

TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

COMMUNION NOTE Through the summer, all come to the altar rail to receive the Holy Communion.

ADULT ED OPPORTUNITIES TODAY 9:00 am:

Sunday Scripture in Depth Study and discussion with a member of our clergy in the Library.

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.



"MASTERWORKS for the ORGAN" St. Boniface Church welcomes international concert organist Nathan Laube Sunday, **May 5**, 6:00 p.m. The concert will feature compositions by Bach, Duruflé, Widor, Mendelssohn and Franck. A FREE event (free-will offering), thanks to the Boniface Friends of Music. A reception with the artist follows the concert.

ART SHOW AND SALE The Watercolor Group continues their Spring Show and Sale today in the Parish Hall. They 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).*

SCHOOL ENDS - SUMMER HUNGER BEGINS Will you help make sure no child goes hungry this Summer? Join St. Boniface Grants & Outreach Committee members on Tuesday, May 28, from 9-11 a.m. at the All Faiths Food Bank. We will put together backpacks for school children who lose access to free school breakfast or lunch during the Summer break. We need 25 volunteers. Sign-up and learn more during Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP & 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).

GIVING TREE This month we help seniors in our community remain independent, safe and secure in their own homes. Pick a tag from our Giving Tree (in the Parish Hall or from the bulletin board in the church entry) for a wish list of basic necessities you can easily purchase and place under the Tree. Donations will be delivered to **Senior Friendship Centers** for their successful Friendship at Home program. For more info see the Giving Tree or call parishioner Nancy Rafter at 941-402-3302.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS at the ALTAR Your special gift for May provides for especially resplendent altar flowers on Mothers' Day, celebrating mothers everywhere. It also helps adorn our altar throughout the year with linens and other decoration that dignify and beautify our worship. Your gift may be given in tribute or memorial. Extra envelopes are available in the church entry area, or you may make your check payable to St. Boniface Church and note Mothers' Day Flowers and Altar on the memo line. All gifts received by May 6th will be noted in the leaflet on Mother's Day, May 12th.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER If you are seeking some peaceful, reflective time in your life, consider being a part of this prayer group. Give yourself the gift of an hour of prayer and sharing. The group meets in the Healing Mission Thursday, **May 9** at 11:00 a.m. For more information, contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983.

GUN SAFETY WITNESS The Sarasota Brady Chapter will hold this season's last witness for gun safety at the Bay Front on Thursday, May 9th, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. All are welcome to attend. We will resume our witness next September, date to be determined.

EVENSONG RECITAL & SERVICE The service is preceded by a recital featuring our 2019 Young Artist Showcase scholarship recipient, Dominique Cecchetti. This will be followed by a Choral Evensong presented by the Siesta Youth Chorale, with members of the St. Boniface Choir. Sunday, **May 12**, 4:00 p.m.

THE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP will meet Monday, **May 13**, at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Connie McManus (923-5366) to discuss *The Female Persuasion*, a novel by Meg Wolitzer. All are welcome! For more information, call Cynnie Smyth at 941-349-8292.

GRIEF & LOSS GROUP 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, **May 19** at 11:30 a.m. in the Healing Mission (note new location). For questions or more information contact Rita Valenti-Piovane (610)442-0984.

MOMS, DADS AND GRADS Our commemorative bricks make for a unique way to celebrate your special mom, dad or new graduate. Create your own message to be permanently engraved on a brick, and let us know which area of the Courtyard you'd like it placed. We'll do the rest. \$150 per brick. Order forms are available in the church entry or on our website (www.bonifacechurch.org and type "brick" in the search box).

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS We welcome all bakers -- or those whose personal chefs are Costco, Gordon Foods or Publix ;-) - to share your treats at our Sunday morning Coffee Hours. We have no volunteers for the next two Sundays! Keep the hospitality flowing and sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Betsie Danner (941-349-5616 x 318 or bdanner@bonifacechurch.org).

ST. NICHOLAS COMMUNITY FAIR December 7, 2019, will mark a spectacular one-day event celebrating St. Boniface Church's 65th anniversary with the families of Siesta Key and Sarasota. The fair will include a broad array of offerings for sale (with proceeds going to St. Boniface Outreach), as well as fun activities for children of all ages, including a chance to meet St. Nicholas himself. If you would like to contribute your talent, or for more information, please contact Ann Hardcastle at 941-538-8980; Denise Ayre at 941-342-0446; Alice Reid at 206-571-6393; Frankie Kruger at 678-923-5165; Prill Nugent at 312-909-2609.

HEADING "HOME" FOR THE SUMMER? Please add these to-dos to your list!

- Let the church office know your **summer address**, so we can direct your mail to the right place.
- Send us your **email address** to get the latest scoop while you're away.
- When **emptying your pantry**, bring any unopened, non-perishable items to the church. We have bright yellow **All Faiths Food Bank** bins in the church and parish hall waiting for your donations!
- Drop off your gently read **books** for our **Give and Take Book Cart**.
- Remember you can **stay in touch** with your "winter church" through the newsletter and e-blast, website and our video stream of the Sunday service.

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, May 6

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

TUESDAY, May 7

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, May 8

4:30 p.m. Conversational Spanish - Library

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

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

THURSDAY, May 9

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

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

11:00 a.m. Contemplative Prayer Group - Healing Mission

4:00 p.m. Brady Campaign Gun Safety Witness - Sarasota Bayfront

FRIDAY, May 10

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