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in Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing
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We are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the Kingdom of God

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord: February 2, 2025

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

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.



Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Circle of Giovanni Bellini, 1493
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Liturgy Schedule

First Saturday, February 1

3pm Holy Hour and Confession

4pm Mass: William Gill

Presentation of the Lord, Sunday, February 2

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Constantino (Tino) Katsikas,
Patricia Merrick

Monday, February 3

Memorial of St. Blaise

8am Mass

Tuesday, February 4

8am Mass: Timothy Edwards

Wednesday, February 5

8am Mass

2pm Holy Hour

Thursday, February 6

Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions

8am Mass

First Friday, February 7

8am Mass: Lorraine Petschauer

Saturday, February 8

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

Veronica Hoffman

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Margaret McCrudden

For Our Sick

Bea Bohm, Josephine Marra, Lorraine Petschauer,
Annette Ragusa.

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com to renew your loved one. 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

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Saint Blaise

Legend says that Blaise was an excellent physician in his hometown of Sebaste, Armenia, modern-day Silvas, Turkey. When the Bishop of Sebaste died, Blaise was chosen as the new bishop by the popular acclaim "of all the people." He was said to be a man of great faith and virtue, caring for his people in both body and soul. Many came to

him as a physician for physical healing but also received many miracles. Others came to him for spiritual healing, imparted by his deep faith.

Even though Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire in 313, the Governor of Cappadocia began to arrest and kill Christians in 316. Bishop Blaise was among those arrested. While Blaise was on his way to jail, the mother of a boy who was choking on a fishbone sent her son to Blaise for his prayers. Bishop Blaise miraculously cured him on the spot.

Another story relates that on that journey to jail, a woman begged him to save her pig that had been seized by a wolf. When Bishop Blaise ordered the wolf to release the pig, the wolf obeyed. Out of gratitude, the woman brought Blaise two wax candles to light his prison cell.

When Bishop Blaise refused to renounce his Christian faith, he was ripped apart by metal combs used to comb wool and then beheaded.

Today, Saint Blaise is the patron saint of wool combers and animals. More famously, he is the patron saint of diseases of the throat and other illnesses because he healed the boy with a fishbone stuck in his throat, was a physician, and miraculously healed many others of their ailments. Two wax candles are used to bless throats in memory of the candles that the grateful woman brought to Blaise's jail cell.

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Events This Week

Sunday, February 2

9:15am Faith Formation Families

11:45am The Chosen

Monday, February 3

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

Tuesday, February 4

4pm Grades 4 & 5 Faith Formation Classes

5:30pm Grades 6-8 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, February 6

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Saturday, February 8

7:30am Men's Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, we learn of the first sword in Mary's heart – the knowledge of her Son's death. Though many would live forever in fear, Mary found courage in faith in the Lord. Your gift to our neighbors in need can help them to overcome their swords of fear and doubt.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For more information, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please contact 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 currently in need of: **jelly, cereal, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned corn, canned beets, solid white tuna, canned peas and 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 Minister, April, 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 **February 8**. 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.

The Church of St. Boniface Martyr presents

The CHOSEN

**in the Chapel after 10:30am Mass and hospitality
Starts Today!**

Please join us in the Chapel at 11:45am for Season 4 of *The Chosen*,
the series about the life of Jesus.

Deacon Tom Fox will lead us in a brief discussion after each 1-hour episode.

Come and draw closer to Jesus as we share the beauty of our faith.



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

No matter where you are on your journey, you are invited to join us.

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Reflections on the Readings



God Bleaches Us to the Bone

At first glance, the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple appears to be a peaceful scene. His parents present him. They bring along an offering. Prophets ooh and aah over the baby Jesus. They predict marvelous things. The parents are very proud. You can almost feel hearts flutter.

But hearts shudder at the scene from Malachi. God says, “Suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek.” He comes like a refiner’s fire or like fuller’s lye. He comes able to burn you to ash and bleach you to the bone. In Malachi, the Lord’s coming to the temple is not at all peaceful.

This terrifying appearance corrected a problem. The priests of the temple were not offering a due sacrifice to God. Perhaps they were unclean themselves. Perhaps they did not observe God’s commands. They needed correction, so God prophesied that the Lord himself would appear in the temple to set things right.

