

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

For those attending worship this morning, we will engage these next steps of added care: We gather in a big space and will practice “**Social Distancing**,” which means spread out! If possible, find a seat in a pew where there is arms-length between you and your neighbor. The Chapel is available for seating, too. We will be receiving **Holy Communion in bread only from standing stations** (thus avoiding contact with the altar rail and the common cup). The Celebrant will receive the cup on behalf of those gathered. Place your **financial gifts before the offertory in the alms basins** on stands around the church. They will not be passed, but still taken to the altar. We will continue to be intentional about **not handshaking during the Peace, before, or after service. Coffee Hour will be outside** on the Courtyard. There is **hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes** in the Narthex for your personal use. All of these are, of course, temporary measures as we seek ways to remain in community as The Body of Christ during this unsettling time.

**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.

**GUEST ORGANIST today** Stephen Fancher has a masters degree in piano performance from SUNY Purchase in New York. A long time church musician, he has held music director posts at First Congregational Church in Cromwell, CT, Olivet Presbyterian Church in Staten Island, NY as well as the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Chappaqua, NY. Stephen currently teaches piano at the Sarasota Music Conservatory and performs as pianist, organist, and conductor frequently in the Sarasota area. In addition to his music, Stephen is the Chief Development Officer at the All Star Children’s Foundation in Sarasota, FL, an organization whose mission is to transform foster care through innovation, science, and compassion. James Guyer will return next Sunday.

**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.

**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 **TODAY** 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.

**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.

**THANK YOU!** The entire Farrell family sends their heartfelt thanks to everyone at St. Boniface; clergy, staff, musicians, ushers, acolytes, altar guild, technical teams, and those of you in attendance, for all of the wonderful ways that you offered praise and thanksgiving to God for the life of our mother, Adelaide, on Tuesday March 10. She loved this parish and its people, our beautiful location, worship space, and liturgy. Joining the parish in August of 1992, Adelaide served at times on the altar guild, as an usher, and loved making costumes for the Paper Bag Pageant each Christmas. She was faithful in her regular giving, attendance, and study, worshipping in her pew every Sunday until recent years. It was then that she became grateful for the video and sound teams who made it possible for her to worship with her church at her home through the “live-stream.” We are also grateful to Eucharistic Visitors who brought her The Holy Communion. Along with her husband Reid, they made the lead gift for the tower and bells erected in 2004, our fiftieth year. May Adelaide’s legacy, as well as her ongoing love and service to Our Lord, be recalled each time the tower bells ring in glory to God.

**LENTEN LABYRINTH JOURNEY** Lent is a time for reflection, for the letting go of regrets and stepping into renewal. Walking a labyrinth can facilitate this journey by providing a spiritual path for prayer, reflection and meditation. During these 40 days (February 26 through April 9), six area churches with labyrinths have special times set aside to come and learn how to embrace the sacred labyrinth path in many different and fun ways. These events are free and open to everyone – pick up your schedule in the church entry. Contact Sandy Wilbur for more information, (941)413-6640.

**LABYRINTH WALK AT ST. BONIFACE** Join us for a labyrinth walk on Saturday, **March 21** 9:00 a.m. to celebrate God’s creation on the Spring Equinox!

**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. The back of this leaflet 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 may be made as a tribute or memorial.  
– Suzanne Gregory, Senior Warden of the Vestry

**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 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”  
**March 25:** Fr. Fred Mann’s series continues, “Triduum: What, How and Why of Holy Week”

**HIKES & PRAYERS** Join Fr. Jonathan on this outdoor ministry! Meeting at Myakka State Park, we will lead through a gentle hike (about a mile), stopping at various points to do the liturgy together. Not a challenging walk, but be sure to bring your walking shoes and water. A very family friendly event and great way for us to enjoy God’s creation! Saturday, **March 21**, 3:00 p.m. Please sign up by contacting the Church Office, 941-349-5616.

**MINISTRY FAIR** planned for March 22 will be rescheduled.

**MARILYN KEISER ORGAN CONCERT** originally planned for Sunday, March 22 will be rescheduled.

**THE BONIFACE SPEAKER SERIES** seeks to bring the best and brightest theological voices here each year. On **March 28-29**, St. Boniface Church will be hosting The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana and author of *A Resurrection Shaped Life: Dying and Rising on Planet Earth* for a Saturday workshop and preaching Sunday.

### THIS WEEK

*Subject to change-check in with ministry leaders (contact info on back)*

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: *Temporarily closed*

#### **MONDAY, March 16**

4:30 p.m. Yoga Class – St. Francis

#### **TUESDAY, March 17**

9:00 a.m. Library Team - Library

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** – Church

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

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

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 18**

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

5:30 p.m. **Evening Prayer**– Church

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

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

#### **THURSDAY, March 19**

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** – Church

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

5:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting - Library

#### **FRIDAY, March 20**

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

#### **SATURDAY, March 21**

9:00 a.m. Labyrinth Walk - Courtyard

3:00 p.m. Hikes & Prayers – Myakka Park