



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY

OUR MISSION

Christ Jesus, you call us together as a parish to sow and nurture the seeds of God's saving love in the hearts and minds of all our neighbors and beyond by living your gospel.

OUR VISION

Christ Jesus, bless us as you blessed our patron, St. Boniface, so that, by carrying out the mission entrusted to us, our parish will yield a bountiful harvest of passionate disciples, united to you by the sacraments and sent by you to further your mission.



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OUR VALUES

Christ Jesus, enable us to reap this bountiful harvest by staying rooted in the "good soil" of the basic principles in which we as a parish believe.

- We are a parish who prays, studies, and acts in accord with the Scriptures and the traditions of the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Erie.
- We are a parish who stands firmly on the foundation of our past;
- We are a parish who understands and responds to the changing needs of all families today;
- We are a parish who welcomes and enjoys fellowship with all people;
- We are a parish who lives within our means and exercises responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us;
- We are a parish who works together as God's family for the good of all, putting our common mission above all else.

This we pray, in your name. Amen.

St. Boniface, pray for us.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father’s glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct’” (Matthew 16:24-27).



This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem to accomplish his saving death and resurrection. It also marks our entry into Holy Week, our annual week-long meditation on those saving events. Holy Week provides us with a special opportunity to follow Christ’s command to take up our cross and follow him by participating in the Holy Week services of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday, especially the Easter Vigil, the most sacred liturgy of the year.

By fully and actively participating in these services, we walk each step with Jesus through his death and resurrection. The grace of this experience draws us into closer communion with him and strengthens our faith that we who share in a death like his will also share in his resurrection (Romans 6:5), which is really the whole point of Christianity. It is also gives us the grace to carry the crosses of our own lives - illness, family problems, loneliness, whatever they may be - because we know that Christ conquers all things, even death, which means he can certainly help us overcome our problems.

Last year, no one but the ministers were able to be in church for the Holy Week services, an experience I never want to have again. Consider this a friendly invitation to personally attend and participate in Holy Week this year. I know some folks are still concerned about Covid-19. We are taking every precaution to keep people safe, including limiting seating to fifty percent capacity, enabling and requesting social distancing and the wearing of masks, and providing an ample supply of hand sanitizer. You are probably more likely to get Covid-19 by visiting the hospital than you are coming to St. Boniface church. That

said, I can offer no guarantees, and if you are still concerned about the virus, we will livestream our Holy Week services and record them. Whether in person or online, I invite all of us to participate in Holy Week. These are the high holy days of the year for us, unlike any other, and may the grace of these celebrations help us all to take up our crosses, each day, with Christ, for the salvation of the world.

Fr. Marc Stockton

BAPTISMAL CLASS~ New parents are required to take a Baptismal preparation class prior to having their first child baptized. Parents who have already attended baptism class and kept documentation of that attendance do no need to take the classes more than once. Please call the parish office for class dates or check the weekly bulletin for upcoming classes. There is a class being held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, on Monday, April 5th at 7:00p.m. in the school. Please call the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Office at 825-7313 to register.

PARISH OFFICE~ The Parish Office will close at the end of the day on Wednesday, March 31st and will reopen on Tuesday, April 6th for the Easter Holiday.

CHURCH CLEANING~ Heavenly dusters this week are: **Beth Allgeier, Nancy Dinges, Cathy Dombrowski, Molly Johnson, Helga Russell and Kris Waskiewicz.** May God bless them in their faithful work.

STAFF

Rev. Marc Stockton, JCL.....*Pastor*
 Rev. Mister Timothy G. Good.....*Permanent Deacon*
 Jeanne Yaple.....*Faith Formation Director*
 Sandee Krivonak.....*Business Manager*
 Melanie Kennerknecht.....*Parish Secretary*
 Brooke Lander.....*Pre-School Director*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday..... 9:00a.m.-1:30p.m.

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March 28, 2021

~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

St. Boniface Preschool WELCOMES SPRING!

The students and teachers are happy that Spring is here! The children are enjoying each chance they get to be outside in the sunshine taking in the fresh spring air. St. Boniface is BLESSED to have such a beautiful school campus that the children can enjoy. Expect to hear little voices and see excited children playing on the playground, blowing bubbles, or drawing with chalk on our sidewalks. The staff at St. Boniface asks that all who visit our parking lot, use extra caution on nice days, because chances are the children will be outside.

“Why is outdoor play so important?” There are so many reasons why children need to get outside. Here are just a few....

Children need sunshine! Playing in the sun provides our bodies with a natural source of Vitamin D which can promote healthy bone development and stronger immune systems.

