



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH
PATRON OF A HAPPY DEATH

“Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live with him in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4).



We continue our year-long celebration of the life and witness of St. Joseph this month with a reflection on his role as the patron saint of a happy death. The idea of death’s being happy seems rather odd to us who value life so much. We think of death as something sad and tragic that we do everything in our power to avoid. Yet for us as Christians, death is not something to be feared but to be embraced as the ultimate stage of this life because of the very thing we celebrate throughout the Easter season, the resurrection.

As far as we know, Joseph was never baptized. But he was the closest person to Jesus other than the Virgin Mary, and it is impossible to think that Jesus would not share the eternal life he won through his death and resurrection with his adoptive father who so faithfully cared for him throughout his childhood. Joseph’s was a baptism of faith and love of Jesus, rather than water, and the Holy Spirit undoubtedly blessed Joseph by joining him with Jesus in eternal life after his death.

A popular tradition in the Church is that Joseph died before Jesus began his public ministry and that he died with a young Jesus and Mary at his side. That is a pious and comforting image, and there is nothing wrong with believing that. The fact, however, is that we don’t really know when or how Joseph died. Regardless of the time or means, we do know that Joseph passed from this life with faith in the saving power of his son, and that is what made his death “happy”. As Joseph heard from the angel when Jesus was conceived: “Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:20-22). Joseph’s faith in this salvation through Christ gave him happiness at his death because he knew, because

of his fidelity to God and closeness to Jesus, his sins were forgiven and he was destined for eternal life.

That is what also gives us happiness when facing the inevitable prospect of our death. No one wants to die, but we know we all eventually will. Our death and that of those we love can be a sad and traumatic experience or a happy and peaceful one. It all depends on whether or not we, like Joseph, believe in the saving power of Jesus. If we do, then death holds no fear for us, as we pray in the funeral Mass: “In him, the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned, that those saddened by the certainty of dying might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come. Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed, not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven” (Roman Missal 78). The eternal dwelling awaiting us is the very reason we live in this temporary dwelling, just as Joseph did, and just as Joseph trusted in the greater life awaiting him for his fidelity, so do we. That was the reason for his happiness at death, and it is the reason for ours, so let us face our death with the same faith-filled happiness with which Joseph faced his, united to his son, Jesus Christ, who lives now and forever.

Fr. Marc Stockton

ADORATION~ Please join us the last Thursday of each month at 6:00p.m. in the Church for Adoration. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions contact the parish office.

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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April 11, 2021

CHURCH CLEANING~

Heavenly dusters this week are: **Therese Dunn, Cheryl Ferrie, Martha Kaveney and Tom & Barb Galkowski.** May God bless them in their faithful work.



HEAVENLY DUSTERS~ Your new schedule is ready. Please pick one up. They are on the counter in the gathering space.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS~ Extending Prayers to our First Communion Class. May God bless them and their Families.

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.

I AM A KNIGHT! We are Catholic men building a bridge back to faith. There is much work to be done in this world. Good work. Necessary work. And that's what the Knights do. Every day. Assisting the sick and disabled. Protecting those who can't protect themselves. Weather they are next door or halfway around the world. This is the journey we are on. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. We invest our time, our effort, and our resources into our values: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, Patriotism. We come from many places and backgrounds and stages of our lives but we are all of one faith. A fraternity of men striving to better ourselves and our world. It's one thing to say who you are, it's another to live it, to put your values into action. That's what we do at the Knights of Columbus. That's who we are!

ST. BONIFACE PARISH OUTREACH FOR THOSE IN NEED~

St. Boniface Parish is answering the question, "What can I do to help?" The parish office has obtained a list of social service agencies designed to assist those in financial need. Call the office if your family needs help or if you know of a family who needs help (825-4439).

SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN MEMORY~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit this week in memory of **Joan Duda** from **Tom, Ann & Thomas Cermak.**



THANK YOU~ To all who shared Easter wishes to our homebound. The cards created many smiles.

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 not 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 here at St. Boniface, on Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00p.m. in the Allgeier Room. Please call the Parish Office at 825-4439 to register.

MOTHERS DAY FLOWER DONATION~

Reminder to fill out your Mother's Day Flower Memorial envelopes in memory of your loved ones. This is a great way to remember the Mothers on Mother's Day. The envelopes are located on the back counter in the gathering space. Turn in your envelopes to the parish office.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE~ In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Real mercy begins here.

SAVE THE DATE FOR:

St Boniface
Virtual Summer Raffle

Sunday June 26, 2021
1:00 pm live-streamed drawing

-Basket Raffle, \$5.00 ticket puts you in for chance to win any of the many great baskets.

-Drawings for handmade Quilt, handmade Afghan, \$300 Grocery card, \$300 Gas card, \$1500 Total Cash prize

-Portion of proceeds to benefit Kuhl Hose Co. and St Boniface Food Pantry

~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

"Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." ~John 20:29

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Upcoming News and Events:

Keep an eye out for upcoming family-based activities, events, and new information about the 2021-2022 Family Faith Formation year.

