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Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, December 29, 2024



The Holy Family

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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.*

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

**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.**

Saturday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

3pm Confession

3pm Holy Hour

4pm Mass: Christmas Novena

Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, December 29

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

10:30am Mass: Christmas Novena

Monday, December 30

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 31

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Wednesday, January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

9am Mass: Christmas Novena

Thursday, January 2

Memorials of Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

First Friday, January 3

8am Mass

First Saturday, January 4

Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9am Mass

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 center by providing much needed diapers. In honor of the Holy Innocents, we are partnering with EveryLive, the only pro-life diaper company, to make this happen.

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Patricia Merrick, Joyce Wang Ragusa

For Our Sick

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

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Diaper Drive: How You Can Help

1. 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.

2. Drop off diapers in the diaper collection box located in your parish.

Physical donations will be collected the evening of Sunday, January 5, 2025.

3. Join us in prayer for the unborn, mothers and families in need this Christmas season.

For more information, contact Michael Intriери at Michael.Intriери@gmail.com or call 516-754-1761.



Events This Week

Monday, December 30

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

Wednesday, January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation)

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

9am Mass

Thursday, January 2

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

St. Vincent de Paul

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters." Thank you!

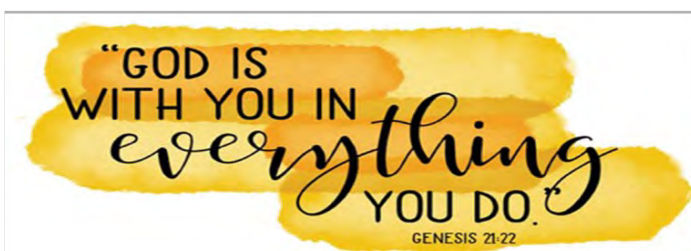
The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets at 7pm the third Wednesdays of the month in the school building. Please call Jovanna Lemonda for more information at 516-676-0676 x124.

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 meet 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 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 **January 11**. 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 for more information.

Christmas Around the World

It's a wrap! Thank you so much for making 2024 Christmas Around the World a success. Wow! What a night! Truly CATW is a team effort and an amazing demonstration of stewardship; you each gave your Time, Talent and Treasure last night! [December 7.]

TIME: You generously gave your time before, during and after the event. Julie designed our flyer, sign and programs. Rich printed the country banners. Rich also rolled out the floor covering and set up the tables, along with Mario. Pierre managed through his heart palpitations as he climbed a 15 foot ladder to hang the banners. My decorating crew included Alex, Mark, Tom, Karen, Kate and the Youth Group (represented by Georgia, Grace and Lauren) and they made the room sparkle.

During the event, Jane, Michael and Judy served as cheery baristas and bartenders. Angelo and Laureen managed the money at the raffle table (and Angelo managed to win 2 baskets, hmmm).

The clean-up crew demonstrated that "many hands make light work!" With 10 people and 20 hands, the gym was back to its original shape in about an hour. Thank you to Scott (my husband), Mike, Laureen, Richard, Kate, Angela, Patsy and the Masari family (James and his sons, Gio and Joseph), for folding tables, putting away chairs and rolling up the floor covering. They literally made sparks fly (the plastic floor covering generates a lot of static electricity). Also, Gio and Joseph now know the secrets of what is under the stage. Lastly, Christine is washing 27 tablecloths to make sure that they are ready for next year!

TALENT: There was so much talent in the room. Culinary skills were on full display and the food was delicious! Thank you to all our country hosts (Christina, Dawn, Jody, Marcelle/Pierre, Carmela, Linda, Miriam, Lorraine, Robert, Walter/Lily, April). Thank you also to Liz for hosting the Kids Craft table. John Canning was our inimitable host, and Omar provided the tunes. The religious education singers were a delight as they sang "Silent Night."

TREASURE: Almost all the supplies and services last night were donated. Pierre donated the tables. Jane and Michael donated the beverages. Pat Fox, Julie/Jovanna and Belinda Basaca donated the raffle baskets. We raised about \$1,000 from the raffles and beverages.

I am so sorry if I forgot someone -- the omission is accidental but the gratitude is real. Lastly, thank you to Fr. Josef for creating a strong parish community. After clean-up, Scott and I took a walk around the church property. We ended our evening gazing at the creche and marveling at the beautiful lights, including the rosary garden. Together with the warm glow from CATW, I am finally in the Christmas spirit.

