



Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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

The Epiphany of the Lord: Sunday, January 5, 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

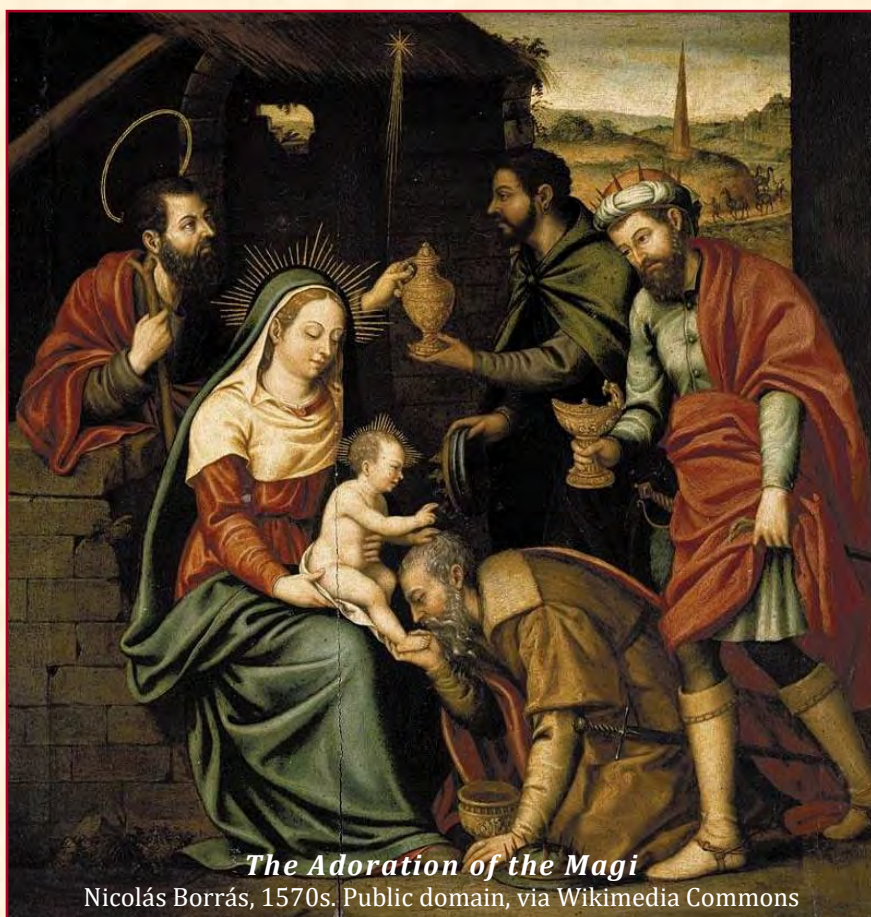
3pm Saturdays (Church);
2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

Parish Information

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Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays through Thursdays:
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm. *The office will be closed
December 23 through January 6.*



The Adoration of the Magi

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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

Liturgy Schedule

First Saturday, January 4

3pm Confession
3pm Holy Hour
4pm Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 5

8am Mass
10:30am Mass: Liboria Natoli

Monday, January 6

8am Mass: Eva Greenberg

Tuesday, January 7

8am Mass

Wednesday, January 8

8am Mass

Thursday, January 9

8am Mass

Friday, January 10

8am Mass: Nanette Calderon

Saturday, January 11

9am Mass



As the Universal Church looks toward the Jubilee Year 2025 (the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord), the USCCB is thrilled to support the Holy Father in this "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church."

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee:

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Kathleen McCormack, Patricia Merrick

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
Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy
Lieutenant Colonel Christina Merrick-Wright
Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.

A Prayer for Our Country

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mother, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of Life. Amen.

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Events This Week

Sunday, January 5

9:15am Faith Formation Families

Monday, January 6

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

Tuesday, January 7

4pm Grades 4 & 5 Faith Formation Classes

5:30pm Grades 6-8 Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, January 9

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Saturday, January 11

7:30am Men's Ministry

St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul donation box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets at 7pm the third Wednesdays of the month in the school building. Please call Jovanna Lemonda for more information 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 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 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 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 **January 11**. 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. for more information.

