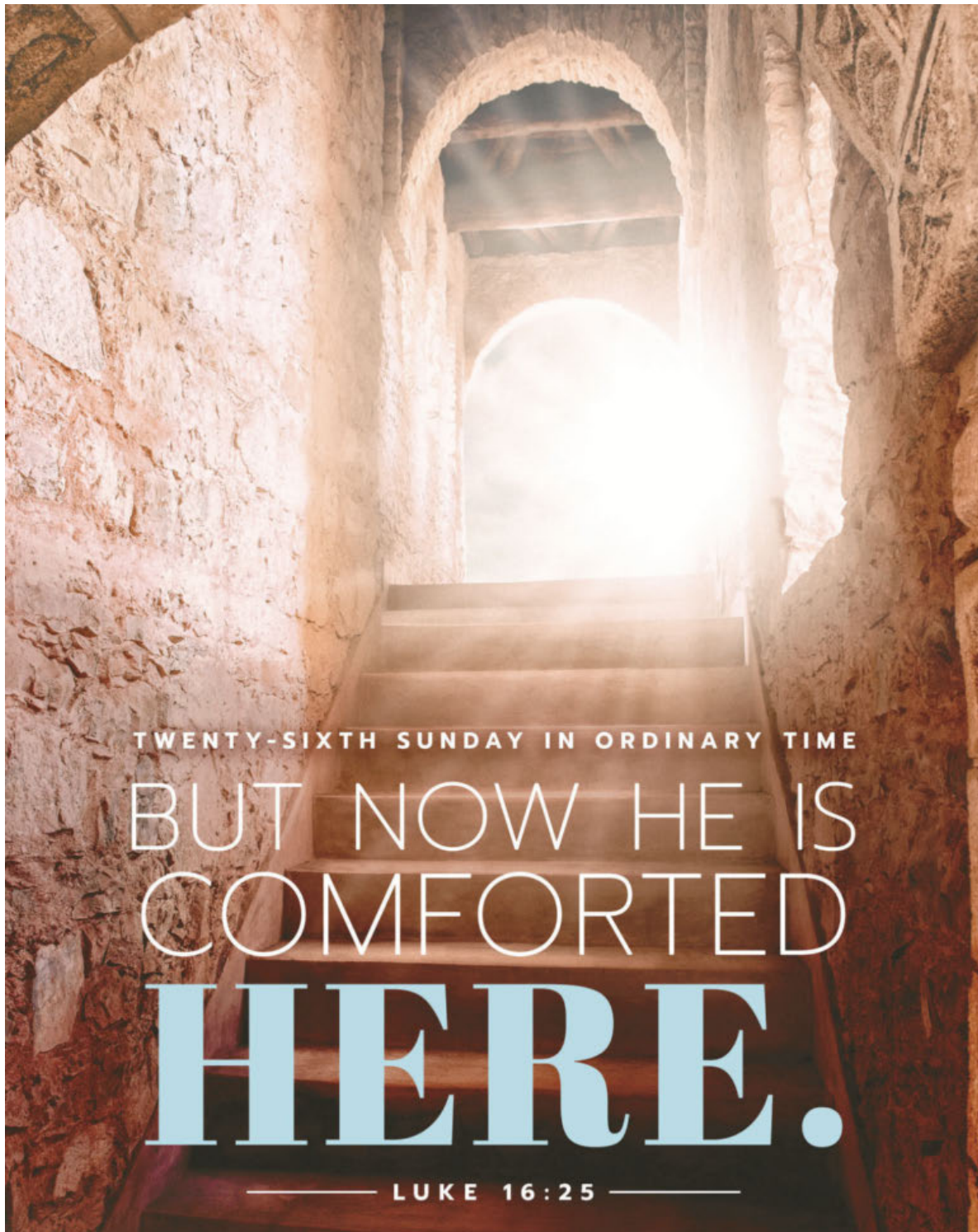


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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025



THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

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Amos 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Timothy 6:11-16 / Luke 16:19-31

Note also that Jesus never says how Lazarus came to be poor, hungry, and covered with sores. Perhaps he dissipated what little money he had, like the prodigal son. Perhaps he had committed crimes and had served time in prison. Perhaps he was mentally ill or physically ill and could not hold down a job. But by not giving any history on Lazarus, perhaps Jesus intended to teach the Pharisees that this didn't matter. The rich man should have reached out to help him no matter what led him to the dire straits he was in. The rich man's job was not to judge if Lazarus was worthy of his help. It was to offer him compassion and charity. After all, none of us are truly worthy of God's mercy. And yet, God reaches out to us, as to Lazarus, with compassion and salvation.

