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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 19, 2025**



***The Wedding Feast at Cana***

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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

### **Holy Hours**

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

### **Church Hours**

6am - 6pm

### **Parish Information**

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### **Parish Office Hours**

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

# Liturgy Schedule

## Saturday, January 18

### 3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Philomena & Nicholas Straboli

The altar bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the Mass were donated in memory of **Philomena & Nicholas Straboli** by Carol and Jim Kelly.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 19

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Angela Barone, Patricia Merrick

## Monday, January 20

8am Mass

## Tuesday, January 21: *Feast of St. Agnes*

8am Mass

## Wednesday, January 22: *Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

8am Mass

## Thursday, January 23

8am Mass: Sean Kiggins

## Friday, January 24: *Memorial of St. Francis de Sales*

8am Mass

## Saturday, January 25

*Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul*

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

## **Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

*God our Creator,  
we give thanks to you,  
who alone have the power  
to impart the breath of life  
as you form each of us in our mother's womb;  
we pray, that we,  
whom you have made stewards of creation,  
may remain faithful to this sacred trust  
and constant in safeguarding  
the dignity of every human life...*

~ COLLECT FOR JANUARY 22 MASS

# Let Us Pray

## For Our Deceased

Timothy Edwards, Eric Lobben, 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

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

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Lieutenant Colonel Christina Merrick-Wright

Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.

# Baptisms 2024

June - December:



William Basdavanos

Lily Burlandi

Sienna Caines

Camila Correa

Luca DiMarino

Anastasia Douso

Avery Jensen

Benjamin Kosnac

Edward Loeffler

Thomas Lucchese

Luca Lyons

Miles McElwain

Marigold Manadan

Gael Mendoza

Victoria Munda

Charlotte Raad

Rowan Rescigno

Ayla Salih

Charles Salih

Lily Solomito

Emmanuel Troulakis

## Events This Week

### Sunday, January 19

9:15am Faith Formation Families  
3pm Bereavement Group

### Monday, January 20

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

### Tuesday, January 21

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

### Thursday, January 23

7pm Knitting Circle  
7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

## St. Vincent de Paul

*In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.*

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 brkmit@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.

# Day of Prayer for Unborn Children



## **January 22: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

We remember today the tragic US Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, issued on January 22, 1973, that essentially legalized abortion in all fifty states for almost fifty years. By God's grace, that decision was finally overturned on June 24, 2022, by the Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson*. Though that latter decision gives us much to be grateful for, the battle for the sanctity of life must continue, since the *Dobbs v. Jackson* ruling simply deferred the decision on abortion to state legislatures. Thus, abortion remains legal in the majority of states in the United States and continues to be legal in many other countries around the world.

Throughout the world, the World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that there are approximately 40–50 million abortions every year. That translates into about 125,000 abortions every day. Up until the *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision, the WHO further estimated that twenty-two percent of all pregnancies in the United States ended by abortion, over one million abortions every year. These numbers are conservative estimates, given that the WHO promotes abortion.

Too often, abortion advocates premise their arguments on a woman's right to do what she wants with her own body. Yet a baby in the womb is a new life, distinct from the mother's, with as much dignity, beauty, and value as any other life, including the mother's. The psalmist puts it this way, "You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works!" (Psalm 139:13–14).

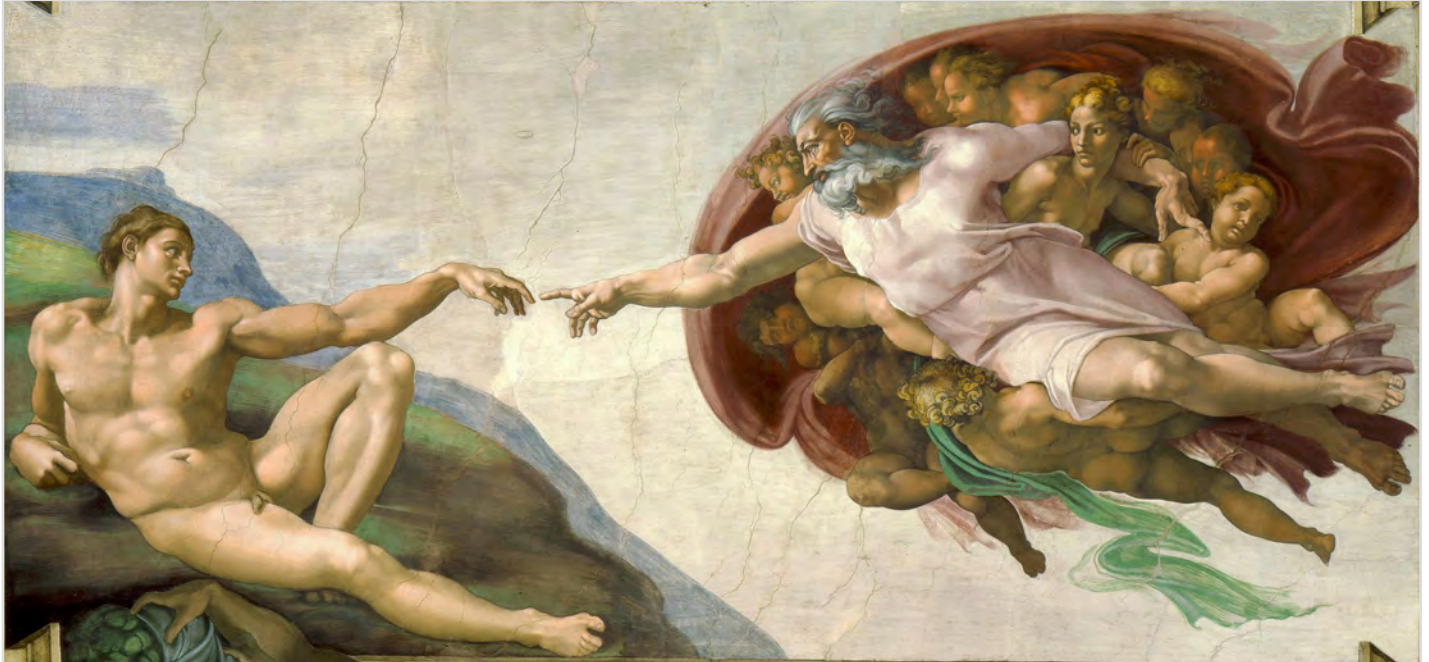
It is true that an unplanned pregnancy brings with it a myriad of concerns. But no such concern is so grave that it justifies taking an innocent life at its most vulnerable stage of development. "Such attacks strike human life at the time of its greatest frailty, when it lacks any means of self defense" (St. John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*, #11).

