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The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg., Pastor

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# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 4, 2024

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 9am, 4pm; Sunday: 8am, 10:30am Mondays - Fridays: 8am

#### **Holy Day Masses**

8am, 7pm

#### Confession

Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

#### **Church Hours**

6am - 6pm

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

after 9am Saturday Mass

#### Rosary after 8am Mass

Mondays - Fridays 8:30am Saturdays

#### **Holy Hours**

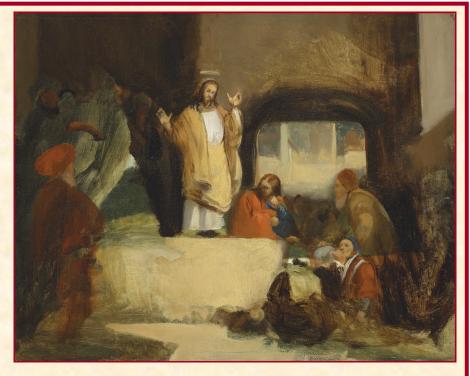
3pm Saturdays (Church)
2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

#### **Parish Contact Information**

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#### **Parish Office Hours**

Tuesdays through Thursdays: 9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm



Christ Preaching
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#### **Outreach Pantry & Thrift Shop**

Saturdays 10am-1pm. Contacts: Jody Fleischmann, David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x125

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you know neighbors in need, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124

# Liturgy Schedule

#### First Saturday, August 3

3pm Confession 3pm Holy Hour 4pm Mass

#### Sunday, August 4

8am Mass: Anna Ferguson 10:30am Mass: Thomas Lynch

#### Hospitality is on hiatus for the month of August.

Thank you to all our volunteers who set-up, bake, donate and clean-up every week! We'll be back on September 8th.

#### Monday, August 5

8am Mass

Tuesday, August 6: Feast of the Transfiguration

8am Mass: Eileen Bowersock

#### Wednesday, August 7

8am Mass

**2pm** Holy Hour (in the Chapel)

**Thursday, August 8:** *Memorial of St. Dominic* 

8am Mass

Friday, August 9

8am Mass

Saturday, August 10: Feast of St. Lawrence

9am Mass

**The Transfiguration** is recorded in all the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it..." (Matthew 16:16–18).

After this significant exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate—His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Peter resisted this revelation, to which Jesus responded sternly, correcting Peter's human thinking with divine wisdom (Matthew 16:22–23). This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration we celebrate on Tuesday. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil.

Second, He informed them that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death.

# Let Us Pray

#### For Our Deceased

#### For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Carmen Katsikas, Margaret Lilly, Josephine Marra, Joyce Wang Ragusa, Steve White

Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com or call 516-676-0676 x128 to renew. Requests must be made by a family member.

#### **Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound**

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to have someone bring them Holy Communion, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

#### For Our Military

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Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings. Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father.

This event was likely meant to reinforce His disciples' faith after a week of pondering Jesus' foretold suffering and death, along with His exhortation that they must follow Him. The Transfiguration affirmed Jesus' divinity and His relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah. Furthermore, the Father in Heaven confirmed Jesus as His divine Son with whom He was well pleased.

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, these three Apostles shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith.

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# **Events This Week**

#### Monday, August 5

6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer

#### Thursday, August 8

7pm Knitting Circle

# St. Boniface Outreach

Jody Fleischmann & David Meagher: 676-0676 x125

#### **Food Pantry**

Due to the growing need for more food, we rely on your generosity. Giving food is not charity; it is an expression of humanity and compassion. We are currently in need of the following:

#### **Toothbrushes & Toothpaste**

Macaroni & cheese

Canned corn Cereal
Toilet paper Soap
Spaghetti sauce Jelly

Canned beets Solid white tuna

Dish detergent Canned peas & carrots

#### Thrift Shop

Visit our Parish Thrift Shop on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. There are great bargains on clothing and shoes for the whole family! The housewares department has a wide assortment of dishes, glassware, pictures, linens and toys. All proceeds benefit our food pantry.

## St. Vincent de Paul

The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to live the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to share their stories when seeking help.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to become a "listening heart" to our neighbors in need.

We meet at 7:30pm the third Wednesdays of the month in St. Boniface School. For more information, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

# Ministry Meetings

#### **Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group**

Meets monthly at 3pm in Room 11, first floor of St. Boniface School, 12 Main Ave., Sea Cliff. The group is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher and Linda Rose. No fee, but PRE-registration required. For details and registration, contact David Meagher at davidkmeagher@gmail.com, 516-676-0676 x131; or lrosecsw@hotmail.com.

