



The Church of Saint Boniface

817 Massachusetts Avenue
Lunenburg, MA 01462



August 13, 2023



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

August 13, 2023 The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a / Romans 9:1-5 / Matthew 14:22-33

Last month we heard the parable of the sower. Because the sower threw seed around with no regard to where it fell, much of it failed to produce fruit. As Jesus revealed later, he is the sower and the seed is the good news of the kingdom. Today we see a portrayal of Peter that is not so flattering, but remember that when Jesus called him in the first days of his mission, Peter immediately dropped his nets and followed. Peter is like the seed that fell on rocky ground. Recall Jesus said, "Some fell on rocky ground . . . It sprang up at once . . . [but] withered for lack of roots" (Matthew 13:5-6). On rocky ground, on rocky waters, Peter's faith at this point is not well-anchored. But eventually the extravagance of the sower will be rewarded. Not this night, not even on that later night before the cock crowed, but in the end Peter's faith produces fruit, many hundredfold.

Question of the Week:

Who can I accompany on their journey through stormy waters?

How can I reassure them and assist them?

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC — RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

God and the Good Strong Wind

My only real memory of the Mackinac Island ferry was the physical sensation of the wind against my face. I remember, distinctly, that it hurt. It surprised and confused me because wind had never felt painful before. Looking back now, I realize that it wasn't just the wind but the spray from the waves that crashed against the side of the ferry — that was what produced the sharp, biting sensation on my skin. But I couldn't have known that then, because my eyes were clamped shut. I refused to open them, even if I had, I would not have seen much, because my long hair was blown straight across my face.

I was four years old, and it was, in the immortal words of Winnie-the-Pooh, a very blustery day as my family made our way to Mackinac Island. I remember thinking I was going to die. I'm positive now that it wasn't really all that dramatic, but at four years old, you're awfully scared of a good strong wind.

Deep inside, aren't we all, really?

I think of the apostles who cannot recognize Christ — their friend — because he is doing something new. Something impossible. They are so sure he is a ghost, a sinister thing — children are always frightened of what they cannot understand.

And even when he reassures them, still Peter is not convinced. He demands, essentially, a miracle. He demands that Christ make him do what only Christ can do.

And even when the miracle takes place — he walks on water, he defies physics — still he is human. Scared, doubtful, distractible. No match for a good strong wind.

"Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter..." Matthew 14:31

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

**Vendors Needed - please contact Dave or Claude
for more information**

Family Fun

Raffles - Prizes - Kids & Adult Games

Food - Beer & Wine

Questions? Contact our event

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

SAINT BONIFACE PARISH



MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 20	9:00 am	Tina Forest, 1st Anniversary, by Jo-Anne and Claude Poirier
Aug 27	9:00 am	James and Gerene Maloney, in honor of their birthdays
Sep 3	9:00 am	John McShane, by Carol McShane
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
Nov 26	8:00 am	Anne Rivard, 5th Anniversary, by her husband
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.



The St. Boniface Knights of Columbus will be hosting a parish cook out in appreciation of our parishioners continued support of the Knights charitable activities. The meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, and dessert will be held immediately after the 4pm Mass on **August 19th**.

St. Francis Festival in Fitchburg

St. Francis Parish will hold its Festival on Sunday, August 13 from Noon - 6 pm at 63 Sheridan Street, Fitchburg. Come and join us for delicious food, raffles, flea market, Chinese auction, music, lottery baskets, back to school baskets, and much more. Raffle Drawing at 5 pm. For more information, please email Pastor-@saintfrancis-fitchburg.com or call 978-342-9651.

Diocese of Worcester Night at the WooSox

Join us for a fun, family evening with the Worcester Red Sox on Friday, Sept. 1 at Polar Park. The WooSox will take on the Norfolk Tides with game time at 6:45 PM and it is a Unibank Fireworks night immediately after the game. Ticket price is \$17.00 and for ticket information please visit: <https://fevogm.com/diocese23> See you there. . . GO WOOSOX!

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 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.

