

Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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in Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing and surrounding communities

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We are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the Kingdom of God

Easter Sunday ~ April 20, 2025



Mass Schedule

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

Holy Day Masses

8am, 7pm

Confessions

Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

Church Hours

6am - 6pm

Holy Hours

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Parish Information

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Liturgy Schedule

Holy Saturday, April 19

9am Morning Prayer 12pm Blessing of Food *No Confessions/No Holy Hour/ No 4pm Mass* 8:30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: April 20

9:30am Mass 11:30am Mass

Monday, April 21

8am Mass: Brian Buccola

Tuesday, April 22

8am Mass

Wednesday, April 23

8am Mass 2pm Holy Hour

Thursday, April 24

8am Mass: Sr. Claire

Friday, April 25: Feast of St. Mark

8am Mass: Marc Valentino

On Easter Sunday,

Saturday, April 26

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

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we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On this day, the disciples saw the empty tomb, and the Risen Christ began to appear to them. Easter celebrates our belief in life after death. It ranks first among the feasts of the church.

The Easter Sunday Mass differs a bit from others. The new Paschal candle is lighted and stands near the ambo. Having omitted the Gloria throughout the season of Lent, we sing it again. The Easter sequence is said or sung after the Second Reading. During Lent, we sang a different acclamation before the Gospel, but now we again sing "Alleluia." The Creed may be replaced with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of holy water on this day.



For Our Deceased

Ellen Franck

For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Bea Bohm, Josephine Marra, Lorraine Petschauer, Annette Ragusa.

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com to renew your loved one. 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

Lieutenant Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF
Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy Christian Pace Laderer, MMN3, US Navy First Lieutenant Conor Lynch, US Army Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Ragusa, US Navy Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy Lieutenant Colonel Christina Merrick-Wright Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.



There are small changes to the Eucharistic Prayer. If you are alert, you will hear during the Preface that Christ became our paschal sacrifice "on this day."

If the priest is using Eucharistic Prayer I, he announces that this is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord and that the community prays especially for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil.

At the end of the Mass, the deacon or priest adds two "alleluias" to the words of dismissal, and you respond, "Thanks be to God, alleluia. alleluia."

Attendance is strong on Easter as we affirm our faith in the Risen Christ.

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ST. BONIFACE NEW ROOF PROJECT

After years of patches and temporary repairs on the Church, School and Rectory roofs, it is now time to replace them.

Your Support is Needed!

Please help us protect our parish buildings for future generations.

Dear St. Boniface Family,

I am writing to ask for your financial support for some significant work that needs to be done at our parish. I understand that there is never a good time to ask for money and I promised that I would only ask when it is truly needed. That time has come.

After years of patches and temporary repairs on the Church, School and Rectory roofs, it is now time to replace them. They have all reached the point where further delay could result in significant damage to these buildings that have served generations of St. Boniface families.

Our Building Committee and Finance Council have carefully evaluated the recommendations of the diocesan construction office and our roofing contractor, and our conclusion is that replacing these roofs is not a choice but a necessity. Continued patching will only lead to more expensive repairs, potential damage to building interiors and increased maintenance costs.

The total cost for the project is \$300,000.00. The proposed time frame is as follows:

Phase 1: Church Roof Cost: \$160,000 Spring 2025
Phase 2: School Roof Cost: \$110,000 Summer 2025
Phase 3: Rectory Roof Cost: \$30,000 Fall 2025

I understand every household has a different financial situation. Therefore, the appeal has a few ways of giving. You may choose to give one lump sum or multiple installments that work with your budget. *Giving Methods*

- ♦ Sunday Collection: Place your gift in any envelope marked "New Roof Project" and drop it in the weekly collection basket or at the Parish Office.
- ♦ Electronic Giving: Donate through Faith Direct, Venmo, or your Bank's online bill pay.
- ♦ Corporate matching gifts or IRA Distribution.

While I recognize the challenge this presents, addressing these needs now will prevent more costly repairs in the future. All contributions are tax-deductible, and receipts will be provided for your records. Every gift, regardless of size, helps us protect our parish buildings for future generations.

I am available to meet with any Parishioner who has questions about this important project. Please don't hesitate to contact me to schedule a meeting to discuss the project details, timeline, or any other concerns you may have. Updates on the progress will be shared weekly as shown on the Appeal Thermometer in the Church Vestibule.

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Thank you for your understanding and generous support of this essential project.

Fr. Josef

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Easter 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families in this Jubilee Year of Hope!

Our celebration of Easter rekindles our hope each year.

The Tomb is empty! Jesus is Risen!

A wealthy man and a member of the Sanhedrin, St. Joseph of Arimathea is one of those Gospel characters with a very brief but very important role.

In John 19:38-42, we see that after Jesus' Crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea asks Pilate for permission to take away Our Lord's Body. This was a bold and courageous act of faith from a man "seeking the Kingdom of God." (Mark 15:43)

Joseph and Nicodemus together place our Lord's Body reverently in linen cloths prepared with myrrh, aloes and spices: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there."

