

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**REFRESHMENT SUNDAY** Today, the fourth Sunday in the season of Lent, is also known as *Laetare, Refreshment, Mid-Lent, or Rose Sunday*. Laetare is Latin meaning "to rejoice." Traditionally, this Sunday relaxes the normal Lenten rigors and is considered a day of hope as Easter is within sight. Some churches use rose-colored (rather than purple) vestments and place flowers on the altar today. Here, more uplifting music will reflect the day's theme.

**FAREWELL BLESSINGS** Today we say goodbye to Mary and Paul Neuhauser as they relocate permanently from Sarasota to Exeter, New Hampshire. Mary's parents were members of St. Boniface some decades ago and she and Paul joined our congregation in 2003. Longtime residents of Siesta Key, they have each served our parish in numerous ways including Altar Guild, Vestry (as Sr. Warden), acolyte, lector, Eucharistic minister, BEST, Friends of Music and the Investment Committee. We give thanks to God for Mary and Paul, and ask continued blessings on their lives.

**LENTEN MATERIALS FROM ERD** The independent outreach arm of the Episcopal Relief and Development provides their annual booklets of meditations written by church leaders across the country, and mite boxes for alms giving. Each is available in the church entry.

**ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES TODAY 9:00 am**  
**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE IN DEPTH** Study and discussion with a member of our clergy in the Library.

**FAITH and FOUNDATIONS** Join us in the Community Center to better learn about our Episcopal and Anglican heritage, sacraments, liturgies, and theologies of the church.

**BONIFACE BOOK STUDY GROUP** meets in the St. Francis Room at 9:00 a.m. We continue our discussion on the book *Why Religion?* by Elaine Pagel.

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

**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.

**PALM SUNDAY SERVICES APRIL 14** will be at 8:45 & 10:45 a.m., with Church School at 8:45 a.m. Bishop Dabney Smith will be us for services, and baptisms, confirmations, reaffirmations will take place at the 10:45 service. Incense will also be used at 10:45 a.m.

**GIVING TREE** March's Giving Tree supports **Manasota Operation Troop Support** by reaching out to our men and women serving in the armed forces. Your participation brings the comforts of home to those far from family and friends. Pick a tag from our Giving Tree in the Parish Hall or church entry, and see how you can help with wish list items and/or volunteering. Please return your items by Sunday, April 7. For Giving Tree info contact Nancy Rafter (941-402-3302).

**SPECIAL OFFERING** *Each month, above and beyond our regular giving, we have an opportunity to support a specific aspect of or parish life at St. Boniface.* This month's Special Offering is dedicated to the **Staff Appreciation Fund**, established by the Vestry as a means of recognizing the work of our staff with year-end giving, or honoring a staff member on a noteworthy occasion. Your gift can be a tribute or memorial. And please give generously! – *Phil Baker, Senior Warden of the Vestry*

**65th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT** As part of our continued 65th celebration, we are planning a church fair for our neighbors, friends and the community. Bring your ideas and suggestions along with a friend or new member to an informational **this morning** at 11:30 a.m. in the Library. The fair date has been set for Saturday December 7, which happens to be St. Nicholas day. For more information, contact Ann Hardcastle, 941-538-8980.

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

**EASTER FLOWERS** Gifts toward Easter flowers and altar adornments can be made in memory or thanksgiving, please call Lisa Wolf (941)349-5616 x320) or use the special envelopes in the Narthex or church office.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS** Join us for worship at 5:30 p.m. in the Church, social time/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:

**April 3:** The Rev. Ev Walk on "Sin and Evil"

**April 10:** The Rev. Ev Walk on "Death and Dying"

**April 17:** *no dinner or program*, join us for Tenebrae at 5:30 p.m.

*Wednesday dinner & programs take a break for the summer season*

**BRADY CAMPAIGN GUN SAFETY WITNESS** Our weekly nonpartisan Witness for Gun Safety meets at the Sarasota Bay-front (near the Unconditional Surrender statue) on Thursdays between 4:00 - 5:00 pm. We'll provide the signs, wear a white shirt and bring a chair - All are welcome to attend. For info, contact David and Nancy Evans, 941-954-2059. Today at coffee hour, Brady Chapter members will be taking signatures for a ballot initiative on banning assault weapons.

