

Week of: October 21, 2018

YOUTH, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



✠✠ PASTOR'S CORNER

People enjoyed the 1st Adult Ed program on Politics in the Holy Land. Some asked for websites that you could surf. Here are my favorites:

Haaretz.com - Jewish Israeli
Maannews.com - Palestinian
Aljazeera.com - general Middle East
Abouna.org - Catholic press from Jordan
Enjoy (Sahtayn in Arabic).

The youth prayer service, XLT, was a marvelous moment. Singing contemporary songs of praise, having benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and inhaling pizza were all worthwhile. We hope to grow this aspect of our prayer life.

Thank you to all who attended.



MEDITATION

It is no joy for the church to have many active members of varied services who lack the spiritual proficiency for renewing souls and regenerating them in a genuine spiritual rebirth to win them for the Kingdom of Heaven. The true joy of the Church lies in leaders who possess spiritual insight, who walk ahead of their flocks so that the flocks can follow a sure path. It is not possible to obtain spiritual insight by action or study, spiritual insight is attained by silence, retreat and long prayers in their various stages.

Matthew the Poor - Egyptian Orthodox (Coptic) monk, died 2006

Sunday October 21st

Parent Sacrament Meeting This Sunday October 21st -This is for parents with children in the 2nd and 8th grade class. This is an information meeting scheduled for Sunday, **October 21st at 9:15am** in the St. Lawrence Church Hall. There will also be Coffee Fellowship that day, which you are invited to participate in. **Youth in 2nd and 8th grade will have PREP class.**

Sunday November 4th - 8th Grade Confirmation Class will participate in a Mass of Enrollment at St. Boniface Church at 10:30am. The purpose of this next step is for the Confirmation Candidate to accept the responsibility, be open to the teachings of the Catholic Church, to apply what they learn, and serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Thank You To Our Substitute Catechists - Thanking our Substitute Catechists for helping to keep the program moving along smoothly. There are a number of situations that occur making it impossible for our scheduled Catechists to be in class. We have a wonderful team that step forward, and sometimes on very short notice, thank you from the heart of the parish.

New Families coming to PREP, to stay safe - Registration needs to be completed before taking your child to a PREP Class any Sunday.

Reminder: Parking Lot Safety - Thank you to all for keeping the parking lot a safe zone by entering from Winthrop Street and exiting onto Kane Street, one way traffic during PREP. Please do not park or wait for your child in your car in front of the PREP Building, "no parking" cones have been placed to remind all of this.

Making Your 1st Penance / 1st Holy Communion / Confirmation 2018-19 Please provide a baptism certificate, if not baptized at St. Boniface or St. Lawrence Parish.

Parish Membership - *Please make sure your family is registered before your child attends Sacrament Preparation Classes. You know you are a parish member, if you are receiving the parish giving envelopes.*

NO PREP Class Sunday October 28, 2018 -One Sunday each month we offer our families more time together. PREP class will resume Sunday November 4th at 9:00am.

Stay Connected to the RELIGIOUS ED Program Facebook Page_ stboniface&stlawrencelinkedparishes
PREP QUESTIONS / CONCERNS - contact Dianne

Fisher, Director of Religion
570-322-3278 or actsoffaith@yahoo.com

PARISH NOTES

Our Weekly Collections

October 13th & 14th

St. Boniface

Weekly Collection: \$ 7,772.19

St. Lawrence

Weekly Collection: \$ 4,080.27

Thank you very much!

Be A Mission Voice!

October 21st, is WORLD MISSION SUNDAY.

Today, with Catholics of the world, we are called to offer our prayers and our generous financial support, through The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. As little as...

> **\$25** helps support a catechist for a month in Latin America

> **\$75** provides for the work of religious Sisters in Africa

> **\$100** assists children in schools in Asia

Support mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing love and peace.

St. Lawrence Parish Council

Next meeting is scheduled for **October 23rd at 6:30pm in St. Lawrence Parish Hall.**

St. Boniface Parish Council

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 12th at 6:30pm at the RAC.**

Making Updates to Parish Registration

Would you like to update your family information for our church records? Have you moved? Did you get married? Did you have a baby? Please let us know! If you are *not* receiving weekly contribution envelopes and would like to begin receiving them again, please contact the parish office.

