



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
Reverend Stanislaw Choragwicki, C.M, Parochial Vicar

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

Gaudete Sunday: December 15, 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

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www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/

Parish Office Hours

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

THIRD SUNDAY

OF Advent

As the earth brings forth its plants,
and a garden makes its growth spring up,
so will the Lord God make justice and praise
spring up before all the nations.

Isaiah 61:11



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, December 14

3pm Confession
3pm Holy Hour
4pm Mass

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the Mass were donated in loving memory of **Carmen and William Katsikas**, by Lisa Maruca.

Gaudete Sunday, December 15

8am Mass: Diana Brantuas, Tom and Ann Brady
10:30am Mass: Carmen and William Katsikas, George Coyle, Thomas Patrick Lynch

Monday, December 16

8am Mass: Eric Tyrko

Tuesday, December 17

8am Mass

Wednesday, December 18

8am Mass
2pm Holy Hour (in the Chapel)

Thursday, December 19

8am Mass

Friday, December 20

8am Mass: John Patrick Gilligan

Saturday, December 21

9am Mass: Maria Magdalena Valenzuela

CYO Basketball

Youth Intramural Basketball

Boys & Girls: Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4

Sign up to December 15

Season early January to 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



Early Bulletin Deadlines

December 22 deadline: Monday, December 16

December 29 deadline: Monday, December 23

Please get Fr. Josef's approval, domjosef@gmail.com
before emailing stbonbulletin@gmail.com

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

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
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.

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 15

9am Bell Choir Rehearsal
9:15am Faith Formation Families—Confessions
3pm Bereavement Group

Monday, December 16

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

Tuesday, December 17

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

Wednesday, December 18

7pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Thursday, December 19

7pm Knitting Circle
7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Saturday, December 21

10am Lay Carmelite Meeting

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, St. John the Baptists says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..." Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please share your abundance through our donation box located in the vestibule. Thank you!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets at 7pm the third Wednesdays of the month in the school building. Please call Jovanna Lemonda for more information at 516-676-0676 x124.

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, 145 Glen Avenue, 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.

Christmas Masses

Tuesday, December 24

8am Mass

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm and 10pm

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses: 8am and 10:30am

Tuesday, December 31

Mass: 8am

Wednesday, January 1: Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Mass: 9am

**The Solemnity of Mary,
the Mother of God
is a Holy Day of Obligation.**

**Mass will be celebrated
on Wednesday, January 1
at 9 AM.**

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

Reflections on the Readings

Lessons Learned

When punished children finally get permission to play, they take new delight in their freedom. They learn the importance of good behavior. They also learn that parents have authority that can be used for punishment or release. If parents have done their job well, children learn that both punishment and release happen because of their parents' love.

When ancient Israel ended up in exile, the people interpreted their loss as punishment for their sins. They had not listened to God. They had not been faithful to the covenant. In their punishment, they learned the importance of good behavior. They also learned that God had authority over them, that God would remain faithful to the covenant, and that their behavior carried consequences.

Imagine the freedom they felt at these words from Zephaniah: "The Lord has removed the judgment against you." Their time of punishment was over. They could return to their homeland to worship, to work, to reunite with family —and to play.

God gave them release. Children who delight in freedom sometimes miss another truth: Their parents are happy too. When punishment is over and children are free, parents are proud that their children have grown.

God does not take delight in what we experience as punishment. God takes delight in the lessons we learn and in the love we share when we are free.

Joy in the Coming of Christ

The joy of Christmas is in the air. We receive cards from friends far away. We attend parties with friends close at hand. We hear the happy tunes of Christmas. We shop in a spirit of love. We open our hearts and purses to charities, sharing our concern with strangers in need. We spread the love of Christ.

In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul writes, "Rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near." Paul equates kindness with rejoicing. And the reason for this joy is the nearness of the Lord.

Paul is not talking Christmas here. He does not say, "Rejoice! Christmas is near." He has no interest in an annual celebration of the first coming of Christ. He wants the Philippians to rejoice that the Second Coming is close at hand.

A lot of us think about the Second Coming of Christ with anxiety. We worry about dying. What will it be like to meet Christ face-to-face? Paul would have us put these concerns aside. We should rejoice at the thought of seeing Jesus.

The joy of Christmas fills our hearts because we remember with happiness the birth of our savior. But joy should also fill us when we think ahead to the return of our savior. "Have no anxiety," Paul says. "Then the peace of God will guard your hearts in Christ Jesus." The Lord is near! Rejoice!

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This Week at Home



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Monday, December 16: Trust

In today's Gospel, religious leaders question Jesus' authority as he taught and ministered. At times, you might find yourself faltering in your faith and may question God's authority in your life. Spend some time journaling about your trust in the Lord. How have you questioned him? After your reflection, pray with today's psalm, then choose a line or phrase that stands out to you, calling it to mind throughout your day. Ask for the strength to trust in Jesus.

Tuesday, December 17: O Wisdom

The "O" antiphons date back to around the eighth century. They accompany the Magnificat during evening prayer between today and December 24. As the final days of Advent are entered, dedicate time each evening to meditate with the "O" antiphon of the day. Today's antiphon is "O Wisdom of God our Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!" How can you look to Wisdom to guide you this week?

Wednesday, December 18: O Sacred Lord

An angel appears to Joseph in a dream and, similarly to Mary's call at the annunciation, tells him to "not be afraid." Joseph courageously responds by taking Mary "into his home" and faithfully accepting his role as Jesus' earthly father. Today's "O" antiphon is "O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power!" As you pray with the antiphon, consider how you might courageously respond to God.

Thursday, December 19: You Are My Hope, Lord

In today's Gospel, the angel Gabriel appears to Zechariah and tells him that Elizabeth, his barren wife, will give birth to John. Questioning Gabriel, Zechariah notes that he is "an old man, and [Elizabeth] is advanced in years." Gabriel renders Zechariah speechless because of his disbelief. As you light the three candles on your Advent wreath today, pray for those who struggle with their faith. Consider how you might "speak of the mighty works of the Lord."

Friday, December 20: The Lord Is with You

The angel greets Mary, saying, "Hail, full of grace." Today you might ponder how Mary may have received those words. Spend time with the Gospel reading, using the prayer form *lectio divina*, a slow and repetitive reading and praying with Scripture. In this practice, a phrase is repeated and meditated upon in prayer. At the end of your prayer, pray for pregnant women and those who will give birth today.

Saturday, December 21: O Radiant Dawn

Today's antiphon is "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death." As you pray with today's antiphon, take a moment to pray for those who may "dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death" near you. Dedicate time to serve them this weekend: visit a shelter, a soup kitchen, someone who is homebound, or reach out to a person in mourning.

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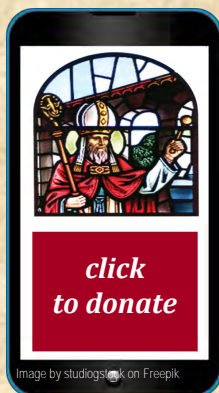
November

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Maintenance & Repair: \$2,618
All Saints: \$1,312
Fuel: \$672
Human Development/Home Missions (DRVC): \$607

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Parish Information

Our parish online calendar is available to the public! Go to our website: www.saintboniface.org and be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule for upcoming events.

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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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