

PASTOR'S CORNER

Many of us prefer THANKSGIVING to most other holidays. It's not spoiled by commercialism, the meal is based on comfort food, the football is fabulous and the day revolves around family. With the Pilgrims, the underlying principle had one other key element, gratitude to God.

It remembers that despite our hard work, all good things ultimately come from God. The Almighty who is Creator, Sustainer, Sanctifier is intimately involved in our lives daily. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" is a hymn we all have voiced. Besides Eucharist (giving thanks) that day be certain to dedicate your meal to the source of life itself.



MEDITATION

Psalm 100. For giving grateful praise.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

*Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.*

Know that the Lord is God.

*It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his
pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

*For the Lord is good and his love endures
forever;*

*his faithfulness continues through all
generations.*

*"No duty is more urgent than that of returning
thanks". St Ambrose (who taught Augustine)*

Sunday November 24, 2019

UPCOMING PREP EVENTS

**November 24—NO REGULAR PREP CLASS
FAMILY DAY ADVENT WREATH MAKING
(for families who previously registered for
this event)**

**Where? St. Lawrence Parish Hall (note:
change of location)**

When? 9-10 AM

**December 1—NO CLASS—Thanksgiving break
Take a few moments as a family to thank
God for all the blessings that have come into
your lives during this year.**

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1ST

Advent Activity for Students:

Our students brought home Advent calendars to help them prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. This calendar can be placed in a prominent location within your home so that you and your child can read the task or thought for the day and put it into action. Can't complete a particular task of the day? Have your child come up with an alternate way to get ready for Jesus' birthday.

Advent for Parents:

There are a lot of great Advent resources out there for your own faith journey. Loyola Press, who publishes the Christ Our Life series that we use in grades K, 1 and 3-6, is offering a mini Advent retreat for adults. They will email you daily reflections beginning Dec 1st and continuing throughout Advent.

Here's how to sign up if you are interested.

Go to **loyolapress.com**

Scroll down and click on **Liturgical Year.**

Click on **Advent.**

Click on **Sacred Advent Retreat** and follow the directions.

Happy Advent!

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PARISH NOTES

Our Weekly Collections

November 16th & 17th

St. Boniface

Church Collection: \$ 6,415.92
Online Giving: \$ 2,615.00
Total: \$ 9,030.92

St. Lawrence

Church Collection: \$ 2,605.00
Online Giving: \$ 585.00
Total: \$ 3,190.00



www.stbonifacecatholic.com

www.stlawrencecatholic.com

Thank you for your generosity!

Coffee & Donuts After Mass

St. Lawrence

Coffee Fellowship is on Sunday December 1st after the 8:00am Mass. All Families are invited to share some food and strengthen friendships or make new friendships. Please watch for sign-up sheet to volunteer to bring baked goods. This is a family activity of the St. Lawrence Parish Council and hopefully opens the way for new parishioners and all families to feel welcomed.

St. Boniface

Coffee & Doughnuts will be offered the 2nd & 4th Sundays after **10:30am** Mass in the **Lounge**. Join us **November 24th** with your hosts: Joanne & Bill Matty and Sue Evans.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Prepare yourself to meet Christ. Parishes of the area will be hosting these chances to pray and confess:

- Sunday 1 Dec. 3pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Bastress
- Tuesday 17 Dec 6:30pm at St Boniface Church
- Thursday 19 Dec. 1pm, SJNRA at St Boniface Church
- Monday 23 December 6pm at Our Lady of Lourdes

Hopefully, this provides various opportunities to make a fresh start.

In Our Parish

**Join Us for Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday November 28th
at 9am St. Boniface**

Congratulations to Isaac and Jennifer Bower on the baptism of their son Noah David on November 23, 2019 at St. Lawrence.

Congratulations to Michael and Kelsi Harvey on the baptism of their daughter Zoey Elizabeth on November 24, 2019 at St. Boniface.

Senior CARE Team Needs your Help!

The goal of our ministry is to keep your senior family member connected with the Parish Family of St. Boniface and St. Lawrence, both spiritually as well as socially. Due to the HIPAA Law which protects an individual's privacy, we are often not aware that your loved one is in a nursing care facility unless you notify us. Please take the time to contact the Parish Office so we can continue to provide support and prayer for those seniors who can no longer participate in the life of the parish.

