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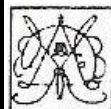
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Matthew Philippians 2:7

Christ emptied himself,
taking the nature of a slave.

Gospel of the Week

Matthew 21:28-32

October 1, 2017

**Twenty-sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER'S DESK...

Where did September go? I cannot believe how fast this month went...!! Next Saturday is Oktoberfest. Thank you already to all who are working hard to make this a success. Time is 1pm-7pm. Please remember we shall not have a 4pm Saturday vigil Mass; Masses will be on Sunday only (8AM; 10:30AM & 5:15PM)

This weekend we resume our Family Grade Masses at 10.30am. These will be celebrated every 1st Sunday of the month with a different grade leading the Mass. Thank you to Lucy and the Grade teachers for organizing this. Family Masses get our children involved in a more active way in the liturgy. They are the church of the present and the future!

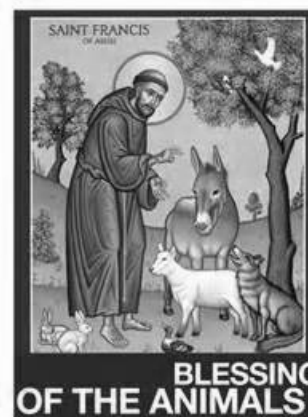
Save the date: On Saturday October 21 we shall have a Parish/Community Service Day. We are challenged every day to put the Gospel into 'action'. We will have an opportunity to do this as a community. There will be more information about this in the upcoming bulletins.

'Getting ahead'... Yes, the readings this weekend are about who is getting ahead or gets ahead in the kingdom of God; who really comes first according to Jesus? The shocker is that for Jesus, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering before anyone else...! What? How come? And what does this mean for us? (Should we all go 'bad'?). No! The point of the readings is that God looks at the heart; at the *action* of these branded sinner(s) – who know who they truly are, they believe strongly in God's mercy, and they spare nothing to ACT to change their lives.

Jesus is seemingly 'at war' with the Pharisees and scribes who think that because they are ever righteous, ever doing what is right, fulfilling the law, they are all set-They have it all worked out! They will be surprised...

We pray for the gift of self-awareness. May we know the need of God's grace in our lives. Never rush to judge others. Let the Lord himself teach us true humility and what He means by 'serving others'. For who of us does not many times not know what it means or forget? The first step is to *look at yourself*.

Have a great week in the Lord!



This weekend:
In the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi, we will have a
'Blessing of Pets and Animals'
Sunday October 1, 2017 at 2pm
in the Church Parking lot.

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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 24, 2017

Sunday Ordinary: \$2,107.00

Maintenance: 80.00

Religious Ed: 50.00

Total Contribution: \$2,237.00

Diocesan Collection: Annual Catholic School Appeal \$319.00

Thank you for your continued support!

OCTOBER UPCOMING EVENTS (PARISH CALENDAR)

- Oct 7, Oktoberfest 1pm-7pm
- 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

- Mon Oct 2, **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels**
- Wed Oct 4, **Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi**
Thru Oct 5 **Optional memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest (USA)**
- Fri Oct 6 **Optional memorial of Saint Bruno, priest (USA); Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**
- Sat Oct 6, **Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary**

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!!!

MASS INTENTION

Sun	Oct 1	8am	Bernie, Larry, & Joe Paton, by their sister Joan Conroy
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

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 called 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.

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY'S ENTRANCE EXAM will be held on Saturday, November 4th at 8:30am. Students applying to the 7th, 8th or 9th grade program must take an entrance exam. Pre-registration is required for the exam. Please register for the exam on their website www.nda-worc.org by November 1st. NDA is the only Catholic college preparatory school for young girls in grades 7-12 in Central Massachusetts.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin this week at the 10:30am Mass. Children ages 3-5 will be participating. The children's Mass this week will feature the children from Grade 3. It will follow the Religious Education schedule so the next meeting will be October 15th.

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



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 7th

1-7pm

Contact: Claude Poirier

978-660-3202

Oktoberfest Announcements

Oktoberfest Raffle Tickets -- Please return all sold and unsold tickets. Tickets can be dropped off at the parish office Monday-Wednesday between 8am and 4pm.

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.