



The Church of Saint Boniface

817 Massachusetts Avenue
Lunenburg, MA 01462



July 9, 2023



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I
will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”-Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

July 9, 2023 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10/ Romans 8:9, 11-13/ Matthew 11:25-30

To make our trials easier to endure, Jesus assures us that his yoke is easy and his burden light. Clearly he is not speaking of what he would be facing himself, for his own yoke was exceedingly difficult and his own burden was uniquely heavy. But because he has endured the cross and grave, we know that he can carry our own burdens, no matter how difficult we may find them. We do not have to carry them alone. We have in Jesus someone who can and will carry any difficulty we have.

Question of the Week: Who can I reach out to this week in an effort to lighten their burden? How can we share their yoke, like oxen working in tandem?

In our society, we tend to regard meekness as weakness. Those who are meek never assert themselves, never get their way, and seem to always end up in last place. But clearly this is not what Zechariah means when he writes that our king would be meek, yet would rule to the ends of the earth. Nor is it what Jesus means when he says, “I am meek and humble of heart” (Matthew 11:29). Webster’s defines meek as enduring difficulties with patience and without resentment. This describes Jesus to a T and fulfills Zechariah’s prophecy. Zechariah’s words remind us of Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. There he would endure crucifixion and death—with patience and without resentment. May his example lead us to face our own trials with more patience and with less resentment..

Jesus says something else between speaking of meekness and burdens: “Learn from me” (11:29). Indeed, from him we can learn how he was able to endure every burden he faced with patience and resolve. He did so because he so loved the Father that he was willing to do God’s will, no matter the consequences. He did so because he loved all us sinners so much that he was willing to pay the ultimate cost to save us. May our love of God and love of neighbor give us the strength to assist our needy brothers and sisters in carrying their burdens. May our sharing of their burdens—maybe by offering a helping hand, maybe by lending money or something else that is lacking, maybe by just sitting down to listen—relieve them in some small way, if only to make clear that they are not alone.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 16, 2023 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.



The next Oktoberfest Committee Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.

All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Questions? Contact our event

Chairman, Dave McCarthy at dmccarthy484@gmail.com
or Assistant Chairman, Claude Poirier at claudelsa@yahoo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

July 16	9:00 am	Lawrence Paton, 18th Anniversary, by his family
Aug 20	9:00 am	Tina Forest, 1st Anniversary, by Jo Anne and Claude Poirier
Oct 1	8:00 am	Joseph Picucci, by his daughter, Ava
Nov 5	8:00 am	Wesley LaFord, 2nd Anniversary, by his family
Nov 25	4:00 pm	Louis and Angelina Arruda, by their grandchildren
Dec 23	4:00 pm	Angelina Arruda, 23rd Anniversary, by her grandchildren

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 July and August will benefit the Lunenburg Community Food Pantry. Donations can be left in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Pilgrimage to Ireland Our Lady of Hope Parish's Pilgrimage to Ireland will be led by Fr. Anthony Mpagi and Fr. Derek Mobilio on April 8-19, 2024. We will visit Galway, Glenstal Abbey, the Aran Islands, Our Lady of Knock Shrine, Cobh, Glendalough, and Dublin. Tour includes round trip airfare, hotel accommodations for 10 nights, 9 dinners and 11 breakfasts, transportation on a private motor coach, and admission fees as per itinerary. Double Occupancy Price per Person: \$4750 For information and to sign up, please contact Fr. Derek Mobilio - fr.mobilio@gmail.com - 508-556-0553.

Volunteer Opportunities for Adults 50+ yrs.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinch: dhinchen@ivcusa.org.

Bible Study Series this Fall - "The Gospel of St. Luke"

Monsignor Thomas Sullivan will offer a course on The Gospel of St. Luke, which will take place this coming fall. The entire Gospel will be read and studied. There will be eight sessions, each devoted to three chapters of Luke's 24-chapter Gospel. The program will take place in the Johnson Room at Christ the King Church, 1052 Pleasant Street in Worcester, on Tuesday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:45 pm. The dates are September 19, 26; October 3, 10, 17, 24 (not 31st); November 7, 14. If you are interested in participating and would like to register for the program you can email Msgr. Sullivan at any time (tsullivan5@mac.com) or call him at 508-754-5361. Please just provide your email address and telephone number. There is no cost to participate. Each week reprints of the following week's chapters will be distributed.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1/2

Weekly	2,053.00
Fuel/Maintenance	130.00
June ECatholic	<u>2,959.00</u>
Total	\$5,142.00



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 71 Parish families have donated \$20,935 toward our 2023 goal of \$22,000.

'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35

**God of mercy and love,
you sent your Son to bring the
world forgiveness and peace,
not condemnation and war.
May we offer that forgiveness
and peace
to those who have hurt us
and in doing so extend
that peace
to the ends of the earth.
We ask this through Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

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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: 9:00am | 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

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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