



## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Pastor's Updates:

I wanted to give you a sense of some actions that have been taken in the past 4 months. Many of these occurred after speaking to you, listening to various committees and reading your surveys.

- Attended almost every meeting of parish groups
- Summarized in bulletin both financial reports and made details available
- Revived First Communion and Confirmation programs with Dianne Fisher
- Regularly meeting with all area priests
- Cut expenses esp. at rectory
- Correcting A/C and lighting problems at St B
- Organized home, nursing home and hospital visits for Holy Communion with Karen Ballestino
- Automated office/pastor scheduling by Google calendar
- Had Diocese conduct audit of our accounting systems and practices
- Starting Youth Ministry, Adult Ed and outreach to lapsed parishioners

I hope you see positive forward movement.



## MEDITATION

Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle

to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced,

for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them, and we pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

### Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation**— thank you to our youth and families that were able to participate in the Mass of Enrollment for the Confirmation Class last Sunday. The first question asked was: Candidates, under the guidance of Christ, and His church, with the help of this parish community, your sponsors and your family and friends, are you prepared to begin your preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation? The Candidates replied: "I AM". This is a great beginning to what is hoped to be an inspiring Christian experience for our youth and their families.

**Sponsor/Confirmation Night - Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm** in the St. Lawrence Hall. There will be refreshments and fun interaction between sponsor and candidate. There will also be information for the sponsor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade & 4<sup>th</sup> grade PREP Class** – both grades invited Fr. Bill to join their classes Sunday, and he did. Jen Dincher and Lisa Edkin, class instructors as well as our youth had a great visit with their Pastor.

**Thanksgiving PREP Service Project** – Thanksgiving Food Drive once again to benefit the families that are served through the Central PA Food Bank. A flyer was sent home for items to fill the Thanksgiving Food Box.

**Thank You to our PREP Families** for keeping the parking lot safe. All of you seem to have it mastered and are very courteous when someone is crossing in front of a car.

**Parent Sacrament Meeting was held Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>** for parents with children in the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class**. If you missed the meeting, please contact Dianne Fisher to receive the handout and answer your questions.

**Please DO NOT leave your child unattended** when bringing them to PREP class. If the Instructor is not in the room, please stay with your child until the instructor comes, or let Dianne know there is no teacher.

### Stay Connected to the RELIGIOUS ED Program Facebook Page

stboniface&stlawrencelinkedparishes

**PREP QUESTIONS / CONCERNS** – contact

Dianne Fisher, Director of Religion

322-3278 or [actsofffaith@yahoo.com](mailto:actsofffaith@yahoo.com)

# PARISH NOTES

## **Our Weekly Collections**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **St. Boniface**

Weekly Collection: \$ 7,816.06

### **St. Lawrence**

Weekly Collection: \$ 4,358.01

Thank you, Stupendous!

## **Church Good News**

*In October, we had **761** users visit our websites, [stbonifacecatholic.com](http://stbonifacecatholic.com) and [stlawrencecatholic.com](http://stlawrencecatholic.com).*

## **Requiem Mass**

Profound congratulations go out to Dr. Boerckel and the choir for their superb performance of Gabriel Faure's Requiem Mass. They truly succeeded in making a concert into lofty prayer. We were all touched. Bravo!

## **Adult Education**

The next Adult Education session at St. Lawrence Hall is **Sunday November 11<sup>th</sup> 9:10-10am** - Married Priests: fact & fiction. Each session will begin with a presentation of 20 minutes and the balance will be dedicated to your questions.

## **Veteran's Day**

The annual observance of Veterans Day in the United States on November 11<sup>th</sup>, has its roots in the armistice that ended World War I hostilities in 1918. The armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Today, let us remember all of the veterans that sacrificed so much to keep our country safe. God bless all of our troops and may He watch over them forever.

## **Coffee Fellowship – St. Lawrence**

Join us Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. The sign-up poster is in the church vestibule. Thank you to the Coffee Fellowship Team for allowing the PREP 5<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in the refreshments as they worked on a class project in the Church Hall.

## **Music Room Renovations Completed**

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the renovation of the music room at St. Boniface is now complete. All the materials and labor were donated so the project was completed at no cost to the parish. Our sincere thanks to the following for making this project a success and providing us with a room that can now accommodate many additional uses: Faith, Lilly, Sophie, Josiah, Tom Reid, Tom and Ron Konkle, Jack Peck, Gary Boerckel, Yvonne Mitchell-Sarch, Don Fisher, Bill Hodrick, and Moore Bros Carpet.

## **2019 Workbook for Lectors**

Lectors, Please be advised that the new 2019 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. Please pick up a copy as soon as possible. The readings will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you.

