

## THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

817 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE  
LUNENBURG, MA 01462



JULY 20, 2025



## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

## THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

**JULY 20, 2025 / SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Genesis 18:1-10a/ Colossians 1:24-28/ Luke 10:38-42*

Hospitality to travelers was of paramount importance in ancient times. Roadside diners and gas stations or charging stations did not exist, let alone air-conditioned cars. So Abraham immediately provides water, food, and cool shade to these three strangers. To have failed to do so would have meant that these folks could have become ill or even died before they reached their destination. However, for Abraham and Sarah, treating these traveling strangers as guests to be served is also an act of faith in God's presence in others. They discover that God is manifested when one reaches out in kindness, in mercy, in hospitality to strangers in need. We may not discover God's presence in such a clear-cut way, but we may find God manifested in subtle ways when we welcome the stranger.

**Question of the Week:** How am I hospitable to others in need of food or rest, or just some companionship? How can I see the Lord in such hospitality?

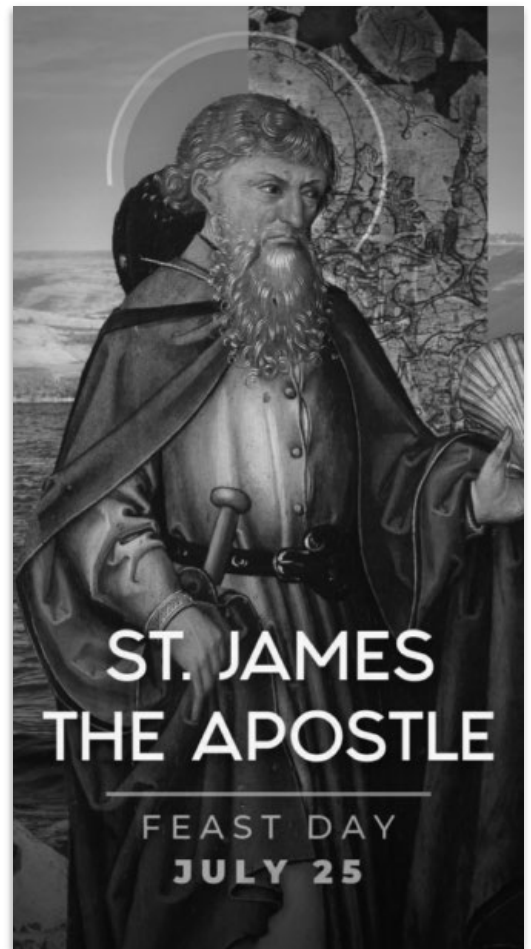
### Gospel Meditation

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he... he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir  
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### Prayer for Focus

Lord, help me to remember what matters and who matters.

And then help me to prioritize rightly and wisely, with Your heaven as my guide.

Amen.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 19 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR  
JULY 26 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE  
AUG 2 4:00 PM MARIE NADER  
AUG 9 4:00 PM ROSE SANTORO  
AUG 16 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR  
AUG 23 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE  
SEP 13 4:00 PM FRANK DIGIACOMO  
SEP 20 4:00 PM WAYNE DUFOUR  
SEP 27 4:00 PM DON FEATHERSTONE  
OCT 4 4:00 PM JOSEPH PICUCCI JR.  
OCT 12 10:30 AM MICHAEL BRISSON

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### 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 July and August will go to Lunenburg Food Pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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### Instrument Donations

If you have any musical instruments you could donate, the church would be very grateful. Please leave them in the back of the church. We are hoping to start a children's music group.

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### CCD

Registration for Religious education is now open. If you are new to our parish or if you have a child entering 1st grade, please take a moment to fill out the form at this link

<https://stboniface-lunenburg.org/religious-education-1>.

Our program runs on Sundays from 9-10 AM every other weekend beginning in September. The cost of the program is \$50 per child, with a family max of \$75. We look forward to being a part of your faith journey.

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### Retreat in Daily Life

Are you looking for a way to make your prayer life more meaningful or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? If so, you may want to consider "The Retreat in Daily Life".

