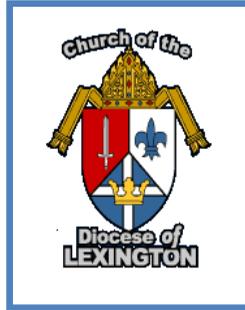




**Our Lady of Perpetual
Help Catholic Church
Williamsburg, Ky**



**Saint Boniface
Catholic Church
Jellico, KY/TN**



Ministry Schedule:

OLPH – Mass 9:00

St. Boniface - 5:00

Date	February 19 th	February 26 th	February 18 th	February 25 th
Server	Gavin & Garrett Moore	Norma Jones		
Lector	Ken Reed	Greg Croley	Lynn Begluitti	Peggy Partin
EMHC (s)	Barbara Reed	Erica Pearson	Anna Cuel	Harriet Cuel
Gifts	Joey & Sherry Reed Family	Barb & Ken Reed	Anna & Bill Cuel	Peggy Partin Mandy Hall
Refreshments	Laschon Family	Weaver Family		

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Mass Schedule

OLPH: Sunday 9:00 am
Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 pm
St. Boniface:
Saturday & Wednesday 5:00 pm

Parish Council

Jayma Moore-Chair
Angie Weaver-Vice Chair
Crystal Laschon-Secretary
Joe McNaughton
Barbara Reed

Finance Council

Marian Colette - Chair
Joe McNaughton - Vice Chair
Joseph Pearson
Kiersten Baughman

General Parish Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
OLPH- Sunday 8:30 am & Tuesday 5:00 pm
St. Boniface- Saturday 4:30 pm (Or by appointment)
Sacraments of Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, Visitation of the Sick & Holy Days: Call the parish office 606-549-2156
Adoration: Every 1st Friday of the month

RCIA Coordinator

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This Week's Schedule

	OLPH	St. Boniface
February 18th / 19th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. – Mass	5:00 p.m.– Mass
February 21st	4:30 p.m.–First Communion Class 6:00p.m.– RCIA	
February 22nd	11:00 a.m. Senior Citizens Food Distribution	
February 25th / 26th Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 a.m. – Mass “Mardi Gras” Breakfast	5:00 p.m.– Mass

Our Gifts	OLPH	St. Boniface
February 11 th / 12 th	\$161.00	\$116.00

Mass Intentions	OLPH	St. Boniface
February 18 th / 19 th	+Rose Lewis	Edith Hara
February 25 th / 26 th	+Gary Brittain	+Frank Cuel

Upcoming Events:	OLPH	St. Boniface
March 1 st Ash Wednesday	7:00 p.m. Mass	5:00 p.m. Mass
March 3 rd First Friday	6:00 p.m. Adoration and Stations of the Cross	

***Happy Birthday to:
Michael Hall ~ February 21***

Gospel

Matthew 5:38–48

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and Gospel this Sunday. Yet how is possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect? Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as his beloved children .

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good. Jesus himself, in his Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though he could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside him. He offered his face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed his garments to be stripped from him. He marched as his enemies compelled him to the Place of the Skull. On the cross he prayed for those who persecuted him.

In all this he showed himself to be the perfect Son of God. By his grace, and through our imitation of him, he promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week’s Psalm. He loves us with a Father’s love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions. He loved us even when we had made ourselves his enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God’s only Son

We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week’s Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of his Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in his holiness and perfection. So let us glorify him by our lives lived in his service, loving as he loves.



UPCOMING SAINTS AND FEASTS

Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

February 21

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle ~ Feast

February 22

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr ~ Memorial

February 23



Lector training is scheduled for **TODAY at 10:30 a.m.**, in the Church. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, February 26, after Mass we will change to liturgical colors to purple. We would appreciate your assistance. Thank you!

Also, **next Sunday, February 26**, after Mass we will have a "**Mardi Gras**" Breakfast. Please plan to attend and bring a breakfast dish, pastry or drinks.

Accepting applications: Two groups will be visiting our Parish this Spring. If you know of someone who needs assistance at their residence (painting, plumbing, repairs, etc), please have them contact the office at 549-2156 or Crystal at 606-560-3077.

If you have Palms from last year, please return them to the Church by February 26 so they may be used for Ash Wednesday.