Question of the Week: Who do I choose to ignore who appears to be in need? To whom can I reach out with compassion and charity and without judgment or condescension?

Gospel Meditation

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently though quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter; that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

– Father John Muir
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Prayer for the Sick

For those in pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort.

For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace.

Surround those afflicted with Your love, care, and mercy, You who are our healing and hope.

Amen..

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MASS INTENTIONS

SEP 27	4:00 PM	DON FEATHERSTONE
OCT 4	4:00 PM	JOSEPH PICUCCI JR.
OCT 5	8:00 AM	PAUL BOUTIN
OCT 5	10:00 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
NOV 15	4:00 PM	WAYNE DUFOUR

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.

Knights of Columbus Hospitality

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Hospitality and Fellowship on Sunday, October 12th following the 8AM Mass. They hope you join them for some delicious food and great company.

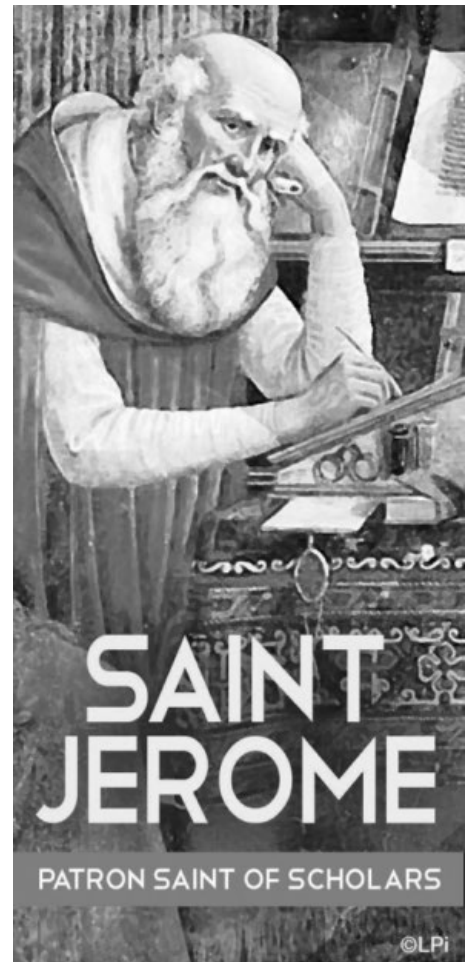
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The Celebration of the Eucharist

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 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.

The saint who flew — and helps with tests.

Meet St. Joseph Cupertino! They call him the patron of pilots — and for good reason.

Giuseppe really didn't have any skills. He was considered exceedingly dull as a child, and seemed incapable of learning anything. He performed poorly in school, couldn't seem to keep his focus on the simplest things, and failed at apprenticeships as a teenager. He would "space out" frequently and even wander off at times.

When he tried to join the Capuchin Franciscans in the hopes of finding his place in the world, he was accepted for a time. Then they sent him away because of his lack of ability to do...anything. In addition to his apparent unintelligence, the bouts of distraction continued, wherein he was seemingly whisked away by some pious thought while he was supposed to be occupied with a practical task.

He tried again with a different community of Franciscans as a servant, and things began to improve. The Franciscans noticed how humble Giuseppe was, how full of joy, how simple; indeed, he was what a model Franciscan should be. He was readmitted to the Order, and began studies for the priesthood.

But study was still his weakness, and he found himself unable to learn what he needed to know. There was only one Scripture passage he could talk about: Luke 11:27, "Blessed is the womb that bore you." When it came time for his diaconate test, his prospects looked grim—but as God would have it, he was asked during his exam to speak on exactly that passage, and speak he did! A deacon he became, and eventually a priest—and is now known as the patron saint of test-takers.

Giuseppe's episodes of abstraction continued, and with immense fervor. He would be lost for long periods of time in contemplation at the beauty of God, completely taken away from this world to the other. It appeared that his trademark absent-mindedness was something far deeper than that. He had an incredible connection to God, who chose to reveal Himself in ways that made Giuseppe lose himself in wonder.

And did we mention that he flew? Levitation was a normal part of this mystical friar's life. He would fly across the chapel; when he heard the names of Jesus and Mary; at the refectory table; outside when in awe at the beauty of creation, et cetera. He is now also known as the patron of aviators!

Though Giuseppe was beloved by the poor he served, his mystical experiences did not always gain him the favor of his brethren. He was reported to the Inquisition for his unusual behavior. Although they found nothing against him, he was eventually put into seclusion, never really returning to normal life. He spent twenty-five years this way, accepting everything with resignation and patience. He died on September 18th, 1663.

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