



Saint Boniface News

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From the Rector's Desk May 2021

Dear St. Boniface Community-

Sarasota County reports that more than 54% of our neighbors have received at least one dose of the COVID 19 vaccine and that over 40% of us are fully vaccinated. Thank you, and Thanks be to God! (If you and your family have not been vaccinated, please do so.) With this positive news you are feeling safer to gather as our in-person attendance at church grows each Sunday. Recently, just over 100 of us attended a 10:00 service.

Still, we remain under the CDC guidelines and the Bishop's directive for indoor gatherings limiting our seating capacity. Please continue to **contact the church office each week and make your reservation** to worship in church. It's as easy as a phone call or responding to an email. Perhaps consider attending the 8:00 service to open seats for guests and visitors at the 10:00 service. We hope to never turn anyone away.

In addition, as we come forward to receive Holy Communion, please remember to keep a safe distance in line if the person in front of you is outside of your household. And still, there is no contact at the Peace with those not in your family.

Ascension Day is Thursday May 13. We will have a service in church (and livestreamed) at 6:30 pm with music and choir. And on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, you are invited to wear red as we celebrate the power of God the Holy Spirit among us in the Church. Special music is planned. And as the *CDC guidelines for outdoor gatherings have revised*, on Pentecost we will also enjoy hospitality on the Courtyard after worship with beverages and fellowship. Remember to make reservations!

Until then, *with joy we keep the Easter feast*. Alleluia. Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

God bless, *Wayne*

ASCENSION DAY ~ MAY 13
Is one of the seven Principal Feasts observed in the Episcopal Church. Both the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds declare: "he ascended into heaven" and the Book of Acts records that Jesus ascended forty days after his resurrection from the dead. We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist (with choir) at **6:30 p.m.** Please make a reservation. Livestream will be available.

INQUIRER'S CLASS Curious to know more about the history, practices and theology of the Episcopal Church? Ready to deepen your ties to the Church through baptism, confirmation or reception? Join Fr. Jonathan for an engaging opportunity to learn more about the Episcopal Church and more about your own spiritual understandings, as well to get to know other people at St. Boniface. The group will also serve as preparation for adult baptism or confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church (if you were confirmed in another denomination) at the Bishop's Visitation **June 13**.
Contact Fr. Jonathan Evans 941-349-5616 x313 or jevans@bonifacechurch.org) to learn more.

STATIONS of the RESURRECTION continues through May 23. The Healing Mission is offering this as a Walk of Hope. A solo route with numbered stations is set up in the heart of the campus which can be followed with a booklet. The starting point is by the outdoor bulletin board of the Parish Hall, where the booklet is available. This Walk of Hope can be done alone or with others.

RE-JOINING IN-PERSON WORSHIP? As more and more of us feel comfortable re-gathering for Sunday worship, you may find things will feel a little different! We provide these pointers to familiarize you with new safety practices in place.

- ◆ Reservations – are required for every Sunday. Contact the church office to make yours.
- ◆ Seating Plan – markers on each pew will show you where to sit, safely distanced from fellow worshippers. See a hymnal and prayer book? You're safely seated! Friendly ushers are on hand to help.
- ◆ Masks must be worn at all times during worship.
- ◆ Offering Plate will be at the church entrance and will not be passed. Please place your offering in it as you enter.
- ◆ Holy Communion – come forward to where clergy are stationed near the altar rail to receive the host. Ushers will let you know when to go forward.

RSCM SILVER MEDALS We congratulate Annika & Karalina Guyer and Dinah Wainwright on passing the Royal School of Church Music examinations, and reception of the prestigious Silver Medal! This award is earned by few (only 7 were bestowed in 2019) and requires a considerable depth of musical and theological understanding. Each of these young women studied hard over the last several months and underwent individual oral exams lasting well over an hour. Their work has resulted in an award that honors both them and St. Boniface Church. Soli Deo gloria!



Sunday May 16, 6:00 p.m.

The Boniface Friends of Music welcome this acclaimed chamber ensemble with works by Mozart, Bach, Ravel and Foote. Reservations, distancing, and face coverings are required for in-person attendance. Livestreaming is also available through Boxcast on our website. Donations (\$10) at the door.

SUNDAY SEMINAR This month, Deacon Elisa Hansen, art historian and head of the art research library at The Ringling Museum, will present "Art and Christian Reflection: How Works of Art can Transform Our Views on Moral and Social Justice Issues." From a spiritual perspective, art can heighten our devotion to God, but it can also deepen our sensitivity to the suffering and struggles of others. This session will delve into how the visual arts can convey Christian values and provide a moral compass for contemporary issues. **Sunday, May 23, 5:00 p.m.** Please register for the Zoom event at jevans@bonifacechurch.org.