In his commentary on the Gospel of Matthew, Fr. Simeon Leiva-Merikakis gives tribute to Joseph of Arimathea. He writes: "And how can we fail to do homage to Joseph of Arimathea? In performing a very humane corporal work of mercy by seeking out and burying the corpse of his beloved Teacher, Joseph becomes for all time a living icon of the eternal Father himself, stooping with compassion to enfold within his throbbing breast the mangled body of his beloved, Son, whom he himself handed over to sinners out of love for mankind. At long last, the Son of God on earth has fallen into the hands, not of a sinner, but of a just and compassionate man! Joseph of Arimathea enacts the justice and love of God himself." I

As we celebrate Easter Sunday, the Easter Octave, Divine Mercy Sunday and the Easter Season, let us remember and ask the intercession of the great Joseph of Arimathea who prepared the Tomb of Christ and the Body of Christ with such sensitive care and compassion, such faith, courage and reverence. The Tomb is Empty! He is Risen!

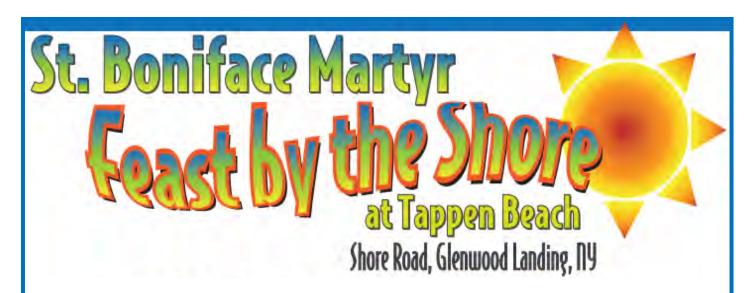
Sincerely in Christ,

Reverend John O. Barres

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1 Erasmo Leiva-Merikakis, 564. Fire of Mercy, Heart of the Word: Meditations on the Gospel According to St. Matthew.



May 15 THRU May 18

OPERATING HOURS:

Thursday May 15 6pm -10pm **May 16** 6pm -11pm **Friday Saturday May 17** 1pm -11pm Sunday **May 18** 1pm - 6pm





GREAT LIVE ENTERTAINMENT:

Thursday May 15 7pm - 10pm Alibi

Friday May 16 8pm - 11pm Livestock

Saturday May 17 3pm - 5pm Trash Boyz

8pm - 11pm Chicken Head

May 18 2pm - 4pm The Abby & Mae Show Sunday

\$\$\$ SAVE \$\$\$ Great Food! GREAT RIDES!

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Events This Week

Sunday, April 20

9am Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Mass 11:30am Mass

Monday, April 21

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

Thursday, April 24

7pm Knitting Circle 7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

St. Boniface Outreach

Jody Fleischmann & David Meagher: 676-0676 x125

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to accept deliveries and/or pick up food. Commitment: 1-2 mornings per month for 2 hours on Tuesday or Thursday. For more details, call Jody at 676-0676 x125.

- **→ PANTRY NEEDS:** jelly, cereal, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned corn, canned beets, solid white tuna, canned peas and carrots, soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste.
- ♦ THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, like Mary Magdalene and the Disciples we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection.

As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de box you help those who are poor and hungry to "see and believe" in the Resurrection.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For details, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please contact Iovanna Lemonda at 676-0676 x124.

Ministry Meetings

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets in St. Boniface School, 12 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff, monthly at 2pm and 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. Next Meeting: April 27.

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 Minister, April, at 516-297-9886 or stbonym@gmail.com.

Mondays: Prayer Group

Zooms Mondays 7:30-8:30pm. Praise with us! Call John and Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

Tuesdays & Fridays: Women of Faith Book Group

Meets monthly in the Parish Center at 10:30am Fridays, 7pm Tuesdays and 7:30pm zoom the following Tuesday. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for more details.

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

Zooms Thursdays 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.

Second Saturdays: Men's Ministry

Meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month from 7:30am to 8:45am. Join us in Room 11 in St. Boniface School for a bit of breakfast, prayer, videos and discussion. Next meeting **May 10**. Email richlucidi40@gmail.com for more info.

Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites

Meets monthly 10am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Titus Brandsma Chapter, 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 for more information.

Reflections on the Readings

All Is New

"What's new?" That is what we ask when we want to hear a story. Stories celebrate the great moments of life. When you hear one, it fills you with delight. When you tell one, you fulfill an inner desire to share what has shaped your life anew.

After Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples did not wait for people to ask, "What's new?" They proudly proclaimed it: "God raised Jesus on the third day and granted that he be visible to us witnesses." Now, that is new!

