



St. Boniface Episcopal Church

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September 26, 2021 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleased Art Thou *Marcel Dupré*
Verset de Procession sur l'Adoro Te *Léon Boëllmann*

The Word of God

Hymn 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Unison

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

Harmony *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

Harmony

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Unison

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise S-202

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar

and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124 *8:00 all say 10:00 sung by the choir*

- 1 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

James 5:13-20 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

10:00 Hymn 509 vs 1, 2, 4 Spirit divine, attend our prayers

1 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers, and make this house thy home;
 2 Come as the light; to us re - veal our emp - ti - ness and woe,
 3 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
 4 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, the wings of peace - ful love;
 5 Spi - rit di - vine, at - tend our prayers; make a lost world thy home;

1 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers, O come, great Spi - rit, come!
 2 and lead us in those paths of life where - on the right - eous go.
 3 let our whole soul an of - fering be to our Re - deem - er's Name.
 4 and let thy Church on earth be - come blest as the Church a - bove.
 5 de - scend with all thy gra - cious powers; O come, great Spi - rit, come!

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jonathan Percival

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Dabney, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our President and Ronald our Governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People* **And with thy spirit.**

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome

The Holy Communion

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

8:00 Offertory **Hymn 625 Ye holy angels bright** (see page 9)

10:00 Offertory Anthem

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, And see the Saints above,

How great their joys, how bright their glories be We ask them whence their victory came,

They with one united breath, Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,

Their triumph to his death They mark'd the footsteps that he trod,

His zeal inspir'd their breast; And, following their incarnate God,

They reach'd the promis'd rest.

Give us the wings of faith *Ernest Bullock*

10:00 Presentation Hymn 432 vs. 1

*O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made, and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer II

Prayer Book page 340

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,:

Sanctus S-114 *8:00 a.m. all say 10:00 a.m. all sing*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem *8:00 a.m. all say 10:00 a.m. all sing Hymnal S-158*

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

The people may join the Celebrant in saying

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God. To those who, due to this pandemic, are unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine; I assure you that all of the benefits of this Holy Communion are received spiritually, even though the Sacrament is not received physically.

People may pray **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Lord Jesus Christ, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I offer my praise and thanksgiving in communion with those who are receiving the blessed bread and cup at this Holy Eucharist. As I embrace you with all of my affections, send your body and blood to dwell spiritually in my life. Amen.

10:00 a.m. Communion music:

Choir

Justorum animae C. V. V. Stanford

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, et non tanget illos tormentum mortis.

Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, illi autem sunt in pace.

Translation: *The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them. In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; but they are in peace.*

Hymn 342 O Bread of life, for sinners broken



1 O Bread of life, for sin - ners bro - ken,
2 For all we seek your grace sus - tain - ing;
3 Now may your life to us de - scend - ing



of God's own love his dear - est tok - en,
your love shines though your strength is wan - ing,
en - ter our lives, all veils thus rend - ing;



we hear the words so gen - tly spo - ken,
thus by your death our life ob - tain - ing.
Em - man - u - el, our joy un - end - ing.



“Do this for me in my re - mem - brance.”
“Come un - to me, you hea - vy la - den.”
“I am with you, this day and ev - er.”

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn 625 Ye holy angels bright

Descant

4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

1 Ye ho - ly an - gels bright, who wait at God's right hand, or
2 Ye bless - ed souls at rest, who ran this earth - ly race and
3 Ye saints, who toil be - low, a - dore your heaven - ly King, and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, tri - umph in God a - bove: and

with a well - tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's com - mand, as - sist our
now, from sin re - leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prais - es
on - ward as ye go some joy - ful an - them sing; take what he
with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

song, for else the theme too high doth seem for mor - tal tongue.
sound, as in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.
gives and praise him still, through good or ill, who ev - er lives!
days till life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.

St. Boniface Episcopal Church continues in Christ's love to invite, welcome, and include all in worship, healing, teaching, fellowship, and service in our diverse, inclusive Christian community.

