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

The Baptism of the Lord: Sunday, January 12, 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

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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www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/

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



The Baptism of Christ

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, January 11

3pm Confession

3pm Holy Hour

4pm Mass

The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 12

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Michael Clohosey, Robert Pisciotta,
Tom & Anne Gilhooly

Monday, January 13

8am Mass

Tuesday, January 14

8am Mass: In Thanksgiving to St Anthony

Wednesday, January 15

8am Mass

Thursday, January 16

8am Mass: Sean Kiggins

Friday, January 17: Memorial of St. Anthony, abbot

8am Mass

Saturday, January 18

9am Mass



The Jubilee Year (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord) will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The great tradition of opening the Holy Door began when Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024. Other holy doors will be opened at the Rome basilicas of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls. For pilgrims who cannot travel to Rome, bishops around the world are expected to designate their cathedrals or a popular Catholic shrine as special places of prayer for Holy Year pilgrims, offering opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences and other events intended to strengthen and revive faith.

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Kathleen McCormack, Maureen Maddock

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

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Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Ragusa, US Navy

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Pro-lifers are invited to help restore the right to life for preborn children by joining the Long Island Coalition for Life for the Roe v. Wade Anniversary Memorial Face the Truth pro-life event on Sunday, **January 19** from 2pm to 3pm. This peaceful public outreach will be held on the sidewalk in front of Nassau University Medical Center (NuHealth, 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow). Signs provided. Rain or shine.

Be a positive sign for LIFE!

Sponsored by: LICL 631-243-1435, info@prolifeLI.org.

Events This Week

Sunday, January 12

9:15am Faith Formation Families

Monday, January 13

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

Tuesday, January 14

4pm Grades 4 & 5 Faith Formation Classes

5:30pm Grades 6-8 Faith Formation Classes

7pm Women of Faith Book Group

Wednesday, January 15

7pm St. Vincent de Paul Society

Thursday, January 16

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Saturday, January 18

10am Lay Carmelites

St. Vincent de Paul

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As you help those in need, know in your heart the truth of the words "you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased."

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets at 7pm the third Wednesdays of the month in the school. Call Jovanna Lemonda for details 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 & 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 lrosecswhotmail.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 **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.

Christmas Pageant 2024



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Reflections on the Readings

God's Grandeur

Whenever we glimpse the glory of God, we experience briefly the happiness for which we hope. We can see that glory in the icy sparkle of a winter's day, in the birth of a child, in the excellence of athletes, or in the beauty of the arts. The glory of God can be revealed in many ways, and it always brings joy.

We only glimpse God's glory because its fullness remains hidden. As wonderful as this world is, the promised world of eternal life will be far greater. That hidden world opens to us in slits of time, in meteoric glints of space. We see God's glory in small signs, but they suffice to alert us to the grandeur of heaven.

Isaiah prophesied that the glory of God would be revealed in the reshaping of land and the witness of people. Deserts and wastelands would become paved paths, and all people would see it together. Exiles would return, and God would appear with power.

The desert of Israel's longing became eternally transformed in the splash of Jordan's waters. There the glory of God was revealed as never before, at the baptism of Jesus.

As the Christmas season draws to its close, we reflect back on its joy. In the shimmering glow of a celebration that pushes back the enveloping darkness of nature's winter, we glimpse the glory of God

The Bath of Rebirth

The baptism of Jesus was not the same as our Baptism. Our Baptism incorporates us into the Body of Christ and forgives our sin. It would not make sense for Jesus to have that kind of baptism.

Instead, his baptism began his career as a preacher and miracle worker, and it provided an opportunity for God to reveal that this was the beloved Son. Just as the Magi discovered when they visited Jesus as an infant, and just as the wedding guests at Cana discovered when Jesus turned water into wine, so the baptism of Jesus announced to those gathered that the Messiah had come.

The baptism of Jesus differed from ours, but it certainly inspired ours. At the end of his life, Jesus commanded his disciples to baptize all nations. So we begin our ministry in Christ with the sign that began his.

Paul's Letter to Titus recalls this connection. "God saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior." Our Baptism—the "bath of rebirth"—brought us renewal by the Holy Spirit.

As we conclude the church's celebration of Christmas and return to work, to school, and to life as usual, we enter the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year. But life is never ordinary for those who are led by the Holy Spirit, our gift at Baptism.

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The Baptism of Christ

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This Week at Home and Beyond

Monday, January 13

Repent and Follow Jesus

Jesus calls the first disciples: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Simon, Andrew, James, and John abandon their nets and follow him. Find a parish where the sacrament of reconciliation is offered this week. Repent and respond to Jesus’ call to follow him.

Saturday, January 18

Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity starts today. It was first celebrated in 1908 because division weakens the power of the Christian witness. The entire Christian community is invited to join in prayer. Visit the World Council of Churches’ website to learn about this year’s theme and to find resources to participate in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Saturday, January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul

Today the Church observes the conversion of St. Paul. The Lord calls Saul after “a light from the sky” flashes suddenly around him. Saul is temporarily physically blinded, symbolizing his religious blindness. Though the conversion of others around us may not be as sudden as St. Paul’s, let us celebrate today by reflecting on the strength it takes to return to the Lord. Say a prayer for those who persecute followers of Christ: may their eyes be opened and may they have the courage to say yes to following the way of the Lord.

Sunday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas Day. Candles might be blessed during a liturgy to symbolize Christ, the light of the world. Light a candle and say a prayer in gratitude for your faith. Since Jesus is fully human, he knows well our joys and struggles, and is thus “able to help those who are being tested.” Rest in peace today knowing that the Lord deeply understands all you are experiencing.

Thursday, February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions

Jesuit brother Paul Miki, born into a noble Japanese family, and his companions were martyred by crucifixion in Nagasaki in 1597. The group consisted of Franciscan and Jesuit missionaries and Japanese lay people who were offered freedom if they renounced Christianity.

They courageously declined. In today’s Gospel, we hear that Jesus sent the apostles out in twos to evangelize. Like the group martyred with St. Paul Miki, the work of brave evangelization can be done in community. Reach out to someone who inspires your faith. How can you preach the Good News together?

Saturday, February 22

The Chair of St. Peter

Jesus says Peter is the rock upon which the Church will be built. He was called to carry forth the mission of the Church so it could be passed down to future generations. The pope serves as the successor of St. Peter. Spend time learning something new about the pope and his apostolic mission today. Say a prayer in gratitude for those who have passed your faith on to you.

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The Conversion of Saint Paul

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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,
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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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