

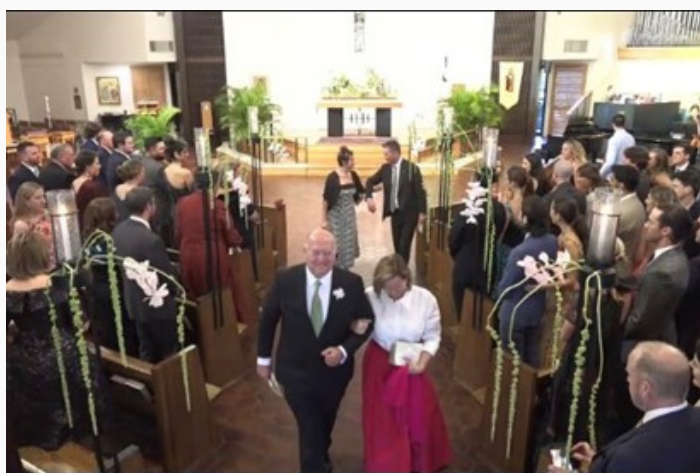


St. Boniface
Episcopal Church

SAINT BONIFACE REFLECTION

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

All the GOOD News That Is Fit to Print



Here, all the staff did their usual, excellent work both getting ready for and on the day of the wedding. Another special part of the day was that Bishop Dabney Smith officiated! All of this is to say that I was able to be the Father of the Bride. Additionally, I was able to be husband to the Mother of the Bride and sit with her in the pews. We also enjoyed seeing our son Charlie serving as a groom's attendant & lector during the wedding. For all this, this I will always be grateful.

Finally, I want you to know that this was also a positive and effective evangelical movement! So many of those in attendance, many unchurched, little churched, or hurt by the church, were very complementary to Mollie, Trish, and me about their experiences here at St. Boniface that day.

To recall just a few; they noticed the Progress Pride Flag (surprised that a Christian church would fly it.) They noticed and mentioned the beauty of our Nave and Campus. And they noticed the welcoming and approachable language of our Episcopal Marriage Liturgy and the excellence of the music. Glory to God!

Celebrating Love! ~ by "Father" Farrell

Our **daughter Mollie's wedding** was held at St. Boniface on November 11, 2023.

Mollie began attending here as a toddler. Growing up she attended Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, was Confirmed, participated Youth Group, and served many years as an acolyte. Moving to New York City six years ago, Trish and I were overjoyed when Mollie told us that she and Jake wanted to be married in "her church." Their pre-marital preparation (required by any couple seeking marriage in the Church) was done with a priest they know in Brooklyn.



Editor's Note: Wayne and Trish Farrell celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last Sunday (January 28). We asked Wayne to reflect on "love" for his column this month. And we asked Trish Farrell to share her "View from the Pew." Enjoy this early Valentine's Day special featuring our Rector and his family.

View from the Pew

A parishioner, randomly selected, is featured in this section each week. They are asked to answer a set of questions so that we get to know their "view" from their pew.

Featured this week is:

Trish Farrell

Questions asked include:

- Name:
- Where Do You Sit at St B?
- Why Have You Chosen That Seat?
- Do You Attend 8 am or 10 am? In-Person or On-line?
- What Is Your Favorite Hymn?
- What Is Your Favorite Part of Worship?
- What Is Your Favorite Holiday?
- Other Ministries or Interests at St B?
- Hometown Listed on Your St B Nametag.
- When Did You First Start Attending St B?
- Who First Made You Feel Welcomed at St B?
- Are You Seasonal or Year-Round?
- Are You Retired or Working?
- Name a Favorite Hobby?
- Do You Prefer Sitting on the Beach, the Lanai, or in a Tiki Bar?
- What Question Haven't We Asked That You Wish We Had?



*Editor's Note: **Trish Farrell (Mother of the Bride)** responded to our special request to share her "view from the pew" for this issue.*

I normally sit in the section closest to the dais to be near Wayne. Recently, on the occasion of our daughter's wedding, we sat in the front row on the aisle.

I am a 10 o'clocker. I love most every hymn and I sing with enthusiasm but without much of a voice. The prayer after communion is always a highlight of worship. I enjoy the gratitude and the charge to do the work we've been given to do. Holy Week and Easter are my favorite church holidays - I love the emotional journey to the resurrection.

I dabble in a lot of ministries and happenings but my main job is taking good care of our Rector, Wayne. Speaking of Wayne, he ordered my name tag and put Red Bank, N.J. as my hometown. I was born there, but having moved to Sarasota when I was four years old, I feel like a Sarasotan for sure!

We came to Boniface in 1992 when Mollie was almost two and Charlie was nine. They really grew up here. I have had the privilege of making my family my full time job. I love that St. Boniface is on an island with the most beautiful beach in the world - and I'll remind myself of that trying to get to church during Holy Week. More than anything, I am constantly grateful that we were able to come back to our beloved Boniface.

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Weekly Services

Sunday Eucharist
8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays 10 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays 5:30 p.m.
Evening Prayer
(Eucharist first Wednesdays)

Thursdays 12 p.m.
Holy Eucharist Healing Service

Music & Worship

Saturday, Feb 3, 6 pm
*Taize: Celebrating God's
Rainbow Covenant*
Christ the King Chapel

Friday, Feb 16, 8 pm
Saturday, Feb 17, 6 pm
Cabaret at St Boniface
"Fate Is Kind" featuring
Julie Reyburn & Mark Janas
Dinner & Show, \$40

Save the Date

Weekend of Feb 24 & 25
Saturday workshop on
"Discerning Spiritual Gifts"
and Sunday presentation on
"Servant Leadership" by guest
preacher The Rev Frank Allen

(Fr. Allen is the recently
retired rector of St David's,
Radnor, PA)