Senior CARE Team Information Seminar

Please join us for a one-hour educational talk designed for seniors 60+ as well as adult children and/or caregivers of aging loved ones at **St. Lawrence Hall on Sunday, November 4th at 1:00pm.** This seminar, conducted by Leighton Place, will cover senior living options that are available such as independent living, assisted living, memory care, home health care, and skilled nursing care, along with potential challenges and funding sources. Educational materials and refreshments will be provided. To help us better plan for the seminar, **please** call the rectory or Karen Balestino at 570-327-1147 if you are interested in attending.

Coffee Fellowship – St. Lawrence

Coffee Fellowship is meeting this Sunday, October 21st after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. Please come and sit a spell. This is offered after the Sunday 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month. The sign-up poster is in the church vestibule. Please mark you can bring refreshments for the next Coffee Fellowship scheduled on November 4th. We will make the coffee and offer juice.

St. Boniface Parish Council Minutes – 10/8/18

Report noting good attendance at all masses. Still to be determined whether collections have been favorably or unfavorably affected by recent events. Discussed implementation of an online giving program. In-depth discussion regarding the character and unique qualities of our parish as well as what we want our parish to be with emphasis of on revitalizing the parish. Some of our unique qualities include: Strong sense of community/family, Strong music tradition, Contemporary style that allows pastoral application, Have a dynamic, contemporary, and approachable pastor. Some aspects to emphasize going forward: Energizing liturgies, Strong desire to reach out to others through the eye of mercy, Support and encourage lay ministries. Also discussed how we could become a more vibrant parish and increase parishioners

1. Fr. Bill reported that we are currently getting approx. 2 new parishioner registrations/week
2. He is also seeking new registrations from couples getting married or parents seeking baptism for their children. Currently doing about 3 baptism/month
3. Discussed how best to reach out to inactive parishioners and welcome them back. Discussed the possibility of contacting them through either a phone call or letter and invite them to a social event, i.e. wine and cheese.
4. Discussed reaching out to poor and marginalized, both in and outside of our parish.
5. Discussed ideas to be more welcoming as a parish. The Hospitality/Welcoming ministry will reconvene to discuss additional activities. i.e. welcoming new parishioners, establishing Greeters, increasing ushers.

Efforts being made to secure an overall maintenance person/administrator for our buildings and grounds. Next meeting: November 12, 2018 @ 6:30 in RAC.

St. Boniface Carnival Results

The profit for the 2018 St. Boniface Church carnival is **\$36,931.51.** The full report is in the bulletin insert.

HAPPENINGS

Youth Ministry - SAVE THE DATE: November 4th at 5:30pm

Several people have voiced an interest in organizing extra activities for our parishioners aged 14-18 years (high school). **SAVE THE DATE:** Kick-off event **November 4th, 2018 at 5:30pm** for at St. Boniface Church. Details to follow. Contact jesse.and.alisan@gmail.com.

Retreat for Music Ministers

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 711 W. Edwin St. Will host a day-long retreat for all music ministers on Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 10:30am to 4:30pm and concluding with 5:00pm Mass. The event titled, "*Offering All That We Have: A Retreat for Music Ministers*" will be led by David Baloga, Director for Worship from the Office for Parish Life and will offer reflection on the gifts and talents (no matter how big or small) of music ministers, the role of music ministers in liturgy, and the commitment involved in serving God through music ministry. To register, please contact St. Joseph the Worker Parish at 570-323-9456.

Women's Prayer Breakfast

St. Joseph the Worker will be holding a Women's Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, November 3rd 8:30am. Starting with Holy Mass, breakfast, speaker from the Capuchin Sisters. Adults \$15; Youth \$10. Call 570-323-9456 by Oct. 29th.

Make A Wish Benefit

Please join us for *Boo To You....*A Disney Halloween Musical Revue to benefit Make A Wish. This event is directed by Contemporary Choir Member Zoe Wagner and consists of a children's choir and 16 other local high schoolers, including our, Zola Daverio. This family friendly event is on **Saturday, October 27th at 7pm** with doors opening at 6:15pm for a **Disney character meet and greet and trunk or treat**. It is being held at Williamsport Area Middle School. There will also be a raffle for various prizes. The event is free of charge but donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. Hope to see you there!

