



Saint Boniface

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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.



HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE
HEARING DEVICE AVAILABLE



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.

9367 Wattsburg Road • Erie, PA 16509-6031

Visit www.stbonifaceparisherie.org for daily updates on St. Boniface events.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

THE MASS EXPLAINED

PART 4: THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

“The day of Unleavened Bread arrived on which it was appointed to sacrifice the paschal lamb. Accordingly, Jesus sent Peter and John off with the instruction, ‘Go and prepare our Passover Supper for us’” (Luke 22:7-8).



Continuing our reflection on the parts of the Mass, we move now into the second half, from the Liturgy of the Word to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. It is entirely appropriate that the Liturgy of the Eucharist follow the Liturgy of the Word as it is God’s Word that prepares the way for and takes flesh in Christ, which is exactly what happens at Mass. The proclamation of the Scriptures, humbly and attentively received by the people, broken open in the homily, and responded to by the profession of faith and prayers of the faithful, prepares us to humbly and attentively receive the gifts, break them open in the Eucharistic Prayer, and respond by celebrating and receiving Holy Communion as faithful members of Christ’s Body.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist begins with the preparation of the gifts that we will use to make Christ present on the altar and in our community, namely the bread, wine, and offertory. The offertory is normally collected from the gathered community by the ushers and then brought to the altar in procession, a symbol of the people’s lives being offered with Christ to be transformed into his Body through the work of the parish. The bread and wine are also symbols, drawn from the very first Eucharist, the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples on the night before he died. At that meal, Jesus took ordinary food and drink and used them to serve the extraordinary task of becoming his Body and Blood. Just as he gathered the ordinary people together who shared that meal with him and transformed them into the Church, much like grains of wheat are gathered to make bread and grapes to make wine, so he gathers ordinary people together who share the meal with him today and transforms us into the Church.

The Last Supper was no ordinary meal, though; it was the Passover, the sacrificial meal the Jews celebrated every year to renew their covenant with God who saved them from slavery in Egypt. The food and wine used in that meal required special preparation and

prayers. Jesus prepared and prayed over the bread and wine in a new way, changing forever what this meal means, a new Passover for the new covenant by which God saves all people, even creation itself, from slavery to sin and death through the sacrifice of the Lamb of God. All the prayers we pray to prepare the gifts reflect this new meaning, but one in particular, which you as the people normally do not hear, is quietly prayed by the priest or deacon as they prepare the cup. They mingle a small amount of water with the wine, following an ancient custom of watering wine down before drinking it as it was otherwise too strong. At Mass, however, the meaning is reversed. As Jesus changed water into wine at the wedding at Cana, so the water poured into the cup at Mass is to be transformed by the wine, as we pray: “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.” The water, symbolizing humanity, is redeemed and glorified by the wine, symbolizing God’s divinity in which he enables us to share by our Communion with him in Christ, who is both fully human and fully divine and who becomes fully present for us, body, blood, soul, and divinity, through the Eucharist.

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.

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

PLEASE PRAY~ Please Pray for the soul of parishioner **Ed Kania**, who passed away recently. Our Sympathy is extended to his family.

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.

DIRECTORY

Parish Office 825-4439
 Pre-School 825-4439 ext. 222
 Center 825-8101
 Hall Rental 825-4439
 Parish Website www.stbonifaceparisherie.org
 Pastor pastor@stbonifaceparisherie.org
 General Office secretary@stbonifaceparisherie.org
 Business Office finance@stbonifaceparisherie.org
 Religious Ed. faithformation@stbonifaceparisherie.org
 Pre-School preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org

September 12, 2021

~PRESCHOOL NEWS~

Psalm 20:4 May he give you the desire of your heart
and make all your plans succeed.

Preschool News~

Welcome to the start of the 5th year of St. Boniface
Preschool!!

Despite the changes in our daily plans, God's plan is
always successful! His plans in this school are good
and we are doing our best to be successful.

What do you know about the history of St. Boniface
School???

