



# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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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*

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 9, 2025**



*The Miraculous Draught of Fishes*

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 9am, 4pm;  
Sunday: 8am, 10:30am  
Mondays - Fridays: 8am

## Holy Day Masses

8am, 7pm

## Confessions

Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

## Church Hours

6am - 6pm

## Holy Hours

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

## Parish Office Hours

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

## Parish Information

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# Liturgy Schedule

## Saturday, February 8

3pm Holy Hour and Confession

4pm Mass: Eric Lobben

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Maureen Maddock, Maria Santoli, Carol Kasyjanski

## Monday, February 10: Memorial of St. Scholastica

8am Mass

## Tuesday, February 11

8am Mass

## Wednesday, February 12

8am Mass: Matt Croutier

2pm Holy Hour

## Thursday, February 13

8am Mass

## First Friday, February 14

*Feast of Ss. Cyril & Methodius*

8am Mass

## Saturday, February 15

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

# Let Us Pray

## For Our Deceased

Margaret McCrudden, Carmen Santosus

## 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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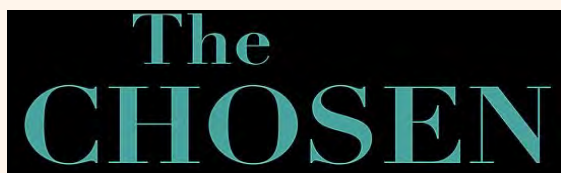
Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve

Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy

Lieutenant Colonel Christina Merrick-Wright

Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.

## The Church of St. Boniface Martyr presents



in the Chapel after 10:30am Mass  
and Hospitality

## \* Next Session: February 16th \*

Please join us *next week* in the Chapel for Episode 2, Season 4 of *The Chosen*, the series about the life of Jesus.

Deacon Tom Fox will lead us in a brief discussion after each one-hour episode. Come draw closer to Jesus as we share the beauty of our faith.

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## Fisher of Men

*"After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.' Simon said in reply, 'Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets.' When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing." - Lk 5:4-6*

Jesus cured Simon Peter's mother-in-law as one of His first miracles. As a result of this and other miracles, Peter's entire hometown of Capernaum, as well as many of the surrounding towns, were quickly coming to faith in Jesus.

Today's Gospel takes place during this initial excitement over our Lord. In it, Jesus personally invites Peter to become an Apostle, promising to make him a fisher of men. The fact that they "caught a great number of fish" symbolizes the superabundance that would come forth through Peter's apostolic ministry. And the fact that the "nets were tearing" points to the fullness that everyone will experience when they embark upon the mission of Christ.

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## Events This Week

### Sunday, February 9

9:15am Faith Formation Families  
12:30pm The Four Chaplains Ceremony

### Monday, February 10

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

### Tuesday, February 11

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

### Thursday, February 13

7pm Knitting Circle  
7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

### Saturday, February 15

10am Lay Carmelites

## St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”

Please pray for our neighbors in need, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to them.

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 **March 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.

# Thank You, Fr. Duncan!



*Fr. Duncan will be returning to Kenya on February 26.*

*At Mass on January 28, Father expressed his gratitude to Fr. Josef and to St. Boniface parishioners, sharing how hard it is to say goodbye. Likewise, it is with heavy hearts that we bid Father Duncan farewell.*

*Thank you, Father Duncan, and God bless you !*









# The Four Chaplains



*Lt. Alexander D. Goode, George L. Fox, Lt. Clark V. Poling, Lt. John P. Washington*

Four Chaplains Day is celebrated every February in recognition of four army chaplains for their humanitarianism and heroism.

**Please join us for a ceremony at 12:30pm on Sunday, February 9,  
as The Church of St. Boniface Martyr and The American Legion Post 336  
honor The Four Chaplains.**

The SS Dorchester, a civilian liner, was converted for military service in World War II. It left New York on January 23, 1943, as part of a three-ship convoy enroute to an American base Greenland with 902 servicemen, merchant seamen and civilian workers.

On February 3, 1943, a German torpedo struck the Dorchester. As the ship took on water, the chaplains distributed lifejackets, helped people board lifeboats, and when lifejackets ran out, they removed their own and gave them to four GIs. As the chaplains went down with the ship, survivors witnessed the chaplains arm-in-arm praying and singing hymns in one of the worst sea disasters of World War II.

The chaplains were new first lieutenants: Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish Rabbi; Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist Minister; Lt. Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed Minister and Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic Priest.

Congress wanted to confer the Medal of Honor on these heroes, but the chaplains were ineligible because they had not engaged in combat with the enemy. A posthumous Medal for Heroism, The Four Chaplains' Medal, was authorized by Congress and was presented posthumously to their next of kin on January 18, 1961.

*Image: "Wiesbaden Remembers Chaplains Day." U.S. Army USAGW by [null Courtesy], 2021. Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons*

# Reflections on the Readings

## Childlike Enthusiasm

Stand in front of a group of kids and say these words: "I need a volunteer." Every hand will go up. Stand in front of adults and the results will be different. We are shy to reply. We need a personal invitation. We need to know it will not waste our time. We need to know someone respects our gifts as well as our responsibilities. Maybe, just maybe, then we will volunteer. We are usually glad when we do.

In the year King Uzziah died, Isaiah received a call from God. He saw a vision of Seraphim calling out to one another of God's holiness in a dwelling filled with smoke. Isaiah thought himself unworthy to be there until one of the angels touched his mouth with a burning ember. Cleansed from sin, Isaiah responded like a young child ready to volunteer. "Here I am! Send me!"



Sometimes we do not volunteer because we feel unworthy. We are painfully aware of our sin. But once we have the vision, once we perceive God's presence, once we experience God's mercy, we do respond to God's call. We have to.

In the end, there is no volunteering among Christians. There is only ministry, the natural response to the life of grace.

## The Gospel in a Nutshell

Each Sunday we recite the Creed. This statement contains our most profound beliefs. If someone asks what we believe, we might otherwise stammer and sputter. But we can always say what we have received, the Creed.

Other examples of early creeds can be found in the New Testament. One is in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. He says it is a statement he received from someone else, so it was already part of the church's tradition in the first generation after Jesus. He writes "that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas [Peter], then to the Twelve."

So here it is: Jesus died and was buried, but he rose again and appeared to his closest followers. It all happened in fulfillment of prophecy, showing the plan of God's mercy reaching across the bands of time. That is the Gospel in a nutshell.

Paul adds to it that Jesus made several other appearances, including one to a group of five hundred and another to Paul himself. This is why Paul's faith was so strong. He personally experienced the Risen Christ, and he believed in the significance of his dying and rising.

As do we. We proclaim it each week at church, and we live it each day at home, at work, and at play.

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Stewardship: \$34,118  
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**Pastor:** The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys,  
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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 Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at 676-0676 x130 or [stbonRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:stbonRCIA@gmail.com) for details.

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