Playing outside also provides children with the opportunity to participate in active, gross motor play which is important for heart and lung health as well as developing strong muscles. Gross motor skills like jumping, skipping, climbing and running are the BEST exercises for children.

Children who play outside are given the opportunity to utilize their “Executive Function Skills: These are skills that help children plan, prioritize, negotiate, and multitask.” When children are provided with unstructured play time, they practice using these skills as well as foster creativity. Children often use their imagination to play games, to create their own fun scenarios, and to problem solve. Outside time gives children opportunities to practice these skills.

Children need to be able to take risks. Providing our students with a safe, age-appropriate area to play, that is monitored by a responsible adult, allows children to take risks in a safe environment. Risk taking can lead to confidence building. Children who climb to the highest platform of the playground, or swing from the jungle gym do risk injury, but they also experience bravery. With the assistance of a responsible adult, children will learn that it's okay to try. Lessons can be learned from both failure and success.

Outdoor play also gives the opportunity for socialization in an unstructured environment. Children will learn to make friends, how to share, take turns, overcome conflict with a peer, and how to work together.

Playing outside shows children how to appreciate nature. Children need to dig in the dirt, gather rocks, see insects and animals in their natural environment. If children are given the time to explore why the butterflies and bees are

important for the pollination of plants, why mammals native to our area are an important part of our ecosystem, or why the creek that flows by is important to all living things, then we provide our children with knowledge. That knowledge and awareness of our natural environment is part of our responsibility as a human, created by God, to care about the natural world God has given to us.

Use these reasons, along with so many more, to GET OUTSIDE! Take the time to appreciate what God has given us this season and ENJOY the spring renewal! Source of Information: <https://www.health.harvard.edu/blog/6-reasons-children-need-to-play-outside->

Spring Fundraiser Meat Stick Sale Continues!!

Country Meat Smoked Meat sticks are available at the both the Church Office and the School Office for \$1.00/stick. *Flavors are limited to what we currently have available.* Thank you for supporting our school by purchasing Country Meat Smoked Meat Sticks. All Proceeds directly benefit St. Boniface Preschool. If you have any questions or if you would like to purchase, please contact Brooke Lander Preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org or stop by the Preschool office.

Important Dates:

Wednesday, March 31: Easter Egg Hunt in Coleman Hall for children currently enrolled

Thursday, April 1st to Monday, April 5th: Easter Break/NO School

Tuesday, April 6th: Preschool IN session/Covid-19 Make-up Day: 3 of 3 due to closure in November

Friday, May 7th: No School/Teacher In-service

Monday, May 10th: No School

Thursday, May 27th: Last Day of Preschool!

(School age Before & After Care programs will continue until WASD's last day of school)

**Be Grateful in all things and God Bless,
Brooke Lander
St. Boniface Preschool Director**

THE ANNUAL ST. MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY CARD PARTY~

was interrupted last year due to COVID-19. To avoid another year without the needed fundraising for our seminarians, the people of the Diocese of Erie are asked to support this fundraiser. There will be a raffle of three cash prizes (one \$250 award, one \$500 award and the grand prize of \$1,000). A donation of \$25 will be your chance to win. You will receive an additional chance for every additional \$25 donated. No tickets will be issued. Your check is your entry. A live drawing will be held on the St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Facebook page on April 15 at 7 p.m. Enter by mail before April 5, 2021, by mailing your donation to: St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary, c/o Marjorie Adamus, 3414 Eliot Road, Erie, PA 16508. Please include your phone number or email so we can notify you if you win!

~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!"

~Psalm 31:24

A Prayer for Palm Sunday

Lord God,
I give you thanks, for you are good, and your mercy is endless.

Here I stand, at the start of this holy week, this week in which your church remembers Jesus' passion and death, and I am distracted by many things.

Turn my eyes now to the one who comes in your name, the one who opens the gates of righteousness, the one who answers when we call.

I bless you, Lord, for shining your light upon me, and for sending your son to us, in human frailty, to walk the road we walk.

Open my eyes that I may see him coming, may praise him with a pure heart, may walk in the way of his suffering, and share also in his resurrection.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Upcoming News and Events

Remember to check your emails and visit the Church for this week's family-based activities, prayers, and reflections for Holy Week!

- 3/27-3/28 Family Activities/Prayer Packets for Holy Week are available for pick-up!
- 3/28 Submit this year's virtual Easter Story Short Skit/Recording by today!
- 3/28 Way of the Cross for Grades 6-12, 12:00 p.m.
- 4/3 Blessing of Easter Baskets, 12:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Class

- 3/28 At-Home Retreat Activity, Retreat Week 3: The Gift of the Eucharist
*Lesson #6: My First Eucharist Book

Light and Love,

Jeanne Yaple

THE WORD OF GOD THIS WEEK

~LOYOLA PRESS~ Gospel Reading, Mark 14:1—15:47 (shorter form: Mark 15:1-39)

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed his death declared, "This man was the Son of God."

