



St. Boniface Martyr

Roman Catholic Church

Fr. Robert A. Romeo, Pastor

Established 1898

Serving the people of God in the communities of
Sea Cliff ~ Glenwood Landing ~ Glen Head ~ Glen Cove
“We are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the Kingdom of God.”



“... I say to you, rise, pick up your mat, and go home.”

- Mark 2:1-12

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 22, 2009

Masses This Week



Daily Mass (Chapel): 8am
Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5pm Vigil;
 Sunday: 8 am, 10:15am
Holy Day Masses 5pm Vigil; 8am, 7pm
Special Intentions Mass: 5pm first Saturday of month

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 22

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25; 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Mark 2:1-12

8am (Parishioners)
 10:15am (Antoinette Marrone)

Monday, February 23

Sirach 1:1-10; Mark 9:14-29
 Celebrant: Fr. Fred

Tuesday, February 24

Sirach 2:1-11; Mark 9:30-37
 Celebrant: Fr. Fred

Ash Wednesday, February 25

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
 8am Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Fred
 12 Noon Mass: Fr. Bob

4pm Liturgy: Fr. Bob
 7:30pm Liturgy: Fr. Bob

Thursday, February 26 (Joseph Caliolo)

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25
 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Friday, February 27 (Alberta Barone)

Isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15
 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, February 28 (Pat Maguire)

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32
 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, 5pm Vigil Mass (Gerry Brady)

First Sunday of Lent, March 1

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15
 8am (Kathleen Ahearn)
 10:15am (Parishioners)

Vigil for the Sick
Thursdays: 7pm -7:30pm

Holy Hour
Wednesdays: 2pm



Celebrants & Ministers



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: February 22

5pm Vigil **Celebrant: Fr. Fred**
 Lectors: Theos Kyrkostas
 Ministers: Irma & Bill Berkley
 Eileen & Paul Bowersock

8am **Celebrant: Fr. Bob**
 Lector: Carole Kelly
 Ministers: Ralph Casey, John Kelly
 Andy DiSalvo, Susanne Hippel

10:15am **Celebrant: Fr. Bob**
 Lector: Carol Griffin
 Child Liturgy: Margaret Cuomo-Maier
 Ministers: Rosemary & John Murello
 Joe Vulpis, Pat Warner
 Scott Whitting, Loretta Zahner
 Hospitality: Josie Harte

First Sunday of Lent: March 1

5pm Vigil **Celebrant: Fr. Bob**
 Lectors: Blanche & Eric Tyrkko
 Ministers: Yvonne Brantuas
 Muriel Clark, Ann Dubin
 Veronica & Joseph Giordano

8am **Celebrant: Fr. Fred**
 Lector: Randa Barrington
 Ministers: Peggy Niper
 George Warner
 Marie Agosta, Ralph Casey

10:15am **Celebrant: Fr. Bob**
 Lector: Gregory Knox
 Child Liturgy: Laureen Feehan
 Ministers: Joyce Capozzi, Michelle Cowley
 Peggy Cullen, Eileen DePew-Ringrose
 Hospitality: Josie Harte

10:15am Closing Song: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord, I lift your name_ on high; Lord, I love to sing_ your prais- es._ I'm so glad you're in_ my
 life; I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth_ to show the way,
 _ from the earth_ to the cross_ my debt to pay;_ from the cross_ to the grave
 _ from the grave_ to the sky;_ Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer Corner



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED
 Please pray for the members of our parish
 who have entered into eternal life.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Rylee Andersen, George Bohn, Louise Bradich,, James Halton, Helen Hopp,
 Daniele Napoli, Edward Nienstedt, Karen Randolph, Roseanne Sanchez, Jean Savitt,
 Nicholas Sica, Mary Ann Sweeney, Adelaide Sweeney Sifhstein,
 Richard Tepe, Gladys Wilkinson.*



ST. BONIFACE PRAYER GROUP

**"SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD, ALL THE EARTH.
 WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS;
 COME BEFORE HIM WITH JOYFUL SONGS."**

Psalm 100: 1 & 2

We gather in the Parish Center on Monday nights at 7:30 in the Chapel.