St. John Neumann Regional Academy to Hold Annual Basket Bonanza

St. John Neumann Regional Academy is sponsoring their Annual Basket Bonanza on **Friday, November 2nd at the St. John Neumann High School Campus Gym, 901 Penn Street, Williamsport**. Doors will open at 5pm. The drawing will start at 7:15pm. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. This Chinese-style auction will feature more than 60 baskets, worth at least \$25 each, and 30 or more specialty MEGA baskets, each worth at least \$125. Advance tickets will be available on the Preview Nights, Wednesday, October 31st from 4-6pm & Thursday, November 1st from 6-8pm. Advance tickets are also available at either SJN campus. All proceeds benefit the students of St. John Neumann Regional Academy.

Open Gym/Basketball

St. John Neumann Regional Academy invites adults, ages 25 and over, to the Catholic Community Center, 901 Penn Street in Williamsport, for open gym/basketball, every Sunday night, 7 pm-9 pm, starting on Sunday, Nov. 4. Gym entrance is at the door underneath the electronic sign. This will be a great opportunity to work on personal fitness with other Catholic adults from our area parishes. There is no charge and no registration necessary. Hope to see you there!

Youth Basketball League: The Bower Sunday School Basketball League

John Bower Basketball Applications are now being accepted for the upcoming season. Applications can be found in the foyer. For more information, Contact Thomas Reid at 570-979-6832 or at treid6@comcast.net. Or, to download the application go to stbonifacecatholic.com/Resources/News.

Church Good News

Congratulations to parents Brandon and Jennifer Howe on the Christening of their child *Julia Elizabeth* on Sunday October 21st at St. Boniface.

In September this year, we had **461** users visit our websites, stbonifacecatholic.com and stlawrencecatholic.com.

HAPPENINGS

ALL SOULS DAY Friday November 2nd - All are welcome! Please join us!

St. Boniface Church will celebrate the Feast of All Souls on Friday, November 2 with a special Mass at 6:30pm featuring the Fauré Requiem performed by more than 70 musicians.

The Feast of All Souls is an annual commemoration of all the faithful departed. It is held on the day following the Feast of All Saints. The stirring words of the Mass for the Dead (Requiem Mass) have inspired many composers over the centuries, but Gabriel Fauré's setting, composed in memory of his parents, is one of the most beautiful and poignant of all. 12 musicians from the Williamsport Symphony Orchestra will accompany the 60-voice chorus, which includes members of St. Boniface Choir, the St. Boniface Contemporary Choir, and the community. Soloists are Bernadette Ulrich Boerckel and Brian Scott, the conductor is Gary Boerckel, Lycoming College Professor Emeritus and Director of the St Boniface Choir. The church is located at 326 Washington Boulevard, just east of Lycoming College. There is no admission charge; an offering will be taken.

October is Respect Life Month!

Each week, the Diocese of Scranton is highlighting a social justice issue that relates to the protection of human life. We hope that you will find these resources helpful as we explore ways to advocate for the dignity of the human person, from conception until natural death.

End-of-Life Care

The Church strives to promote a culture that accepts death as a natural part of life. If we oppose euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide, we must also show our support for those who are sick and dying by advocating for laws that protect their well-being. We must also do our best to support these individuals by providing for their safe and affordable healthcare.

This week, we pray for all individuals and families who are making important decisions for end-of-life care. We also strive to remember the elderly members of our community in prayer and action. Senior isolation is a serious issue in our area, as many elderly people struggle with loneliness and do not have the support of family or friends. *We encourage you to reach out to a friend or neighbor in need, even if that just means spending a little more time making sure that senior members of our community feel welcomed and safe.*

ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAY Nov. 11th 9:10-10am - Married Priests: fact & fiction. **SUNDAY Dec. 16th 9:10-10am** - Islam #101. Each session will begin with a presentation of 20 minutes. The balance will be dedicated to your questions. Note that all of these are during PREP. The location will be at St. Lawrence Hall.

Join in a Book Study

...of The Name of God is Mercy, written by Pope Francis and Andrea Tornielli. The group will meet Wednesday (**10/24**) a joint service of worship, **Fr. Bill will be participating in this prayer.** The sessions will take place from 7-8pm in Fellowship Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 142 Market Street, 570-323-4619.