If you have kept a good Lent, you know very well what is new with you. You are what is new! You have faced your sin, admitted your fault, and accepted your dependence on God's help. You have prayed and fasted with the community. You have loved your neighbor.

Because you have emptied a place inside yourself, you created a space for God's Spirit to enter. Christ is risen indeed, and he has appeared to you! You are now a witness of all that God can do.

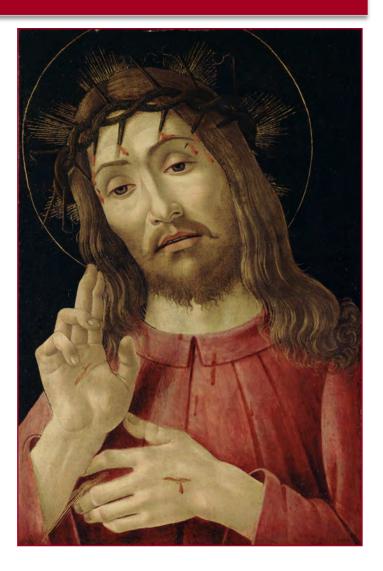
This Easter Day, tell your story. Tell your faith. Let joy radiate from your face and loosen your tongue! Jesus lives!

New Neighbors

Today we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. He has entered a new neighborhood, and he has made room for us.

After three days in the tomb, Jesus rose again to display his power over death — all death, his and ours. The Resurrection is a sign of God's power and of human hope. We have nothing to fear. We trust God's complete desire to end all misery and to raise us up in glory.

The Letter to the Colossians says, "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above.... Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." With the Resurrection of Jesus, we have moved into a new neighborhood. We no longer live in a place of sin and suffering. We live in hope and glory. We sustain this happy life when we seek what is above, not what is on earth.



We contemplate the life of prayer, charity and peacefulness, and not the life of greed, selfishness and hatred. We live in a new place away from the addictions of old.

This Easter day brings immense rejoicing. It also brings expectations. It expects that we who are privileged to live with the Risen Christ will keep up the neighborhood. We will have all the help we need from the Spirit who dwells within us. This Easter, let us joyfully think of what is above and place ourselves at the service of the One who will raise us up in glory.

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This WEEK at HOME

Monday, April 21 Octave of Easter

The octave of Easter is the eight days from Easter Sunday to the Second Sunday of Easter (also called the Sunday of Divine Mercy). This prolonged joyous celebration is an opportunity to immerse ourselves more deeply into the mystery of Christ's resurrection. Every evening this week, spend time praying in gratitude for Christ's victory over death.

Tuesday, April 22

See the Lord

Despite being close friends, Mary Magdalene weeps and does not recognize the risen Christ until he exclaims her name. Sometimes Jesus is right in front of us, but our despair blinds us. This evening, prayerfully reflect on your day. Where did you recognize God in front of you? When were you distracted and unable to see God? Say a prayer in gratitude for God's presence in your life and ask for the strength to see the Lord tomorrow.

Wednesday, April 23

On the Road Together

Jesus approaches two of his disciples on their way to Emmaus. They do not recognize him until after he unpacks Scripture and blesses the bread, breaks it, and gives it to them. Their eyes are opened, and they finally see the Lord, realizing that they had walked with him. Invite someone to pray with you today, perhaps a family member or a close friend. Together, read today's Gospel passage and share what stands out to you. Reflect on how Jesus was present to both of you today.

Thursday, April 24

Questions

The disciples are startled and terrified when Jesus appears, saying to them, "Peace be with you." They are troubled and questions arise in their hearts. Those questions, and the questions that arise in our hearts, are not necessarily bad. Such queries are problematic only when we allow doubts and fears to blind us from seeing God. When questions arise in your heart, do you bring them to your prayer? How can you invite God into your questions about the resurrection?

Friday, April 25

Christ the Cornerstone

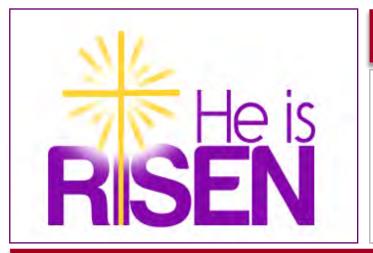
A cornerstone is a stone that joins two walls by forming the base of a corner of a building. It is typically the first stone set during construction, laying the foundation of a building. We hear Peter describe Jesus as the cornerstone. During your day-to-day routines, do you recognize Jesus as the foundation of your life? How can you make prayer, conversations with Jesus, a more regular part of your days?

Saturday, April 26

Praising God

Despite being threatened for teaching in Jesus' name, Peter and John say, "It is impossible for us not to speak about what we have seen and heard." The joy of the resurrection inspired them to reorient their lives so they could preach the Good News. Consider how the joy of God's forgiveness and the promise of life after death inspires you. How can you share this joy with those around you?

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Parish Information

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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 register. 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 not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at 676-0676 x130 or stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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