

## TODAY and COMING UP at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP (EOW)** is our Sunday liturgical into the fall. A supplement to the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, EOW seeks to expand the language, images, and metaphors in worship. The responses are in your service leaflet. The text of the **Eucharistic Prayer 3** is in the booklet in the pew rack. The clergy welcomes your feedback and questions, as always.

**SUNDAY SCRIPTURE** Study and discussion at 9:00 today takes a break, please join us in the Parish Hall for a special presentation.

**SUNDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION** is on break, and will resume October 6, book selection to be discussed at that time.

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

**A GIFT TOWARDS THE ALTAR FLOWERS** today is given by Glen Ridgeway, in memory of his wife, Berit M. Ridgeway.

**CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION** Today, everyone is invited to a very special coffee hour with the team of the Center for Spiritual Transformation. We have prepared some special treats, and a brief presentation on the Center. We share the history, purpose and vision of the Center, as well as upcoming and future events. We welcome your questions and suggestions for possible pathways to be included in the Center for Spiritual Transformation.

**EVENSONG SERVICE and RECITAL** today, **5:00 p.m.**, includes the works of Parry, Webster, Williams and Coates. The preceding recital features 2019 Young Artist Showcase scholarship recipient, Noah Hardaway. As a pianist, Mr. Hardaway is earning great acclaim and honors, holding degrees from the prestigious music programs at Rice University and Shenandoah University.

**SPECIAL GIVING THIS MONTH** September supports our newest ministry, the **Center for Spiritual Transformation at St. Boniface Church**. Several of our well-serving ministries are combining their energies with newly developing efforts to further open pathways for seekers, new and deep-rooted, to deepen their spirituality – closer to our Creator's love. Your gift this month both celebrates and supports this new endeavor, and may be made in thanksgiving or memory.

**MIGRATION MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY** We recently formed a catalyst group to create opportunities for St. Boniface congregants to honor the dignity of migrants. Please contact Fr. Jonathan Evans for more information, (941)349-5616 x313.

**WEDNESDAY WORSHIP and 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).

**TRANSPORTATION to CHURCH** Prefer not to drive at night? Don't drive anymore? St. Boniface Church has partnered with ITN Suncoast, a nonprofit transportation service for seniors. This trusted transportation company will take you to any church event for a discounted rate. You will need to 1) fill out an application available in the office, Parish Hall or online, and 2) call a day ahead for service arrangements (but by 1pm on Friday for any weekend or Monday activity). Contact Deacon Elisa Hansen or Fr. Jonathan Evans for details.

**CÍRCULO ESPAÑOL** All are welcome to our Conversational Spanish Group! We gather 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. Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. in St. Francis Room beginning **October 2**. For more information contact Mary Gordon, (941)923-2302.

**MEN OF BONIFACE NOW MEET THURSDAYS** (a.k.a. "The MOB") will hold its first meeting of the 2019-2020 season on Thursday, **October 3**, 2019 at the Serving Spoon restaurant, 8:00 a.m. (note day and time change). Good food, interesting conversation and stimulating discussions. No experience necessary; just come with a good appetite and an inquiring mind. Contact Matt Smith, 941-918-1976, for information.

**ANIMAL BLESSING** Saturday, **October 5**, at 10 a.m. in the Courtyard in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. All animals appropriately leashed or caged are welcome! Contributions of pet food for Sarasota County Humane Society distribution gladly accepted. Refreshments for animals and owners provided by Boniface Eco-Stewardship Team (B.E.S.T.). Contact Grace Riker 941-924-8908.

**TAIZÉ at ST. BONIFACE CHURCH** This very prayerful and moving contemplative service, set in a casual setting, will be offered monthly at St. Boniface beginning Saturday, **October 5**, 5:00 p.m. If you are interested in participating with the readings or music please contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983 or email drritav@gmail.com.

**EUCHARIST for the DEAF** Join us Sunday, **October 6**, 12:00 p.m. for a simple liturgy in American Sign Language that's accessible to all Deaf people, regardless of their proficiency in English, and reflect ways of relating common in the Deaf community. All are welcome!

**LITERARY LADIES** resume their monthly meetings on Thursday, **October 10** at 10:00 a.m. in the Crediton Room, and will discuss *The Women in the Castle*, by Jessica Shattuck. All are welcome! For more information, contact Marilyn Hill, 941-374-1990.

**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 next meets in the Healing Mission Thursday, **October 10** at 11:00 a.m. For more info, contact Fr. Michael Piovane at 610-442-0983.

**SHINING OUR LIGHT: Day of Gratitude, Grace, Generosity** Plan to attend our special celebration day on **October 12th!** Sign up – and pick up an info sheet at Coffee Hour or call the church office – as we would like to be sure we have enough materials for all. We will be providing beverages and snacks and ask that you bring a bag lunch. If you cannot attend the entire day, come for whatever portion you can. This promises to be a special, one of a kind experience in the life of our parish.

**YOUNG ARTIST SHOWCASE** on Sunday, **October 13**, features our 2019 Young Artist Showcase Recital winner, Teia Watson. A recent graduate of the State College of Florida, Ms. Watson has a wide-ranging repertoire spanning opera and musical theater. A student of Melodie Dickerson, Teia has won numerous accolades in vocal performance. With the aid of our Young Artist Scholarship, Ms. Watson is currently pursuing a BA in Vocal Performance at the University of Tampa. **4:00 p.m.**, a free event (freewill offering) thanks to the Boniface Friends of Music.

**THE WOMEN'S BOOK GROUP** will meet Monday, **October 14**, at 3:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Gordon (941-993-0907) to discuss *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure. All are welcome! For more information, call Cynthia Smyth at 908-568-9210.

**AMERICAN ROOTS: THE GOSPEL EXPERIENCE** is a collaboration of Key Chorale and Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe, exploring the rich tradition of black gospel music in America. The American Roots series weaves the spirited style of WBTT's singers, dancers and musicians with the soaring choral harmonies of the Key Chorale Chamber Singers. This high-energy show celebrates the music and movement at the heart of African-American worship. Highlights will include "Amazing Grace," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," and "Oh Happy Day." Saturday, **October 19**, 4:00 p.m. here at St. Boniface Church. Tickets can be purchased at [www.keychorale.org](http://www.keychorale.org).

**BLOOD DRIVE** for Suncoast Communities Blood Bank. Roll up your sleeves for chemo patients, burn victims and surgery patients in our community! It's quick and (relatively!) painless. Thirty minutes of your time touches up to five people and can even save a life. St. Boniface parking lot, **October 20**, 8:30-12:30.

## 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: call (941)349-5616 x335 for an appointment.

### **MONDAY, September 30**

#### **TUESDAY, October 1**

10:00 a.m. **Eucharist** – Church

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

#### **WEDNESDAY, October 2**

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

5:30 p.m. **Eucharist** & Potluck – Parish Hall

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

#### **THURSDAY, October 3**

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

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

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

#### **SATURDAY, October 5**

10:00 a.m. Pet Blessing – Outdoor Chapel

5:00 p.m. Taizé service - Church