That tiny baby gurgling in the arms of his parents grew up to be the Savior who reads the thoughts of hearts and calls us to conversion.

In Baptism we were anointed as a priestly people. Let God’s fire purge whatever keeps us from sincere prayer.

Gaining Experience

Parents start their job as mothers and fathers with experience. They watched the experience of their own parents, and they see the parenting of their friends. But parents also bring their own experience of growing up. They went through what their kids go through, and they bring that wisdom to the task.

As children grow into adolescence, parents often struggle with them. Parents are often sustained by the memory of their own adolescence. When they were younger, they had to go through those difficult years as well.

Jesus also had to gain experience. He was to become the redeemer of the human race, so God saw fit to have Jesus spend time as a human, in order to experience what we do.

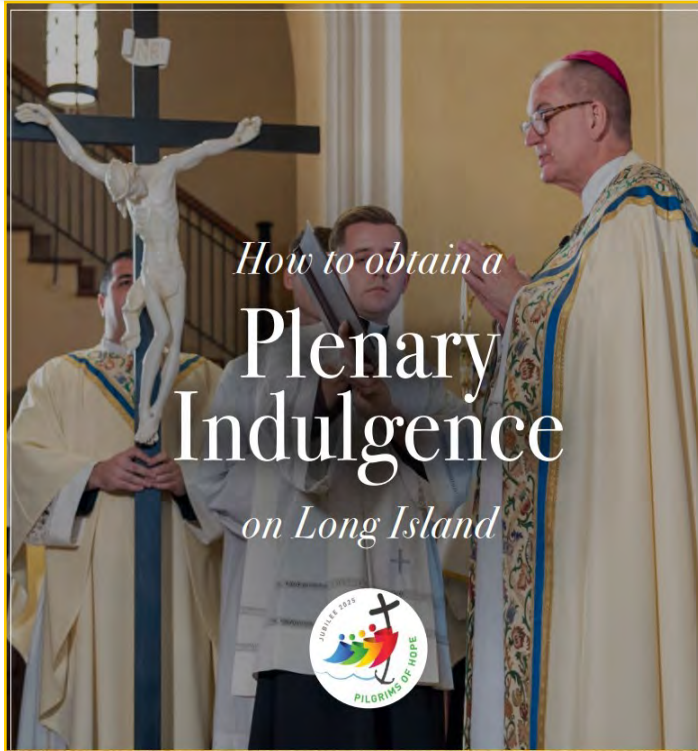
The Letter to the Hebrews says, “Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people.”

On the Feast of the Presentation, we remember that the parents of Jesus brought him to the temple at the age of forty days. Jesus was God. It should not have been necessary for him to do this. But he did this, and much more, to become like the people he would save. He understands the struggles of parents and teens, of those who are tempted and those who hope for more— because he became one like us

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Jubilee 2025



How to obtain a

Plenary Indulgence

on Long Island



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The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage **to any sacred jubilee site:**

- TO ONE OF THE FOUR MAJOR PAPAL BASILICAS
- TO ONE OF THE THREE BASILICAS IN THE HOLY LAND
- TO THE LOCAL CATHEDRAL OR CHURCH DESIGNATED BY THE LOCAL ORDINARY

from DECREE ON THE GRANTING OF THE INDULGENCE, POPE FRANCIS



Requirements for Obtaining a Plenary Indulgence for the Jubilee Year of Hope

As we celebrate Jubilee 2025, the people of God can receive the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father by undertaking a pious pilgrimage to any sacred jubilee site.

The faithful of Long Island can obtain this Plenary Indulgence by making a pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Saint Agnes in Rockville Centre and fulfilling the following requirements. →

- Visit the Jubilee Cross at St. Agnes Cathedral
- Make a Sacramental Confession shortly before or after the visit to the Jubilee Cross
- Be spiritually detached from sin
- Receive Jesus truly present in the Holy Eucharist
- Pray for the Holy Father and his intentions

“This is the Jubilee. This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord.”

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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 register. 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 or Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at 516-676-0676 x130 or stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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