

TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP (EOW) is our Sunday liturgical text into the fall. A supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, EOW seeks to expand the language, images, and metaphors in worship. The responses are in your service leaflet. You will find **Eucharistic Prayer 3** in the booklet in the pew rack. The clergy welcomes your feedback and questions, as always.

HEALING PRAYERS At the 10:00 a.m. service, Healing Ministers are available today during communion to pray with you for your special intentions. After receiving communion, proceed to the chapel.

A GIFT TOWARDS THE ALTAR FLOWERS today is given by Melliss Swenson, in honor of Dick & Carolyn Walker, and in thanksgiving for their dedication and hard work.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE Study and discussion with a member of our clergy in the Library, 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION today at 9:00 a.m. in the St Francis Room. The next selection is *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr.

SUNDAY NURSERY Childcare is available for our youngest parishioners (through 2 years old) in the Nursery, located along the Courtyard, with our licensed, professional caregivers.

CHURCH SCHOOL *Weaving God's Promises* Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. A friendly greeter at the Welcome Table can direct you and your child to the classroom. The children return to their parents in church just before communion.

WATERCOLOR SHOW AND SALE The St. Boniface Watercolor Group hosts coffee hour today, celebrating their Autumn Show and Sale. Meet the artists, watch a demo, and view the group's new and original artwork. Most pieces are for sale, with a portion donated to support St. Boniface Church.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING Parishioner and Faith Community Nurse, Doriel Boyce, will offer complimentary screening in the Library today following the 10:00 service.

YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE TODAY features our 2019 Young Artist Showcase Recital winner, Teia Watson. A recent graduate of the State College of Florida, Ms. Watson has a wide-ranging repertoire spanning opera and musical theater. A student of Melodie Dickerson, Teia has won numerous accolades in vocal performance. With the aid of our Young Artist Scholarship, Ms. Watson is currently pursuing a BA in Vocal Performance at the University of Tampa. **4:00 p.m.**, a free event (freewill offering) thanks to the Boniface Friends of Music.

S.U.R.E. (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity) Sign up in the Parish Hall to join *Sacred Conversations*, taking the first step in identifying issues or concerns facing our families, friends and neighbors in Sarasota. These conversational meetings will help our network of 21 churches determine its course of action for 2020.

JOIN the HANDBELL CHOIR No experience needed! Come to rehearsals on Tuesdays, 5-6 p.m. in the Choir Gallery. To learn more, contact Choirmaster James Guyer, 941-349-5616 x326.

OCTOBER'S GIVING TREE reaches out to local families working hard to make ends meet for the holidays. The **Holiday Breakfast program** works through school guidance counselors to identify families and invite them to a morning of cheer and holiday "shopping." Pick a wish list tag from our Giving Tree in the Parish Hall or church entry to brighten a these families' Christmas.

OCTOBER'S SPECIAL GIVING bolsters our **teaching ministries**. Our professionally staffed nursery care, dedicated Church school team, Young Adults Group, and growing number of adult education programs - a broad offering for all age groups. Christian formation and spiritual growth inspires our endless quest to know God. Your gift may be in memory or thanksgiving.

MIGRATION MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY We recently formed a catalyst group to create opportunities for St. Boniface congregants to honor the dignity of migrants. Please contact Fr. Jonathan Evans for more information, (941)349-5616 x313.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP and POTLUCK We gather in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm for Evening Prayer (Eucharist first Wednesdays of the month) followed by a Pot Luck Supper. Please bring a salad, main dish, drink or dessert to share! For more info, call Katherine Johnson (941-927-2066).

TRANSPORTATION to CHURCH Prefer not to drive at night? Don't drive anymore? St. Boniface Church has partnered with ITN Suncoast, a nonprofit transportation service for seniors. This trusted transportation company will take you to any church event for a discounted rate. You will need to 1) fill out an application available in the office, Parish Hall or online, and 2) call a day ahead for service arrangements (but by 1pm on Friday for any weekend or Monday activity). Contact Deacon Elisa Hansen or Fr. Jonathan Evans for details.

