

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP** and its Eucharistic Prayer 1 expresses beautifully Lent's deep meanings. So we will use it this season. Over the summer we became familiar with this supplemental, authorized liturgical material. Booklets with the full text are in the pew racks.

**HOLY COMMUNION** is brought to the back seating bays at the 10:00 service throughout Lent, please watch for the usher's direction. Remember, you are always welcome to proceed to the altar rail.

**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. Current 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 gather Sundays at 10:00 a.m. A 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.

**BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION, REAFFIRMATION, and RECEPTION classes TODAY** (9:00 a.m. St. Alban) in anticipation of Bp. Garrison's visit on Sunday, April 26. Please contact Fr. Jonathan Evans to participate and for more details.

**EUCHARIST for DEAF WORSHIPPERS TODAY 12:00 p.m.** A simple liturgy in American Sign Language that's accessible to all Deaf people, regardless of their proficiency in English. All are welcome!

**LENTEN MATERIALS FROM EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT** Lenten Meditations, prepared to help guide you through a holy Lent toward a joyous Easter, and mite boxes are available in the church entry. Mite boxes are a time-honored way to give alms each day for the welfare of others. On April 19 we'll present and bless the boxes, sending our collected donations to E.R.D.

**SPECIAL GIVING in MARCH** This month's focus is the **Staff Appreciation Fund**. The Vestry established this fund to recognize and support the work of our extraordinary church staff. Year-end bonuses, retirement honoraria, and milestone work anniversaries are examples of how the Vestry has drawn on this fund. A quick glance at the back of this newsletter shows the breadth of ministries and activities the staff supports, ensuring that St. Boniface is a vital spiritual presence serving one another and our community in Christ's name. Your gift can be made as a tribute or memorial.  
– Suzanne Gregory, Senior Warden of the Vestry

**STEWARDSHIP FOCUS FOR FEBRUARY: Relationships** It's easy to get pulled into the chocolates, flowers and hearts of Valentine's Day. So, what a good time for us to intentionally stop and reflect! Who are the people close to our hearts all year long? How can we tend those relationships? Are there relationships that we need to pare from lives to leave room for healthier, more fulfilling ones? As we send Valentine sentiments this month, let's be

sure we nurture sustaining relationships, mirroring God's love. *We love because God first loved us.* 1 John 4:19

**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, \$12pp), then choose a program after dinner:

**March 4:** Begins parishioner Dr. Jay T. Rock's 3-part series on *Jewish Spirituality: Living into Holiness in the Spiritual Way*. Part one: "Jewish understandings of holiness"

And parishioner Amanda Smoot on "Living our Baptism"

**March 11:** Dr. Jay T. Rock with part two, "Kabbalah and Jewish Mysticism"

**March 18:** Dr. Jay T. Rock with part three, "Normal Mysticism of Jewish prayer and practice"

And Fr. Fred Mann's series "Triduum: What, How and Why of Holy Week"

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**RISE AGAINST HUNGER** Our 5th annual Rise Against Hunger meal-packaging event takes place next Saturday, **March 7**. Our goal is to package 22,800 meals, bringing our 5-year total to over 100,000! We need to **raise another \$4,000** to ensure success of this fun event. Help us reach our goal with your donation! Stop by the info table at Coffee Hour or write your check to St. Boniface (with RAH on the memo line). Questions? Contact Linda Loveman, 617-816-5716.

**TAIZÉ at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH** is a prayerful, moving, contemplative service, in a casual setting. Saturday, **March 7**, 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel of Christ the King. If you are interested in participating with the readings or music please contact Fr. Michael Piovane, 610-442-0983.

<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME</b> Don't forget to turn your clocks <i>ahead</i> one hour for standard time next Sunday, <b>March 8!</b>
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**MEMORY CARE WORKSHOP FROM YOUR PARISH NURSE** When is forgetting a normal part of aging and when is it something to worry about? What can we do to help ourselves or loved ones? What tools are there to help? On Sunday, **March 8** at 11:30, a guest speaker from the Memory Clinic of Sarasota Memorial Hospital will be with us to talk about memory care, Alzheimer's disease and resources available. Please invite a friend and join us!

**EVENSONG SERVICE & RECITAL** Sunday, **March 8**, 5:00 p.m. The St. Boniface Parish Choir, Siesta Youth Chorale and Sarasota Young Voices join together to present an Evensong Service featuring works by Halley, Noble, Tallis and Wesley. This service is preceded by an organ recital featuring Mary Mozelle, our former St. Boniface Music Director. Also, members of the youth chorale will be receiving RSCM medals of completion.

**LITERARY LADIES** meet on Thursday, **March 12** at 10:30 a.m. in the Crediton Room to discuss *Euphoria*, by Lily King. For more information, contact Marilyn Hill, 941-374-1990.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** Want to try meditation? Want to experience an hour of quiet and contemplation to balance a hectic week? We meet in the Healing Mission Thursday, **March 12** at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983.

**B.E.S.T. FIELD TRIP** Join the Boniface Eco-Stewardship Team for a scenic wildlife cruise on the Myakka River, and lunch at the historic Snook Haven Restaurant on Saturday, **March 14**, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 for 1 hour boat

cruise, sign-up at coffee hour. Car-pooling suggested. Contact Grace Riker at 941-924-8908, for more information.

**NUNSENSE** The Boniface Friends of Music present the musical, "Nonsense," with two performances on Friday, **March 13** & Saturday, **March 14** (7:00 pm). This hilarious show tells the story of The Little Sisters of Hoboken, and an impromptu fundraiser that gets a little bit zany - sure to have you falling out of your pew with laughter! Tickets: \$15, available for advance purchase on our website, or at the door the nights of.

**BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART** is a support ministry for those who are coping with the aftermath of loss and/or grief. This group meets in the Healing Mission on the third Sunday of the month (**March 15**) at 11:30 am. Get a cup of coffee after the service, and come for comfort and sharing. For more information contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

**FILL THOSE BARRELS!** The bright yellow barrels for All Faiths Food Bank are once again empty! Please help fill them again with your donation of non-perishable food items - no glass containers, please! (You'll find them at the back of the church and in the Parish Hall.) Almost 4 out of every 10 of our neighbors are at risk from hunger. Daily they must choose between food and rent or medication or car payments. AFFB provides meals and groceries throughout our community so no one needs to make these choices!

## 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: Open Tuesdays & Fridays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., call (941)349-5616 x335 for an appointment.

### **MONDAY, March 2**

4:30 p.m. Yoga Class - St. Francis

### **TUESDAY, March 3**

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

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

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

### **WEDNESDAY, March 4**

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

5:30 p.m. **Eucharist** - Church

6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday dinner + program - Comm. Center

7:00 p.m. Adult Ed program - St. Alban

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

### **THURSDAY, March 5**

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

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

4:00 p.m. Gun Safety Witness - Bayfront by Kissing Statue

### **FRIDAY, March 6**

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

### **SATURDAY, March 7**

Rise Against Hunger event (for those registered) - Community Center

5:00 p.m. Taize - Church