



# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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in Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing  
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The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg., Pastor  
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*We are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the Kingdom of God*

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 26, 2025**

### 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 Information

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### Parish Office Hours

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



***Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue***

*(Jésus dans la synagogue déroule le livre)*

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# Liturgy Schedule

## Saturday, January 25

3pm Confessions and Holy Hour

4pm Mass: Patricia Talley Connors

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Giacomo D'Alessandro

## Monday, January 27

8am Mass

## Tuesday, January 28

*Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas*

8am Mass

## Wednesday, January 29

8am Mass

2pm Holy Hour

## Thursday, January 30

8am Mass

## Friday, January 31

*Memorial of St. John Bosco*

8am Mass

## First Saturday, February 1

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

## Saint Thomas Aquinas

Thomas was born in a grand castle in central Italy near the town of Aquino. He began his studies at the age of five at the famous Benedictine Monastery, Monte Cassino, where his uncle was abbot. At age fourteen, he moved to the University of Naples where he came into contact with members of the Dominican order. Five years later, he would greatly disappoint his family by choosing the Dominicans over the Benedictines, who held a place of honor within Europe's feudal system. The Dominicans sent Thomas to Paris where he became a student under intellectual giant Brother Albert, now known as Saint Albert the Great.

Brother Thomas was drawn to Aristotle's philosophy, which would become the foundation of much of his future writings. As Thomas continued his studies under Brother Albert, he became more reserved in class as he grew in the virtue of humility, rarely speaking up, debating, or revealing his keen intellect.



# Let Us Pray

## For Our Deceased

Timothy Edwards, Eric Lobben

## 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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His quiet nature led his fellow students to give him the nickname "Dumb Ox." One day, Brother Albert gave Thomas a difficult question to answer and asked him to present his answer to the class the next day. After Thomas did so, his fellow students were in awe and Brother Albert said of him, "You call him the Dumb Ox, but in his teaching he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world."

In 1252, at the age of twenty-six, Brother Thomas received the title "Master in Theology" from the pope. For the next twenty-two years, he wrote books, sermons, commentaries on Scripture, and even composed some of our Church's most beautiful hymns, including Pange Lingua. He continued as a teacher, preacher, and papal theologian in Paris, Naples, Orvieto, and Rome. Among his many works, Saint Thomas is best known for the Summa Theologica, or "Summary of Theology." His feast day is January 28.

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## Events This Week

### Sunday, January 26

9:15am Faith Formation Families

### Monday, January 27

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

### Tuesday, January 28

4pm Grades 4 & 5 Faith Formation Classes

5:30pm Grades 6-8 Faith Formation Classes

### Thursday, January 30

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

## St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." In the month of January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing assistance with rent, utility bills, etc. *Thank You!*

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets at 7pm the third Wednesday of the month. 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 lrosecswh@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  
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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# Reflections on the Readings



The Bible has been revered by many of our ancestors. It contains a record of the stories they told and the values they held. When you take that old book off the shelf at your home, the Word of God, you can meet the people who gave you life

## Body Block

It is hard for some people to get along. We think the worst of strangers in our way. We get tired of people we work with every day. Kids in the family fight with one another. It is hard to get along.

There are many reasons to work at it, though. Fighting creates tensions we do not need. It puts us on edge and violates the interior harmony we seek.

## Family History

Whenever you open up an old family photo album, you may be struck with the power of ancestry. You realize you come from a people who shared with you their beliefs, their possessions, and their past.

When you look at old photos, you may want to learn more. "Who were these people? Where did they live? How did they live? What part of me have I inherited from them?" If you can converse with older members of your family, you can ask these questions directly. But for others, only the photos exist to tell the tales.

In the Old Testament, Ezra the priest came before the assembly of people and brought out for them an old book that had been lost. It was too early in history, of course, for a photo album. But he now possessed a record of the holy words revealed by God to their ancestors. Now that the book had been discovered, its contents were proclaimed to the people.

They listened attentively. These were the words that shaped the lives of their ancestors. As they heard them, they learned what was important to the people who gave them life.

Work gets done more smoothly, learning happens more peacefully, love is shared more fully, when people get along.

Paul tells the Corinthians that they should think of themselves as one body, not as different people. Earlier on in this letter, he already complained about the divisions in their church. The one community was splintering as people took sides under different natural leaders. They intuited that they were one community, but they lived as though they were many who were not getting along.

Paul urged them to think of themselves as one. "The body is not a single part, but many." The foot and the hand get along. So do the ear and the eye. They do not compete with each other. They do not claim to be the only part in the entire body. "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy."

It is easier to get along when we start from this premise: We are already one.

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# Word of God Sunday 2025



Pope Francis said, *“Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of His Word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.”*



## HOLY HOUR AND REFLECTION

**January 26**

**3pm**

**St. Paul the Apostle  
Brookville**

**Come Celebrate  
with Bishop Andrzej**

**All are Welcome!**

*“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” (Luke 24:45)*

# Monthly Donations

## December

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

## Faith Direct

Signing up for e-giving is easy. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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# Parish Information

Our parish online calendar is available to the public! Go to our website: [www.saintboniface.org](http://www.saintboniface.org) and be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule for upcoming events.

**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 or Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico, 676-0676 x130 or [stbonRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:stbonRCIA@gmail.com).

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