

## TODAY at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**GIFTS TOWARD THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given by Audrey Pinney, in loving memory of her grandson, Michael Robinson Shaw, and given by Dr. Joseph Cory, in fond memory of his son, Christopher Burbank Cory.

**A GIFT TOWARD AN AMERICAN FLAG** has been given by Patricia Carrier, in loving memory of Charles L. Carrier and to honor all who serve in our military.

**SUNDAY NURSERY** Childcare is available for our youngest parishioners Sunday mornings 8:45 – 11:45 a.m. in the Nursery, located along the Courtyard, with Ms. Yu Ya, our licensed, professional caregiver.

**CHURCH SCHOOL Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the True Vine Atrium, located just past the Bell Tower. Our program is designed for children as young as 3, up through 5th grade. Activity areas include stories and parables of Jesus, Baptism, Communion, prayer and the Mystery of the Kingdom of God, practical life and care of the Atrium, artwork, geography of Israel.

**YOUTH GROUP** meets on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Studio. We welcome middle and high school students for food, fellowship and worship! Contact Wendy Prell for more info, 941-371-8559. Confirmation classes begin February 26 and run for eight weeks at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays.

**SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION** in the Library at 9:00 a.m. with Fr. Wayne Farrell is an in-depth look and conversation of the Sunday scriptures.

**SUNDAY BOOK DISCUSSION** at 9:00 a.m., in the St. Francis Room. The group is studying *Mysteries of Faith* by Mark McIntosh. Books (\$13) are available for purchase in the church office. All are welcome to join us in these lively conversations. For more info, contact Mary Gurley, (941)342-5412.

**THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE** As our successful Book Study and Discussion, above, winds up we invite you to a round table gathering. We'll explore issues affecting our community and beyond, and discern how we at St. Boniface Church can work toward a more fair and just society. Past issues taken on have included human trafficking, homelessness, gun safety and racism. Where shall we focus our energies and resources next? **Today** at 11:15 in the Library. Contact Mary Ivey (941-927-1678) for more info.

**INTERNATIONAL PIANO VIRTUOSO!** St. Boniface Church welcomes pianist, Eleonora Lvov, **today at 6:00 p.m.** as part of our 2016-2017 Concert Series. Ms. Lvov has achieved world-wide acclaim as a piano virtuoso, popular recording artist, and winner of many international competitions. You won't want to miss this pre-Valentine's Day experience of "Romantic Piano Impressions." A FREE event, thanks to the Boniface Friends of Music.

**SUPPORTING OUR MINISTRIES: Pastoral Care** Each month, above and beyond our regular giving, we have an opportunity to support one of the many ministries at Saint Boniface. Our Special Offering for February strengthens the work of our pastoral care ministries – including our Healing Mission, Eucharistic Visitors and Stephen Ministers. These groups help us to be present with fellow parishioners and friends in the community who are going through times of trouble, crisis or need. You may make your gift in memory or thanksgiving.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES ~ March 1**

The liturgy of Ash Wednesday is one of the most profound moments of the year, inviting us into Lent and to the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter.  
**10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** Ash Liturgy and Holy Eucharist

**HANDBELL CHOIR** Handbell rehearsals are resuming this coming Tuesday, **February 14**, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. (future rehearsal times TBD). Interested in joining the choir and want to know more? Contact choirmaster, James Guyer, at (941)349-5616 x326.

**THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING - February 15** At 5:30 p.m., experience **Evening Prayer in Spanish**, presented by the Conversational Spanish Group (with English translation, speaking Spanish not required). Then join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center for a **Chili Cook-Off!** Come and sample, then vote for your favorite. Dinner with cornbread, salad and dessert provided (free-will offering). Enter the cook-off with your favorite recipe! Prizes awarded. Sign up at coffee hour or by calling the church office, (941)349-5616.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS** Join us for worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Church, social time and catered dinner at 6:00 in the Community Center, (for dinner reservations, please sign up at Coffee Hour or call 941-349-5616 x5 by noon the Tuesday before, \$10pp), then programs after dinner.

**CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH** Bienvenidos to all who would like to practice spoken Spanish 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. The círculo meets on Wednesdays from 4:30–5:30 p.m. in the Library. For more info, contact Mary Gordon, (941)923-2302.

**FISH FRY FRIDAYS!** Join us every Friday for a delicious fish dinner that includes fried Tilapia, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert and a drink - and all for only \$12. Dine-in or take-out in the Boniface Community Center 5 - 8 p.m.

**BOOK STUDY AND DISCUSSION** Please join us to discuss how we as people of faith can help build a "Bridge to a New America." Our book group, reading Jim Wallis's *America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America*, meets on Friday at 12:30 in the St. Boniface Library (through February 17). Bring your concerns and a brown bag lunch. Contact Carol George Poppen ([cvrg1@aol.com](mailto:cvrg1@aol.com)) for info.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Show some heart this month and give the gift of life! It's quick, simple, and (generally) painless. You need to be in good health, over 17 years old and weigh more than 110 pounds. To schedule your appointment time and avoid long waits, sign up at Coffee Hour. Child care available 8:45 – 11:45 for donors. Sunday, **February 19**, 8:30 – 12:30, in the church parking lot. For info contact Nancy Rafter (941-735-3174).

**BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES** Join us Saturday, **February 25** for a day of "Living Our Faith: Welcoming Theological Conversation among Friends" with Dr. Fredrica Harris Thompsett, noted teacher, historian, author and Anglican theologian. We'll explore connections between *what we believe* and *what we do*. At the Saturday workshop we'll look at historical examples of Episcopalian's experiences of prayer and social actions and how they expressed themselves as theologians. Drawing upon resources of poetry, images and our own imaginations we will consider our own theological gifts. \$20 pp (includes lunch). Register on our website, pick up a form in Coffee Hour or contact Sandy Wilbur (941-366-7003) by February 20, with your payment to St. Boniface Church (for checks, note SCHC on memo line). Dr. Thompsett will also preach on Sunday, **February 26**, at both services. *A joint offering with the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross.*

**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** St. Boniface Church will host its second annual meal-packaging event on Saturday, March 11, 2017. These packages are shipped around the world to support school feeding programs and crisis relief - a complete meal costs 29¢! We provide the labor and the donations, and last year we packaged 10,000 meals as well as contributed the cost of those meals plus \$3,000 more. This year, we are going BIG - packaging 15,000 meals and raising the \$4,500 to contribute to RISE AGAINST HUNGER projects. To make this miracle happen in a little over two hours, we need at least 80 parishioners, 10 of whom don't mind a little "heavy lifting." AND we need at least 150 parishioners to contribute at least \$30, the cost of 100 meals. *Please sign up, beginning today, at the Welcome Table or in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.* For info, contact Larry Patton at [larrydpatton@gmail.com](mailto:larrydpatton@gmail.com) or 405-831-3810.

### **THIS WEEK**

OFFICE: Monday - Thursday 9:00 – 5:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
HEALING MISSION: Open Tues. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Wed, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fri. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. call (941)349-5616 x335 for an appointment.

#### **MONDAY, February 13**

5:00 p.m. Yoga Class – St. Francis

#### **TUESDAY, February 14**

9:00 a.m. Library Team - Library

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** - Church

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

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 15**

4:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish - Library

5:30 p.m. **Spanish Evening Prayer** – Church

6:00 p.m. Chili Cook-Off – Community Center

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

#### **THURSDAY, February 16**

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

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** – Church

#### **FRIDAY, February 17**

7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Discussion –Serving Spoon, Osprey Ave.

12:30 p.m. Book Study and Discussion – Library

5:00 p.m. Fish Fry – Community Center