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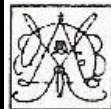
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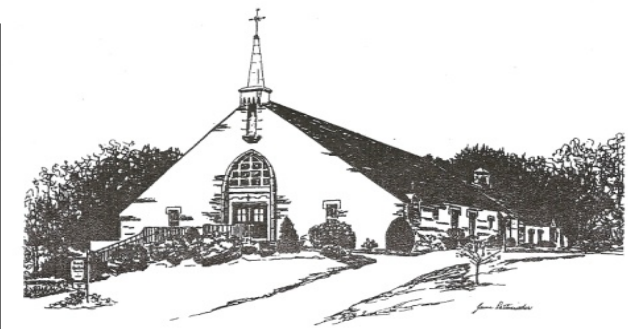
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Matthew 21:41

He will lease his vineyard to other
tenants who will give him the
produce at the proper times.

Gospel of the Week

Matthew 21:33-43

October 8, 2017

**Twenty-seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER'S DESK...



By the time you read this Oktoberfest would have happened. It is a lot of work to put things like this together...!!! We might even ask whether it is worth it? I would say Yes..., hopefully a gathering like this helps us to know one another, to 'gather' – 'to be' and 'live' community (this word we talk of so much) more so beyond just Mass .I think this is a good thing.

Save the date: Saturday October 21 is Parish community service day at Saint Boniface. We will help paint the Club House at McNally baseball field and do some cleaning at the Lunenburg Senior Center. See the SIGN UP insert in the bulletin.

The readings this weekend are centered on the image of a 'vineyard'. What is it about the 'vineyard'? This is an image that comes up often in the scriptures. Working the vineyard, wine making must have been a common occupation during those times. In order to get good produce one needed to 'put in' the work. So much work and vines can be very delicate. You must have good soil, nourish, and prune the plants in order to get something out of them. You cannot expect any good results if you sit back and relax... let them grow on their own... (wild).

In the Gospel, God plays the absentee Landlord who leaves his vineyard to tenants who actually decide to self-appropriate it for themselves. And they also decide to do nothing (no work). Things (as you can imagine) fall apart. The whole environment is one of hostility and tension; anyone who is sent them by the landlord is attacked; the Son of the owner is killed ...What will the owner do when he returns?

The Vineyard is Israel, is 'us'. It is the life we have been given. We are tenants, Custodians of life. How we nourish our lives, how we enrich our lives, what we plant in us matters. God expects faithfulness, justice, goodness, peace, harmony. But what do we often times seem to see around us? Repeated violence after violence, killings, intolerance, hate, hostility. What are we sowing in us? Do we grow and put in the effort in all things to grow a culture of life?

What might we do better?

Have a good Week in the Lord!



Save the date!!

(Parish) Community service Day

Saturday October 21, 2017

9:30-11:30AM and 1:00-3:00PM

See **SIGN UP** inside bulletin

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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 or Mary Powers 978-582-6532 rpmp74@gmail.com

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.

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

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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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00am - 4:00pm

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

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Weekend October 1, 2017

Sunday Ordinary: \$2,586.00
Maintenance: 705.00
Fuel Env: 80.00
Religious Ed: 25.00

Total Contribution: \$3,396.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Sunday Ordinary Previous Year Comparison

September 2016: \$12,584.00
September 2017: \$11,292.00

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH CALENDAR)

- Oct 21, Parish **Service Day** (more info TBA)
- Oct 22, World Mission Sunday, Installation of Pastoral Council @ 10.30am Mass
- Oct 28, Marian Mass @ 4pm Mass with *Ugandan* Youth Choir

MEMORIALS & FEASTS THIS WEEK

- Tuesday Oct 17: **Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch**
- Wednesday Oct 18: **Feast of St. Luke**
- Thursday Oct 19: **Memorial of Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues**



NEWS FROM THE LOFT

St. Boniface Choir season has started!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We will meet on **Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.** to spend some quality time learning music for our Song Festival, "Praise Him All Ways" on **Sunday, November 19 at 2 pm**, and for Christmas.

JOY! FUN!! COMMUNITY! PRAISE!!!



MONTACHUSETT INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (MIHN)

Please take a pumpkin from the back of the church to help us gather supplies and food for our next rotation at MIHN. This is a shelter in Leominster that makes it possible for families to stay together when homeless. Our next week begins Oct. 29th.