October Food Pantry

St. Joseph the Worker Food Pantry is asking for donations of **Cans of Soup**. St. Lawrence Parish will also be helping to collect food for Messiah Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Thank you to those that continue to help fill the food boxes for this outreach! Contact your Parish Council if you have questions or suggestions on this ministry.

Parish Cookbook

St. Lawrence Parish Cookbook as a fundraiser and a family keepsake is alive and well. Thank you for those recipes. Work has begun to design the Parish Cookbook. We hope to add some photos of our parish in the Cookbook. Watch for our completion date and the beginning of sales. Our hope is to have it ready to give as Christmas gifts. Questions? Contact Dianne Fisher 570-322-3278.

Diocese of Scranton
2018 **DIOCESAN**
ANNUAL APPEAL 

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Eucharistic Celebrations

Monday 10/22

SL-7:00 am.

In Memory of Jim Fetzer

by Hilsher Family

Tuesday 10/23

SL-7:00 a.m.

In Memory of Harry Tewell

by Mary Tewell

Wednesday 10/24

SL-7:00 a.m.

In Memory of Mary Newcomer

by Link Sodergren

SB-8:00 a.m.

Special Intentions

by Francine Scarfo

SB-10:00 am **SJNRA** Mass

Thursday 10/25

SB-8:00 a.m.

In Memory of Lucile & John Yon

by Family

Friday 10/26

SB-8:00 a.m.

In Memory of Caroline, Charles, & Chuck Adams

by Carolyn & Tom Lucas & sons

Saturday 10/27

SB-4:00 p.m.

In Memory of Domenic M. Troisi

by John Troisi

SL-5:30 p.m.

In Memory of the Parents of Paul & Carolyn Missingman

by Paul & Carolyn Missingman

Sunday 10/28

SL-8:00 a.m.

In Memory of Jay Hilsher

By Hilsher Family

SB-10:30 a.m.

In Memory of Robert, Thomas & Jackie Nardone

by Don & Diane Nardone

St. Boniface Baptism October 21st
Howe Family

Ministry Schedule

October 27th & October 28th

Altar Servers

SB 4:00 p.m. – Oliver & Ava Matz

SL 5:30 p.m. – Ella Moore

SL 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Grace Persun

SB 10:30 a.m. – Kacen & Ocee Engel

Eucharistic Ministers

SB 4:00 p.m. – Heidi Waltman, Anita Beiter, Sally Grieco, Mary Troisi, Sally Dandini

SL 5:30 p.m. – Elizabeth Baldys, Jim Noviello, Kelly Wrightson

SL 8:00 a.m. – Jim Dinsmore, Bruce Loner, Noah Bauer

SB 10:30 a.m. – Susana Falck, Carol Konkle, Greg Deck, Connie Hamm, Tom Hrzic, Deni Hamm, Marie Stewart

Commentator / Lector

SB 4:00 p.m. – Vince Dandini, Marie, Stewart

SL 5:30 p.m. – Joni Keller

SL 8:00 a.m. – George Vance

SB 10:30 a.m. – George Rogers, Karen Balestino

Prayer List

Donald E Fischer, Gregg E Fischer, Rick Livermore, Martha Lundy, Mary Williams, Phil Thomas, Tom O'Neill, Tillie Matlock, Debbie Johnson-Roig, Callie Cavanaugh Family, Carson Keiser Jr, Kathy Richardson, Nancy Brewer, Cynthia Washleski, Jennie Samar, Dr. Albert Liddell, Adina Cashera, Jim Lane Family, Deb Noviello, Erma Long Family, Mary DiParlo Family, Evelyn Eiswerth Family, Patrick O'Donnell Family, Mary Schoch Family, Linda Bean Family, Margaret Daley Family, Caleb Leone, Thomas Kase Family, Anne Hayes Family, Christina Falck-Armstrong, Russell Jackson Family, Kathleen Keller Family, Walter Lechniak Family, Rita Baver Family, Maurice Carnuccio Family, Dinah & Bill Kiessler, Mary Brocius, George Geib, Harry Boring Family, Ruth Alberts

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.