A 30-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola will be held at St. Peter's Church in Worcester beginning September 30, 2025. Offered by a team of Jesuit trained people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises.

There is an information night explaining the Retreat in Daily Life, held on Tuesday, July 29th, 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church, 929 Main St., Worcester.

You can read about this retreat

at [www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com) We also have a recorded version from past years available on the website above.

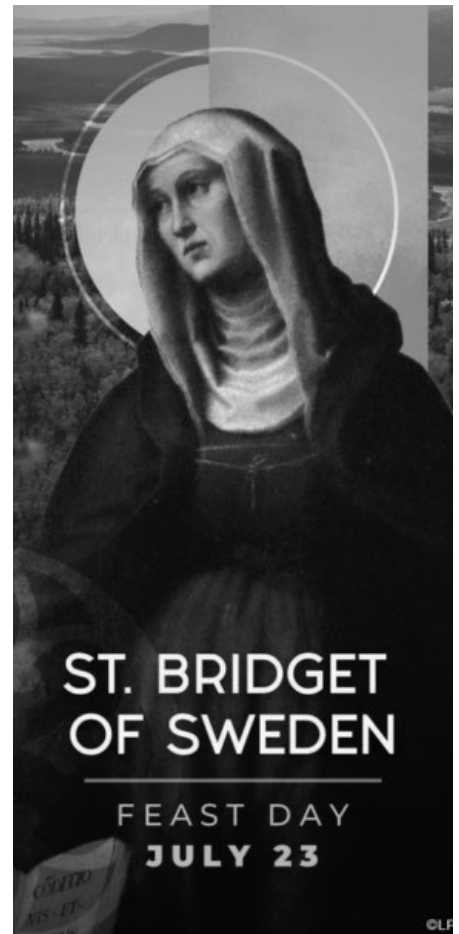
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## Parish Office Hours

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.

*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.*

## Proposed Mass Change

Dear St Boniface Paish Community,

Thank you all for your continued support of our parish community. We are grateful for your active participation at the Sunday Liturgy which is the source, summit and center of our faith. In order to encourage even more participation, we are considering moving the 10:30 AM Mass to 10:00 AM.

The small adjustment will allow our young people in the CCD program and their family members to join the community as part of the Sunday Mass. Consequently, the CCD class would run from 9AM to 10:45 AM, including Mass attendance as part of the curriculum. Furthermore, the rest of the community will be able to have more time after the Mass to congregate and socialize before the afternoon.

In general, this adjustment to the Mass schedule represent an investment in the growth of young families and the vitality of the community, which is a very good problem to have. We are also in the process of investing heavily in a music program that would involve our young people during the Mass.

In order for this request to take full effect, we would appreciate your input in form of a consensus vote; namely a two third majority vote. You can submit your ballot electronically or by Mail or by dropping it in the Offertory basket. An official ballot will be provided in order to limit personal creativity. PLEASE FILL OUT, CUT OUT, AND RETURN THE BALLOT BELOW.

Thank you for your understanding.

Our Religious Education Team.

St. Boniface Parish.

**Keep mass at 10:30 am**

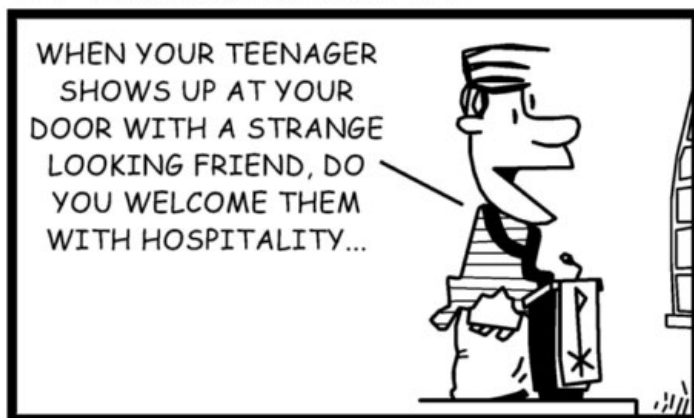
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