CÍRCULO ESPAÑOL All are welcome to our Conversational Spanish Group! We gather in a relaxed setting with others - there are no books, no tests, and no homework. We all just want to improve and refresh the ability that we have in the language and help one another in doing so. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. in St. Francis Room. For more information contact Mary Gordon, (941)923-2302.

MEN OF BONIFACE NOW MEET THURSDAYS (a.k.a. "The MOB") meets at the Serving Spoon restaurant, 8:00 a.m. (note day and time change). Good food, interesting conversation and stimulating discussions. No experience necessary; just come with a good appetite and an inquiring mind. Contact Matt Smith, 941-918-1976, for information.

THE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP will meet Monday, **October 14**, at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Gordon (941-993-0907) to discuss *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure. All are welcome! For more information, call Cynthia Smyth at 908-568-9210.

BRADY CAMPAIGN GUN SAFETY WITNESS will meet at the Gulf Gate Library at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, **October 17** to plan for the coming season. All are welcome. Our weekly nonpartisan Witness for Gun Safety will resume at the Bay-front (near the Unconditional Surrender statue) on Thursday, **October 24**, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Signs will be provided. For more information, contact David and Nancy Evans (941)-954-2059.

AMERICAN ROOTS: THE GOSPEL EXPERIENCE is a collaboration of Key Chorale and Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, exploring the rich tradition of black gospel music in America. The show weaves singers, dancers and musicians, and celebrates the music and movement at the heart of African-American worship. Highlights will include "Amazing Grace," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Oh Happy Day." Saturday, **October 19**, 4:00 p.m. at St. Boniface Church. Tickets can be purchased at www.keychorale.org.

BLOOD DRIVE for Suncoast Communities Blood Bank. Roll up your sleeves for chemo patients, burn victims and surgery patients in our community! It's quick and (relatively!) painless. Thirty minutes of your time touches up to five people and can save a life. St. Boniface parking lot, **October 20**, 8:30-12:30.

BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART is an ongoing support ministry for those dealing with the broad scope of grief and loss. We will next meet on Sunday, **October 20** at 11:30 a.m. in the Healing Mission. For more information contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

"BROWN BAG" CONVERSATIONS This new group meets on Thursday, **October 24** at 12:30 in the St. Francis Room, gathering for lunch (BYO), a video, and discussion on a timely topic of interest in our ever changing world. Please invite a friend, a neighbor, and join us for this and future stimulating conversations!

THE ST. NICHOLAS FAIR WANTS YOU Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall for the **December 7** St. Nicholas Fair. We need you to bake cookies, staff tables, provide directions, and more. The fair also needs your lightly used jewelry, handbags, and books. The fair will celebrate children and the spirit of giving. All proceeds will benefit local outreach. Spread the word—flyers are also available for you to post. Questions? Call Ann Hardcastle at 941-538-8980; Denise Ayre at 941-342-0446; Alice Reid at 206-571-6393; Frankie Kruger at 678-923-5165; or Prill Nugent at 312-909-2609.

THIS WEEK

OFFICE: hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and by appointment.

HEALING MISSION: call (941)349-5616 x335 for an appointment.

MONDAY, October 14

4:30 p.m. Yoga Class – St. Francis

TUESDAY, October 15

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** – Church

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Library

3:00 p.m. B.E.S.T. - Library

5:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Choir Gallery

WEDNESDAY, October 16

4:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish – St. Francis

5:30 p.m. **Evening Prayer & Potluck** – Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Gallery

THURSDAY, October 17

8:00 a.m. Men of Boniface – Serving Spoon Osprey Ave.

9:00 a.m. Watercolor Group – St. Francis

10:00 a.m. **Healing service with Eucharist** - Church

5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Library