



The Church of Saint Boniface

817 Massachusetts Avenue
Lunenburg, MA 01462



September 3, 2023



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

September 3, 2023 The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:7-9 / Romans 12:1-2 / Matthew 16:21-27

The journey we make through life is not easy. We often face trauma and tragedy that are unavoidable. Other times, we face trials and difficulties because we are determined to do the right thing. We may cry out to God as Jeremiah did, defeated by the Lord's will. Jeremiah came to realize that despite his hardships he could not run away. May we have the courage to continually respond to adversity and fear with the values we have learned from the gospel, willing to accept God's will and not our own.

Question of the Week:

In what ways do I find it difficult to deny my own desires, priorities, and will, to follow Christ? How can my faith in the resurrection ease my willingness to do so?

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26 "

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated ingredients and to everyone who joined us Saturday morning - peelers in hand- to assemble the apple crisps for Oktoberfest! We broke last year's record - we peeled one and a half bushels of apples, assembled 20 trays and cleaned up by 10 am!!!! Lots of hands truly make the job go much faster and we're always good for at least a few laughs!!!

There are sign-up sheets at the church entrances - if you had so much fun making apple crisp and would like to join us selling the finished product at Oktoberfest, please sign-up or let Debbie, Gisele or Carolyn know - the more, the merrier!!



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

All hands on deck!

SAINT BONIFACE PARISH



If you've never volunteered at Oktoberfest before, that's OK. I hadn't either until last year, and now I'm the chairperson!

Oktoberfest is a fun event. There are some spots left. Please sign up in person on the sheets posted on the glass at the back of the church, or email or call me at dmccarthy484@gmail.com (781) 307- 2527.

Thank you in advance for whatever support you can offer.

See you there!

MASS INTENTIONS

Sep 3	9:00 am	John McShane, by his wife, Carol McShane
Sep 24	8:00am	James and Gerene Maloney, in honor of their birthdays
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.

We will return to our regular mass schedule next weekend. Masses are Saturday at 4 pm and Sunday at 8 and 10:30 am.



The Knights of Columbus September meeting is this Wednesday, September 6 at 7pm in the parish hall. If you are interested in finding out more about the Knights feel free to attend to see what we're all about.

Holy Spirit in the Bible St. Cecilia Parish, 180 Mechanic St., will hold a course (online or in-person) based on the text The Holy Spirit in the Bible from Little Rock Scripture Study, Thursdays beginning Sept. 7 from 9:30-11 a.m. or 6-7:30 p.m.,. Contact Pat at pscino@stceciliachurch.net. To pre-register (required), email msgr@stceciliachurch.net. A donation of \$25 is suggested.

St. Therese of Lisieux Study

St. Cecilia Parish, 180 Mechanic St., will offer a 4-week course on St. Therese's spirituality of the little way in the 150th anniversary year of her birth, Mondays Sept. 11-Oct. 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. Father Leo LeBlanc will use "15 Days of Prayer with St. Therese of Lisieux," by Constant Tonnelier, OCD. Call Father LeBlanc at 508-450-0281. To pre-register (required), email msgr@stceciliachurch.net. A donation of \$25 is suggested.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – October 22, 2023

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register no later than October 13 so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcestardiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

STEWARDSHIP

August 26/27

Weekly	1,823.00
Maintenance	140.00
Holy Day	<u>28.00</u>
Total	\$1,991.00

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God of justice and mercy,
we pray that we may bear witness
to the justice and the mercy
you have made manifest to us
throughout human history.
May we continue to seek justice and
mercy in all things
and accept your will in response to
these prayers we make
through your Son and our Lord,
Jesus Christ.

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Parish Office Hours
Monday / Wednesday / Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 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.

Which saint was called to conversion by the voice of a child?

A voice spoke out from the darkness and urged, “take up and read...”



St. Augustine was not saint material to begin with. Though gifted with a brilliant mind, he was a womanizer, a rowdy drunk, an occasional thief, and an unbeliever.

Yet, his mother, St. Monica, prayed continually for his conversion. For many years, her prayers seemed to be unanswered. From Carthage to Rome to Milan, St. Augustine pursued only fleeting pleasures, engaged in entangling affairs, practiced the anti-Christian polytheistic religion Manichaeism, and distanced himself from his mother and her devout faith.

As her son risked his eternal soul and dismissed his inheritance of faith, St. Monica could only watch, deeply pained, and continue to pray for her beloved son.

These years of constant prayer were rewarded when one night, St. Augustine heard the soft voice of a child call out to him from the darkness. The voice urged him to “take up and read.”

When he did so, he read a passage from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans, which said:

“Not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying, but put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.” (Romans 13:13-14)

The words of St. Paul spoke through the centuries and cut directly to St. Augustine’s heart. Moved by the power of Scripture, St. Augustine began to yearn for truth.

After decades of loss, pain, and disappointment, St. Monica’s prayers were answered. On the Easter Vigil in 387 A.D., St. Augustine was baptized. He became a priest, then a bishop, preached over 6,000 sermons, fought heresies, explained doctrine, became one of the greatest Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and continues to inspire souls through his writings and intercession.



Creator God,
thank you for providing us with the gift to share our talents.
Provide our community, our nation, our world
the fortitude to provide work for all which is decent and fair.
Make us faithful stewards of your creation
to enhance the human dignity of our global family.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen



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