



THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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MARCH 16, 2025



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

- Lk 9:34-35

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18/ Philippians 3:17-4:1/ Luke 9:28b-36

Luke uses the word exodus to describe what Jesus would accomplish in Jerusalem, recalling the Chosen People's flight from Egypt, for which the book of Exodus is named. As Moses and the Chosen People's exodus from captivity led them to the promised land, Jesus' exodus from his life here on earth led him to life in heaven with his Father. Now we are able to make this exodus as well, in one sense from sin and worldly values, and in another sense when our life here on earth ends. The promise of salvation and new life anchors our ultimate hope in life eternal with the source of all life.

Question of the Week: Looking at my Lenten journey as an exodus from sin and worldly values, what specifically is holding me captive and preventing a truly new life in the risen Lord?

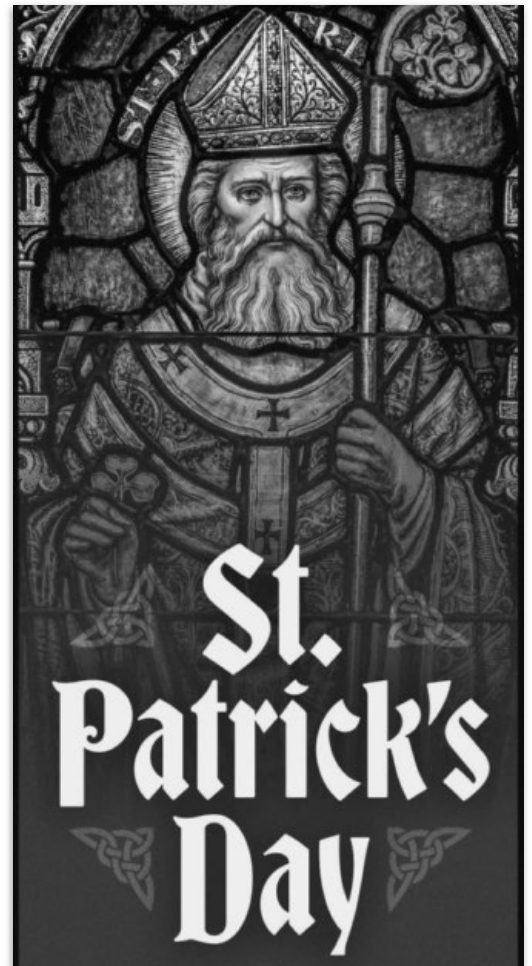
Gospel Meditation

St. Thomas Aquinas said that friends share three things: time, possessions and secrets. For example, how do I know if you're my friend? Well, let's say we've been to Mexico together, you've tried my shaky attempts at pasta carbonara, and you know what ridiculous costume I wore in a music video I filmed in my early twenties. We, dear reader, are definitely friends. We've shared time, possessions and secrets.

How does friendship with Jesus develop? The same way. Jesus lives and eats with his disciples. Then he takes Peter, James and John to Mount Tabor and there reveals to them his deepest secret: his glorious, divine Sonship. The majesty of God shines from within his humanity in a way that goes beyond description. God the Father confirms this "secret," saying, "This is my chosen Son, listen to him" (Luke 9:35). It's all so precious that "they fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone." Do we take time to be alone with Christ, to allow him to mystically share this "secret" with us as his dear friends?

Lenten challenge: This week, identify one time when you experienced an awareness of some specific aspect of Jesus – perhaps on a retreat, at Mass, in prayer or in an act of service. Spend ten minutes consciously re-living that experience in your heart. If you can't recall one, set aside at least two hours this Lent as a mini retreat, either alone in nature or in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Focus on him and ask him to share the secrets of his heart with you. He will. Then, as his friend, share the secrets in your heart.

– Father John Muir
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Prayer of Listening

Attune the ears of my heart, Lord, to the soft and still ways You are inviting me today. And then give me the strength and courage to respond to what You say.
Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

MAR 15	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
MAR 22	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
APR 19	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
APR 26	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
APR 27	8:00 AM	HOWARD & ELLA MAY CRANE
MAY 4	8:00 AM	REV. ANDRE GARIEPY
MAY 10	4:00 PM	FRANK RUBINETTI
MAY 11	10:30 AM	KATHLEEN AND DANIEL CRONIN
MAY 11	10:30 AM	LOUISE GIROUARD
MAY 17	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
MAY 18	8:00 AM	RICHARD & FRANCES HEBERT

Prayer of the Rosary

Every Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church, led by members of the Saint Boniface Knights of Columbus.

Food Donations for the months of March and April will go to St Francis food pantry in Fitchburg. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Lenten Series Speakers

We would like to welcome our Lenten Series Speakers

1st Sunday of Lent: The Hausladens

2nd Sunday of Lent: JoAnn Nally

3rd Sunday of Lent: Deacon Bill Shea

4th Sunday of Lent: Jim Egan

5th Sunday of Lent: Deacon Paul Audetette

Prayer Line

We now have an email prayer line. Please let me know if you have any prayer requests. My email is reereeangel@comcast.net. Please put the words prayer request in the subject line.

North Star Family Shelter

Our next week to support the North Star family shelter dinner and weekly groceries begins April 6th. Tags will be in the back of the church under the North Star basket. Please put any donations in the basket with the tags, so it doesn't get confused with pantry donations, prior to the 10:30 Mass on 4/6. Refrigerated items can be placed in the downstairs refrigerator.

If any parishioner enjoys cooking and is able to cook a meal for the families, or if anyone has questions about this ministry, please call Allison Lilly at 617-947-3574. Thank you for your many years of supporting the unhoused families in our community.

STEWARDSHIP

March 2

Sunday	3,298.00
Fuel/Maintenance	230.00
Holy Day	10.00
Flowers	10.00
Other	10.00
Total	\$3,558.00



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Jubilee Celebration

As part of our Jubilee Celebration Annunciation Parish will be spending 24 Hours with the Lord in Adoration. All are welcome to make a visit at Holy Rosary Church, 135 Nichols St. Gardner MA. Adoration will begin at 4PM March 28th and conclude with the 4 PM Mass on March 29th. Those interested in committing to spend an hour with the Lord may contact

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Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am | Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Memorial Day through Labor Day — Sunday: 9:00 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 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 Thomas St. George at tjstgeorge@gmail.com 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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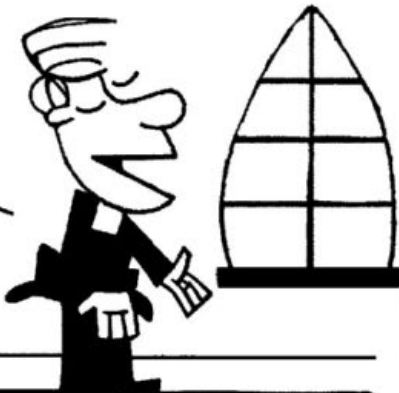
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