St. Boniface Preschool began its journey as
St. Boniface Catholic School in 1857 in a one-room
school in the pastor's residence. As the interest in
Catholic Education grew so did St. Boniface School.
By 1957 St. Boniface Catholic School Expanded into
the buildings you recognize today and reached its
peak enrollment of 422 students. In 2017,
St. Boniface Catholic school closed its doors as an
elementary school operating preschool through 4th
grade as part of the Catholic Diocese comprehensive
school plan. Although the main elementary school
closed, St. Boniface parish saw the need for early
childhood education in our community. The parish
decided to keep a portion of the school open and
operate as a parish-based preschool offering an
academic and religious program for children age 2-5.

We thank the parish for recognizing the need for early
childhood care in our community and believing in the
mission of St. Boniface Preschool. We are excited to
be back in the classroom with our little friends!

THANK YOU all to the parishioners who donated
items in support of our programs! The staff here are
humbled by your kindness and giving. The crayons,
glue, paints, disinfectant wipes, tissues, paper towels,
and all other items will be shared amongst the
classrooms and be put to good use this year. We are
a truly blessed Preschool!

UPDATE: Mask wearing for St. Boniface Preschool

At this time mask wearing is **STRONGLY**
recommended for child care centers and for many
businesses across the state of Pennsylvania. Staff,
students and any others who enter a child care center
(vaccinated or unvaccinated) may be required to wear
a mask when proper social distancing is not available.
These recommendations are set forth by the

Pennsylvania Dept. of Health and the Office of Child
Development and Youth (OCDEL).

We appreciate families who understand and abide by
the rules set forth by the state of PA concerning the
safety of children enrolled in child care programs.

FALL PROGRAMS UPDATE:

St. Boniface Preschool has limited part-time spots
available in the 2-year-old program for full day and
half day care. Child **MUST** be 2 by August 1st to
enroll in this program and does not need to be potty
trained. The 2-year-old program provides students
with an opportunity to interact with other children,
learn appropriate social and self-help skills while also
providing students with a developmentally appropriate
academic program. Enrolling a child for 2021/2022
school year also comes with the extra benefit of being
able to pre-register in spring 2022 for the 2022/2023
school year.

All other programs offered through St. Boniface
Preschool are currently at capacity and we are no
longer accepting applicants.

Hours of Operation:

Before Care: 7:00-8:15 AM

Preschool Programs: 8:15 AM-3:15 PM (11:45 AM
half day)

After Care: 3:30-5:30 PM

St. Boniface Preschool is Hiring:

Our preschool is in need of a part-time employee for
the 2021/2022 school year who will work with
children between the ages of 2-5 and school age
children grades K-4. Requirements: Minimum 1 year
of verifiable experience working with children and
appropriate clearances. If you or someone you know is
looking for a fun and fulfilling part-time job, please
send a resume to Preschool@stbonifaceparisherie.org!

Important Dates:

· Monday, October 11th: Before/After and Preschool
programs closed in observance of Columbus Day.

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

**SANCTUARY CANDLE LIT IN
MEMORY~** The Sanctuary Candle is lit
this week in memory of **Special Intention of
Betsy & Jeff Conway from Walt Breindel.**



~FAITH FORMATION NEWS~

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live. ~Psalm 116:1-2

A prayer to begin the faith formation year
~Inspired by the Catholic Catalogue
God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for body, mind, and spirit.
Be with our families as they begin a new school year.
Bless them, their children, and catechists.
Provide grace, knowledge, strength, and wisdom to
their minds as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Upcoming News and Events:

If you haven't already done so, please register for the upcoming Faith Formation Year and/or Sacrament Prep Sessions as soon as possible to ensure learning materials for your family. Starting on Sunday, September 12, we are looking forward to monthly events for both parents and children, guiding all families through faith-talk” discussions, faith-filled activities, and an increased involvement within our parish community. More importantly, study after study has shown that the role of parents is more decisive than religious education or schooling on whether their children remain Catholic. Committed to creating lifelong learners of faith, we at St. Boniface Parish, are dedicated to fully engaging our parish families!

September:

9/12 9:00 First Family Faith Formation Session in the Church, Grades K-8.