**BLOOD DRIVE** Roll up your sleeves for Suncoast Communities Blood Bank! 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 8:45-11:30 for donors. Sunday, **April 7**, 8:30 - 12:30, in the church parking lot. For info contact Nancy Rafter (941-402-3302).

**ART SHOW AND SALE** The Watercolor Group celebrates their Spring Show and Sale with a special Coffee Hour on Sunday, **April 7**. They will feature all new artworks. Stop by and see the talent of our own parishioner artists! Most pieces are for sale, with a portion of the sale supporting the ministries of St. Boniface, thanks to the generosity of the artists. *For further information about the St. Boniface Watercolor Group or to purchase the paintings in the Parish Hall, please contact Jane Aguilard. She can be reached by telephone (941-927-8442) or email (janeaguilard@comcast.net).*

**BEYOND THE BROKEN HEART** is an ongoing support ministry for those dealing with grief and loss. Recognizing the broad scope of loss, St. Boniface Church has a ministry of support for those who are grieving. We will next meet on Sunday, **April 7** at 11:30 a.m. in the St. Francis and Crediton Rooms. For questions or more information contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

**CONCERT APRIL 7, 4:00 p.m.** Join Angela Massey and friends for wonderful music of flute, piano and organ, featuring our own Dr. James Guyer! A free event (freewill offering), thanks to the generosity of the Boniface Friends of Music.

**LITERARY LADIES** are meeting on **Tuesday, April 9** at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Francis Room to discuss "Sourdough" by Robin Sloan. Annual luncheon to follow. Contact Marilyn Hill at 941-374-1990.

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**, sponsored by Foyers, takes place on Friday, **April 12th** at the Sunset Pavilion, Siesta Key Beach. Tickets are \$10 per person (kids eat free), meet and greet with appetizers and beverages at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm. Reservations are required, and payment confirms your reservation. Sign-up today at Coffee Hour, online through the church website, or call 941-349-5616 x5. For information call Connie Mereness (346-1844), Linda Pendray (312-0097), Holley Schroeder (966-1466), Bev Parker (349-8789) or Peg Davant (924-9895).

**KEY CHORALE CONCERT** Join us Saturday, **April 13**, 4:00 p.m. here at St. Boniface Church for Gabriel Fauré's setting of the Requiem, and works by Benjamin Britten. Admission price is \$25, tickets can be purchased in advance at keychorale.org or call 941-921-4845.

### *HOLY WEEK and EASTER ~ April 14 - 21*

**Palm Sunday, April 14** ..... *Eucharist 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.\**

**Monday** ..... *Morning Prayer 8:30 a.m.*

**Tuesday** ..... *Eucharist 10:00 a.m.*

**Wednesday** ..... *Tenebrae 5:30 p.m.*

**Maundy Thursday** ..... *Eucharist with Hymns 10:00 a.m.*

*Eucharist with Foot Washing 7:00 p.m.\**

*Prayers & Readings Midnight Vigil throughout the night*

**Good Friday** ..... *Dawn Liturgy 7:00 a.m.*

*Stations of the Cross 12:00 p.m.*

*3 homilies with readings, hymns, meditations 12:30-2:00 p.m.*

*Good Friday Liturgy 2:00 p.m.*

**Saturday** ..... *The Great Vigil of Easter 8:00 p.m.\**

**Easter Sunday** ..... *Festal Eucharist 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.\**

*Music by Widor and Stanford; Brass Quintet, Timpani, Bells & Organ*

*\* incense to be used at these services*

### **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, April 1**

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

#### **TUESDAY, April 2**

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

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

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 3**

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

6:00 p.m. Dinner then Adult Ed program - Community Center

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

#### **THURSDAY, April 4**

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

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

#### **FRIDAY, April 5**

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Discussion - Serving Spoon, Osprey Ave.

5:00 p.m. Fish Fry - Community Center