Come and bring a friend, all are welcome.

Contact John or Rosemary Murello at 676-2767

ST. BONIFACE BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study Program meets in the Parish Center on Thursdays at 7:30pm.
 We are studying St. Paul's Letters to Romans and Galatians.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact John or Rosemary Murello 676-2767



Dear Parishioners,

“When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralyzed man, My child, your sins are forgiven.”

Mk 2:5

In Today's Gospel, St. Mark continues the stories of the healings of Jesus. These healings, in the name of the forgiveness of sins, are signs of the in breaking of the Kingdom. We saw in the Old Testament reading from the prophet Isaiah that God will forgive the sins of His people so that He will “**not remember their sins.**” Forgiven they are unburdened and continue the journey to the Promised Land. God still forgives our sins and wants us to be unburdened so that we can continue our journey to Eternal Life.

What stands out for me in today's Gospel, is not only the faith of the paralyzed man, who knew if he was touched by Jesus he would be healed, but also the support of his companions. What great friends he had! Here is this man who because of the crowds cannot get close to Jesus. His friends are clever and determined enough for him to encounter Jesus that they see that they cannot get into the door...so they figure out they can bring him to Jesus by lowering him through the roof. What a great lesson this is for us about what it means to be community. I can remember a very difficult time in my life when one of my closest friends died of cancer at age 31. This was the second child of his parents to die. I believed in faith that Jesus would heal him. That was not to be. It put my faith into a deep challenge. For the longest time I could not pray while at Mass or any other time. I seemed to be going through the motions of prayer...saying the words but not feeling their meaning. I was blessed with some great friends who accompanied me on that journey. In those dark days my friends and family were certainly my support and encouragement. As I reflected on those days, I realized that their living faith and support embodied for me not only the presence of Jesus but they became the ones who did what I could not do ..and that is pray. I am so grateful for the times they reached out to me, even when my inclination was to retreat into myself. Their presence and yes even persistence was my safety net from falling into despair.

I see similar parallels in today's Gospel, and it becomes a challenge for each of us. Though maybe the circumstances of those around us may not be as drastic as the paralyzed man, we are surely called to reach out and support those in need. To give you an example...when visiting parishioners in the hospital many of them comment when someone has visited them from the parish. Though those who are sick may not always have the strength for a long visit, the fact that someone took the time to see them can be a great comfort and encouragement. Our Ministry of Consolation certainly embodies what faithful believers can do for each other. Those who have experienced the death of a loved one are so appreciative of not only those who visit the family to discuss the Funeral Liturgy and bring the prayers of the community but the presence at the Liturgy of the Ministry of Consolation speaks volumes of a loving community. A note, a phone call and word of concern can go a long way to someone who feels alone in those difficult and trying times.

The challenge might be for each of us to fight the tendency to treat the people we know (and whom we might not know so well) as strangers. St. Paul reminds us today that “**Christ has anointed us and marked us with His seal.**” We are the Body of Christ. Let us then continue in the ministry of Jesus to be healers...and welcomers.

In Jesus,

Fr. Bob

Parish News

Daily Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament has been moved to the Chapel in the Pastoral Center. On certain days and times it will be returned to the Main Church (e.g. Ash Wednesday).

There will be a meeting of all Altar Servers -- and those in 4th grade or higher who would like to become Altar Servers -- at 11 am on Saturday, **February 28** in the Church.

Court Patricia #346 of Catholic Daughters of America will hold its next monthly meeting **March 2** at the St. Boniface Parish Center at 11am.

Save Saturday, March 14 for the St. Boniface Martyr Parish celebration of St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Details to follow... 

The Diocese will be offering training sessions for anyone wishing to serve our parish as a Lector or Extraordinary Minister of Communion. The "A" session, which is required for everyone, will be held on **April 25**, from 9am to 1pm at Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale. The "B" session, required for those ministering to hospitals, nursing homes and homebound, will be offered on **May 9**, from 9am to 1 pm at Kellenberg Memorial HS, Uniondale. If you are interested in serving in these ministries, please contact Jeff Schneider at the Parish Center before **April 12**.

