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Fr. Robert A. Romeo, Pastor



"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." (Luke 1:39-45)

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2012

Mass Schedule



Daily Mass 8am

Sunday Masses Saturday: 5pm Vigil

Sunday: 8am, 10:15am Special

Intentions Mass 5pm First Saturday of month

Daily Masses from December 26-29 will be in Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 23

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp have been donated this week in memory of

Tony Leopardi by Andriana and children.

5pm Vigil Intention: Kathleen Bruce

8am Intention: Parishioners

10:15am Intention: Peter McGowan

Monday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike (Angelo D'Avino)

4pm Celebrant: Fr. Bob (Shaun Brala)

6:30pm Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike (Peter Schmidtt)

12 Midnight Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Tuesday, December 25

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Is 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob (Frank Carparelli) 10:15am Celebrant: Fr. Bob (Tony Leopardi)

12pm: Celebrant: Fr. Bob (Resurreccion "Emma" Cavese)

Wednesday, December 26 (Stephen Szemerenyi)

FEAST OF STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Thursday, December 27 (Ralph DiFino)

FEAST OF JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Friday, December 28 (Frank DeRosa)

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, December 29 (Joseph Perna, Sr.)

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Minister's Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 23

5pm Vigil Fr. Azubuike Lector: Kevin Kellv

Ministers: Paul Bramfeld, Yvonne Brantuas

Ann Dubin, Katherine Miller

8am Fr. Bob

Lector: Donna Holden

Ministers: Ana Arellano, Ralph Casey

Peggy Cullen, Donna Darling

10:15am Fr. Bob

Lector: Laureen Feehan
Child Liturgy: Deacon Tom Fox
Ministers: Diva & Ed Corbelletta

Rosemary & John Murello Vita Passalacqua, Tom Ryan

capital Campaign Update

RENEW & RESTORE THE HOUSE OF GOD

"Lord, I love the House in which You dwell" Ps. 76:8

We are now slightly over the \$1.1 million mark and approaching 12 months since we began our campaign!

We are extremely appreciative of your generosity and your continued efforts to satisfy your pledged amount.

Payments are due as follows:

Monthly payments are due on/before the last day of the month. Next monthly payments are due on December 31, 2012.

All "Annual " Payments are due December 31st!!

Fourth Quarter Payment for 2012 is due on/ before December 31, 2012.

Credit Cards Payments continue to be processed the last day of each month. If your credit card expiration date is soon we will be contacting you.

Total Pledges to date: \$1,102,663.00

(payable over 36 months)

Total Amount paid to date: \$534,703.00

If you would like to participate in the Campaign there is still time to enroll!! For any questions please leave your name and contact information at the Parish Office or email stbonfinance@gmail.com. Thank you!!

The Campaign Committee

Days of Elijah

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<u>December 23rd:</u> 3pm-4pm the Music Ministry will be performing at the Glen Cove Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. 5pm-6pm: Music Ministry in the Church. All 8-12 singers and instrumentalists are encouraged to join. 6pm-8pm: Teen Mass. All 8-12 graders are invited to celebrate mass and join us for a potluck dinner to follow!

<u>December 25th:</u> 12am: Youth Music Ministry will be performing at the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass!

For an updated schedule of youth group events please join our Facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group or email the youth minister, Chris at stbonym@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. That is why we can say to each other, "Merry Christmas!."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the light of Jesus into the dark places of the poor. Thanks for helping those in need to be able to say "Merry Christmas!"

Thank you for all your support!

Furniture and financial donations are always welcome.

You are too!

Come join the St. Vincent de Paul Society and be a communal part of your parish. Call 822-3132.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please pray for our parishioners who have entered into eternal life.

Placement of names on the sick list must be requested by an immediate family member through Fr. Bob. Names will be announced at weekend Masses for 3 weeks; then listed in the bulletin only.



Morgan Ayres, Christina Bavarro, , Mae Caffney, Ronald Caputo, Caesar Cavese, John Cini, Rose DeRosa,, William J. Dobrowski, Anthony Grasso, Sandra Haberle, Carol Hartney, Baby Jack, Janine D. Kelly, Carmen Listro, Peter McCarthy, John McGrath, Baby Max, James Molloy, Catherine Mortell, Mike Napoli, Baby Ouin O'Shea, Maria Santoli, Gloria Weis, Prisiclla Waltz, Carolann White.