From the Bishop



DIocese OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre: Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Last Christmas, we celebrated the 800th anniversary of that glorious and historic night when St. Francis of Assisi arranged the first Nativity creche scene in a small cave outside the Italian village of Greccio in Italy. St. Francis was inspired to do this after visiting the historical place of Christ's birth on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land — the humble stable in a Bethlehem cave.

The large creche set in St. Peter's Square last year commemorated this 800th anniversary by having the figure of St. Francis of Assisi expressing adoration, awe and wonder across the Crib from Mary and Joseph. Last September, we celebrated the 800th Anniversary of St. Francis receiving the gift of the "stigmata" — the mystical wounds of Christ in his hands, feet and side. In 2026, we will celebrate the 800th anniversary of St. Francis' death.

There is always a powerful connection between the Manger Crib and the Golgotha Cross of our Savior. St. Francis of Assisi lived this connection so powerfully. In *Admirabile Signum*, Pope Francis writes: "Indeed, the place where this first nativity scene was enacted expresses and evokes these sentiments...from the time of its Franciscan origins, the nativity scene has invited us to 'feel' and 'touch' the poverty that God's Son took upon himself in the Incarnation. Implicitly, it summons us to follow him along the path of humility, poverty and self-denial that leads from the manger of Bethlehem to the Cross. It asks us to meet him and serve him by showing mercy to those of our brothers and sisters in great need (cf. Matthew 25:31-46)."

As we spiritually draw near to Bethlehem at the end of this year, we pray for those who suffer in the Holy Land and the Middle East, in Ukraine and all war-torn areas of the world. We pray too for the persecuted Church around the world and we pray for religious liberty in our country and in all countries. St. Francis of Assisi understood the problems of the world and more than 800 years later, after he created the first creche, he is still close to the Church and to the world.

Many of you have seen the bronze statue of Atlas directly across from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City. It was created by the sculptor Lee Lawrie and installed in 1937. The sculpture portrays the mythical ancient Greek Titan Atlas holding the burden of the heavens on his shoulder. St. Francis of Assisi is no myth, but at times he has been compared with Atlas in how, through the centuries, he carried the burdens of the Church on his shoulders with his radical and pure Gospel witness. In fact, Pope Innocent III, after meeting St. Francis, had a dream that St. Francis was holding up St. John Lateran Basilica, the visible sign and symbol of the universal Church, amidst the storms and earthquakes of history and crisis.

Configured to Christ crucified and having lived daily with the stigmatic wounds of Christ, St. Francis helps to animate and inspire the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church through the centuries. St. Francis of Assisi intercedes for each of us at every moment to help rebuild the Biblical and Eucharistic evangelizing mission of the Church that Jesus Himself founded on Long Island and beyond.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families! May the Light and Love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic Missionary Spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

Youth Group Wrapping Giving Tree Gifts



This Week at Home

Monday, January 6

Consolation and Desolation

“Do not trust every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they belong to God,” warns John the apostle. Indeed, it is critical to discern God’s will. St. Ignatius of Loyola writes about the states of consolation (joy, peace, being settled) and desolation (fear, anxiety, being unsettled) in prayerful decision-making. Per St. John’s encouragement to deepen our spiritual awareness, take time today to learn about Ignatian discernment. Consider how you can practice prayerful discernment.

Tuesday, January 7

Abundance

Jesus takes five loaves and two fish to feed the vast crowd gathered to hear him preach. The disciples are skeptical as Jesus turns a small amount of food into an abundance that feeds five thousand people. Invite your family to reflect on the abundance with which God has blessed you. Gather at the end of the day and say a prayer of gratitude, naming some of those blessings.

Wednesday, January 8

Take Courage

In today’s Gospel, Jesus walks on water during a storm to reach the disciples. They are terrified, but Jesus says to them: “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” The wind dies down and the disciples are astounded. Their hearts are hardened, as they cannot comprehend Jesus’ self-revelation as the Son of God. Find a church in your area that offers Eucharistic adoration. When you go to pray, consider how you can keep your heart from hardening. How can you surrender your fears?