Announcements

COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE Bishop Smith, supporting the CDC guidelines, is requiring everyone to wear masks for all indoor church gatherings. This includes worship, visits to the office, and class or small group meetings indoors on campus. Masks are available at the Welcome Table. In addition, at the 10 am Communion is received at the Baptismal Font. Please remain masked to line up and receive the Bread. Then, as your return to your seat, unmask and consume your wafer. Fellowship after worship is outside, masks are not required. Thank you for understanding.

Fellowship

- ❖ Blessings and best wishes to those celebrating **birthdays and anniversaries** this week: John Buszin, Dwight Davis, Gary Eastlund, Yu Ya Hersey, Mary Jo Hopkins, Ann Munson, Jim Palermo, Jessica Ralli, John Tuccillo, Ev Walk, Christine & Chris Coston, Anita & Frank Countryman, Meryl & Bill Fell, Judy & Dan Stickler.
- ❖ Stop by the “Front Porch” following worship for **fellowship and conversation** over a beverage and individually pre-wrapped goodies. Please contact the church office if you would like to provide items for an upcoming Sunday (941-349-5616).
- ❖ Join us for **virtual coffee hour** at 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays, contact Lisa Wolf for the Zoom link, lwolf@bonifacechurch.org.
- ❖ **Men of Boniface** gather Fridays at 8:00 a.m. by Zoom, contact Reg Irvine for information and invite, reg.irvine@verizon.net.
- ❖ The **Watercolor Group's Summer Show** is on display in the Parish Hall. Most paintings are for sale, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting our parish ministries.

Worship

- ❖ **Liturgy Note:** Today's hymnody is a reminder that The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels happens on Wednesday, September 29. Among the four angels named in the Bible, the Archangel Michael wards off evil from God's people and delivers peace to them at the end of this life. The scriptural word “angel” (Greek: *angelos*) means a messenger. Christians have always felt attended to by swift, powerful, and enlightening angels either visible or invisible. Unfortunately, their representation in art has led many misunderstandings. Angels are altogether different than humans, a unique creation of God. Plus, they are never described in scripture as chubby and infant-like, nor do humans become angels when they die.

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

- ❖ Rector **Wayne Farrell** is away on his annual time of Continuing Education, returning Sunday October 10. For pastoral care emergencies, call the church office. Our Assisting Clergy is available.

- ❖ A gift towards the **altar flowers** today is given towards birthday celebrations, in thanksgiving for Charlie Farrell and Ted Copland, and in memory of Dale Willard, from Jenny Mahieu and Reid Farrell.
- ❖ **10:00 a.m. Tuesday**, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel.
- ❖ **Contemplative Prayer** meets via Zoom bi-monthly at 10:30 am on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (**October 6 & 20** ID: 886 9678 4674 Passcode: 077733).
- ❖ Wednesday **worship and potluck** gathers in the Parish Hall at 5:30 pm for Evening Prayer (Eucharist first Wednesdays of the month) followed by a Pot Luck supper outside. Please bring a salad, main dish, drink or dessert to share. Contact Katherine Johnson for info, 941-927-2066.
- ❖ **Evensong service & recital**, Sunday, **October 3** at 5:00 p.m. featuring Young Artist Showcase finalist Leela Sundaram, Soprano and the St. Boniface Parish Choir. Works by Hurd, Brewer and Sumsion.
- ❖ **Pet Blessing** Our Eco- Stewardship Team hosts this annual celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, Saturday, **October 9**, 10:00 in the Outdoor Chapel. Contributions of pet food for Sarasota County Humane Society are most welcome.

Healing

- ❖ **Prayer Shawl Ministry** meets on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. to knit prayers together into shawls for those needing to be wrapped in God's healing love. Contact Meg Larrabee by email meglarrabee@hotmail.com.
- ❖ **Beyond the Broken Heart** Everyone must deal with the issues of loss at some point in life. People we care about die. People we care about stop caring about us. Jobs disappear. Health diminishes. Security is lost. The Grief and Loss support group can help navigate such difficult times. We meet twice a month, gathering on the second and fourth Sundays (next on **September 26**) in the Healing Mission at 11:30. For more information contact Rita Piovane 610-442-0984 or driritav@gmail.com.
- ❖ The **Healing Mission** is suspending in-person appointments at this time. A prayer session is available over the phone. Call 941-349-5616 x335 and leave a message.

