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Mark 16:8
They went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them.
Gospel of the Week
 John 20: 1-9


April 01, 2018
Easter Sunday


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A MESSAGE FROM FATHER'S DESK... 

Who will roll the stone away for us?

The above question that Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome ask themselves as they go to the tomb, intimates the dilemma of humankind whenever we face the insurmountable, complex and unknown. The stone stands in for many things, situations when challenges and difficulty have gotten the best of us. We pray for hope? We do not know how things will end. The stone is the formless wasteland of the Genesis reading or the obstinate Egyptians and Pharaoh of the Exodus. There are times life's complexities have indeed broken us down.

The vigil of Easter however surprises us. God is not done! Just when you think darkness has got its way, light scatters it asunder. The void is filled with new life by God's word. The thirst of the restless is satisfied.

"Do not be amazed, He is not here, He is raised from the dead. Behold the tomb where they laid Him." The Empty tomb is the clearest evidence then and now that Jesus is alive. This means we have Hope.

There is an old Motel 6 commercial that ends with the lines "we have left the lights on for you." That is what God says to each and every one of us. God is here for the long run for all and to this we say Alleluia, Amen!

Happy Easter



Next weekend April 7/8, we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**. The devotion was actively promoted by [Pope John Paul II](#). On April 30, 2000, the [Canonization](#) of Faustina Kowalska took place and the Sunday after Easter was officially designated as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy

We shall have a **Second Collection** in support of the Social Justice ministry in our Parish.

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NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome packets are available at the entrances of the church. Call or stop by the Parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Please call the parish office to make arrangements for the Sacrament of Baptism (978-582-4008).

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) welcomes all who may be interested in learning more About the Catholic Faith. For more information contact Fr. Anthony Mpagi at frmpagiSTB@verizon.net

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession)
Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

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 Sue Cote 978-582-0404 sj33@msn.com

LUNENBURG PUBLIC ACCESS TV

St Boniface Mass from the previous week will be broadcast at 10:45 every Sunday on **Lunenburg Public Access Channel 9** ...anyone interested in helping video tape should contact ...
tmurphyesq@aol.com

SICK OR HOMEBOUND

We would like to bring them Communion and minister to them on a regular basis either at home or in a health care facility. Please call the parish office 978-582-4008 or email Fr. Anthony at frmpagistb@verizon.net or Nancy Cieri 978-582-6983 nancycieri@comcast.net to arrange these visits.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

In Service to One. In Service to all.

Members of St. Boniface Council #16480 meet in the Parish hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Catholic men over 18 interested in joining contact Grand Knight Joseph Simoneau 978-597-6589 or Deputy Grand Knight James Dijak 978-534-7956.
email: kofc16480@gmail.com



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
8am-12pm & 1- 4pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:00 PM
SUNDAY 8:00 & 10:30 AM

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MON. 6:30 PM, TUES. & WED. 9:00 AM

PARISH CALENDAR is located in the parish office. Anyone who wishes to use the church hall or the church for any reason **must** call the parish office first before using or scheduling events.

BULLETIN INFORMATION is required to be submitted to the parish office by **Monday** in order to be included in the bulletin for the upcoming weekend.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend March 25, 2018

Sunday Ordinary:	\$1,967.50
Easter Flowers:	55.00
Maintenance:	78.00
Fuel Env:	10.00
Easter Offering:	20.00
Total Contributions:	\$2,130.50

Thank you for your continued support!



THE 2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

To date (39) parishioners have pledged \$15,300. towards our parish goal of \$22,500. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please help us reach our goal and fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pews, or visit www.partners-charity.net.

THANK YOU!

NO BULLETIN

NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 7 & 8.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES APRIL 2-4.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED
EASTER WEEK.

MASS INTENTION

Sun	Apr 08	10:30am	Robert Nadeau, (4 th Anniv) by his wife Louise
Sat	Apr 14	4pm	Jean Walters, by David DePasquale
Sun	Apr 15	10:30am	Edward Dubois, by the Barrows family
Sat	Apr 21	4pm	Cecilia Cuddy, by the family
Sun	Apr 22	10:30am	Theresa H. King, (6 th Anniv) by Dr. & Mrs. William O'Brien & family
Sun	Apr 29	8am	Howard & Ella May Crane, by the Laford family



Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc. (MIHN) MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN) is to provide shelter, meals and comprehensive assistance to homeless families with children and to increase community involvement in direct services and advocacy. Are you interested in helping out? Contact Allison Lilly, Allison.lilly@comcast.net

Corporal Works of Mercy⁶

1. Feed the hungry.
2. Give drink to the thirsty.
3. Clothe the naked.
4. Shelter the homeless.
5. Visit the sick.
6. Visit the imprisoned.
7. Bury the dead.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH BEREAVEMENT

SUPPORT GROUP Begin your path toward hope and healing. The next six week faith based grief support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will begin on: Monday, May 7, 2018 through Monday, June 11th from 10-11:30 am. Meetings will be at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church, 118 Theresa St. Fitchburg Ma. Pre-registration is required (space is limited) call Jerilyn (Jerri) Blouin, Coordinator/facilitator at 978-345-5416.



JOINING HANDS IN MARRIAGE.

On Saturday April 14, **Matthew Vinson Osgood** and **Ashley Elizabeth Basile** will make their vows as they receive the Sacrament of Matrimony. Keep them in your prayers.

STUDENTS IN OUR CONFIRMATION CLASS will gather with others in our region for a special retreat at St. Anna's church from 5-9 p.m. April 5th. Throughout the year, these students have come together to share their faith journey: This is the last event before they all receive confirmation on Monday, April 23rd. We wish them all God's blessings on the final leg of their journey.

ATTN CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:

Confirmation rehearsal **with sponsors** is on Sunday, April 22nd at St Cecilia's Church in Leominster beginning at 6:30 PM. Be sure to arrive by 6:00 PM. Confirmation is on Monday, April 23rd at 7 PM. Please arrive by 6 PM on the night of confirmation.

COLLEGE INFORMATIONAL FORUM On Saturday, May 19th 9:00am – 12:00pm we will be holding our first College Informational Forum in the Parish Hall here at St. Boniface. The focus of the forum is to have current college students and recent college graduates share their personal college experience with high school students (grades 9-12). Anyone can attend who is in the process of contemplating attending college or a student who is unsure college is right for them, and would want to learn more. This forum will give high school students an opportunity to listen to some of the college student testimonies, sharing their personal experience and answering questions or concerns the high school student may have. The forum will be very informal and will give high school students an opportunity to ask questions he or she may be reluctant to ask of parents or college admission councilors. We have approximately 100 available spots which will be on a first come first served basis, so sign up early. The forum will be opened to high school students in Lunenburg and surrounding communities. Brunch will be served for the entire period. There are forms located in the back of the church for anyone to sign up.

As we get closer to the event, we will also be asking for parent volunteers to help with the brunch.