Welcome Back! We are also excited to announce that there will be a special Formation Themed Mass for everyone at 9:00! Many thanks to those who volunteered to help as a greeter, reader, altar server, or even participated in the choir! Please note that after mass, peer group sessions will be held for Grades K-8 in the classrooms, while parents gather in the cafeteria for a faith enriching session of their own!

9/19 9:30-10:30 First Youth Ministry Session, Grades 9-10.

Please enter through the Faith Formation Door and head to the first Classroom on the right.

Confirmation Class:

9/19 9:00 Introductory Session & Parent Meeting in the Church with class to follow in the Zapolski Room.

*When attending all sessions, please remember that everyone is to follow all current CDC guidelines, including checking for symptoms and wearing masks indoors.

**Love and Light,
Jeanne Yaple**

The Word of God this Week ~Loyola Press

Gospel Reading, Mark 8:27-35

Peter declares that Jesus is the Christ, and Jesus teaches that those who would follow him must take up his or her cross.

FAMILY CONNECTION~ Peter had expectations about what it meant to call Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. Jesus was indeed the Messiah, but his life and death would show a different understanding of what it means to be the Messiah. We, too, have expectations of God and our own ideas about what we think God ought to be doing in our world. Like Peter, however, we may risk limiting our image of God by thinking only in human ways. God's plan is always more than we can ever imagine.

As you gather as a family, talk about what we expect God to be doing in our world and in our family life. Then read today's Gospel, Mark 8:31-35. Why do you think Peter was so upset by what Jesus was saying? Notice how Jesus reprimands Peter. Do we sometimes forget to let God be God for us? That is, do we sometimes get discouraged because God doesn't act in our world in the ways that we expect? Pray together that we will remember that God is always working for the world's salvation in ways that are beyond our imagination. Conclude by praying together today's psalm, Psalm 116.

FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING~

will be held on Wednesday, September 15th at 6:00p.m. in the Zapolski Room. All are welcome to attend.

~UPCOMING EVENTS~

Sunday— September 12

9:00a.m. Faith Formation Grades K-8
(Church)

Wednesday— September 15

6:00p.m. Festival Planning Meeting
(Zapolski Room)

7:00p.m. Boy Scouts (Classroom)

Sunday— September 10

After all Masses Coffee and Donuts (Cafeteria)
9:00a.m. Confirmation Class (Church &
Zapolski Room)

9:30-10:30am. Faith Formation Grades 9-10
(Classroom)

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday, September 13, Saint John Chrysostom
No Mass Today

Tuesday, September 14, Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00 a.m. **Matthew Ryan Fuhrman**
(Annette & Chris Fuhrman)

Wednesday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows
8:00 a.m. **Fritz & Detta George**
(Kathy & Kevin)

Thursday, September 16, Saints Cornelius and Cyprian
8:00 a.m. **Elmer & Eleanor Vallimont**
(Ray Zapolski)

Friday, September 17, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Mary Ann Arnold**
(Edith Chetnik)

Saturday, September 18, Ordinary Weekday
8:00 a.m. **Margaret Roudybush**
(Valeria Carlson & Family)

5:00 p.m. **Dennis Krump**
(Christine Anderson)

Sunday, September 19, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. **Living and Deceased Members of St. Boniface Parish**

10:30 a.m. **Salvatore Randazzo**
(Family)

RECONCILIATION

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

~LECTOR~

SATURDAY— September 18

5:00 p.m. J. Lorei

SUNDAY— September 19

7:30 a.m. G. Krahe

10:30 a.m. E. Whiteford

~ALTAR SERVER~

SATURDAY— September 18

5:00 p.m. Need Volunteer

SUNDAY— September 19

7:30 a.m. L. Newsom, D. Newsom

10:30 a.m. E. Russell

THE GREENE TOWNSHIP LIONS

CLUB~ is sponsoring a **REGULAR** Flu Shot Clinic on Tues. Sept. 14 at the Kuhl Hose hall on Rescue Lane & Wattsburg Rd. The times are 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm. An information flyer is posted on the door at Kuhl Hose. This is in addition to a Covid-19 vaccination you may have received.