## **St. Lawrence Parish Council**

Next meeting is on **November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at St. Lawrence Parish Hall

## **St. Boniface Parish Council**

Next meeting is on **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** at the RAC.

## **Senior CARE Team**

As we approach the winter months with ice and snow in the forecast, we are aware that a number of our senior members will be unable to attend Mass. Please let us know if you or anyone you know is missing Mass and would like to receive Communion. Call the rectory or Karen Balestino at 327-1147.

# HAPPENINGS

## **St. Boniface Turkey Party & Bingo**

This November, we approach another St. Boniface Turkey Party and Bingo. Our Turkey Party this year is **Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. As in the past, purchasing a \$1.00 ticket will entitle you to chances on 30 Gift Cards, admission to the hall the night of the party, free beverages, snacks and hot sandwiches.

### ***IT'S THE BEST DEAL IN TOWN!!!***

If you have not come to a Turkey Party before, come and join us for the fun. Volunteers and ticket sellers are needed. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy yourself and help your fellow parishioner at the same time. We are only asking a few hours of your time. If you are interested in helping set-up, helping the night of the party, or cleaning up after the party, you may call Lenny 772-0722 or Sharon 220-4611.

## **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm - Immanuel, God is with us** **A celebration of Music, Giving, and Community**

Celebrate the Christmas Season with our Parish Families of St. Boniface and St. Lawrence.

\*Christmas Concert by the Saint Boniface Contemporary Choir

\*Pre-concert entertainment by parish youth musicians

\*Free-will Offering to support our local/world charities

\*Fellowship and light refreshments to follow with a visit from St. Nicholas.

Contributions to offset cost of the program are welcome. Please mark the envelope "Christmas Concert" & place in the collection basket or send to the Parish Office.

**ALL ARE WELCOME to attend!!**

## **Touch-A-Heart Christmas Tree**

We can be true servants, filled with compassion in thought, word and deed, loving our neighbor whatever the cost. We can fulfill our obligation to our brothers and sisters here and in faraway lands. Please take a tag from the Touch-A-Heart tree for missions in Ecuador or Nicaragua, and the local agencies like Family Promise, Shepherd of the Streets, and Salvation Army. The tree will be in the St. Boniface lobby the weekend of **November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring gifts to church by December 11<sup>th</sup> and the envelopes by December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Be as generous as God has been with you. A free offering collection will be taken at the Parish Christmas Event on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00pm. Thank You!

## **THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE**

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) will be hosting Thanksgiving food drive to be taken to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank because **"No One Should Be Hungry"**. Our youth and their families are asked to donate food for a Thanksgiving meal: boxed stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes in a box or packet, jars of turkey gravy or dried gravy mix packets, canned yams, cranberry sauce, canned veggies, cornbread mix, canned pumpkin or fruit pie filling. Box pie crust mix, salt/pepper, boxed macaroni and cheese. If monetary donations are made they will be used to purchase turkeys from a local grocery store. Thank you. Our youth will check each item for expiration dates and box them for the PA Food Bank.



# HAPPENINGS

**All Souls Intentions for the most recently departed members of St. Lawrence Parish, will be remembered with Mass on November 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m.**

*Jay Hilsher, Megan West, Elizabeth Shadowens, William D. Fischer, Paul L. Neyhart, Eleanor Lorson, Erma Long, Jim Fetzer, Ray Shuman, William Servey, James Lane, Walter Lechniak, Margaret Daley and others*

**All Souls Intentions for the most recently departed members of St. Boniface Parish, will be remembered with Mass on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 a.m.**

*William Murray, Charles E. Fischer, Teresa Cuzzipi, Alfred Haswell III, Charles Caffrey, Mary Jane Lee, Priscilla Hensler, Thomas S. Waclawski, John F. Hamm, Elizabeth Moore, Kathleen Crouse, Hugh Delaney, Sister Henry Lambert, Inge E. Eiswerth, Beth Ann Benschaw, Thelma Hartsock, Gene Sortman, John Trayer, Jeanne Myers, Frank Sciacca, James Eiswerth, Doris Shuhler, Mary DiParlo, Evelyn Eiswerth, Linda Bean, Mary Louise Schoch, Anne Hayes, Rita Bayer, Carol Ann Cunningham, Maurice Carnuccio, Harry Boring, Kathleen Keller, Albert Stopper, Vernon Mast and others*

## **Children's Liturgy**

We would love to start a special Liturgy of the Word (scripture readings geared to children) during many of the 10:30 Masses on Sunday. Fr. Bill is willing to train adults, but we need several people who can lead and chaperone this vital effort. **Voice an interest to him at [frbillc@comcast.net](mailto:frbillc@comcast.net) or call 326-1544.** We will supply the ear plugs. Children would retreat to the newly renovated Music Room in the church and hear the same Gospel, but translated for their age group. They would return to their families in the church during the Creed. It's meant to give parents a break and allow the children to hear the Word of God in understandable ways. Let's do this!