Much rhetoric has unsuccessfully attempted to justify abortion. Yet while debate over abortion never ceases, eternal truths never change. "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person—among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2270).

In response to this ongoing attack against human life, the bishops of the United States have designated today as "a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion" (GIRM #373). Note that our bishops wisely call for two distinct actions today. First, they call for prayer so that the innate right to life is legally guaranteed. Without this most fundamental right, no other rights matter. Second, they acknowledge the countless violations that have already been committed against human dignity by abortion, and call us to do penance to help atone for those violations.

Today, call to mind that the weakest, most vulnerable, and most at-risk human beings need you. Statistically speaking, the most dangerous place to live is within the womb. Also call to mind every mother who finds herself in an unplanned pregnancy. Both child and mother need your prayers and your acts of penance—that every mother makes the choice for life, and that the right to life will be enshrined in every civil law throughout the world. Your acts of penance help atone for every abortion committed, especially for the repentance and healing of everyone involved. Don't underestimate the power of your prayers and penance. Unite yourself to the Body of Christ, and do your part to bring healing to the past and true hope for the future. *Source: mycatholic.life.*

# Reflections on the Readings



## God's Beloved, God's Delight

How do you describe your relationship to God? Do you consider God a Father? Do you think primarily of Jesus when you pray? Is God a friend? A judge? Some people feel as though God is their authority figure. Others imagine they have a very close friendship with God.

Our experience of God changes. As we grow, we come to understand God better through the events of our lives. Some of those events challenge our perceptions of God. Others affirm them.

Everyone goes through a spiritual desert from time to time. We feel as though God is far away. We imagine that God has forsaken us and left us desolate. These feelings are normal.

But God never abandons us. Sometimes we simply cannot feel the warmth of God's love. Isaiah says God calls us "My delight." If you have ever felt compassion toward someone who felt alone, you know how God feels toward us.

## Master of a Trade

A jack of all trades is master of none, the saying goes. Most of us are happy if we can do one thing well—whether it is a class at school, a task at work, parenting at home, or playing a sport.

The problem is, none of us can survive doing one thing well. We need one another. We need other people who do other things well. We need specialists in auto mechanics, computer repair, teaching, and cooking to get us through the day. If you do one thing well—decorating church, for example—you help out a lot of other people who do not know how.

Paul tells the Corinthians that the Spirit is manifest in many ways. "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." These manifestations include wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, and other mighty deeds. In a parish they surface at worship, education, service, and even social activities that build the community.

You may not think your gift can do much good, but it probably can. The Spirit gives gifts away "for some benefit." This new year, you can put yours to work so that others may come to know the many gifts and wisdom of God.

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**The Church of St. Boniface Martyr Presents**

# The CHOSEN

**In the Chapel after 10:30am Mass and hospitality  
February 2 - March 30**

**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 discussion after each one-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.*

**Please contact us if you have any questions or plan to join us, so we may prepare for you.  
Thank you.**

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# Monthly Donations

## December

Stewardship: \$38,808  
Christmas: \$36,327  
Maintenance & Repair: \$1,738  
Religious Retirement Fund (DRVC): \$1,649  
Immaculate Conception : \$1,495

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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 676-0676 x130 or [stbonRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:stbonRCIA@gmail.com) for details.

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