Your help is needed at Hospice of New York. Come make a difference in the lives of patient's with limited life expectancies. Provide life-enhancing support by being a friendly visitor. Excellent training provided. Call Angela Purpura at (516) 222-1211 or e-mail angela.purpura@

384 RAFFLE ~ BE A WINNER!

Give yourself the opportunity to win each and every day from March 17, 2009 through March 16, 2010 by participating in the fourteenth annual raffle. Not only do you have a chance to win on a daily basis, but also there are 19 special drawings with prizes as high as \$750. Purchase a ticket and you have 384 chances to be a winner. Your name is included in each and every drawing, even if you have already won. Additional tickets are available at the back of the Church or at our Parish Office. Winners will be announced on our website www.saintboniface.org and in our Parish bulletin.

Can you think of a better way to have fun for an entire year and support your Church at the same time?



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Thank you for your financial stewardship last week.



384 Winners

February 14 ~ \$25.00
Gina Pisciotta, Glen Cove

February 15 ~ \$25.00
Andrea Marrone, Locust Valley

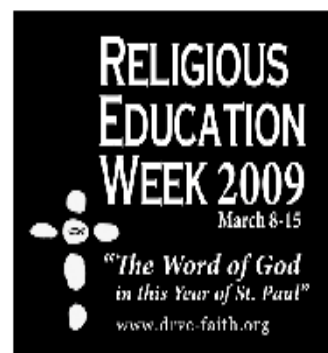
February 16 ~ \$25.00
Robert & Kathleen McMahon, Sea Cliff

February 17 ~ \$25.00
Berta Roemmelt, Glenwood Landing

February 18 ~ \$25.00
Gerard Caldwell, Sea Cliff

February 19 ~ \$25.00
Helen Ahern, Glen Cove

February 20 ~ \$25.00
Benjamin Van Bloem, Frederick, MD



Celebrating Our Volunteers and Youth in Faith Formation!

Religious Education Displays
Sunday, March 8, 2009
In the St. Boniface School
11:30AM to 12:30PM

*Come and See
A Sharing of the Religious Education Faith Experience*

Take Five for Faith



Daily renewal for busy Catholics

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: FEBRUARY 22

We have—probably appropriately—mixed feelings about new versus old, stability versus change. Consider on the one hand those who, 40 years later, still complain about “all those changes” in the church, and on the other hand those who blanch at the church’s reluctance to embrace, say, a married priesthood. In Isaiah 43, God clearly speaks up for change, but not mere novelty. It is God’s desire to let go, indeed to forget, the wasteland of our sins, the deserts of our folly. God strikes a humanlike pose insisting that God is fatigued by our holding on to the old, perhaps the precious silliness that we can work out our own salvation. We cannot. We did not. God, for God’s own sake, remembers our sins no more. That is a change we can all embrace.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FEAST OF POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MARTYR

A passage from Philippians says that, “I can do all things through him who strengthens me” (4:13). Faith in God and communion with God in Christ unites us so closely with the Creator that God creates a future to accommodate our faith. God’s creative power is without limit and God’s love for us is infinite. Trusting in God we can literally accomplish anything. Saint Polycarp (d. c. 155 A.D.) was so convinced of the power of faith that he chose death rather than renounce his belief. We make the same choice every day when we opt for hope rather than despair.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

SHROVE TUESDAY/MARDI GRAS

“Carnival” ends today, and tomorrow our time of attentiveness to spiritual matters begins. Being in the world and then removing ourselves for a time from the world are all part of the process of building God’s reign. Flesh and spirit are essential elements in Christian discipleship, as are justice and mercy and intimacy and awe. Knowing how to appropriately weave these elements in our daily lives is the role of wisdom. Use Lent as a time to give your full attention to prayer, spiritual reading, and devotional practices. Ultimately your body and soul will be the stronger and wiser for it.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