MASS INTENTION

Sun	Oct 8	8am	For the Intentions of Madeline Chase, by Sandy Vettese
Sun	Oct 15	8am	Michael Brisson, by his mom, Louise Nadeau
		10:30am	Raymond & Gloria Verolini, by the family
Sat	Oct 21	4pm	Francois & Exilia Simoneau, by their grandson, Joe
Sun	Oct 22	10:30am	John & Rose Santoro, by the DiGiacomo family
Sun	Oct 29	10:30am	Francis A. King (18 th Anniv) & William J. O'Brien (8 th Anniv) by Dr. & Mrs. William O'Brien

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION

Contact person: Lucy Marcil
Email: lmarcil419@gmail.com
Tel #: 978-696-5230

Grades 1-7: Sunday Mornings 9 - 10:15am (weekly)
Grades 8-10: Sunday Evenings 6:15 -7:30pm (every other week)

All students will meet in the church hall before reporting to the classrooms.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION classes this Sunday October 8th, due to the holiday weekend. Classes will resume on Sunday October 15th.

AS A REMINDER, our parish follows the guidelines of the National Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People approved by the US Bishops and policies of the Diocese of Worcester in screening those who work with children in our care and in helping victims of abuse find healing.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a church employee or volunteer in the past. Please contact Victim Services Coordinator for our diocese at 508-929-4363 (direct line & confidential voicemail). If you are concerned about a current case of abuse, please contact the local civil authorities immediately.

GIVE GOLD CAMPAIGN

St. Bernard's Central Catholic High School is celebrating 90 years on Harvard Street, Fitchburg. As part of a challenge match, they are looking for 500 people to donate any sum of money over the Columbus Day Weekend so that a group of generous alumni will give St. Bernard's High School over \$10,000. To donate visit www.STBERNARDSCCHS.ORG and click on GiveCampus or mail your donation to St. Bernard's High School, 45 Harvard St. Fitchburg, MA 01420. Show Your Pride: Give Gold!



SAVE THE DATE

The Lunenburg **R**esources for **O**pioid **A**wareness and **R**ecovery Task Force ("ROAR") invite residents to an Opioid Forum

When: October 24, from 6:00-8:30pm
Where: Lunenburg Middle HS Auditorium
Panel:

- Parent of a child who died from an overdose
- Lunenburg young adults in long term recovery
- Mike Duggan, founder of Wicked Sober
- Lunenburg Police & Fire officers
- Dr. Brian O'Connor, Addiction Specialist from Middlesex Recovery

Purpose:

- Increase awareness of the problem of substance abuse and addiction.
- Provide fact-based information to encourage healthy choices and safe decisions.
- Provide information about support and resources to those in active addiction or in recovery, as well as their families, and members of the community.

The task force is call ROAR The group is a collaboration of three churches in town, our Superintendent of Schools, the Police Department, and the Boys & Girls Club as well as some "at large" citizens of Lunenburg.

At 6:30pm, the film "**If Only**", created by **James Wahlberg and the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation, will be presented.** More information about the film can be found at www.ifonlymovie.org.

OPEN HOUSE AT ST. BERNARD C.C.H.S.

St. Bernard Central Catholic High School is holding its Open House on Sunday, October 22 from 1-3pm for 7th & 8th grade students and their families as well as transfer students. Located at 45 Harvard St., Fitchburg, St. Bernard is celebrating 90 years of educating students in a faith-based tradition.

St. Boniface

Community Service Day

Saturday, October 21

From 9:30 – 11:30 AM and 1– 3:00 PM

St. Boniface Parish will hold a Community Service Day on Saturday, October 21. We will be painting the Club House at McNally baseball field, helping with cleaning at the Lunenburg Senior Center and assisting others in our community with yard work. (raking, general yard clean-up)

Please let us know when you will be able to assist us by completing the volunteer sheet form below. Return your completed form to St. Boniface Rectory or place it in the collection basket at one of our weekend Masses.

If you know of anyone in our community that needs assistance with yard chores, please complete the form below and return it to St. Boniface Rectory or place it in the collection basket. We will complete as many of these jobs as possible. All request should be submitted before Monday, October 16.

If you have any questions, or if you want to sign-up on line, contact Bob Bourque at: bobbourque@comcast.net

St. Boniface Pastoral Council

Fill out if you wish to VOLUNTEER	Fill out if you NEED HELP with yard work (raking, general yard clean up)
Name: _____	Name: _____
Email: _____	Address: _____
Phone #: _____	Phone #: _____
Circle one: 9:30 – 11:30 am 1:00 – 3:00 pm	Job Completed: _____ _____ _____