COFFEE AND DONUTS~ The St. Boniface Food Pantry will provide coffee and donuts next Sunday after both Masses, in the cafeteria. Food Pantry donations will be accepted at this time and greatly appreciated. Stop in the cafeteria and socialize with your Parish Family. A bread box will also be available in the gathering space for your donation.

ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. BONIFACE~

Come and join us in an enjoyable and fun luncheon at Max & Erma's on September 14th at 11:30a.m. All are welcome. Please call Joyce DeRosa at 814-450-7194 or Barb Petrone at 814-825-9518 to R.S.V.P. Thank you.

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 at Holy Rosary, on Saturday, October 2nd at 10:00a.m. in the Rectory. Please call the Parish Office at 814-456-4254 to register.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION COLLECTION~

Next weekend is the 2021 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. THANK YOU for your support.

~Week of August 29, Collection~

Adult.....	\$10,369.00
Online.....	\$1,220.00
Loose.....	\$45.00
Catholic Service Appeal.....	\$35.00
National Needs.....	\$25.00
Church in Latin America.....	\$111.00
Assumption of Mary.....	\$70.00

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

CHURCH CLEANING~ Heavenly dusters this week are: **Cathy Rieder, Brenda Pyle, Penny Warmbrod and Mike & Nancy Allgeier.** May God bless them in their faithful work.

COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!

COVID-19: GET THE FACTS!

Total cases: PA 1,311,722; Erie Co. 22,883

Total deaths: PA 28,352 (+254); Erie Co. 433 (+7)

New Cases: PA 3435 (+1836); Erie Co. 93 (+56)

Total fully vaccinated: PA 5,992,224 (46% total pop.);
Erie Co. 131,647 (50% total pop.)

Erie County is currently in the HIGH zone for community transmission. All people, including those fully vaccinated, are strongly urged to wear a face mask when attending Mass.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!



RUSSELL C. SCHMIDT & SON FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Dennis D. Schmidt, President/Supervisor

– Pre-Planned Funerals Available –

5000 Wattsburg Road, Erie PA 16504

Phone: 814-824-5000 Fax: 814-824-5006

www.SchmidtFuneralHomeErie.com

GRANDVIEW BEER 4 LESS

1303 E. GRANDVIEW BLVD.

814-825-0717

Great Selection of Beers



814-739-9560

glowingembers

FIREPLACE GALLERY

AT AFTONS - 8955 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16509
814-825-0549 SALES - SERVICE - INSTALL



Avalon



NEVER MISS A BULLETIN !

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com



Norman "Bud" Stark, Attorney at Law

Parishioner

Real Estate, Wills, General

Call or Text (814) 602-8201

nstark@marshlaw.com

Tax & Accounting Services

Bliley Tax & Accounting, LLC

814-572-7065

Linda Bliley, Enrolled Agent

Parishioner

linda.bliley@blileyaccounting.com



HomeAides

Reliable, experienced and compassionate in-home care offered 24/7.

Your locally owned source for in-home care.

814-920-4492

www.homeaidesnow.com

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME!

ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

Contact **Brett Burt** to

place an ad today!

bburt@4LPi.com or

(800) 477-4574 x6443

BRUGGER

FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, LLC

Pine Avenue Branch

845 East 38th St.

825-2500

bruggerfuneralhomes.com

Affordable Funeral Services • Preplanning

On Site Cremation Tribute Center

Austin J. Brugger, Supervisor

FRANK PREGLER, D. O.

Board Certified in
Family Practice & Geriatrics

3710 Pine Avenue

454-5886

We've Missed You!

Welcome Back to Mass



Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com

WE'RE HIRING

AD SALES EXECUTIVES

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.

WORK WITH PURPOSE.

- Paid Training
- Some Travel
- Work-Life Balance
- Full-Time with Benefits
- Serve Your Community



Contact us at careers@4lpi.com

www.4lpi.com/careers



ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide

1-855-225-4251



3-D-4-2

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

14-1304