

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

Second Sunday of Advent: December 8, 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

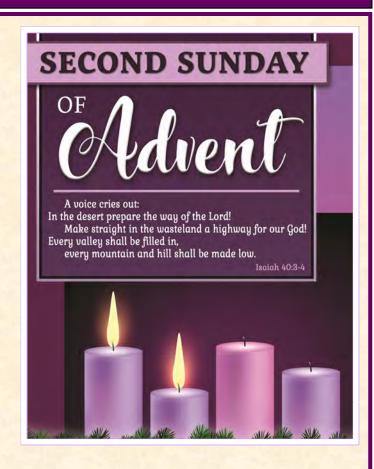
Miraculous Medal Novena after 9am Saturday Mass

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

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

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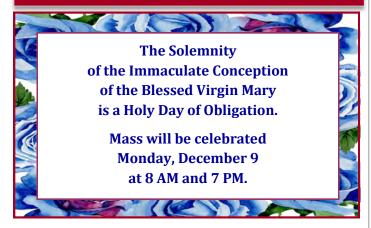
Parish Office Hours Tuesdays through Thursdays: 9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm



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, December 7 **3pm Confession 3pm Holy Hour** 4pm Mass: Joseph Vulpis, Carolyn Kerr, Philip Riccardo, Jr.

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8 8am Mass: Maria Magdalena Valenzuela 10:30am Mass: Margaret Lilly, Carmen Katsikas, **James** Cestaro

Monday, December 9: Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary 8am Mass: Veronica Hoffman 7pm Mass: Armando Sasso

Tuesday, December 10 8am Mass: Joseph Vulpis

Wednesday, December 11 8am Mass **2pm Holy Hour** (in the Chapel)

Thursday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 8am Mass: Victor Arnao

Friday, December 13 Memorial of St. Lucy 8am Mass

Saturday, December 14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross 9am Mass: Maria Magdalena Valenzuela

Early Bulletin DeadlinesDecember 22 deadline: Monday, December 16
December 29 deadline: Thursday, 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 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 8 9am Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Faith Formation Families—Confessions

Monday, December 9

8am Holy Day Mass 7pm Holy Day Mass

Tuesday, December 10

4pm Grades 4 & 5 Confessions 5:30pm Grades 6-8 Confessions 6:30pm Women of Faith Book Group

Thursday, December 12

7pm Knitting Circle 7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Friday, December 13 10:30am Women of Faith Book Group

Saturday, December 14 7:30am Men's Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society so together we can help them.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society meets at 7pm the third Wednesdays of the month in the school building. For details call Jovanna Lemonda 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 PREregistration 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.

The Giving Tree

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Giving Event to benefit our neighbors is coming to a close. In order for presents to be delivered in time for Christmas, please return gifts 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 the under the Advent tree in the sanctuary. Please call 516-676-0676 x 124 with questions. *Thank you*!

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

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

Holy Days

Some days carry obligations. Birthdays, family reunions, and holidays oblige us to send cards, buy gifts, attend parties, reserve time, telephone, or stop by. Such events make up a calendar of observances whose obligations we honor out of love, even when they cause inconvenience.

The Catholic Church also keeps a calendar of special days. Some of those rank so high in importance that we call them "holy days of obligation."

On holy days, the Church asks us all to participate in the Eucharist. Technically, the obligation is not to "go to Mass" but to "participate" there. If you go to a birthday party but sit quietly in the back of the room, you have not really participated.

We also abstain from any work that keeps us from worship, stifles joy, or inhibits relaxation. The obligation for holy days is the same for Sundays. It is not just an obligation to attend Mass but also an obligation of worship, happiness, and peace.

Although we observe six holy days in the United States, the universal Church law nominates ten. Some of them celebrate the mystery of Christ: Christmas (December 25), Epiphany (January 6), Ascension (Thursday of the sixth week of Easter), and The Body and Blood of Christ (Thursday after Trinity Sunday). Others gaze on the Blessed Virgin: Mary the Mother of God (January 1), Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Assumption (August 15). [Since December 8, 2024 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, *December 9.]* The rest concern others among the blessed: St. Joseph (March 19), Ss. Peter and Paul (July 29), and All Saints (November 1).

In the United States, our bishops have transferred the Epiphany and the Body and Blood of Christ to Sundays and have removed the obligation from the feasts of St. Joseph and Ss. Peter and Paul. In some parts of the country, Ascension has also been transferred to a Sunday.

