



Saint Boniface News

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A memorial plaque completes the renovation of the Courtyard Reflecting Pool

The Courtyard Reflecting Pool does more than just mask the sounds of the outside world for those enjoying that sacred space. Like all church architecture, it's design and function points to our faith. This focal element was built originally as part the larger Courtyard Renovation during our 50th anniversary celebration in 2004 and given by Penny Wheeler in memory of her husband, Chris. It's re-design in our 65th anniversary year gave us an opportunity to add more elements that reflect our faith.

Water is essential to life and a sign of faith in God. At our baptisms we pray,

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of Creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn into the Holy Spirit.

The original single flowing ribbon of water has now become three, recalling to us God in Trinity; Creator, Redeemer, Sanctifier. Each separate and yet co-equal, activated and supplied by the same source, flowing continuously with energy and purpose, lighting our path in the darkness.

The limestone rock face reflects the buildings in the Holy Land and the shallow pool with its rocky bottom calls to mind the Jordan River, the final crossing place of God's people into freedom and where Jesus received the baptism of John.

We are grateful to the donors whose memorial gifts made the renovation possible. A re-dedication is planned for after the 10am service on **Sunday April 25, 2021.**

FROM the GRANTS & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our first **Giving Tree** in over a year was launched March 1 with a wonderful response from our Congregation. Many thanks to all of you who gave so generously to the children at Emma Booker Elementary School. The staff, teachers, and most of all, the children are so very grateful. Our next Giving Tree will be in July, and we will be helping to supply some of the needs of homeless families through Family Promise (one of our favorite ministries). The Grants and Outreach Committee wish you all the blessings of Easter and Springtime.



STATIONS of the RESURRECTION

The Healing Mission is offering, for the third time, the Stations of the Resurrection as a *Walk of Hope*. This year rather than a group procession, a solo route with numbered stations will be set up in the heart of the campus which can be followed with a booklet produced from the St Augustine Prayer book. Starting point of

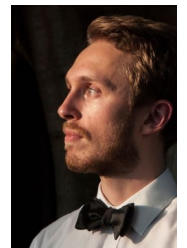


the walk is by the outdoor bulletin board of the Parish Hall, where the booklet is available, and circles through the courtyard, outdoor chapel, columbarium, front porch of the church, labyrinth, and ending at the bell tower. This Walk of Hope can be done alone or with others, however the spirit moves you. Now through May 23.

NOAH HARDAWAY, pianist

Sunday April 18, 6:00 p.m.

The Boniface Friends of Music welcome this acclaimed musician this Sunday by live-stream.



Many opportunities to continue to stay connected with St. Boniface Church:

Worship, Teaching, Fellowship:

- ◆ **Sunday morning services** continue to be live-streamed at 10:00 via our [website](#). In-person Sunday worship is offered at 8:00 & 10:00 am in the Church, with limited seating. RSVP is required by calling the church office at 941-349-5616 or online by Thursday 5:00 pm. Reservations must be made each week.
- ◆ Sunday morning **Bible Study** at 9:00 by Zoom, contact [Fr. Jeff Hamblin](#)
- ◆ Sunday morning **Book Discussion** at 8:45 a.m. by Zoom, contact [Vince Brennan](#)
- ◆ **Morning Prayer** at 9:30 am, Monday - Friday and **Evening Prayer** at 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday, on our [Facebook](#) page.
- ◆ **Wednesday music** offered weekly at 7:30 p.m. on our [website](#).
- ◆ **Thursday "Coffee Hour"** at 10:00 a.m. by [this Zoom link](#) (password 207747)
- ◆ **Men of Boniface** gather each Friday at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom (ID: 869 5575 9179 passcode: 034605)
- ◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm on Zoom to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love (ID:886 7544 6820 PW:254048)
- ◆ **Circulo español** This Conversational Spanish group meets by Zoom Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. for informal practice. Contact Mary Gordon (941-923-2302 or jmkpl@aol.com) for information.
- ◆ **Literary Ladies** discuss this month *The Friend*, by Sigrid Nunez [by Zoom](#) (password 335397) Thursday, **May 13** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom at 10:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month **April 7 & 21** (ID: 886 9678 4674 Passcode: 077733)