2020 Church Calendars

We are very thankful to *Crouse Funeral Home* for their generous donation of our 2020 Church Calendars again this year. The calendars are available now in the back of both churches.

2020 Workbook for Lectors

Lectors, the new 2020 Workbook for Lectors are available for pick up in the coat room at St. Boniface and on the staircase leading up to the choir loft at St. Lawrence. The readings will begin on December 1st. Thank you.

Men's Friday Fellowship Group

Calling all men of St. Lawrence and St. Boniface. Beginning Friday, December 6th, you're invited to join together for mass on Friday morning at St. Boniface at 8AM followed by the Rosary and then a visit to a local restaurant for breakfast (Dutch treat). Strengthen your faith, devote some time to prayer, and get to know the other men of our parishes. All men are welcome. No reservations required. Come if you're able. Meet in the lounge after mass.

Buyer for Carport

The little car port at the rear of St Lawrence Church will be removed soon. If someone would be interested in buying this please, notify the office or Jack Peck.

HAPPENINGS

✓Mark your Calendars

"Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"

Save the date!

Our parishes Christmas celebration will be held on **Sunday, December 22nd at 3PM** in St. Boniface Church. All our welcome as we enjoy...a Christmas concert by the St. Boniface Contemporary Choir, Pre-concert music by our parish youth, FREE pictures with St. Nicholas by Albright Studios, and a family Christmas party immediately following the concert in the school gymnasium!! We will also have a free will offering to support charities!! Our celebration will be an amazing time to be together and spread some Joy to OUR world!

O Come Little Children...to all parish families

If you have a child who plays an instrument and would like to be a part of our pre-concert music for the Christmas celebration on **December 22nd**, please reach out to Kristin and Don Fisher at 570-220-1883 (text/call) or donfisher1@verizon.net BY NOVEMBER 28th. We are looking forward to showcasing the talents of our parish youth!!

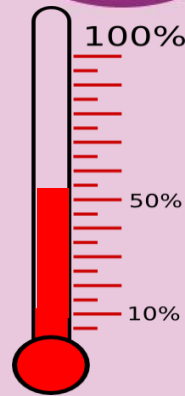
"Touch-A-Heart" at Christmas 2019

The time is here for the "Touch-A-Heart" at Christmas. A tree will be placed in the lobby at the entrance of St. Boniface Church and one in the back of the church at St. Lawrence. *Please take a tag/envelop from the tree.* This year we will give locally and also have an opportunity to share our gifts abroad. *Place your donations in the attached envelop: You can either drop it in the church collection plate, or bring it to the rectory.* If you are donating a gift (for Salvation Army), please wrap it and include the tag with the gift so they know what it is and place it under the tree.

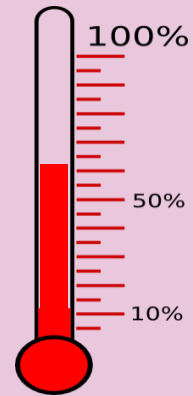
The envelops need to be returned to the parish office by December 22nd.

1. Family Promise: To help families move out of Homelessness.
2. Shepherd of the Street: To provide hygiene items, baby needs and prescription medicines.
3. Mission Ecuador: Two (2) Wheelchairs for children (up to 8 years old) with cerebral palsy.
4. Mission Nicaragua: Basic school supplies for rural school.
5. Salvation Army: Gifts for local children.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40



ST. BONIFACE



ST. LAWRENCE



CLERGY Support

I'm ready to go out and proclaim the Gospel, live a good example of a Christian life and serve those that need service.

Kevin Miller
Transitional Deacon

Diocesan clergy bring the presence of Christ to you, your families and friends. Your donations to the Annual Appeal fund the education of our priests, seminarians, and permanent deacons so that they can be "men of God, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17). Appeal funds also help care for our retired priests who have spent their lives in service to our Diocese.

2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal logo and tagline: "SERVING IN FAITH WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE".

Diocesan Ministries assisted by Appeal donations:
Visit AnnualAppeal.org/
and Vocations.DioceseofScranton.org

Thanksgiving Dinners

Monday, November 25 from 11-1 at West End Christian Community Center, 901 Diamond Street.

Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day at the American Rescue Workers from Noon until 3 in the dining room at the Castellano Center, 320 Park Avenue, Williamsport. Delivery is available only to shut-ins and handicapped: call 570-323-8401x110 by noon Wednesday.

Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1407 Allegheny St, Jersey Shore from 11a.m.-2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 28, Thanksgiving Day at Sojourner Truth Ministry, 501 High St, Williamsport serving at 11:45 a.m.



HAPPENINGS

MEDITATIONS for Thanksgiving

look at the following Psalms that could be different to use at your table:

7, 9, 69, 75, 86, 100, 105, 107, 136, 138

St. Lawrence Parish Activity Committee

St. Lawrence Parish Cookbooks available for Christmas Gift giving, great way to remember extended family members the cost is \$19.95. If you are attending Mass at St. Boniface and wish to obtain a cookbook, just call Dianne Fisher 570-322-3278 or Judy Campion 570-322-5757 to make a purchase, thank you for your support. The group met Wednesday November 6th and discussed how we can be involved in the Christmas Program December 22nd at St. Boniface Church, one way is to help with the cookie refreshments, watch for more details. **We are looking for two white tree skirts to replace the old ones used at Christmas time for decoration at the altar. If you have any you no longer use please contact Dianne or Judy.** Thank you for supporting our efforts to raise funds and open our church to events that provide fellowship.

November Food Pantry

This is the month we celebrate in a special way our thankfulness for what we have and how we can share that with others. We are asking all families to think Thanksgiving and meals, please bring to the food box throughout the month of November and December the following items which will be used to make at least 125 Thanksgiving and Christmas food bags from the shelves of St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry (working in affiliation with Central Pa. Food Bank). *Those items are: Instant mashed potatoes, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Gravy, Cranberry sauce, Bag of candy or cookies, Fruit snacks, Hot Chocolate packets, Grocery gift cards (any amount).* If you prefer, you can bring gift cards to the Parish Office. Thank you for helping with this Service which is offered and supported by the SB and SL Parish Councils. Contact persons: Sue Lingg SB 570-322-8349 and Dianne Fisher SL 570-322-3278

The Williamsport Flute Choir Christmas Concert

will be held on **Saturday December 14th** at 2pm at The First United Methodist Church, 604 Market St., Williamsport. Admission is Free. Please join us for some Holiday Cheer!

December Second Sunday Event

SPECIAL EVENT - December 8th.

Concert featuring the Vigil Project at 4pm, Church of the Resurrection in Muncy followed by dinner & speakers from the Culture Project down the street at Orlando's.

We will be carpooling from the Boniface parking lot. Meet at 3PM, return by 8:30PM.

Please take advantage of this beautiful start to Advent with fellow high schoolers from other area churches! Email jesse.and.alisan@gmail.com or Call (570) 447-2300 to let us know you'll attend. If any parents are interested in attending & willing to drive students, please also let us know! It is going to be an extraordinary evening!

The Vigil Project

December 8th 4-6pm

Church of the Resurrection

An Advent Mission Concert Experience to Joyfully prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord.

All are welcome to attend, including families.

Join us after for food and hot chocolate.

Questions email Jesse Martin

dreresurrection@gmail.com or 570-546-3900.



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION PRESENTS:

THE VIGIL PROJECT

AN ADVENT MISSION + CONCERT

LIVE MUSIC.
DYNAMIC SPEAKING.
AUTHENTIC PRAYER.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 8, 2019
4:00 - 6:00 PM | DOORS OPEN: 3:30 PM

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
75 MUSSER LN, MUNCY, PA 17756

AN ADVENT MISSION CONCERT EXPERIENCE TO JOYFULLY PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND, INCLUDING FAMILIES. JOIN US AFTER FOR FOOD AND HOT CHOCOLATE. QUESTIONS: EMAIL JESSE MARTIN AT DRERESURRECTION@GMAIL.COM OR CALL (570) 546-3900

Who is The Vigil Project? Visit THEVIGILPROJECT.COM to learn more!

Eucharistic Celebrations

Week of November 25th - December 1st

Monday 11/25

SL—7:00 a.m.

In Memory of Paul Bower

by The Anna Lechniak Family

Tuesday 11/26

SL—7:00 a.m.

In Memory of Mary Wenner

by Estate of Mary Wenner

Wednesday 11/27

SB—8:00 a.m.