There are a few leftover Easter Egg Blessings for families available from Faith Formation, so stop by anytime and enjoy. Happy Easter Season!

First Holy Communion Class

4/11 Last Virtual Class, 9:30-10:15 *All students
Retreat Week 4: What is Communion?

4/18 At-Home Retreat Activity
Retreat Week 5: First Communion Banners and Symbolism
*Banner kits will be available for pick up on 4/17

4/25 9:00-10:00
First Communion Retreat Wrap Up/ Meeting in the Church
*First Communion Banners are due today!

5/2 First Holy Communion Mass, 12:00

Love and Light,

Jeanne Yaple

The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press

Gospel Reading, John 20:19-31

Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Within normal family life, there are many opportunities for conflict. Jesus did not promise us the absence of conflict in our lives. Instead, he gave us the gifts of peace, forgiveness, and reconciliation so that we could reduce conflict. The measure of Christian family life is not the absence of conflict, but the manner in which conflict is resolved. Filled with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to help us to bring peace and forgiveness to situations of conflict in our families.

As your family gathers, take this opportunity to examine how your family resolves conflict. Recall a recent argument or disagreement and discuss how the conflict was resolved. Consider whether the conflict was resolved peacefully, in the spirit of Jesus. If not, discuss alternatives that might be tried in the future. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-31. Recall that we have each received Jesus' gift of the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit helps us to be people who forgive others and seek peace. Pray together the Prayer to the Holy Spirit or the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

Blessed to have our Easter Baskets blessed on Holy Saturday!



Many thanks to the families who participated in this year's *Virtual* production, *The Empty Tomb*. A round of applause goes to the students for doing an amazing job sharing the Easter Story, while showcasing their skills. Their time and talents are greatly appreciated!

Maxwell Campbell

Melanie Campbell, trumpet

Mallory Campbell, flute

Clara Driscoll, artwork

Graci Kosiorek

Chloe, Evelyn, Maeve, and Wellie Yaple



MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12, Easter Weekday
No Mass Today

Tuesday, April 13, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Josephine Jasinski**
(Jim Kennerknecht)

Wednesday, April 14, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Leon & Kathleen Matczak**
(Trost & Matczak Families)

Thursday, April 15, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Fritz & Detta George**
(Kathy & Kevin)

Friday, April 16, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Marge Lorei**
(Lillian Maciulewicz)

Saturday, April 17, Easter Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Kathy Snyder**
(The Livingston Family)

5:00 p.m. **Marge Lorei**
(Joe Lorei)

Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday of Easter
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members
of St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Mr. & Mrs. Frank J. & Frank S.
Patalon**
(John & Diane Patalone)

RECONCILIATION

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

~Week of, March 28, Collection~

Adult	\$8,919.00
Loose.....	\$96.00
Catholic Service Appeal	\$990.00
Rice Bowl	\$62.00
Good Shepherd	\$40.00
Easter	\$405.00
Holy Land	\$90.00
Other Holy Days	\$110.00
Diocese Other Special.....	\$200.00

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

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY- April 17

5:00 p.m. J. Bitters

SUNDAY- April 18

7:30 a.m. G. Stanton

10:30 a.m. R. Jaworski

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY- April 17

5:00 p.m. C. Driscoll

SUNDAY- April 18

7:30 a.m. Need Volunteer

10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

THANK YOU~ To each of you for the wonderful Easter Greetings. Your cards were loving and appreciated. Grateful, Pauline Tatara.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS~

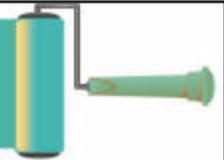
Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments Child Abuse Prevention Month- Reporting known or suspected child abuse is everyone's responsibility: It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Sexual abuse of minors is a pervasive societal problem, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the current Pennsylvania state report there were 5,202 substantiated reports of child abuse in Pennsylvania during 2019. 2,087 or 40% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1, 448 were physical abuse. *To report suspected abuse of a minor, call Childline at 1-800-932-0323 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse you may call: Cindy Zemcik, Coordinator for the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Diocese of Erie at 814-824-1195.*

OUR RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS~

In two weeks, we will have our annual **Good Shepherd Collection** in our parish to assist with the needs of caring for our retired diocesan priests. There is a special need to assist them with the escalating health care costs and long-term care expenses. As more priests become eligible to retire from active ministry in the next few years, our Priest Retirement Plan must be adequately funded to cover their future needs.

Please consider a generous gift to the annual Diocesan Good Shepherd Collection on the weekend of **April 24 & 25**. Use the special envelope provided or any envelope and mark on it- "Good Shepherd Collection."

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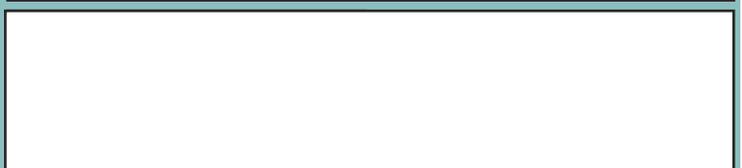
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