Thursday, January 9

Liberty

Highlighting Jesus’ mission of liberation, the Gospel proclaims that he will especially serve the marginalized and forgotten, bringing “glad tidings to the poor.” From the first reading, we hear that “God is love.” Further, “We love because he first loved us.” Set time aside this week to serve someone who is afflicted or oppressed. While you serve, pray with John the apostle’s words: whoever does not love another “whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.”

Friday, January 10

Withdraw to Pray

Jesus cleanses a leper and, while word of his ministry spreads and crowds gather to listen to him, he withdraws “to deserted places to pray.” Amid his healing and preaching, Jesus models the importance of cultivating a prayer life. Spend time creating a prayer space in your home. This should be a space to which you can withdraw, like Jesus. Set time aside to pray in this space at least once every week.

Saturday, January 11

Idols

Take John the Baptist’s words to heart: “He must increase; I must decrease.” To do so, “be on your guard against idols,” as the first reading states, and consider what takes you away from God. Before going to sleep tonight, prayerfully review your day. How did you give glory to God? What “idols” distracted you from doing so?

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Il Gesù salva la Navicella di San Pietro

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Reflections on the Readings

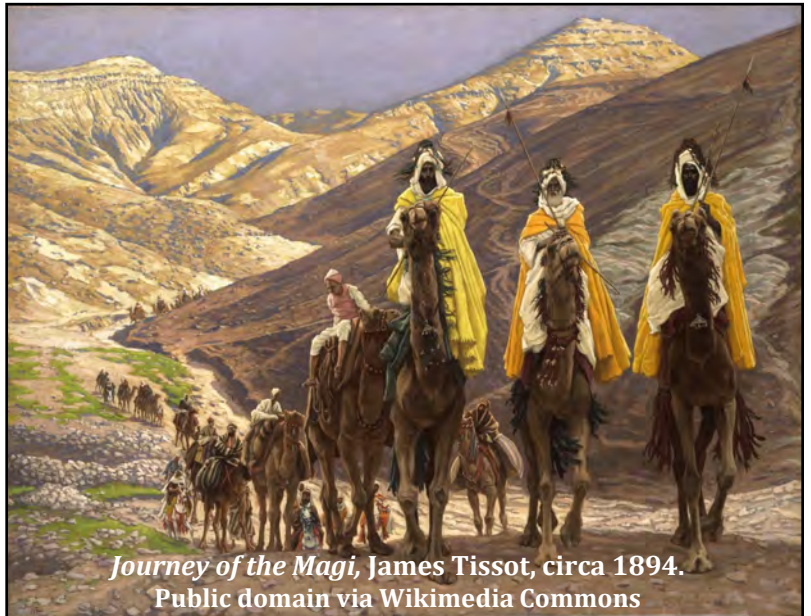
Caravans of Camels

About those camels, we are not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the Magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, on elephants, or by camel—but we just do not know.

The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah's prophecy. He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. "Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!" he proclaims. "Your light has come."

In Matthew's story, the Magi realize that Jerusalem's light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense.

Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. When we see the Magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope



Journey of the Magi, James Tissot, circa 1894.
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Secret Plan

The birth of Jesus became the worst-kept secret in the history of the world. All along, people knew God had a plan. God had told everyone from Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sara, to Moses and Miriam, to David and Bathsheba, to Hosea and Gomer, to Mary and Joseph that there was a plan. Nobody fully understood it. Nobody knew how God would bring the plan to fulfillment. But they all believed. They had seen God work mighty deeds in their lives, and they believed that one day the promise of redemption would be fulfilled.

Jesus was God's secret. When Jesus was born in humble surroundings outside of royalty and pageantry, only a handful of people even began to realize what God had done.

But the secret got out. Angels appeared in the sky. Shepherds showed up. And Magi traveled from a faraway land. Everyone was finding out God's two great surprises: Jesus was born as the promised Messiah, and he came not just for his own race but for all the people of the world.

The Letter to the Ephesians says, God's mystery "was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit." Jesus was born,

and he came to save each of us, no matter what family we come from, what we believe, or how we behave. The mystery of God's love is open now to the whole world. That is the epiphany, the revelation of God's secret.

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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

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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.

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