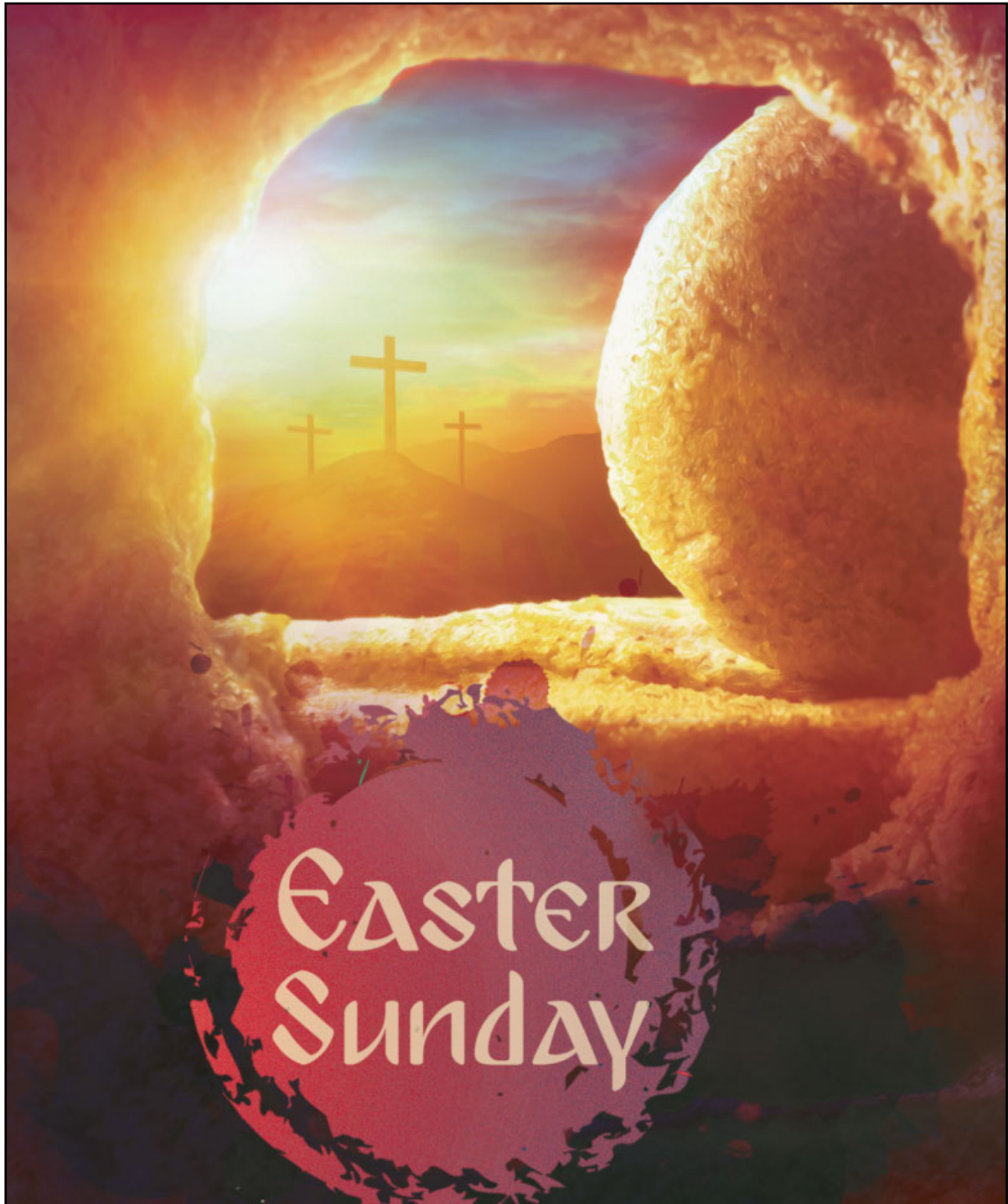


The Church of Saint Boniface

817 Massachusetts Avenue
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April 9, 2023



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

April 9, 2023 • Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/ Colossians 3:1-4/ John 20:1-9

Again and again over the last three years we have longed for a return to normal, a return to what it was like before COVID-19. It is an understandable sentiment, considering the difficult changes and traumatic losses we've suffered in our everyday lives. But let Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians point us in a different direction. "Clear out the old yeast," he told them, "so that you may become a fresh batch of dough" (1 Corinthians 5:7). Easter does not point us to the past, but to the future. The Resurrection is not a resuscitation, but a transformation. The disciples did not return to their lives from three years before, to fishing and collecting taxes and hanging around Galilee. No, their lives were transformed. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they preached the gospel and made disciples of all nations. In them, new yeast rose.

