
and everything in between,  
I will offer worship only to you,  
the one true God!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Oct 23	10:30 am	<b>Deacon Joseph &amp; Nancy Cieri</b> , by their family
Nov 5	4:00 pm	<b>Virginia Fernandes</b> , 1st Anniversary, by her family
Nov 6	8:00 am	<b>Wesley Laford</b> , 1st Anniversary, by the Laford family
Nov 12	4:00 pm	<b>Paul Keating</b> , 16th Anniversary, by his children
Nov 19	4:00 pm	<b>Tina Forest</b> , by her family
Nov 20	8:00 am	<b>Ann Rivard</b> , 3rd Anniversary, by her husband
Nov 5	4:00 pm	<b>Virginia Fernandes</b> , 1st Anniversary, by the family
Dec 3	4:00 pm	<b>Bernard Robarge</b> , 11th Anniversary, by his daughters
Dec 10	4:00 pm	<b>Angelina Arruda</b> , 23rd Anniversary, by her grandchildren
Dec 17	4:00 pm	<b>Louis &amp; Angelina Arruda</b> , by their children

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. If you wish to schedule a Mass intention for a loved one, please call, email or visit the parish office.

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

**COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP Saturday, November 5th** - If you know of anyone who requires assistance with lawn and property clean-up please contact Bob Bourque at [bobbourque@comcast.net](mailto:bobbourque@comcast.net). Times and locations to follow.

### North Star Family Shelter

Our next week to serve North Star shelter begins October 16th. There are tags at the back of the church and all items should be returned on or before 10/16. Please leave all perishables in the refrigerator in the parish hall kitchen.



### Do you wonder what the Knights of Columbus are all about?

All men of the parish are invited to attend the October Council meeting at 7pm on October 12 in the parish hall so you can see what we're doing for the parish. Pizza and fellowship will be shared after the meeting and we will do our best to answer your questions.

October 2022

## respect life month

[respectlife.org/celebrate](http://respectlife.org/celebrate)



### Calling all Altar Servers

We're looking for new altar servers. If you have received your First Communion you qualify! This is a wonderful opportunity to be more active in the celebration of Mass. Please see Louise Nadeau, our sacristan, or contact the Parish Office for more information.

### St. Bernard Cemetery Lot & Columbarium Sale

St. Bernard Cemetery will be having a sale from October 1sr - October 31st on grave lots in the New Calvary Section which was recently plotted with updated regulations pertaining to monument and lot layouts. Plus their newly constructed Columbarium with niches will also have reduced prices. Please contact the Cemetery Superintendent Ray Spagnuolo at the cemetery office 978-342-4820. All calls will be returned. Weekend and after hour appointments are available.

## STEWARDSHIP

OCTOBER 2, 2022

• Sunday Offering	\$3,228.00
• Maintenance/Fuel	55.00
• Catholic School Appeal	15.00
• Other	5.00
Total	\$3,826.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS  
GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT!

Give to your parish whether you're in the pews or not! Many parishioners make their weekly offerings online. It's easy, secure, and convenient to make one-time or recurring donations. Scan the code below with your phone or visit [www.stboniface-lunenburg.org](http://www.stboniface-lunenburg.org) and click on "Online Giving Options" in the upper left.



An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life's end, we may not know how best to 'shelter' them.

Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for them: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care).

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End

## Ninth Annual Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese Gala

For the past eight years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted this wonderful gala as a benefit for Retired Priests' Care. We pause to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. On Thursday, October 20 we are planning an in-person Taste of the Diocese event. We are excited to announce our return to Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School in the refurbished Gymnasium and the video to be shown onsite. To make a donation, buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information to place an advertisement, visit [worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood](http://worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood) or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368.

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Parish Office Hours  
Monday / Wednesday / Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (closed 12:00 – 1:00 pm)

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Holy Hour of Adoration: every Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm  
Weekday Masses: 6:30 pm Wednesday | 8:00 am Thursday & Friday  
Summer schedule: Sunday: 9:00 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

**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 9th grade; students are confirmed in the spring of the 10th 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 the parish office at 978-582-4008, email [stbonifaceparish@verizon.net](mailto:stbonifaceparish@verizon.net) or contact Louise Nadeau at [dinalou1@comcast.net](mailto:dinalou1@comcast.net).

**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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**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.

*Please note that you must be registered for at least six months before we can issue any verification of your status as a parishioner for godparent or sponsor letters.*

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Come and see...

# Eὐαγγέλιον Euangelion\*

2022

October 22, 2022

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St Cecilia Church

180 Mechanic St | Leominster MA

12 noon – 4p | 4p Mass  
immediately following

**Come spend some time  
with Jesus in music,  
prayer and worship with:**

Ryan Tremblay

Catholic musician,  
speaker, witness to the  
Gospel



Catholic priest,  
internationally  
renowned conference  
speaker, author, TV  
host, radio co-host

**Fr Leo  
Patalinghug**

**Tickets on sale NOW!**

**\$20 per person;**

**\$60 per family**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/euangelion-2022-tickets-368449681917>

Use code **STBON22** for your special  
“sponsoring parish” discount!

**Confirmation candidates:**  
**plan to attend –  
counts as retreat!**

**Euangelion: Greek, meaning "good news" —  
it's where the word "gospel" comes from!**

**October 10.**

**SAINT FRANCES BORGIA**

Saint Francis Borgia had it made according to every social standard. He had name, position, power, etc. But after a series of events, including the death of his wife, he joined the Jesuits, where he used his professional talents and abilities in the service of his Order and the Church.



**October 11.**

**SAINT JOHN XXIII**

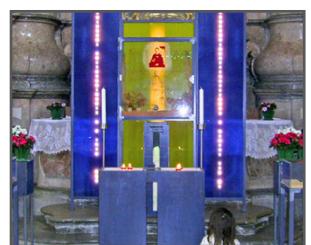
A shy, retiring man with a wonderful sense of humor, Cardinal Angelo Roncalli became our beloved Pope Saint John XXIII. Perhaps the greatest irony was that his fellow Cardinals elected him as a stop-gap pope to give them time to get the politics ironed out for a more permanent candidate. Little did they know what the Holy Spirit had in store for the Church through this “temporary” Pope.



**October 12.**

**BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS**

Francis Xavier Seelos was born in Bavaria. He studied in Munich before coming to the United States to serve the German-speaking immigrants. He remained here his entire adult life serving both his parishioners and fellow Redemptorists.



**October 13.**

**BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER**

When Marie-Rose Durocher was 29, Bishop Ignace Bourget became bishop of Montreal. He faced a shortage of priests and sisters and a rural population that had been largely deprived of education.



**October 14.**

**BLESSED CARLOS ACUTIS**

This millennial was a self-taught computer whiz, defender of bullied students, soccer enthusiast, and deeply devoted to the Eucharist—all this in a life cut short by leukemia at the age of 15.



**October 15.**

**SAINT TERESA of AVILA**

Saint Teresa of Avila lived before and during the Council of Trent. Having experienced the Reformation, she felt a need for reform, but took things in a different direction than the Protestants. Teresa set an example for present day reformers.