Second Collection Today for the **National Black and Indian**. This collection helps support a wide variety of evangelization and educational efforts throughout the United States, including our own diocese. The Diocese of Lexington receives an annual grant from this collection to support multi-cultural efforts, to provide funding for speakers, conferences and trainings, and to purchase special resource materials for use throughout the Diocese. Please be generous and help support the good work of the NBIM.

Why do we ring the chimes or bells during the Eucharistic Prayer?

The bells originally had a practical purpose. The Mass was in Latin, and the words were spoken quietly by the priest – so even microphones were not an issue. The bell was **rung one time when the priest extended his hands over the chalice in blessing right before the Consecration**. This was a signal to the congregation that the Consecration was about to take place.

Then, when the words of Consecration **had been spoken, the priest would genuflect, raise the Host (Chalice) to be visible to the people, and then genuflect again. The bell was rung at each of those steps** – so the triple ring became common. Today, with the Mass in the vernacular language, and the words spoken aloud, the bells are rung in some parishes more as a continuity of tradition than as a practical matter.

Tips for Getting More Out of Mass ~ Week 4

- Listen to the Word and be open to it changing you
 - Are you open to letting God change you? If not, then you won't be changed.
- Listen to the Word proclaimed and let it challenge you.
 - Find something in the Homily and apply it for the week.
- Know, understand, and proclaim your Faith
- Don't just recite the Creed – proclaim it like you mean it and understand what you are proclaiming.

ASH WEDNESDAY ~ At this time of year, many of us are quite familiar with the scene where the young and old, the rich and the poor stand waiting in long queue at the Church. And they may wait for hours, and some may even spare their lunch. The reason is rather simple. All of them just want to 'get ashed'. For this is Ash Wednesday.

The tradition is to pray and go for fasting as a preparation for Lent. Both the Old Law and the New says that those who had repented of their sins bestrewed themselves with ashes and clothed their bodies with sackcloth. Thus wearing sack cloth and sprinkling the head with ashes was an ancient sign of repentance. The Biblical custom for repentance was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes, and put dust and ashes on one's head. The Bible does not specify the Ash Wednesday rites as such. In earlier ages a penitential procession often followed the rite of the distribution of the ashes, but this is not now prescribed. Unlike the old days, we no longer normally wear sackcloth or sit in dust and ashes, the customs of fasting and putting ashes on one's forehead as a sign of mourning and penance have survived to this day.

The traditions of Ash Wednesday came up as a part of the Lenten customs during the late 5th century. Penitence and fasting are two of the key distinctives of Lent.

Ash Wednesday is a day of penance. The Church has never chosen to make it or any other specific day the definitive commemoration of the concept of repentance.

Even in ancient days, people marked times of fasting, prayer, repentance, and remorse by placing ashes on their foreheads. The custom was prevalent in early days of Judaism.

On this day all the faithful according to ancient custom are exhorted to approach the altar , and there the priest, dipping his thumb into palm ashes previously blessed, marks the forehead of each the sign of the cross, saying the words: "Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return." The saying and the act are meant for reminding us that man is mortal. This means we are dust and it is dust to which we shall return.

The ashes used in this ceremony are made by burning the remains of the palms blessed on the Palm Sunday of the previous year. In the blessing of the ashes four prayers are used, all of them ancient. The ashes are sprinkled with holy water and fumigated with incense. The celebrant himself, be he bishop or cardinal, receives, either standing or seated, the ashes from some other priest, usually the highest in dignity of those present.

Mass Etiquette ~ Week 4

Prepare your offering before Mass. Christ tells us not to let your left hand know what your right hand is doing when you make your offering. Keeping the basket while you get your wallet out can sometimes become quite a scene.

No bulletin reading during Mass. Imagine if you invited a guest to your house and before dinner (or during) they decided to read a magazine instead of talking to you. That is what is happening in God's house when you read the bulletin.

Respect Boundaries others may have. You might want to hold hands to pray, they may not. They might be sick and not want to shake during the sign of peace. These are all OK. Do not make any unnecessary judgment because they worship differently.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray to end Abortion, Russell Brooks, Cassie & Clifton Centers, Bea Brown, Maere Tekanene, Bill Moses, Charlotte Fichter, David Wright, Jerry Roberts, Donna Blevins, Norma Wilson, Giorgia (niece of Norma), Alisa Moses, Roselyn Bixby, Ms. Faye, John Coe, Linda Vore, Kenton Santos (brother of Kiersten) Willard Pearson and Mattie Erion.