Merry Christmas!
Nan





This Week at Home

Monday, December 30

Octave of Christmas

The octave of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and ends on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. An octave is an eight-day feast, or period of celebration. Two of the most important times in the liturgical calendar are the Octave of Easter and that of Christmas. The celebration and joy experienced on Christmas Day carries through the octave of Christmas as we are invited to continue to reflect on the glory of the season. If you are able, attend Mass to continue your celebration of Christmas.

Tuesday, December 31

True Light

Today's Gospel is the prologue to the Gospel of John. It highlights many themes that emerge throughout the Gospel, including light and life: "What came to be through him was life, / and this life was the light of the human race; / the light shines in the darkness, / and the darkness has not overcome it." How can you testify to the true light, to Jesus Christ, who enlightens us? With someone you love, share how Christ enlightens you.

Wednesday, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

After the birth of Jesus, Mary keeps the shepherd's words about the Christ child, "reflecting on them in her heart." At the end of the octave of Christmas, spend time in silence, reflecting on the season in your heart. The birth of a child can often be a whirlwind for parents, even more so for those who have fled persecution. Say a prayer or, if you are able, send a donation to an organization serving refugee families.

Thursday, January 2

Remain in Him

In today's first reading, John stresses the unity of the Father and Son, stating, "Anyone who denies the Son does not have the Father." Then the apostle reassures followers in their faith: "Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you." Many prepare to return to work today after the holiday festivities.

How can you let the joy of Christmas remain in you? Consider starting your days with centering prayer. Return to the sacred word you chose throughout the day so that you can remain in Christ.

Friday, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus

Today we remember and honor the Most Holy Name of Jesus. What name or title of Jesus from Scripture stands out to you (for example, Teacher, Prince of Peace, Preacher, Messiah, Savior)? Pray with the most salient one and reflect upon its meaning for you.

Saturday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native-born United States citizen to be canonized. After her husband died, she became a Catholic and opened a school for impoverished children and orphans. She founded the Sisters of Charity, a religious society that serves the marginalized. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the patron saint of converts, widows, and those ridiculed for their piety. To honor her, reach out to a teacher and ask how you can support them in their work.

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Madonna with Child and Angels
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Reflections on the Readings

Honor Your Father and Your Mother

Our first experience of family is dependence. As children we need the help of parents. As children we get lots of attention. We do not earn it. We just receive it because of who we are.

Then our eyes are opened. We recognize the sacrifice our parents have made. We see how they thought less of themselves in order to give us life. Our respect for them grows.

Today we remember the care that Mary and Joseph gave to Jesus. We recognize the sacrifice they made. We imagine the many ways they thought less of themselves to improve the life of the son entrusted to their care. Our respect for them grows too.

Sirach proclaims that those who honor their parents atone for their sins and keep themselves from evil. Their prayers reach God's ears. The benefits of satisfaction return to those who honor their fathers and mothers.

The Christmastime feast of the Holy Family celebrates the model of home life, but it also reminds us to honor our parents. Kindness to them will not be forgotten.

How will you honor your parents this coming year? How will you keep their memory?

Offering What We Have Received

If you took a toddler to church and left the child there for the pastor to raise, you might be accused of negligence. But when we hear that Hannah performs a similar action in the First Book of Samuel, we are to emulate the holiness of her family.

Hannah had gone childless throughout her life, but Eli, the Old Testament priest at the temple in Shiloh, prophesied that she would conceive a son. Hannah promised she would give the son back to God. Eli's prophecy came true, and Hannah made good on her promise. She brought a bull, some flour, some wine—as well as her son—and gave them all to Eli. She later bore five more children.

The first son, Samuel, eventually succeeded Eli as priest of the temple. Although Hannah's specific actions would seem strange today, the general intent of her spiritual life remains an admirable model. Hannah asked God for a particular petition. When God granted her heart's desire, Hannah returned thanks to God by offering in sacrifice some of what she treasured.

All our families strive to be holy. Not every mother has a son. Not every son becomes a priest. But every family can learn the basics of a friendship with God. If you want something, ask. If you receive it, give thanks. When you give thanks, do it with a sacrifice of something you treasure.

Lectionary Bulletin Inserts: Reflections on the First and Second Readings, Year C
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Samuel Dedicated by Hannah at the Temple
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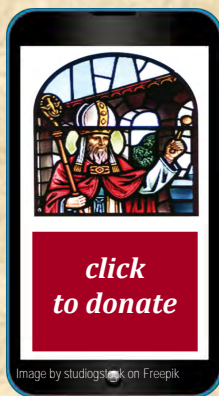
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Fuel: \$672
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Parish Information

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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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