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

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22, 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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Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays through Thursdays:
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm
*The office will be closed December 23
through January 6.*

FOURTH SUNDAY

OF
Advent

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.

Luke 1:38



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 21

3pm Confession

3pm Holy Hour

4pm Mass: Joseph Brantuas, Jack Vereoxie, Lloyd Ninesling

The Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22

8am Mass: Maria Magdalena Valenzuela

10:30am Mass: Carmen & William Katsikas, John Moran, Gerard Moran

Monday, December 23

8am Mass

Tuesday, Christmas Eve: December 24

8am Mass

4pm Mass

10pm Mass

Wednesday, Christmas Day, December 25

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

10:30am: Christmas Novena

Thursday, December 26: Feast of St. Stephen

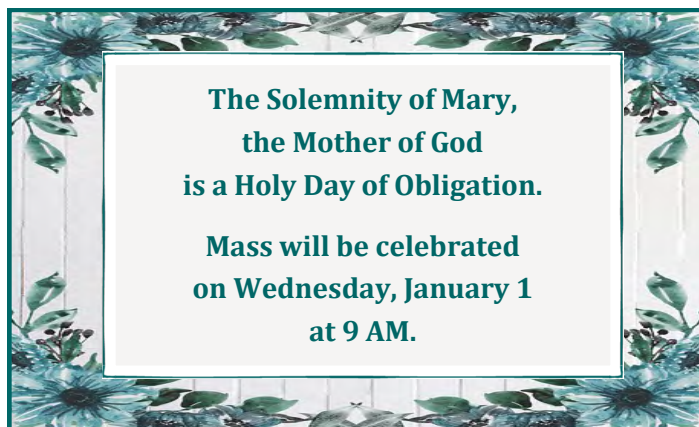
8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Friday, December 27: Feast of St. John the Apostle

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Saturday, December 28: Feast of the Holy Innocents

9am Mass: Christmas Novena



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

Christopher Koraleski, Maralynn Mohs

For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Bea Bohm, Josephine Marra, 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

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The Feast of the Holy Innocents

"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage'" (Matt 2:1-2). Upon hearing about the newborn king, Herod became greatly troubled and gathered the chief priests and scribes to learn from them where the promised king would be born. They answered him, "In Bethlehem of Judea..." (Matt 2:5). Herod called the Magi back and ordered them to bring the child to him so he could also do Him homage. The Magi found the Christ Child, prostrated themselves before Him and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The Magi were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, so they returned home by a different route. "When Herod realized that he had been deceived by the magi, he ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had ascertained from the magi" (Matthew 2:16). The Holy Innocents are now honored as the first martyrs for Christ. The deacon, St. Stephen still retains the title of the first Christian martyr, given his baptism. but these children were the first to die on account of Christ.

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Diaper Drive

in honor of the

Holy Innocents

The Constantinian Order USA Delegation is on a mission to support the Life Center of Long Island pregnancy resource centers by providing much-needed diapers.

In honor of the Holy Innocents, we are partnering with EveryLife, the only pro-life diaper company, to make this happen.

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- **Please donate** whatever you can via PayPal or Venmo @smocsg_USA. Venmo issues donation receipts for tax purposes.
Each box is \$32.80 plus shipping. Our goal is to purchase a pallet of 63 boxes.
- **Drop off** diapers in the diaper collection box located in your parish.
Physical donations will be collected on the evening of Sunday, January 5th, 2025.
- **Join us in prayer** for the unborn, mothers, and families in need this Christmas season.

Contact Michael Intrieri at Michael.Intrieri@gmail.com or call [\(516\) 754-1761](tel:(516)754-1761) with any questions.

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Events This Week

Sunday, December 22

9am Bell Choir Rehearsal

Monday, December 23

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Masses: 4pm, 10pm

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day Masses: 8am and 10:30am

Thursday, December 26

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

St. Vincent de Paul

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. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

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 have resumed meeting in St. Boniface School, 145 Glen Avenue, Sea Cliff. 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 brkmit@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 January 11.** Email richlucidi40@gmail.com for more info.

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

From Out of Nowhere

Victory is always exciting. But when the hero is a complete unknown who comes seemingly out of nowhere and performs as a pro, the victory electrifies all the more. The previously unknown hero thrills in many arenas—in sports, the arts, politics, and even religion.