In Memory of D. Paul Troisi

by Paul Troisi

SJNRA-10:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 11/28

SB 9:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Mass

Friday 11/29

SB—8:00 a.m.

In Memory of Jeff Fischer

by Sue Lingg

SB—8:30 a.m. **Rosary**

Saturday 11/30

SB—4:00 p.m.

In Memory of Jim Keller

by MaryAnn Keller

SL—5:30 p.m.

In Memory of Jay Hilsher

by The Family

Sunday 12/1

SL—8:00 a.m.

In Memory of John & Helen Ritter

by Mike and Janey Karney & Family

SB—10:30 a.m.

In Memory of John Bonner

by The Family

St. Lawrence Baptism November 23rd ~ Bower

St. Boniface Baptism November 24th ~ Harvey

St. Lawrence Baptism December 1st ~ Sartori

Ministry Schedule

November 30th & December 1st

Altar Servers

SB 4:00 p.m.— Margaret Lundy, **Volunteer Needed**

SL 5:30 p.m. — Ella Moore, **Volunteer Needed**

SL 8:00 a.m. — Grace Persun

SB 10:30 a.m. — Joey Hamm, Mason & Mollie Roan

Eucharistic Ministers

SB 4:00 p.m. — William Hakes, Heidi Waltman, Connie & Deni Hamm, Mike Lechniak

SL 5:30 p.m. — Marti Bryant, Jim Noviello, Kelly Wrightson

SL 8:00 a.m. — Tom Hart, Bruce Loner, Elaine Perry

SB 10:30 a.m. — Tom Hrzic, Carol Konkle, Susana Falck, Kathy Woltz, Ken Danielson, Greg Deck, Marie Stewart

Commentator / Lector

SB 4:00 p.m. — P. Lechniak/ V. Dandini

SL 5:30 p.m. — Alfred Moore

SL 8:00 a.m. — Mary McFadden

SB 10:30 a.m. — J. Feig, K Pagana

Greeters

SB 4:00 p.m. — Judy & Dick Wagner, Betty Lou George, Betty Demarest

SB 10:30 a.m. — Ian Dunlap, Chris Dunlap, Butch McCusker, Eileen & Eric Endresen

Prayer List

Donald E Fischer, Gregg E Fischer, Rick Livermore, Martha Lundy, Mary Williams, Tillie Matlock, Kathy Richardson, Jennie Samar, Dr. Albert Liddell, Deb Noviello, Caleb Leone, Christina Falck-Armstrong, Ruth Alberts, Dorothy Kriesher, Al Sodergren, Sr. Rita Naughton, Judith Waldman, Harold Shollenberger, Emily McDonald, Marge Connors, Paul Batkowski, Canavan Family, Hapeman Family, Tracey Liddington, Charlene Efird, Kurt Hetrick, Carol Bower, Larry Sauers, Kay McGonnell, Ernest Montgomery, Don & Sandee Jacopetti, Ray Hoffman, Adina Caschera, Debbie Johnson-Roig, Shirley Smith, Mary Margaret Eck, Leonard Eck, Lorraine Dunlap, Maureen Struncis, Lou Johnson, Steve Zillow, Ed Johnston, Bromwyn Keener, Carolyn Campbell, Bob Moore, Sue Byrne, Mary Lou Missigman, Lisa Edkin, Brian & Carol Aldinger, Bernard Waldman, Wenner Family, Kathryn Sechrist Family, Gladys Engel, Kathryn Kitchen, Jackie Gailit, Paula Runnels Conte, Annette Caschera-Krauser, Maria Missigman, Tom Schramm & Family, Daune Pasco Family, Debby Crouse

Eucharistic Celebrations & Altar Flowers

If you would like to arrange for a bouquet in front of the altar in honor or memory of a loved one or a Mass Intention, please call the Parish Office.

Visit our parish website: www.stbonifacecatholic.com or www.stlawrencecatholic.com

*We are keeping up with technology! Our parish provides Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet. Online Giving helps you maintain your giving even if you cannot be here at Mass. This also helps the parish streamline our cash flow, especially during bad weather or vacation times.
It's easy and it's convenient*



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The image shows a person's hands using a laptop and a smartphone. A green leaf-like logo with a white figure inside is positioned over the smartphone. The background is a light green geometric pattern.

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