Question of the Week: How has my life been transformed since three years ago? What can I make new in my life, in my community, in the world?

Why is Easter the most important Christian holiday?

Hallelujah! Christ is Risen! Why is today so joyful?



After a solemn Holy Week where we reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us, we rejoice on Easter Sunday when Christ rises from the grave.

Easter Sunday is one of the most beloved Christian holidays. Christ's defeat of death is certainly cause for celebration, but Easter Sunday represents so much more.

Pope Benedict XVI explains how, without the Resurrection, Christianity as we know it could not exist. In 1 Corinthians 15:14, St. Paul writes, "And if Christ has not been raised, then empty [too] is our preaching; empty, too, your faith." In Jesus of Nazareth, Pope Benedict XVI unpacks St. Paul's words on how the Resurrection fits into our understanding of our Faith and of our Savior:

If [the Resurrection] were taken away, it would still be possible to piece together from the Christian tradition a series of interesting ideas about God and men...but the Christian faith itself would be dead. Jesus would be a failed religious leader...he would then remain purely human, and his authority would extend only so far as his message is of interest to us.

Christ's resurrection, celebrated on Easter Sunday, marks the very foundation of His divinity and His relation to us. As Pope Benedict explains, if Christ had not risen from the dead, our Christian faith would not exist; Jesus would have just been another prophet, not our God or our savior.

On Easter Sunday, we rejoice in Christ's resurrection and in the Christian faith with which God has blessed us with—and which would not have existed without Christ's sacrifice for us.



Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon Your grace and rejoice in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell Your good news to the world.



*God of all creation,
God of all compassion,
in your compassion for
your creation,
you have given us your Son,
and have raised him from
the dead.
Hear the prayers we
make today
as you continue to shower
creation with compassion
through Jesus Christ,
our Risen Lord.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 1	4:00 pm	Keith Keating, 19th Anniversary, by his siblings
Apr 15	4:00 pm	Michael Kolb, by his mother
Apr 16	10:30 am	John McShane, 4th Anniversary, by his family
Apr 23	10:30 am	Judith Murray, 5th Anniversary, by her daughter
Apr 23	10:30 am	Roland and Jane Huntoon, by Tina and John Huntoon
Apr 30	8:00 am	Howard and Ella May Crane, by the LaFord Family
May 7	8:00 am	Rev. Andre Gariepy, by the LaFord Family
May 21	8:00 am	Richard and Francis Hebert, by the LaFord Family
July 16	9:00 am	Lawrence Paton, 18th Anniversary, by his family

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.

Food Pantry Donations for the months of March and April will benefit St. Francis Church in Fitchburg. Please place all donations in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

The Montachusett Chorale will present its Spring Concert on Sunday, April 30th at 2pm n Tata Auditorium, Leominster city Hall, 25 West St. Concert proceeds will benefit Team Rubicon a local, national, and international volunteer veteran-led disaster relief organization. Musical selections will include patriotic songs, songs from the stage and scree ad the Big Band Era. Advance tickets are \$12 and are available from Chorale members, in the Mayor's Office, Leominster City Hall or at chorale25@hotmail.com. At door tickets are \$15. Under 18 are free.

CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center of North Central Massachusetts in Fitchburg is looking for a Nurse Manager. If you are interested please contact Gail Gardner at 979-342-4244.

Opportunity for a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Fr. Nelson Rivera & Deacon Patrick Stewart (St. Denis, Douglas) Fr. Juan Herrera (St. Edward the Confessor, Westminster) and Fr. Javier Julio (St. Louis, Webster) are planning a pilgrimage to Holy Land & Jordan November 5-18, 2023. Fr. Nelson and Deacon Patrick are planning an INFORMATIONAL MEETING at St. Denis in Douglas on Sunday, Mar. 19 at 11:30 AM. Come and find out more and meet some of the people who will be joining us.



The Parish office will be closed the week of April 10-14th. Please note there will be no weekday masses that week as well.

STEWARDSHIP

March Online Donations

TOTAL \$5,047.00



Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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 and click on "Online Giving Options" in the upper left.



To date 32 Parish families have donated \$7,830 toward our 2023 goal of \$22,000. 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35

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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: last Wednesday of the month 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 or Louise Nadeau at 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 or contact Louise Nadeau at 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, Thomas Bodkin at tbodkin@bodkinmason.com or (508-363-3422), or email 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.

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