#### **Mondays: Youth Group**

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center, Room 10 in St. Boniface School, on Mondays from 6:30pm-8pm. Follow us on instagram username: stbonyg. Join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group'. Contact Youth Ministers, April and Leo at 516-297-9886 or stbonym@gmail.com.

#### **Mondays: Charismatic Prayer Group**

Zooms weekly at 7:30pm. Praise with us! Call John and Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

#### **Tuesdays: Women of Faith Book Group**

Meets monthly in the parish center mornings, evenings and via zoom. New members welcome! For details about meeting dates and times, please contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com.

#### **Thursdays: Knitting Circle**

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Beginners welcome. For details, please call Nancy Furlong at 516-759-5869 or brknit@optonline.net.

#### Thursdays: Scripture Study on Hiatus for August

Zooms weekly September through July from 7:30pm -8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

#### **Men's Ministry is on Summer Hiatus**

Meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month from September through June from 7:30am to 8:45am. Join us in in Room 11 in St. Boniface School when we resume in the Fall for a bit of breakfast, prayer, videos and discussion. Contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com for more information.

#### **Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites**

Meets monthly 10am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of St. Titus Brandsma seek God's will and presence in the ordinary circumstances of life in solidarity with others. Please call Flora at 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330.

# Reflections on the Readings

#### What's This?

#### Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Manna probably didn't look very appetizing, but it was the only food the Israelites could find in the desert. Except for quail.

The dramatic exodus from Egypt became a dim memory for people who escaped destruction by the waters of the Red Sea only to face the unforgiving desolation of a long trip on aching legs through the dry desert. They did what any of us would do under the circumstances. They grumbled about it.

They had no bread. Grain won't grow in deserts. Water is hard to find. There's plenty of heat for baking, but nobody could make fresh bread.

Except for God, that is. In the morning they discovered something like bread on the ground. With hungry, disappointed, fearful eyes, they looked at the substance and asked the question many a child has asked, suspicious of something unrecognizable on the dinner plate. "What's this?"

So that's what they called it. "What's-this." Or "Manna."

Crossing the desert days of life, we may take no pleasure in the food we eat, the companions we share, or the place where we live. God provides for us in ways that may not always be appetizing, but they offer rescue.

#### **Breaking Bad Habits**

#### Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Old habits are hard to break, but we give it a try. Some people make New Year's resolutions. They seize the opportunity of a new calendar and decide to make a new beginning in their life.

Others use the season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we acknowledge our faults, and we spend six weeks doing penance for them, in order to rise with Christ as new people on Easter Day.

Some people reach for help when the habits have become addictions. Through individual and group counseling they come to recognize their own limitations, and they take one day at a time to live a new life.

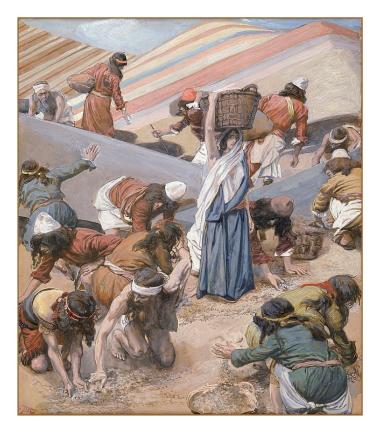
The sacrament of reconciliation helps too. We bring our sins to God and seek the grace of this sacrament to overcome our weakness and strengthen our resolve to follow Christ.

We are not alone. Everyone struggles to break bad habits. And they always have.

The Letter to the Ephesians addressed a group of Christian converts who formerly adhered to Gentile beliefs and habits. Becoming Christian, they should have left their former ways behind. But many of them didn't. The letter tells them, "You must no longer live as the Gentiles do.... You should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires."

When we turn to Christ, we "put on a new self," and we can leave old habits behind.

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**Registration:** We welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the parish office.

Parish Trustees: Donna Calamis, Vincent Agosta

Pastoral Council Members: Vincent Agosta, Kevin Burke, Julie Byrne, Donna Calamis, John Canning, Karen Croce, Jody Fleischmann, Kevin Kelly, Maryellen Kerr, Eileen Krieb, Jovanna Lemonda, Rich Lucidi, Robert Lynch, Carolyn Rassiger, Bill Schiller, Jeff Schneider, Jane Serpico, Frank Sujecki, Christine Whited

**Baptism:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 10:30am Mass. Please contact the office to arrange an interview and class. Godparents must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and live in harmony with the Catholic Church.

**Matrimony:** Engaged couples are to call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? We welcome those who are not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at 676-0676 x130 or stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

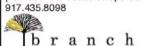
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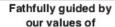
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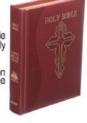
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