

# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

## Serving the People of God

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

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

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

# First Sunday of Advent: December 1, 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

Mondays-Fridays after 8am Mass; 8:30am Saturdays

### **Holy Hours**

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

### **Parish Information**

145 Glen Avenue Sea Cliff, NY 11579 516-676-0676 www.saintboniface.org; stbonchurch@gmail.com www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/

### **Parish Office Hours**

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



### **Outreach Pantry & Thrift Shop**

Saturdays 10am-1pm. Call: 516-676-0676 x125 Jody Fleischmann and David Meagher

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

# Liturgy Schedule

### Saturday, November 30

3pm Confession 3pm Holy Hour

4pm Mass: Thomas O'Hara

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the Mass were donated in honor of **Diva and Ed Corbelletta's 70th Wedding Anniversary**, by their family.

### First Sunday of Advent, December 1

8am Mass

**10:30am Mass:** James Cestaro, Timothy Brady, Helen Sullivan, Margaret Lilly, Sioban Rack

### Monday, December 2

8am Mass

### **Tuesday, December 3**

Memorial of St. Francis Xavier 8am Mass: Margaret Lilly

### Wednesday, December 4

**8am Mass:** Margaret Jordan **2pm Holy Hour** (in the Chapel)

### Thursday, December 5

8am Mass: Philomena & Cyrus Liguori

### Friday, December 6

8am Mass

# **Saturday, December 7** *Memorial of St. Ambrose*

**9am Mass:** Vanessa King

4pm Mass, Tree Lighting & Creche Blessing, followed by Christmas Around the World



# Let Us Pray

### For Our Deceased

Marie Troiano

### For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Bea Bohm, Josephine Marra, Maralynn Mohs, Lorraine Petschauer, 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**

Lieutenant Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF
Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army
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Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy
Major Christina Merrick-Wright
Major Bradley Wright, US Army.

# CYO Girls Volleyball

# Girls Spring Volleyball

Registration for the Girls Volleyball Spring Season is open **through December 22.** 

We have teams from fifth grade (current year fourth graders who are ready can "play up"), through eighth grade.

Practices start in January and will take place once per week.

Games are generally on weekends from late February through April, with playoffs in May for those teams that make them.

Registration is at:

https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/457361



# **Events This Week**

### Sunday, December 1

9am Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, December 2

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

### Tuesday, December 3

4pm Grades 4 & 5 Faith Formation Classes 5:30pm Grades 6-8 Faith Formation Classes

### Thursday, December 5

7pm Knitting Circle 7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

### Saturday, December 7

4pm Mass, Tree Lighting and Creche Blessing followed in the gym by Christmas Around the World

# St. Vincent de Paul

A mother and her school-aged son in our community are in dire need of a room to rent. Can you help? If so, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are families in need within walking distance of your home. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul donation box will help our neighbors in need celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society meets at 7pm the third Wednesdays of the month in St. Boniface School. For more information call Jovanna at the number above.

# 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 in need of: jelly, cereal, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned corn, canned beets, solid white tuna, canned peas & carrots, soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste

Thrift Shop: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

# Ministry Meetings

# Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group We will resume meeting in St. Boniface School,

12 Main Ave,. Sea Cliff at our next meeting on December 15. The group meets monthly 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.

### **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: 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. Contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com for more details.

### 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. for more information.

# CYO Basketball

### Youth Intramural Basketball



Sign Up Dates: **November 11 to December 15** 

Boys and Girls Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4

The season starts early January and ends mid March.

Cost \$220 per child.

Sign up online at: www.StBonifaceCYO.com https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/458924

You may email any inquiries to stboncyo@gmail.com

# The Giving Tree

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Giving Event to benefit our neighbors in need has begun! Cards designating gifts for you to purchase are available in the vestibule. In order for presents to be delivered in time for Christmas, we request that gifts be returned no later than Sunday, **December 8.** 

Please tape the original card to the outside of your unwrapped gift along with the gift receipt as well. You may bring your gift up to the altar at Mass during the Offertory Procession, or place it the under the Advent tree in the sanctuary.