Teaching

- ❖ **Nursery care** is provided for our youngest parishioners. The Nursery, located along the Courtyard, is staffed with our licensed, professional caregivers, and with COVID safety protocols in place.
- ❖ **Church School** *Weaving God's Promises* Children in Pre-K4 to 5th grade gather Sundays at 10:00 a.m, then return to their parents in church just before Communion. The first Sunday of the month is Family Sunday, and children and our teachers are invited to participate in the full worship experience by joining their families for the entire service.
- ❖ **Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Bible Study** with Fr. Jeff Hamblin (jlh@jeffrehamblin-md.com) meets in the Library and on Zoom.
- ❖ **Sunday Book Discussion** resumes **October 3**, gathering in the St. Francis Room at 9:00, and on Zoom to discuss *Life of the Beloved* by Henri J.M. Nouwen. For more information contact Vince Brennan vhbrennan43@gmail.com.

- ❖ **Circulo español** Conversational Spanish Group resumes **October 6**, meeting by Zoom on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. Contact Mary Gordon for more information, 941-923-2302.
- ❖ The **Center for Spiritual Transformation** invites you to join us on Saturday, **October 9** at 10:00 am for parishioner Rick Pereira's presentation, "Every Baptized Person is Called to Ministry," discussing Education for Ministry [EfM] and how it supports participants to think theologically, reflect faithfully, and speak convincingly about their beliefs. (Zoom ID 849 5849 3207 Passcode 596368)

Service

- ❖ **Giving Tree** Our parish outreach this month supports **Second Heart Homes**, providing housing and critical support services to homeless adult members of our community with mental health issues. Their high-touch, tailored-service approach revives dignity, establishes stability, and teaches independence. Clients come to their programs based on their commitment to address their health, remain sober and achieve personal goals toward self-sufficiency. You can help with your purchase of any of the basic necessities on this wish list. If you are shopping on line, consider having your items sent to the church office (5615 Midnight Pass Road, Sarasota, FL 34242) Attn: Giving Tree.
- ❖ The Boniface **Grants & Outreach Committee** is accepting grant applications through **October 1**. Encourage your favorite charity to apply, forms can be found on our website www.bonifacechurch.org/grants, contact Helen Francis for more information, 941-921-6820.
- ❖ **Church Office** summer hours 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., or by appointment.
- ❖ **St. Nicholas Fair**—Your help is needed for our December 4th event! Look for the green *Sign Up Helpers Needed* poster outside and volunteer at one of the many tables, publicity, or set-up/take down opportunities.
- ❖ **September's Special Giving** supports our **Center for Spiritual Transformation** at St. Boniface Church, now entering its third year. Long-standing and newly emerging ministries are combining to create a center where parishioners and community members can further explore and deepen their spirituality. In times that can seem increasingly troubled and fractured, we give thanks for the Center, offering pathways to draw closer to our Creator's love. To learn more, visit <http://www.bonifacechurch.org/cst>. Your gift may be made in thanksgiving or memory.
- ❖ **All Faiths Food Bank** Later this year we hope to have the food bank's familiar bright yellow barrels out again. In the meantime you may donate non-perishable items at the food bank (941-379-6333), Salvation Army of Sarasota (941-952-0349), Meals on Wheels of Sarasota (941-366-6693), or any Sarasota County Goodwill location. *We cannot accept items at the church at this time.*
- ❖ **Covid vaccinations**—no appointment needed at the Sarasota County Health Department (2200 Ringling Blvd), offered daily 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Also available at Publix, Walgreens and CVS pharmacies.
- ❖ **Thank you** - you have met the match supporting the **Disaster Relief Fund**. More than \$10,000 will be going to Episcopal Relief & Development, helping people in vulnerable communities devastated by recent catastrophes.