

## THE CHURCH OF SAINT BONIFACE

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



## 25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." - Lk 16:8b, 13

## THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 / TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Amos 8:4-7 / 1 Timothy 2:1-8 / Luke 16:1-13*

Jesus' parable of the dishonest steward is not as clear. Should the steward be applauded for his ingenuity and prudence? Or scorned for his dishonesty and self-centeredness? Perhaps Jesus is pointing to the steward's shrewdness in planning ahead for his expected fate of poverty and using that to encourage his disciples—the "children of light" (Luke 16:8)—to be as enterprising in pursuing the kingdom. After all, for this future we too are undeserving and dependent on the mercy of others—in this case, God.

**Question of the Week:** How do I value true wealth over material wealth? How can I do so more fully?

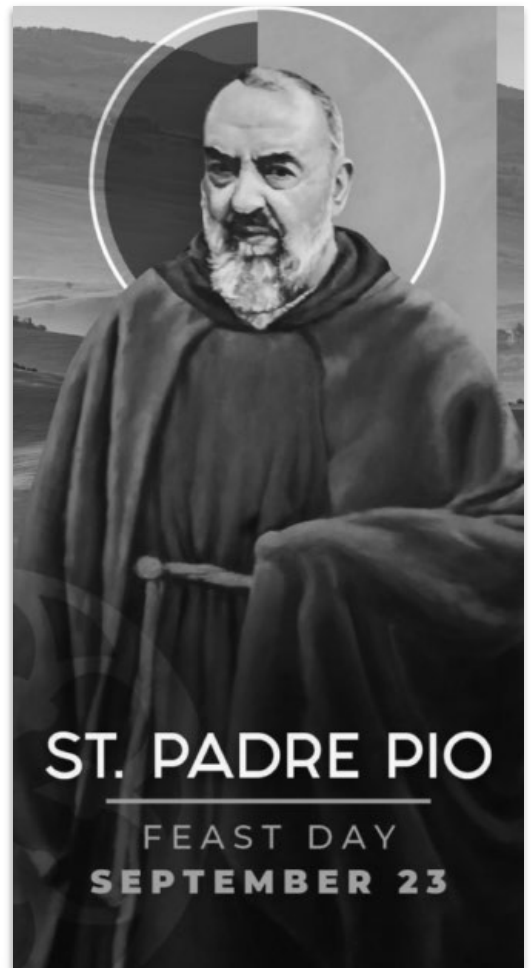
### Gospel Meditation

Before I was a priest, I was a lazy worker for a retail Apple store. Hearing a rumor that my boss was going to fire me, I secretly sold iPhones for half-price, gave away dozens of free iPads, and donated several brand-new laptops to managers in other stores in the mall. After a week, my boss called me into his office. He knew what I was up to. He said I had cost the store thousands of dollars. "Really great work, John," he said. "I am going to recommend you to be my assistant manager and double your pay." I was amazed.

And so are you. Which is understandable because it never happened. How could it? My tall tale is a retelling of Jesus' brow-furrowing parable we hear this week. A lazy, dishonest steward defrauds his boss and then the "master commended the dishonest servant for acting prudently" (Luke 16:8). What is the Lord saying to us?

Most of us treat our spiritual lives like a lazy teenager at an Apple store. We really don't care. We go through the motions. Then, if we are lucky, something happens that shakes us to spiritual action; to employ whatever time, money, and resources we have to build around us a strong network of love. Every saint did that. Our Lord is so good he wants us to use his stuff to forgive debts and to bless others. He wants us to ensure our future. So do it!

— *Father John Muir*  
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### Prayer for Trust

Jesus,  
With your gentle mercy, build my trust.  
Help me to believe you when you say  
you want good for me. In every season,  
give me grace. In every need, be my  
answer.  
Amen.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

SEP 20	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
SEP 27	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
OCT 4	4:00 PM	JOSEPH PICUCCI JR.
OCT 5	8:00 AM	PAUL BOUTIN
OCT 5	8:00 AM	ROLAND PEPE BOUCHARD
OCT 12	8:00 AM	WILLIAM MOHAN & SABATO PERSUITTE 40TH ANNIVERSARY
OCT 12	10:00 AM	MICHAEL BRISSON
OCT 18	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR
OCT 25	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
NOV 2	8:00 AM	WESLEY LAFORD

### 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 September and October will go to St. Francis food pantry. Donations can be placed in the rear of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### Spaghetti Supper

On Saturday October 4th from 5:00-7:00PM at St Cecilia Parish Hall. There will be a Spaghetti Supper. It will include salad, pasta with sauce, meatballs, bread, desserts and beverage! Raffles of gift baskets and 50/50 raffle! \$15 for adults and \$8 for children (ten and under). Tickets available at Saint Cecilia rectory and Saint Leo rectory. The Sierra Club works to support our seminarians and to promote all vocations to the priesthood. For more information on joining Serra North, please email us at msgr@stceciliachurch.net

### St. Boniface Knights of Columbus

St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council #16480 will be holding our annual coat drive throughout the month of October. We ask for your donations of new or gently-used coats for children and adults of all sizes. We will be working with the Fr. Robert D. Bruso Council #15962 at the St. Bernard/St. Camillus Parish to provide coats to the needy in the Lunenburg and Fitchburg areas. Donation boxes will be placed in our parish hall. As always, thank you in advance for your generosity.