Please call 516-676-0676 x 124 with questions. *Thank you!* 



# Outreach Christmas Food Baskets

Once again we are reaching out to our parishioners to help us with our Annual Food Drive. All food collected is used for our Christmas baskets which are distributed to our Outreach families and neighbors. As you all know, economic times make it difficult for some families to purchase food and feed their families, and therefore your assistance is greatly appreciated.

All food donations may be left at Church during Sunday Masses or dropped off at the Food Pantry Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

### Here is a list of food needed:

turkey gravy canned green beans canned corn shelf stable milk cake mix stuffing canned soup canned fruit grape jelly cake icing

cranberry sauce canned yams small bags of rice strawberry jelly

instant mashed potatoes

Thank you for your help in providing food to our needy families and neighbors.

Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace.

Thank you for always supporting us and our mission.

Forgive us when we don't thank you enough for who you are,

for all that you do and for all that you have given.

God bless you and your families!

David, Jody and all the Outreach Volunteers



# SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

An evening of fun, food and festivities celebrating the diversity of St. Boniface Church



Join us for 4pm Mass,
Tree Lighting & Creche Blessing, followed in the gym
by Christmas Around the World

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

- to host a country table
- to give a cultural performance
- to coordinate beverages
- to coordinate silent auction items
- to help with set-up and clean-up

Sign-up tables available after weekend Masses

To volunteer or ask questions, email stboncatw@gmail.com

# This Week at Home

# Monday, December 2 *Healing Words*

The centurion who approaches Jesus as he enters Capernaum expresses faith in the restorative power of Jesus' word: "Only say the word and my servant will be healed." Recognizing our unworthiness, we pray similar words during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This week, consider how you might be like the centurion and faithfully ask for healing. Allow the Lord's words to provide comfort and flow over you so that you can go rejoicing.

### Tuesday, December 3

### St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier was a cofounder of the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuit order. As the first Jesuit missionary, he spent much time traveling and living in foreign places to evangelize. His ministry required his learning new languages, being flexible with movement, and living in different cultures. Ask for St. Francis Xavier's intercession as you consider how you might challenge yourself to leave your comfort zone to preach the Good News.

# Wednesday, December 4 Abundance

Today's Scriptures portray God's bountiful love for his people. First, the reading from Isaiah proclaims that the Lord "will provide for all peoples." Then Matthew's Gospel recounts how Jesus fed the crowd who had been with him for days with "nothing to eat." After Jesus gave thanks and broke the bread, thousands were offered food—and still there were leftovers! Reflect on the blessings in your life. Say a prayer in gratitude for the abundance—whatever that may be—with which the Lord has blessed you.

# Thursday, December 5 Sturdy Ground

The Gospel reading portrays the importance of both listening intently and intentionally responding to the Lord. Consider ways to listen and respond to God throughout the rest of this season. How can you "be like a wise man who built his house on rock"? What are some tangible ways in which you are being encouraged to act so that your faith stands on sturdy ground?



# Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas

It is easy to become consumed with shopping for gifts and preparing for many holiday parties as Christmas approaches, ultimately pushing aside our dedication to God. When losing focus on what matters, allow to echo within you today's psalm refrain: "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Recognizing this transformational prayer, celebrate the optional Memorial of St. Nicholas today with the gift of an act of service for someone.

# Saturday, December 7 An Abundant Harvest

That Jesus' heart was moved with pity for the troubled and abandoned can comfort us today. Matthew's Gospel portrays Jesus' ministering to those who seemed like "sheep without a shepherd" and delegating his disciples to do the same. The reading from Isaiah shows that the Lord gives what is needed, answering his people "as soon as he hears" their cries. Let us find peace knowing that God is with us as we receive and, in turn, as we give.

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# Monthly Donations

### October

Stewardship: \$29,776

Maintenance & Repair: \$1,445 Respect Life (DRVC): \$1,042

World Mission Sunday (DRVC): \$882

### **Faith Direct**

Signing up for e-giving is easy. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Visit Faith.Direct/NY820.

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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 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 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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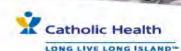
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