Healing & Pastoral Care:

- ◆ **The clergy** are always available to speak to, please call Fr. Wayne Farrell (941-266-2140) or Fr. Jonathan Evans (786-540-5704).
- ◆ **Prayer requests** Contact the church office to let us know your needs. We pray for them at our weekly Pastoral Care Meeting, and our Prayer Team prays for them throughout the week. If you would like to join the Prayer Team, call x318 in the church office or email bdanner@bonifacechurch.org.
- ◆ **Prayer shawls** are available. Contact Connie Mereness, 941-346-1844 to arrange a time for one to be dropped off at your doorstep.



HELP END SUMMER HUNGER for nearly 40,000 children in our community! These are the children who rely on meals through their schools' free and reduced lunch program. During the summer break many are forced to go without this basic nutrition. Your gift to All Faiths Food Bank helps keep them full until fall. The food bank will match all gifts dollar for dollar between 1 April and 15 May. *You can give directly via AFFB's website (AllFaithsFoodBank.org, and please advise them you are with St. Boniface) or by writing your check to St. Boniface with AFFB in the memo line.*

HEADING "HOME" for the SUMMER? Please add these to-dos to your list!

- ◆ Let the church office know your **summer address**, so we can direct your mail to the right place.
- ◆ Send us your **email address** to get the latest scoop while you're away.
- ◆ Drop off your gently read **books** for our Give and Take Book Cart.
- ◆ Remember you can **stay in touch** with your "winter church" through the newsletter and e-blast, website and our video stream of the Sunday service.

QUARANTINA CONCERTS This part of our varied music ministry provides a unique mixture of historically informed instrumental and sacred choral music performed live at St. Boniface Church, to be viewed from the comfort and safety of your home. Tune in on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm on our [website](#), on [boxcast.tv](#) or on our [Facebook page](#):

Apr 21 - Sun-Young Shin, violin; Aaron Romm, trumpet; James W. Guyer, organ

Apr 28 - Cynthia Roberts-Greene, organ

May 5 - TBD

These programs are brought to you by the Boniface Friends of Music. Please consider a donation to help us continue this concert series. Any gift you can make goes a long way; a \$200 donation will sponsor an entire Wednesday night concert (or consider \$100 as co-sponsor), and receive a live thank you.

Special Giving in APRIL supports our **Online Worship Ministry**. We give thanks that since 2014, we've shared Sunday worship with those unable to join us in-person. Our experience was a blessing when the pandemic forced us to shelter in place. Parishioner gifts helped build this ministry to what we all enjoy now! Our Sunday worship had been greatly enhanced, and our weekday worship opportunities have expanded. We're excited to be worshipping with people from literally throughout the world! Your gift to April's special focus ensures this ministry continues to thrive, and may be made in memory or thanksgiving.

The **EfM [Education for (lay) Ministry]** seminar series will begin anew in September, 2021. This is a 4-year program, but the commitment is annual. Seminars are weekly beginning in September and continuing through May (taking breaks for holidays). The first year reads the Old Testament; second year the New Testament; third year the history of Christianity; the fourth year reads in theology and ecumenical issues, and all years read two 'interlude' books. We review issues from the readings of/for each year, then proceed to a 'theological reflection.' The cost is \$375, which is an annual fee plus books. For questions or more information, contact Douglas Smith at desmith7780@gmail.com

PRAYER CIRCLE Please let us know of your needs! During our weekly Pastoral Care Team meeting, we pray for our parish family and friends who are hurting in body, mind or spirit. And our Prayer Circle prays for them throughout the week. If you would like to join this Circle, contact the church office (x318 in the church office or bdanner@bonifacechurch.org).



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