



## The Church of Saint Boniface

817 Massachusetts Avenue  
Lunenburg, MA 01462



September 10, 2023

A large, vibrant photograph of a wave crashing over rocks. The water is a deep turquoise color, and the splash is white and energetic. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear blue sky with a few wispy clouds. The bottom of the image features a gold-colored banner with white text.

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

## THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

September 10, 2023 The TwentyThird Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 / Matthew 18:15-20*

Matthew writes that Jesus told his disciples that if a sinner will not listen to anyone and will not change the offending behavior, that they should “treat him [or her] as you would a Gentile or a tax collector” (18:17). Initially, this sounds like Jesus is encouraging the disciples to ostracize stubborn sinners. But let’s consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He spent time with them, he responded to their needs, he healed them, he cared for them, he even called them to be his disciples. The disciple who wrote down these words was a tax collector! No matter how the disciples may have interpreted Jesus’ words at the time, it became apparent after further reflection that Jesus was not calling them to be dismissive of these sinners, but to reconcile with them.

### Question of the Week:

*With whom do I need to reconcile? How can I go about it fruitfully?*

*“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...”-Ezekiel 33:7*

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given.

How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

### Importance of Grandparents in Our Lives

Grandparents play a special role in our lives, and on Grandparents Day, we celebrate everything they mean to us.

They provide us with a link to our history, and we cherish the stories they tell us about our families.

They give us unconditional love and support and are always there for us when we need them.

Most importantly, grandparents are a reminder of the importance of family.

They help us to build strong relationships with our own children and teach them the importance of kinship.

Grandparents Day is a time to celebrate all that grandparents bring to our lives!



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 16, 2023 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

SAINT BONIFACE PARISH



**Please consider volunteering for this wonderful parish event!**

**A final volunteer meeting is**

**Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.**

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 10	10:30 am	Mary McLaughlin, Thomas and Ann Ferrazano
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.

**There will be no weekday Masses September 20-22nd.**

### A Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment

A Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org), or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311. All are invited to attend!

**CCD Classes for Grades 1-5** begin on Sunday, October 1st at 9:00 a.m. If you have not yet registered for CCD please email Lucy Marcil at [lmarcil419@gmail.com](mailto:lmarcil419@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass), or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org) to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

## STEWARDSHIP

### August Online Donations

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Loving God,  
your Son showed us how  
to love one another.  
May we continue to  
absorb that lesson  
as we pray for our needs  
and the needs of our  
neighbor  
through the same Christ  
our Lord.

# Saint Boniface Church

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist  
Sunday: 8:00am and 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

**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, Thomas Bodkin at [tbodkin@bodkinmason.com](mailto:tbodkin@bodkinmason.com) or (508-363-3422), 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.*





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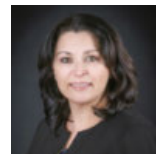
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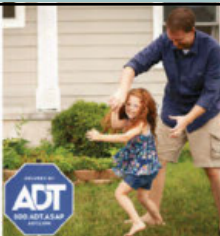
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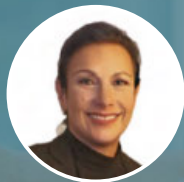
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