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday:	Mark 11:1-10 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)
Monday:	Mark 14:1-11
Tuesday:	Mark 14:12-26
Wednesday:	Mark 14:27-52
Thursday:	Mark 14:53-72
Friday:	Mark 15:1-41
Saturday:	Mark 15:42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer or by singing an appropriate hymn such as "Jesus, Jesus," "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?" or "What Wondrous Love is This."

Special blessings to the following 2021 First Holy Communion Students as they continue a prayerful retreat experience to prepare for receiving the Sacrament in May:

Gabriella Krawczyk

Brea Kuhl

Faith Lyle

Grayson Nies

Zofia Salter

Tanner Wisniewski

Sawyer Wyten

Wellie Yaple

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, March 29, Monday of Holy Week
No Mass Today

Tuesday, March 30, Tuesday of Holy Week
8:00 a.m. **Dr. Richard Jackson**
(Jeannie McGinley)

Wednesday, March 31, Wednesday of Holy Week
8:00 a.m. **For the Living and Deceased**
Members of the George and Nancy
Breindel Family (Walt Breindel)

Thursday, April 1, Holy Thursday
7:00 p.m. **Bernard & Gladys Warzyniak**
(Bob & Nancy Warzyniak)

Friday, April 2, Good Friday
3:00 p.m. **Pasion Service**

Saturday, April 3, Holy Saturday
12:00 p.m. **Blessing of Eater Baskets**

8:30 p.m. **Carole McFadden**
(Trost & Matczak Families)

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday
7:30 a.m. **Fran O'Connell**
(Jerry & Lisa Puckly)

9:00 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of**
St. Boniface Parish

10:30 a.m. **Brian Biletnikoff**
(Bob & Mary Alice Haibach)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....4:15-4:45 p.m.
(and anytime by appointment)

~Week of March 14, Collection~

Adult \$5,212.00
Loose..... \$12.10
Catholic Service Appeal \$4,170.00
Rice Bowl..... \$130.00

~Thank you to those who use their envelopes regularly and to all who have increased their offerings.~

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN

MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Anthony Pisano** from **Vic Pisano**.

CHURCH DECORATING~ Please help us decorate the Church for Easter at 6:00pm on Good Friday, April, 2. We need many hands to carry the white lighted swags from the downstairs storage room to hang by the pillars in the Church Body. The white swags are already steamed and ready to hang. What a great opportunity for the youth of the Parish to earn service hours! Thank you and God bless you!

~LECTOR~

HOLY THURSDAY- April 1
7:00 p.m. D. Golombieski

GOOD FRIDAY- April 2
3:00 p.m. J. Wise

HOLY SATURDAY- April 3
8:30 p.m. K. Praetzel, R. Praetzel

EASTER SUNDAY- April 4
7:30 a.m. G. Krahe
9:00 a.m. J. Wise
10:30 a.m. C. Driscoll

~ALTAR SERVER~

HOLY THURSDAY- April 1
7:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

GOOD FRIDAY- April 2
3:00 p.m. S. Praetzel

HOLY SATURDAY- April 3
8:30 p.m. S. Praetzel, R. Praetzel

EASTER SUNDAY- April 4
7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer
9:00 a.m. Need Volunteer
10:30 a.m. Need Volunteer

Here's a look at our First Communion students sharing their creative "Prayer Rocks." Looks great!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~ Your response was so great, we are sold out. **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. WISHING YOU ALL GOOD LUCK.**

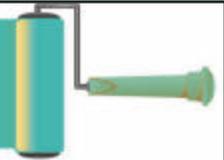
Extending Prayers to our First Communion Class. May God bless them and their Families.

Our next meeting will be moved to April 8th, April 1 being Holy Thursday. Hope to see you there.

Sunday, April 4 is our regular Rosary Sunday, However this will be Easter Sunday, so we will be moving our Rosary Sunday to April 11. We will be including our First Communion Class in our praying of the rosary April 11. Please join us.

The Knight's will be collecting non perishable food items throughout Lent. There is a box at the bottom of the stairs before you go into the gathering space. Thank you for you donations.

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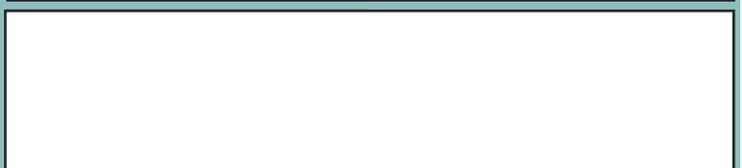
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