PRAY FOR OUR

Lieutenant Melissa Buffa & Lieutenant Travis Buffa Petty Officer Keith Cano USCG Lance CPL Matthew B. Christman Flight Lieutenant Joseph Doyle Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy Lance CPL Gregory Knox Captain Brett Korade, USN Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Brian McMenamin Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Ian McMenamin Private First Class Joshua McMillan Ensign Michael R. Ragusa, USN Lieutenant Drew Whitting, USN Captain Christina Merrick-Wright Captain Bradley Wright, US Army.

PRAYER GROUP

Mondays 7:30pm in the Chapel.

All welcome. Come and bring a friend! Call John & Rosemary Murello at 676-2767 for more information.



St. Boniface Holy Hour AND BENEDICTION

Wednesdays at 2pm in the Chapel.

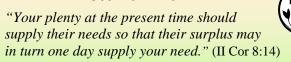
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PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE SICK Thursdays 7pm -7:30pm in the Chapel

ST. BONIFACE BIBLE STUDY RESUMES JANUARY 17, 2013

7:30pm Thursdays in the Parish Center.

THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," from Saint Faustina's diary; **Fridays** at **3pm** in the Chapel.



Play BINGO! at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Glen Cove at 7:15pm every Friday 9 15 * 60 70 | night. All proceeds go to charity, including 7 22 34 48 72 our St. Boniface Outreach Program.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

The Miraculous Medal Novena, with the veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Labore, is prayed each Saturday after the 8am Mass in the Chapel.

LAY CARMELITES

of Blessed Titus Brandsma meets every third **Saturday** of the month at 9am in the Parish Center. Call Flora at 656-9375 or Pat at 887-7265 for details.

ROSARY

Monday-Saturday after 8am Mass in the Chapel.

Dear Parishioners,

"He will stand and feed His Flock." Mi 5:3

This is one of my favorite lines in Sacred Scripture. It is the line I had placed on the card commemorating my installation as pastor. In the Old Testament, the Prophet Micah offers the people of Israel hope in their time of need. This hope is envisioned in the coming of the Messiah. This Savior will be one who shepherds the people of Israel. He will shepherd not as others have for their own gain or in their own words but as the scripture tells us "He will feed His flock with the power of the Lord." The Messiah will be the One who speaks and act in the very name of God. As one who comes in God's name He will bear with Himself great peace. This peace comes when those who hear His words listen and obey. St. Paul goes on to tell us that those who follow Him do more then simply offer sacrifices or obey the law but rather to embrace the will of God. When we have willingly taken on obedience to God then His peace can be a reality in our lives.

This is seen in the beautiful recounting of the Visitation. Here is Our Lady who just encountered an Angel with a message...and has forever enshrined for us the living out of obedience to the will of God...now teaches us again. In Her own condition and with all She Herself has to deal with, Mary doesn't remain self absorbed. Her vision is one that "Feeds the Flock" of those in need. Her kinswoman, Elizabeth, is also pregnant and advanced in age. So Mary puts aside Her own needs and goes to minister and support Her cousin. What a lesson Mary teaches us in this Advent Season. With all the materialism, consumerism and mind set that calls us to fulfill our own needs this story stand in stark contrast to much of what this season has become in our world. Mary reminds us that when we choose live in obedience to God, it opens our hearts to live out that love by how we love one another. Like Mary our Mother, we should be open to the Spirit of God so that like Her, our lives may be a song sung to the glory of God. Look to Her in these last few days before Christmas and learn from Her "Yes" to God. This is surely one of the steps to find that peace that the prophet Micah promised.

We still need help in some of the Christmas Masses, especially ushers and Extraordinary Ministers. If you have not already done so, please consider assisting, even if it is not the Mass you had hoped to attend. Please see the schedule for Christmas Masses and why not invite someone to Mass with you who has been away from the Church or the parish? What a great Christmas gift you can be to them...and what a blessing it would be for you.

In this season of thanks I want to express my deep gratitude to the people of St. Boniface Martyr. So many give so freely of themselves to make this the wonderful parish that it is. Those who work to deepen the spirituality, the many who work in faith formation; the prayerful and joyful Liturgies; those who work behind the scenes to beautify our complex; the social parties that bring us together; those involved in fundraising and the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners and of course our wonderful parish staff who each day help me to serve YOU. To all thank you for making the ministry of being your pastor the joy that it is for me.

On behalf of myself, Fr. Azubuike and the entire Parish Staff here at St. Boniface Martyr, we wish you and all your family a joyous and blessed Christmas.