Micah prophesied that God's chosen people would receive a new leader from a town of no reputation, some place called Bethlehem. This village was too small to be listed among the clans of Judah. Even so, God spoke through the prophet that Bethlehem would supply Israel with a ruler able to govern with divine strength. This ruler's greatness would reach the ends of the earth and bring peace.

For Christians, the identity of this ruler is well known: Jesus, who, Luke says, was born in Bethlehem. Jesus brings excitement to the history of religions because he came from nowhere, from a town that had never accomplished anything great.

But the real significance of Jesus is not his unfamiliar birthplace. It is the extent and result of his reign. He rules the spirits of believers all over the world. He brings peace to those whose hearts are heavy. He brings hope to those who live in obscurity, whose good deeds go unnoticed and whose love goes without reward. The heroism of the just will never escape God's sight.

Why Jesus Was Born

The Letter to the Hebrews explains why Jesus was born. It quotes two phrases from the Book of Psalms. In the first, the psalmist says that God is displeased with sacrifices. Some people had been offering sacrifices without much meaning. They went through the ritual, but they put no heart into the words and actions. The psalmist sings, "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire." Whatever they were doing to please God wasn't working.

In the second phrase, the psalmist has a new idea—a different offering that might please God. What is this new offering? The psalmist. "Behold, I come to do your will." If God was not pleased with the smoke of dead animals, perhaps God would be pleased with the obedience of a living psalmist.

Hebrews recalls these two phrases as they reflect on the birth of Jesus. Jesus came because whatever we were doing to please God was not working. He came and said, "Behold, I come to do your will." He has taken away the old sacrifice and replaced it with himself. The new sacrifice involves heart: having the intent to do God's will.

Because Jesus came into the world, Hebrews says, "We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ." We celebrate the birth of Jesus this week, but we also celebrate our consecration as the people of God. In thanksgiving, let us resolve to do God's will.

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Adoration of the Shepherds

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This Week at Home

Monday, December 23

O Emmanuel

Today's antiphon is "O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!" With the end of Advent near, pray with the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," and if you are able, go to Mass today. Ask God to help you see that he is coming to save us. Consider how you, like Zechariah, might speak blessing God.

Tuesday, December 24

Sing the Goodness of the Lord

Today we hear the Canticle of Zechariah in the Gospel. Like the Canticle of Mary, this hymn proclaims the greatness of the Lord. Zechariah's praise of God speaks of the Lord's mercy, guidance, and salvation. Apart from the inevitable chaos of preparing for tomorrow's celebrations, write a canticle of praise. Remember to "worship him without fear!"

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Alleluia! "A light has shone," today a Savior is born for us! Amidst the darkness and constant pull of worldly desires, rest in abundant joy knowing that the "Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace" reigns and sustains, "both now and forever." Resolve to proclaim this good news during Christmas Time. How can you "announce his salvation" and tell of "his wondrous deeds"? Consider sending mail to family and friends, baking Christmas cookies for someone who is homebound, or serving at a shelter.

Thursday, December 26

St. Stephen, Martyr

The Church celebrate the witness of St. Stephen, who was chosen by the community of disciples to share Jesus' teachings. St. Stephen was stoned for "working great wonders and signs among the people." Read the account of his witness and martyrdom in Acts 6—7:60. Pray for the courage to model yourself after this saint's discipleship.



St. John

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Friday, December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Today we celebrate the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. From this saint, we hear that the faithful are to share the Good News, or to evangelize "so that you too may have fellowship... with the Father and with his Son." The work of evangelization is done in community: in today's Gospel, Mary Magdalene and two disciples share the news of the resurrection of the Lord. With whom do you share the call to evangelize? Say a prayer for that person and consider reaching out in gratitude for the partnership.

Saturday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

Just as the angel told Joseph in the dream, King Herod searched for Jesus "to destroy him." Mary and Joseph take Jesus and flee, seeking refuge and safety. Today, on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, we honor the first martyrs: the children massacred in Bethlehem by King Herod as he searched for baby Jesus. If there is a pantry or community center near you, donate baby supplies, such as diapers or baby food. Say a prayer for those who are persecuted, for refugees, migrants, and displaced persons seeking safety.

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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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