Many opportunities to continue to stay connected with St. Boniface Church:

Worship, Teaching, Fellowship:

- ◆ **Sunday morning services** continue to be live-streamed via our [website](#). In-person Sunday worship is offered at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. in the Church, with limited seating. RSVP is required by calling the church office at 941-349-5616 or online by Thursday 5:00 p.m. Reservations must be made each week.
- ◆ Sunday morning **Bible Study** at 9:00 a.m. by Zoom, contact [Fr. Jeff Hamblin](#)
- ◆ Sunday morning **Book Discussion** at 8:45 a.m. by Zoom, contact [Vince Brennan](#)
- ◆ **Morning Prayer** at 9:30 a.m., Monday - Friday and **Evening Prayer** at 5:00 p.m., 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. by [this Zoom link](#) (password 207747)
- ◆ **Men of Boniface** gather each Friday at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom (ID: 869 5575 9179 passcode: 034605)
- ◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** continues on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. on Zoom to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love (ID:886 7544 6820 PW:254048)
- ◆ **Circulo español** This Conversational Spanish group meets by Zoom Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. for informal practice. Contact Mary Gordon (941-923-2302 or jmkpl@aol.com) for information.
- ◆ **Literary Ladies** discuss this month *The Friend*, by Sigrid Nunez [by Zoom](#) (password 335397) Thursday, **May 13** at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of the month **May 5 & 19** (ID: 886 9678 4674 Passcode: 077733)

Healing & Pastoral Care:

- ◆ **The clergy** are always available to speak to, please call Fr. Wayne Farrell (941-266-2140) or Fr. Jonathan Evans (786-540-5704).
- ◆ **Prayer requests** Contact the church office to let us know your needs. We pray for them at our weekly Pastoral Care Meeting, and our Prayer Team prays for them throughout the week. If you would like to join the Prayer Team, call x318 in the church office or email bdanner@bonifacechurch.org.
- ◆ **Prayer shawls** are available. Contact Connie Mereness, 941-346-1844 to arrange a time for one to be dropped off at your doorstep.



Center for Spiritual Transformation EDUCATIONAL OFFERING Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m. by Zoom: *The Joy of Pentecost: God's Gift that Keeps on Giving*, with Bob Griffiths. Whether it descends upon us in a mighty rush, or ascends with quiet stillness in our lives, the work of the spirit is to help us find our tongues—those distinctive words that we are intended to speak to the world through the witness of our living. This event is part of the series, "Living into the Joy from Lent to Pentecost." (Zoom ID: 849 5849 3207 / passcode: 596368.)

HEADING HOME for the SUMMER?

We'll miss you! Stay in touch by:

- ◆ Letting the church office know your **summer address**.
- ◆ Sending us your **email address**.
- ◆ Watching for our **newsletters and e-blasts**
- ◆ Tuning into the Sunday service **livestream**.

FROM THE LIBRARY TEAM

Looking for a book from the GIVE & TAKE cart? We will soon be making it available after the Sunday services. Meanwhile, if you have any books that you've read during the pandemic, we'd love for you to donate them!!! Just drop them off on Sunday or during the week!!!

QUARANTINA CONCERTS This part of our varied music ministry provides a unique mixture of historically informed instrumental and sacred choral music performed live at St. Boniface Church, to be viewed from the comfort and safety of your home. Tune in on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm on our [website](#), on [boxcast.tv](#) or on our [Facebook page](#):

- May 5** – rebroadcast of Noah Hardaway, pianist
- May 12** – Sun-Young Shin, violin; Sam Nelson, harpsichord
- May 19** – Lorraine Murphy, soprano; Ann Stephenson-Moe, organ
- May 26** – Maryta de Humahuaca, Argentinian singer

These programs are brought to you by the Boniface Friends of Music. Please consider a donation to help us continue this concert series.

BRADY CAMPAIGN GUN SAFETY WITNESS

Our local nonpartisan Witness for Gun Safety will meet for one masked and socially-distanced rally this spring on **Thursday, May 20** from **4:00 - 5:00 pm** at the Sarasota Bay-front park and O'Leary's. We'll provide the signs, wear a white shirt and bring a chair, if you like. All are welcome to attend. For info, contact David and Nancy Evans, 941-954-2059.

THE CHURCH'S ROLE in RACIAL EQUALITY

Our conversation on race, racial equality and racism continues with a look at the Church's role in the issue throughout history. In August, the diocese previews a book-read of Jemar Tisbey's 2019 book, *The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism*. And a member of our congregation, Maria Martin Thacker, will guide St Boniface through a deeper look with a four-week study of the book in September. If interested in participating, contact Maria Martin Thacker (mmthacker@gmail.com). Further details will be forthcoming at a later date.

Mark your calendars - ST. NICHOLAS FAIR returns Saturday, DECEMBER 4, 2021!

Following last year's Pandemic Pause and Virtual Fair, we are so happy to be able to plan for an in-person fair once again this year! Your favorite attractions from our last fair will be there—and we invite EVERYONE to come forward with ideas/talents for new offerings and attractions this year!



Start collecting now: jewelry, handbags, home furnishings, books, and holiday decorations. And volunteer your time! For more information contact Ann Hardcastle at 941-538-8980; Helen Francis at 941-928-7509; Alice Reid at 206-571-6393; or Prill Nugent at 312-909-2609 .

Choosing Safer Activities

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/participate-in-activities.html>

	Unvaccinated People	Your Activity	Fully Vaccinated People
		Outdoor	
Safest		Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	
		Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people	
Less Safe		Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	
Least Safe		Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	
		Indoor	
Less Safe		Visit a barber or hair salon	
		Go to an uncrowded, indoor shopping center or museum	
		Ride public transport with limited occupancy	
		Attend a small, indoor gathering of fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people from multiple households	
Least Safe		Go to an indoor movie theater	
		Attend a full-capacity worship service	
		Sing in an indoor chorus	
		Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	
		Participate in an indoor, high intensity exercise class	

Get a COVID-19 vaccine



Prevention measures not needed



Take prevention measures

Fully vaccinated people: wear a mask
Unvaccinated people: wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

- Safety levels assume the recommended prevention measures are followed, both by the individual and the venue (if applicable).
- CDC cannot provide the specific risk level for every activity in every community. It is important to consider your own personal situation and the risk to you, your family, and your community before venturing out.



cdc.gov/coronavirus