In Jesus and Mary, Fr. Bob



December 8, 2012 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Dear Faithful Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Christ is born, sing glory! Christ has descended from heaven, go out to meet Him! Christ is on earth; lift yourselves up! Sing to the Lord, all the Earth for He Who belongs to heaven is now on earth! Christ has become flesh, so tremble and rejoice; tremble because of sin and rejoice because of hope: Christ is born of the Virgin!

These beautiful words of the great Saint Gregory Nazianzen (329-389) can be heard across our world and around the globe this Christmas. Christ is born again this year in our hearts as He was born in the flesh of the Virgin Mary two thousand years ago in Bethlehem. Like the shepherds, we welcome Him into our hearts and into our lives. We know His coming changes all of humanity. We pray that His love will constantly increase in us so that we might belong more deeply to Him and to His Church and thus to one another. Bethlehem has reopened Eden and in the grotto of Bethlehem we regain the goods of Paradise. (Romanos the Melodist c. 540)

In this Year of Faith, Christmas is the great feast when we can renew our faith in God's love made manifest in the birth of His Son, Jesus the Christ. This is the feast that opens our eyes to the concrete expression of divine love now become an intimate part of the life of every man and woman who believes in the heart and professes with one's lips that Jesus, this Child, Jesus, is the Son of God. He is Lord and Savior.

In this Year of Faith, we all recently have been tried through the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. So many have lost homes. So many have had to struggle. So many need help. And so many of you have been generous, giving, caring and loving toward our brothers and sisters in need. I love those words of Blessed John Paul II: we do not know why God allows suffering but we do know that suffering releases love.

Love, God's love, was released in superabundance in a stable in Bethlehem. That love has never ceased to flood our hearts, strengthen our families, encourage the young and give consolation to the elderly. And the more we adore the Son of God born of the Virgin Mary, the more we too are cooperators in spreading God's love from that stable into our parishes, our communities and all the world.

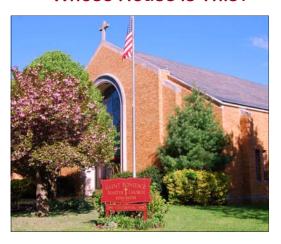
With you I pray that this Christmas will bring us joy and happiness. Even more I pray Christmas will bring peace especially to the Middle East. And I pray that you and I who welcome Jesus into our hearts may be His instruments to offer His love and His gift of peace to all the world.

Joyful and blessed Christmas to one and all!

+William Murphy

Bishop of Rockville Centre

Whose House is This?



Whose house is the church building, God's or ours? The answer is yes! Both! Our church is God's house *because* it is the house of the body of Christ, the church. We cannot contain God. We cannot imprison God in some structure made of human hands. But when we who are made holy by baptism, confirmation and eucharist gather together, then God chooses to live here in this place, among us. When we who are God's church gather together, with our bishop, or his delegate our priest and our deacon, around our book (on its stand), at our font (and its water), and especially around the Lord's altar (which is a dining table set in the shadow of the cross), God chooses to dwell here, too.

The God who wove the night time sky and buttoned it with stars, the God for whom the Rocky Mountains are naught but a bit of mud squished between divine toes, and for whom the oceans are but puddles—this God does not need a temple. But the people whom this God loves from before time began do need a place to gather, and to remember in sacred rites that the church is made of flesh and blood before it is made of brick and board. Our church building is that place! So it should be simply beautiful, and we should care lovingly for it. It isn't any old meeting hall. It isn't any old living room. It isn't a museum or a classroom, either. It is a holy place, a holy land right here in our neighborhood where the body of Christ is joined, where the voice of Christ rings out, where the sacrifice of Christ is offered and shared.

It is good to show reverence in and to the church building. But reverence is not ignoring one's neighbor as a distraction. Reverence is the wonder that we experience and the love that we show when we realize that each one of those here gathered around the Lord's altar is a living stone that builds a spiritual house, and it is here that God truly lives among us.

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Parish Registration: We welcome all new members of our parish family. We ask all parishioners to welcome and invite new neighbors and their families to become a part of St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Parish registration (census) forms available by the main doors of the church and in the parish office for new members. Please return completed forms to the parish office.

Baptism: Parents wishing to present a child for Baptism should be registered members of St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Parents are required to have a Baptism Preparation Interview and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of the month. Godparents must be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), and provide a sponsor certificate. Please call 676-0676 to pre-arrange.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married should call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed for marriage preparations.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): An ongoing process of formation for those who ever wonder if they should become "Catholic". If interested, call Fr. Bob at 676-0676.

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 4pm-4:30pm in church. No confessions will be heard Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

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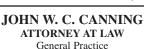
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