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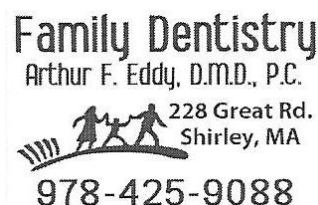
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Matthew 20:15
Are you envious because
I am generous?

Gospel of the Week
Matthew 20:1-16a

September 24, 2017
**Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: kingdom of heaven, landowner, hire laborers, usual wage, grumbled, last, first

To the point: This Gospel raises the question of who is first and who is last in the kingdom of heaven. Those laborers are last who shift their focus from doing the work of the landowner to grumbling about the amount of wages others are receiving. Those are first who do not labor in the vineyard because of the amount of wages, but simply because they are privileged to share in the work of the landowner. Indeed, simply being called to the privilege of sharing in Jesus' work of salvation is its own recompense. The kingdom of heaven is revealed by those who choose this work. Do we choose it?

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: While Isaiah is telling one truth, namely, that God's thoughts and ways are not ours, Jesus is telling another truth, that we are called to participate in God's thoughts and ways by working for the coming of the kingdom.

... to experience: Being completely lost in something we enjoy doing very much is its own reward. How much more so when we stay focused on following Jesus faithfully!



**ST. BONIFACE CHURCH
GROUNDS
SATURDAY OCTOBER 7TH
1:00 - 7:00 PM**

PASTOR: Rev. Anthony Mpagi 978-582-4008

stbonifaceparish@verizon.net

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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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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 September 17, 2017

Sunday Ordinary: \$2,059.00
Maintenance: 105.00
Religious Ed: 540.00

Total Contribution: \$2,704.00

Thank you for your continued support!

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM

An alternate means of supporting St. Boniface Parish instead of envelopes is electronic giving. In lieu of weekly collections, our electronic giving program allows you to make automatic contributions from your checking or savings account monthly. There is NO cost to you for participating in the program. Electronic giving is a convenient way to consistently support your parish. We encourage you to take advantage of this program. Not only is this a consistent support for you it helps us to have a consistent revenue throughout the year that the parish can count on.

Thank you for considering this means of supporting your parish. If you are interested please contact the parish office at 978-582-4008 for more information.



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE IN 2018

Father Dennis O'Brien will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land on May 6-16, 2018. The cost is \$2899. which includes: air fare, hotels, breakfast and supper each day, and an excellent tour guide. We visit Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and much more. This is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Please contact Father Dennis (djpaulinus@aol.com) as soon as possible if you would like more information. He will then send you detailed information on the trip. Don't miss out, act now. You won't be disappointed.



MASS INTENTION

Sat	Sept 23	4pm	Helena 'Kris' Gallagher
Sun	Sept 24	8am	Arleen Rancourt, by her daughter, Beth Fager
		10:30am	Dennis Hess, by the Dionne & Dellasanta Families
Sun	Oct 1	8am	Bernie, Larry, & Joe Paton, by their sister Joan Conroy
Sun	Oct 15	8am	Michael Brisson, by his mom, Louise Nadeau
		10:30am	Raymond & Gloria Verolini, by the family
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.

NOTE STUDENT PICK UP:

Morning students will be waiting in the church hall with their teacher to be picked up by their parents. No child will be allowed to run around the hall.

Evening Students: In years past, we have let the children leave the church and wait on their own in the parking lot. The children will assemble in the hall and then an adult will walk them to the parking lot. This added measure of safety is for the protection of your children. We hope that you understand. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lucy at 978-696-5230. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this matter.

NUT FREE ZONE: MANY OF OUR CHILDREN HAVE ALLERGIES SO WE ASK THAT ANY FOOD BROUGHT IN THE BUILDING MUST BE PEANUT OIL, NUT FREE, AND RED DYE FREE.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

PEANUT & TREE NUT FREE ZONE



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!!!



SATURDAY
OCTOBER 7th
1-7pm

Contact: Claude Poirier
978-660-3202

Oktoberfest Announcements

Our last Oktoberfest Committee meeting will be held **Monday, September 25th at 6:30pm** in the Parish Hall. This meeting will replace the meeting initially scheduled for Thursday, September 28th. We will be going over any last minute details: set up, pricing, volunteers, logistics, etc. If you are on our committee please attend this important meeting.

Oktoberfest Raffle Tickets -- Please return all sold and unsold tickets. You can drop the tickets in an envelope marked "Raffle" into the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. If you need additional tickets to sell please see Nancy at the parish office during the week (Mon-Wed).

Oktoberfest Silent Auction Display Board Donations - We are looking for high value items to auction off, such as weekend getaways, cottages, dinner for 4 in your home, merchandise (TVs, game stations, speakers, etc.), lottery tickets (min. \$50 value).

Oktoberfest Request -- Lastly, if you have signed up to volunteer a **BIG THANK YOU**. For all others, we ask that you attend our Oktoberfest and bring your extended families and friends. We **CANNOT** be successful if you do not participate. We need all parishioners to invest in our parish community with your many talents and treasures.

THE MONTACHUETT CHORALE presents The Hot Fugue Sundae and Trio, "Swingin' in Autumn". This concert will benefit The Mayor's Energy Fund and will be held on Sunday, October 15th at 2 pm in Tata Auditorium, Leominster Hall City Hall, 25 West. A free will donation will be accepted.