## **Our Advent Series**

To feed your prep for the birth of Christ, we will be hosting superb videos on key spiritual figures in the history of Catholicism. These will be presented by Bishop Barron, the new Fulton Sheen, with photography equal to National Geographic. Each session will be 90 mins long including video and discussions.

We will offer the same segment two times each week for your convenience:

Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm RAC  
Friday December 7<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am St Lawrence Hall

Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm RAC  
Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:30am St Lawrence Hall

Tuesday December 18<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm RAC  
Friday December 21<sup>st</sup>: 10:30am St Lawrence Hall

## **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Christmas**

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Victorian Christmas will be held on November 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to join us on a fun-filled weekend with something to attract those of all ages. Our major tour event is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>. Explore beautiful homes, historic buildings and churches and experience their architectural significance from 9am-5pm. We have many events scheduled throughout the weekend. For more information visit our Facebook page: Victorian Christmas in Williamsport, Or our website at [www.victorianchristmaspa.com](http://www.victorianchristmaspa.com).

## **Christmas at Family Promise**

We will be hosting a Christmas Open House on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 3-6pm. Come and see some graduate families, get a photo with Santa, and meet some board members. Bring a canned good to make a donation to our food bank. We will have cookies and hot cocoa to make the season bright!

## **The Darker Side of Technology: Unintended Consequences"**

Internet dangers and safety presentation by James A. Dill, Deputy Chief-Retired on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm at Fleming Center. Parents, grandparents, and educators strongly encouraged to attend!

## Eucharistic Celebrations

### **Monday 11/12**

**SL**-7:00 a.m.

***In Memory of Thomas Marzzacco***

*by Ann & Steve Miller*

### **Tuesday 11/13**

**SL**-7:00 a.m.

***All Souls Intentions for the Deceased members of St. Lawrence Parish***

### **Wednesday 11/14**

**SL**-7:00 a.m.

***In Memory of Evelyn Eiswerth***

*by Jon Hasselman Family*

**SB**-8:00 a.m.

***In Memory of Dorothy Moredock***

*by her Beloved Children*

**SJNRA**-10:00 a.m.

### **Thursday 11/15**

**SB**-8:00 a.m.

***In Memory of Anna Chiglinsky***

*by Nora Reidy*

### **Friday 11/16**

**SB**-8:00 a.m.

***In Memory of Alfred Haswell***

*By Mary & Lucas Haswell*

### **Saturday 11/17**

**SB**-4:00 p.m.

***In Memory of Jim Runnels***

*by Family*

**SL**-5:30 p.m.

***In Memory of Michael Wenner***

*by Paul & Elizabeth Wenner*

### **Sunday 11/18**

**SL**-8:00 a.m.

***In Intentions of Fr. Zipay***

**SB**-10:30 a.m.

***In Memory of Jeff Fischer***

*by Family*

## Ministry Schedule

**November 17<sup>th</sup> & November 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Altar Servers**

**SB** 4:00 p.m. – Victoria Edkin, 1 Volunteer needed

**SL** 5:30 p.m. – Avery Masters

**SL** 8:00 a.m. – Ava & Grace Persun

**SB** 10:30 a.m. – Sam Radulski, Joey Hamm

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**SB** 4:00 p.m. – Bill Hakes, Marie Stewart, Sally Grieco, Dion Stewart, Sally Dandini

**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. – Eileen Endersen, Tom Hrzic, Jen Dincher, Kathy Woltz, George Dincher, Ken Danielsen, Cindy Furey

### **Commentator / Lector**

**SB** 4:00 p.m. – Michael Kane

**SL** 5:30 p.m. – Sue Dincher

**SL** 8:00 a.m. – George Vance

**SB** 10:30 a.m. – George Rodgers, Vicki Fischer

## 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, Jennie Samar, Dr. Albert Liddell, Deb Noviello, Caleb Leone, Thomas Kase Family, Anne Hayes Family, Christina Falck-Armstrong, Kathleen Keller Family, Mary Brocious, George Geib, Harry Boring Family, Ruth Alberts, Clarence Shurer Family, Cynthia Washleski Family, Sr. Rita Naughton, Albert Stopper Family, Vernon Mast Family, Gene Barnes Family, Canavan Family*

### **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.