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Immaculate Conception

"The Immaculate Conception" is a title for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The expression means that Mary was conceived without sin. The conviction that Jesus was born of a virgin is a distinct belief, even though many Catholics erroneously think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus.

Contributing to the confusion is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception during the season of Advent. While the faithful are preparing to honor the birth of Jesus, we commemorate the conception of Mary. The choice of December 8 for the Immaculate Conception does not directly relate to Advent; it corresponds more to the traditional date for the Feast of the Birth of Mary, September 8, which coincides with the dedication of a Jerusalem church in honor of the mother of Mary. The feast for the conception of Mary is backed up from that day nine months. In a similar way, we celebrate the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before the birth of Jesus.

Belief in the Immaculate Conception asserts that God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception, thus preparing a pure vessel for the Incarnation of the Son. This belief is not expressly contained in the Scriptures, but it enjoys a widespread following in the Church's tradition. Although the Immaculate Conception of Mary has been affirmed since the earliest centuries of Christianity, it was not formally proclaimed a dogma of the Church until 1854.

December 8 is now a holy day of obligation in the United States, which is placed under Mary's patronage with this title. *[Since December 8, 2024 is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9.]*

When Mary is depicted as the Immaculate Conception, she is often shown wearing a crown of stars as the woman in Revelation 12 and standing on a snake, reversing the temptation of Eve. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the exalted Queen of Heaven who manifests God's power over sin.

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This Week at Home

Monday, December 9 *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*

Luke's Gospel relates that Mary is "greatly troubled" at the angel Gabriel's greeting. The angel attempts to comfort her, telling her not to be afraid and reminding her that "nothing will be impossible for God." Celebrate Mary's courageous response to God's call by spending time in silence, listening to how God may be calling you. Reach out to a conversation partner and share your prayer experience.

Tuesday, December 10 Comfort

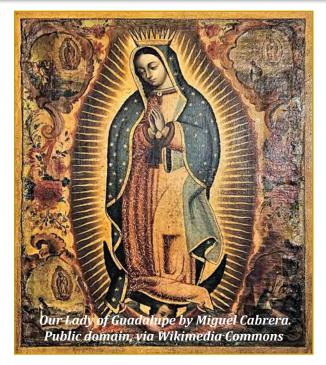
Speaking to the Judeans exiled in Babylon, Isaiah tells of the deliverance that is to come. He assures them that flesh might wither and wilt as grass and flowers do, but the word of our God stands forever." In the Gospel, we hear that the Lord values each one of his followers, and just as a shepherd goes after his sheep, the Father does not want one of his to be lost.

Wednesday, December 11 Mercy and Grace

As you light two candles on your Advent wreath, say a prayer in gratitude for the Lord's mercy and graciousness. As the psalm proclaims, he is "slow to anger, abounding in mercy" despite our turning from him. The Lord is always welcoming, for as the Gospel states, he calls out, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened."

Thursday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego, an indigenous peasant, at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. Today we celebrate Mary's presence, especially her making herself known to those who are marginalized. On this feast day, pray with Mary's canticle (Luke 1:46–55) and ask for her intercession to help you proclaim the greatness of the Lord.



Friday, December 13 *St. Lucy*

St. Lucy, whose name means "light," is the patron saint of the blind. She was tortured and martyred for her dedication to her faith. St. Lucy is often depicted holding a platter with gouged eyeballs. Pray for St. Lucy's intercession today, that you may give sight to those who are hopeless and bring light in the darkness of persecution.

Saturday, December 14 St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross is the patron saint of contemplatives, mystics, and Spanish poets. After being educated by the Augustinians and Jesuits, he joined the Carmelites. St. John of the Cross encountered Teresa of Avila and was attracted to her devotion to prayer and simplicity. After being influenced by her regimented spirituality, he was punished for seeking to restore the Carmelite order. To celebrate St. John of the Cross, learn about the Catholic Church's diverse spiritual traditions. Pray with one that may be unfamiliar to you.

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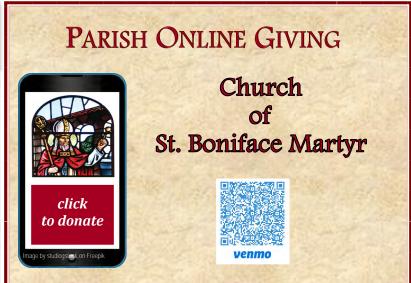
Monthly Donations

November

Stewardship: \$32,466 Maintenance & Repair: \$2,618 All Saints: \$1,312 Fuel: \$672 Human Development/Home Missions (DRVC): \$607

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



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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