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817 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  
LUNENBURG, MA 01462



**MAY 4, 2025**



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

[Jesus] said to him, "Follow me." - Jn 21:19b

# THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

**MAY 4, 2025 / THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40b-41/ Revelation 5:11-14/ John 21:1-19*

It is not a surprise to see Peter out on the sea fishing. He was, after all, a fisherman. Without Jesus to lead him, Peter returns to his old vocation. It is also unsurprising to see him fishing at night. From the middle of the sea, he won't be able to hear the rooster crowing at dawn, that daily reminder of his betrayal on that fateful morning. Finally, it was inevitable that their labor produce nothing; the same thing happened before they encountered Jesus the first time. Symbolically, the contrast between their catch without Jesus (zero) and with Jesus (one hundred fifty-three, thought to represent all the known species) cannot be starker. At last, Peter realizes that his true vocation is to "catch" disciples from every place on earth.

**Question of the Week:** When have I found the courage to speak out on behalf of what I believe?

## Gospel Meditation

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others – indeed, the whole world – with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

– Father John Muir  
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## Prayer of Belief

Lord, Help me to see You and to recognize what I see.  
Help me to hear Your invitation and to respond.  
Help me to join You where and when You call.  
Amen.

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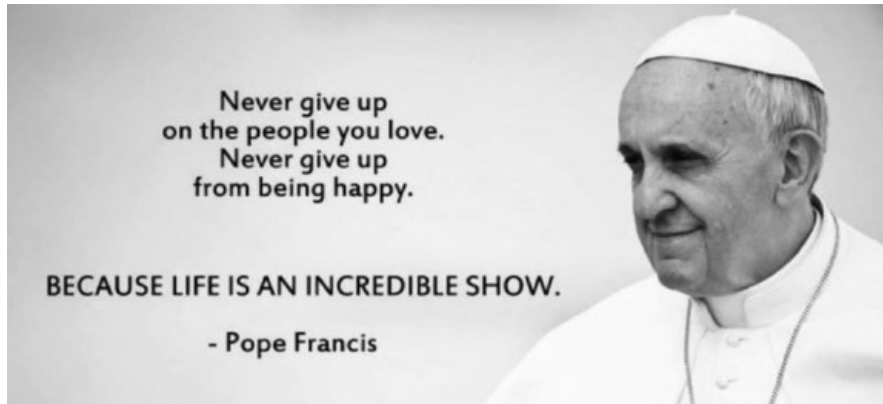
## MASS INTENTIONS

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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 & JANE HUNTOON
MAY 17	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
MAY 18	8:00 AM	RICHARD & FRANCES HEBERT
MAY 24	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
MAY 25	8:00 AM	RAYMOND POWERS
MAY 4	10:30 AM	66 YEARS OF MARRIAGE HAROLD & RUTH REHRAUER

### 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 May and June will go to Catholic Charities. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.



### Caret Thank you and Part-time position

Caret was overwhelmed with the generosity from the parishioners of Saint Boniface. They said they couldn't help their people without people like you. Thank you for all the gifts and coins! The shower was a great success. Carenet is also looking for a part-time nurse who can run their ultrasound machine for the young mothers that come in. Their phone number is 978-342-4244 if you are interested in the position.



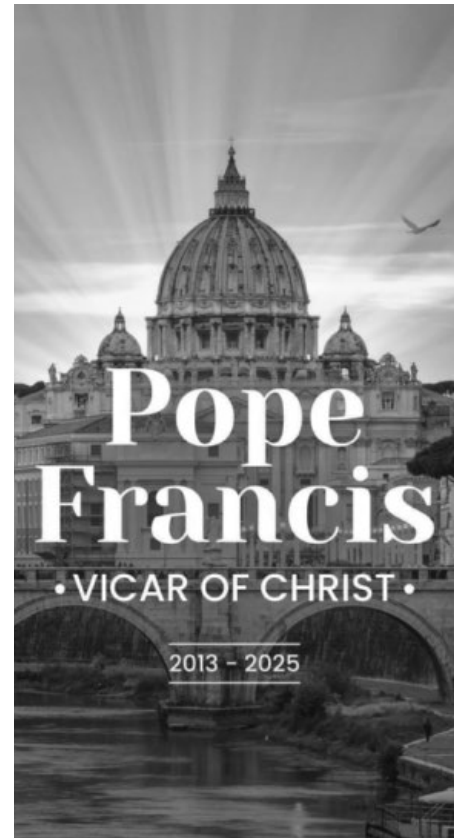
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Good Friday	16.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,804.00</b>



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# SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH

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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 5:00-5:30 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 Thomas St. George at [tjstgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:tjstgeorge@gmail.com) 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.

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