

SAINT BONIFACE NEWS

FROM THE RECTOR



My dear sisters and brothers,

I join you in your unsettledness, and your hope, stemming from the events of the past week in our nation.

Many, many good things have been written and said in response by leaders and thinkers within our Episcopal Church. And I can add no better words.

However these words, from The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, capture much of what I am thinking and feeling: "George Floyd's right to humane treatment while in custody of the law was violated. His murder in public was a blatant act of the racism that infects this nation. Some people used the death of George Floyd as an excuse to smash windows and burn cars. Some leaders then used this violence as an excuse to distract our attention from the cause and meaning of his death...both are criminal acts. It is now up to each of us to declare what we intend to do as a consequence, to face our reality and deal with it through truth telling and constructive change."

Love is calling us to continue our work for justice at St. Boniface Church.

God bless you,

Wayne+

Many opportunities to stay connected with St. Boniface Church:

Worship, Teaching, Fellowship:

- **Sunday morning services** at 10:00 continue to be live-streamed via our [website](#). In-person Sunday worship is offered at 7:45 & 10:00, with limited seating. RSVP is required by calling the church office (941-349-5616) or registering [online here](#) by 5:00 p.m. Thursday. Safe protocols and precise guidelines will be followed.
- Sunday morning **Bible Study** at 9:00 by Zoom, contact [Fr. Jeff Hamblin](#)
- Sunday morning **Book Discussion** at 9:00 by Zoom, contact [Vince Brennan](#)
- **Morning Prayer** at 9:30 am, Monday - Friday, on our [Facebook](#) page.
- **Evening Prayer** at 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday, on our [Facebook](#) page.
- **Wednesday music** offered weekly at 7:30 p.m. on our [website](#).
- **Thursday "Coffee Hour"** at 10:00 a.m. at 10:00 a.m. by [this Zoom link](#) (password 771888)
- **Men of Boniface** gather each Friday at 8:00 a.m. by [this Zoom link](#)
- Prayer Shawl Ministry continues on Tuesdays on Zoom to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. Contact [Meg Larrabee](#) for the invite.
- **Literary Ladies** discuss their chosen book of the month [by Zoom](#) (password 335397) on the second Thursday of the month (**June 11**) at 10:30 a.m.
- A special Center for Spiritual Transformation (**CST**) **educational event** with Br. John Filkins introducing a "new again" prayer form, *Exploring Early Celtic Christianity and Prayer*. Saturday, **June 13** at 10:00 a.m. by [this Zoom link](#) (password 817465).
- Join us for **Contemplative Prayer** Wednesday, **June 17** at 10:30 a.m. via [this Zoom link](#) with Fr. Michael Piovane

Healing & Pastoral Care:

- **The clergy** is always available to speak to, please call Fr. Wayne Farrell (941-266-2140) or Fr. Jonathan Evans (786-540-5704)
- **Healing ministers** are available by phone to offer a mini-session of healing prayer: lifting of intentions, Lord's Prayer, few minutes of silent meditation and final grace. Call (941)349-5616 x335 and leave a message at the Healing Mission.
- **Prayer requests** Each week your intentions are held up in prayer by the Pastoral Care Team, and then are prayed throughout the week by the Prayer Group. Call 941-349-5616 x318. We need only first names - no last names or circumstance needed, please.
- **Prayer Shawls** are available, contact Connie Mereness, 941-346-1844 to arrange a time for one to be dropped off at your doorstep.

- Clergy look forward to meeting with you for **front yard fellowship**. We can set up lawn chairs in your front yard or driveway and share good company - safely out-of-doors and 6 feet apart, of course. To set up a visit, contact Lisa Wolf, 941-349-5616 x320 or [email](#).

SPECIAL OFFERING - FATHER'S DAY TOOL FUND *Each month, above and beyond our regular giving, we have an opportunity to support a specific aspect of or parish life at St. Boniface.* June's special offering ensures we can tackle the special projects that keep our campus safe and welcoming. Please make your check payable to St. Boniface Church and note *Tool Fund* on the memo line, or give online on our [website](#) (choose "Father's Day Tool Fund"). Your gift may be made in memory or thanksgiving. Gifts received by June 15 will be listed in the Sunday leaflet on Father's Day.

Boniface Outreach Grant Helps Sarasota's Latino Community Low-income families in the Sarasota area are being hit particularly hard by the economic impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. A \$3,000 grant from the St. Boniface Grants and Outreach committee will help [UNIDOSNow](#), a local nonprofit organization, help families that have lost their jobs pay for basic living expenses. UNIDOSNow was created ten years ago to address the gaps in education, integration and civic engagement among young people in the area's Latino population. Their programs have put many young people in selective colleges and they have earned \$6 million in scholarships and grants. The Migration Ministry Workgroup at St. Boniface Church was established in the fall of 2019 as a passionate and dedicated catalyst group to create opportunities for congregants to honor the dignity of migrants. To learn more or become involved with the Migration Ministry Workgroup, contact [Fr. Jonathan Evans](#).

CELEBRATE YOUR DAD or GRAD! A commemorative brick, to be placed in the St. Boniface Courtyard makes a unique and lasting tribute for Fathers' Day or graduation day. Create your own message to be permanently engraved on a brick. And we'll do the rest. \$150 per brick. Order forms are available in the church entry or on our [website](#) (type "brick" in the search box).

SUMMER GIVING During these months usually we are heading "home" or traveling to visit familiar faces and see new places. This year is so very different! Many of us are choosing to keep our travels to a minimum, visiting - even worshipping - digitally. Please know that St. Boniface's ministries will continue and your contributions, as you are able, make all the difference. Following are a few ways that you can conveniently continue to support your church.

- **Texting your gift:** Send a text to 73256, with Boniface as the message. You'll receive a confirming text. Click on the link included in the text. When the link opens, follow the prompts for the amount, the fund (scroll through the options), and your credit card and contact info. Then click the "give" button. You'll receive an email confirming your gift for your records.
- **Giving securely** through the Members Area of our [website](#).
- **Contacting the church office** (941-349-5616) to make giving arrangements.

Whatever your summer plans, we hope you remain safe!

MEETING ... & BEATING ... THE CHALLENGE So much seems beyond our control at this time, but one thing we can always do is reach out in love. St. Boniface knew we could do something about the rapidly growing hunger facing too many of our brothers and sisters in the community. From funds at our disposal, last month the rector and vestry offered to match parishioner gifts for **All Faiths Food Bank**, hoping to raise \$15,000. We are excited to announce that the parish responses were swift and generous and our gift to the food bank was doubled - exceeding \$30,000!
- The St. Boniface Vestry

ST. NICHOLAS FAIR COMING IN DECEMBER and the committee is asking for your involvement now! Set aside jewelry, handbags, books and other collectibles to donate. Join the team to help with publicity, baking, set-up/take-down, or anything else. Contact Ann Hardcastle 941-538-8980; Helen Francis 941-928-7509; Frankie Kruger 678-923-5165; or Prill Nugent 312-909-2609.

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