### Songs in the Key of Love

On Saturday, September 27th the Montachusett Chorale will be presenting an evening of songs from the great American Songbook as a benefit for Saint Cecilia's parish. It's at 6:30 PM at Leominster City Hall. Tickets are \$25 and include a glass of wine and appetizers and pastries. Call church rectory 978-537-6541 or Mayor's Office.

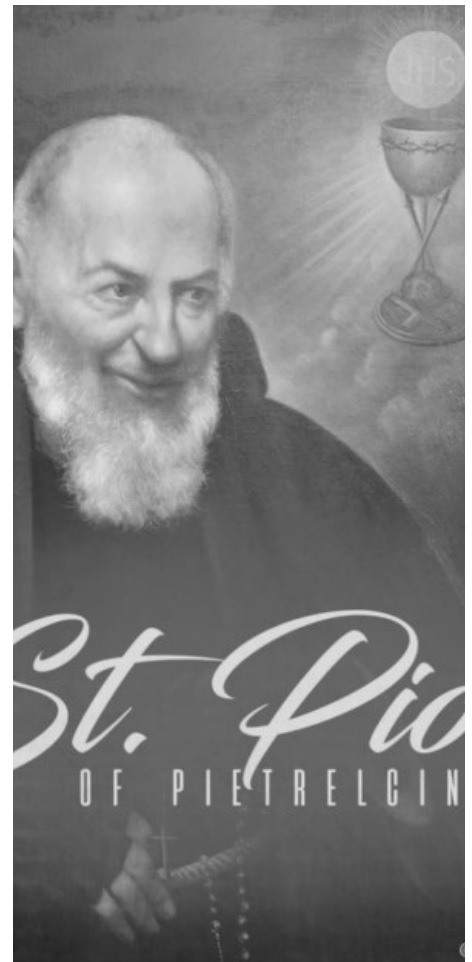
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### Sept 7

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Holy Day	30.00
Catholic School	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,393.00</b>



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## Parish Office Hours

Monday / Wednesday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 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.*

## The saint whose fiery words led to exile...

September holds the day that is the feast of St. John Chrysostom, one of the most eloquent preachers in Church history!

It was his eloquence in preaching that earned him the nickname Chrysostom, meaning “Golden-Mouthed.”

You may think that having such a powerful command over language and the ability to preach moving sermons would only result in accolades and popularity for St. John Chrysostom. However, it occasionally got him into some tight situations. St. John’s high position didn’t help either...

John was made the Archbishop of Constantinople in 398 A.D., which placed him at the heart of political and religious conflict. And John didn’t shy away from condemning the extravagant lifestyles of the wealthy, and that didn’t make him many friends. In fact, he made some real enemies, including Empress Eudoxia.

His conflict with the empress would start a chain of events that would lead to his death. In several sermons, John criticized the moral failings and extravagance of the rich, and some of his comments were perceived as directed at the empress herself. Eudoxia, who was already displeased with his calls for reform, took these remarks personally. So, St. John was exiled.

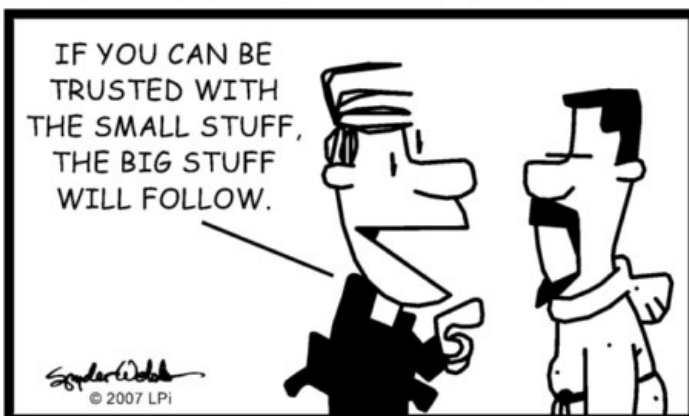
But St. John was so beloved that the public pressured their rulers to bring him back. He was briefly allowed to return, but even after exile, St. John continued to preach the truth—a truth those in power didn’t want to hear.

After he preached another sermon condemning an extravagant silver statue of Eudoxia erected near the cathedral, he was removed once again. In 404 A.D., John was permanently exiled to the remote town of Cucusus, in what is now Turkey.

During his years in exile, John’s health deteriorated due to harsh conditions. Despite this, he remained in contact with his flock through letters, continuing to encourage them in their faith. His final journey came in 407 A.D. when he was forced to travel on foot to an even more distant location. His body, weakened by illness and exhaustion, couldn’t withstand the journey, and he died along the way. His final words are said to have been, “Glory to God for all things.”

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