

THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

817 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
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JUNE 1, 2025



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I have given them the glory you gave me."
- Jn 17:22

THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

JUNE 1, 2025 / SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60/ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ John 17:20-26

The strength that Stephen displays in the face of death reflects the strength of our belief in the death and resurrection of Christ. Our faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life and that our lives do not end in death, but offer the promise of eternal life, gives us that strength as well. If we had nothing to live for but to remain as long as possible here on earth, we would do everything we could to avoid a fate like Stephen's. But Stephen valued his faith and his witness to it higher than this life itself. The first reading tells us he was rewarded before his death with a vision of heaven and God's glory. Saul and his band of persecutors saw Stephen's destiny as death, but Saint Stephen saw his destiny in heaven.

Question of the Week: In what visible or vocal ways do I give witness to my faith?

Gospel Meditation

The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect – that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

– Father John Muir
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Prayer for Christian Unity

Help us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father.

Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective. May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other. Amen.

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MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 1 9:00 AM ROBERT NADEAU
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 JUNE 21 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR
 JUNE 21 4:00 PM JON SANTORO
 JUNE 21 4:00 PM JOSEPH MCBRIDE
 JUNE 28 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE
 JUNE 28 4:00 PM FRANK DIGIACOMO
 JULY 6 9:00 AM ROBERT NADEAU
 JULY 19 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR
 JULY 26 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE
 AUG 9 4:00 PM ROSE SANTORO

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.

High School Graduation Saint Boniface is excited to host the Baccalaureate Service on June 3rd

Memorial Day Service and Summer Beginning May 25th and throughout the summer, Sunday Masses will be at 9:00 am ONLY. There will be no 8:00 am or 10:30 am.

Adoration Adoration will be held each Wednesday from 12 noon to 6pm. We would like to invite parishioners to sign up for 1 hour of their choice on any Wednesday. Sign up boards are at the entrance. This will continue the whole Jubilee year.

Attention High School Seniors

Through the Legacy of Hope Campaign, our Finance Committee has established a Saint Boniface Scholarship for a graduating high school senior who is a practicing Catholic and has been active in our parish ministries. We invite all interested students to submit an application, along with an essay, to the parish office no later than June 1, 2025. The topic of the essay is "What Faith Means to Me" and should be 500 words or less. Please email stbonifaceparish@verizon.net or stop in the parish office for an application.

STEWARDSHIP

May 11

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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 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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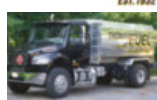
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