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**Holy Day Mass 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

At the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary, forever unstained by sin, was brought body and soul to heaven. Since it was through her that God's Son was born and since her Son brought redemption to the whole world, we can assume that our Blessed Mother was taken summarily to heaven to be reunited with her beloved Son. We celebrate Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who provides a model of obedience and humility, who intercedes for us as the Queen of Heaven, and who stands ready to welcome us to life eternal in the presence of the 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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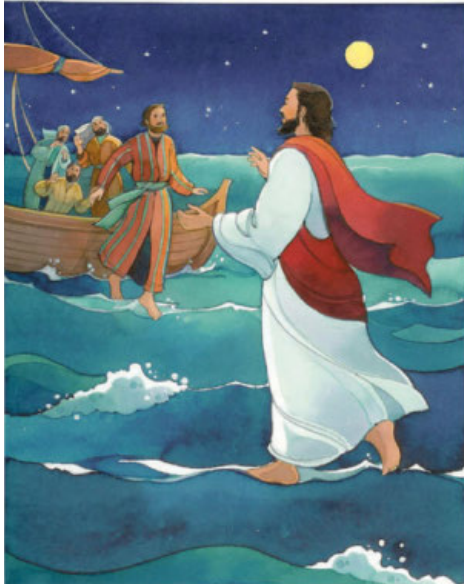
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Newcomers to St. Boniface are invited and encouraged to formally register as members of the parish so that we may stay in touch with you with faith formation news, notices of special events, volunteer opportunities, and more. Registration forms are 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.

A SHOW OF FAITH

At this time of year, the forces of nature can buffet us from every side. Drought and forest fires, thunderstorms and floods, tornadoes and hurricanes—anything is possible. If we are in a vulnerable position—in a small boat at sea, for example—we can find ourselves in grave danger. In this week's Gospel we see Jesus calmly approach the disciples during a storm as their boat is tossed about by the wind and waves. As we act to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe this season, let us trust in the Lord, who comes to strengthen and comfort us in times of danger.



Peter is honestly trying to show faith. In daring Jesus to call him out of the boat and onto the water, he is not trying to prove Jesus wrong as some Pharisees consistently tried to do. He truly believes in Jesus' power. But he becomes frightened. On the night he denied Jesus three times, he again became frightened. Whether of drowning or of being crucified, Peter's

fears are obstacles to his faith. Only after his faith is strengthened by Jesus' victory over death and the gift of the Holy Spirit does Peter publicly testify immediately and courageously to his faith in the Son of God. His testimony of the need for repentance and forgiveness is especially apt.

Our lives can be like a boat tossed about by the waves, leaving us fearful and exhausted. But recall Jesus' final words to those he loved: "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

Can we see Jesus coming to us on the rough seas, reassuring us and staying with us? Can we trust in the One who overcame death itself to guide us through the rough waters of our life?

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Born into a noble family, this saint practiced law before becoming a priest.

"If you embrace all things in this life as coming from the hands of God, and even embrace death to fulfill His holy will, assuredly you will die a saint."

St. Alphonsus Ligouri, through his continual acceptance of God's Will, even despite his most painful ailments, lived out these words he spoke, becoming a beloved and influential saint upon his death.

St. Alphonsus Ligouri was born near Naples, the eldest of eight children of a noble family. He became a lawyer after receiving doctorate in canon and civil law at the age of 16.

For many years he was successful in practicing law, but grew disenchanted with the profession. After losing a case for the first time at the age of 27, he discerned a call to enter the seminary and became a priest. Alphonsus spent the early years of his priesthood ministering to homeless and marginalized youth; through this work he eventually founded the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, known as the Redemptorists, which aimed to preach in slums.

He was known for his sermons, especially his ability to convert those estranged from the faith, and for his great works in moral and spiritual theology. He was a practical and prudent theologian, avoiding the extremes of being too rigid and legalistic on the one hand, and too lax on the other, despite the fact that he struggled with scrupulosity in his personal life. He suffered from arthritis in his old age, with his neck becoming so bent that his chin left an open sore on his chest.

His most famous written works were on the Virgin Mary and the Blessed Sacrament. He was declared a Doctor of the Church for his work in moral theology. He is the patron saint of moral theologians, vocations, arthritis sufferers, and those who struggle with scrupulosity. St. Alphonsus Ligouri's feast day is August 1st.

Like St. Alphonsus Ligouri, we are all called to sainthood. Through the example of his life, may we all embrace the Holy Will of God as St. Alphonsus did and join in Heaven's banquet. His practical guide, *12 Steps to Holiness and Salvation*, helps explain the 12 virtues we must all acquire to be happy in this world and to earn salvation. Get a copy today at the Catholic Company (www.catholiccompany.com).



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