ASH WEDNESDAY; DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

With the beginning of Lent—or at least this standing on the “front porch” of Lent between today and next Sunday—we might tend to look inward, to focus on

prayer and repentance, on resetting our interior compass in more God-ward directions. But the three traditional practices of Lent—prayer, fasting, almsgiving (which work all year round, by the way)—point us out as much as in. We pray for both ourselves and others. We fast to clear our lives of what prevents us from seeing God in others and the world. And we learn to show more generosity to those around us. So this year don’t let yourself get Lenten cabin fever.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Choosing life over death seems like a no-brainer—instinctive, natural, wholesome. Yet, our culture, with its emphasis on escaping pain at all costs, can easily lead to emotional, spiritual, and physical death. Don’t want to face the humiliation of asking for forgiveness? Cut off your relationship with a loved one. Don’t want to be hurt by anyone? Close the door on intimacy. Don’t want to feel the pain of loss, confusion, or failure? Numb yourself with alcohol or drugs. Don’t want to deal with an unexpected pregnancy? Destroy the fetus. Don’t want to negotiate with your enemies? Bomb them into oblivion. Our faith offers a different strategy. It’s called love. Try loving yourself, others, and God just a little bit more to get you past the pain.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Of the three disciplines of Lent—fasting, prayer, and charitable giving—it is certainly fasting and abstinence that got our attention back in the day. You could end up in hell for chomping a hotdog on a Friday, no questions asked. We’re still bound to observe the days of fasting and abstinence during Lent. But the prophet Isaiah reminds us to see fasting as a change of attitude about the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed. By repenting of our pursuit of comfort and turning our resources to the service of the needy, we help to “fulfill” the Lenten obligation to fast and abstain.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

While, for most Americans, working has as its goal the creation of a stable home, more often than not it becomes the main hindrance to people’s coming together as a family. Making money often seems more important than the life and family income is meant to support. But, with the high cost of stability in America today, the majority of families find two incomes are needed simply to stay afloat, leaving many children lacking the presence and influence of their parents for much of their lives. We are called today by Isaiah to be rebuilders of our household. That, of course, begins at the home. This week try to hold at least one gathering within your home.



LENTEN REGULATIONS FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday is February 25, 2009

All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain entirely from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day.



PRAYER FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Merciful God,
look upon us as we enter these Forty Days,
bearing the mark of ashes,
and bless our journey through the desert of Lent.
May our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
our prayer, the chant of humble and grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the name of Jesus,
for in his cross you proclaim your love
for ever and ever.
Amen.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PARISH MISSION (RETREAT)
March 23-26 - 8:00 AM & 7:30 PM

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY
APRIL 4 & APRIL 5
Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:15 AM & 12:00 Noon
Blessing of Palms at all Masses

5:00 PM Easter Pageant Play (School)
(NOT A MASS)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
Saturdays 4:00 PM
2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28, 4/4
(Holy Saturday)
11:00AM - Confession (ends 12:00 noon)

PENANCE DAY - MONDAY - APRIL 6
(Diocesan Day of Reconciliation)
3:00 - 9:00 PM (Individual Confessions)

HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 9
9:00 AM - Morning Prayer
3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
7:30 PM - Solemn Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 11
9:00 AM - Morning Prayer
11:00 AM - Confession (ends 12:00 noon)
12:00 Noon - Blessing of the Easter Food
(Swieconka)
7:30 PM - The Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12
MASSES: 8:00 AM, 10:15 AM & 12:00 Noon

The HSA is pleased to announce.....



ASR's 1st Annual Comedy Night!

Friday, February 27th at 8:30 pm
Saint Patrick's Parish Hall



Advance Tickets
only \$25!
Refreshments!
50/50 Raffle!!

COMIC RELIEF = UNIVERSAL STRESS BUSTER

We are thrilled to present a trio of talented, professional comedians – providing an opportunity to get together with family and friends for an evening of laughter!

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HEADLINER: Ryan Reiss -has appeared at Caroline's on Broadway, New York Comedy Club, Comic Strip Live, Laugh Factory, Stand Up NY, and more.

www.ryanreiss.com

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- Admission includes an evening of laughs, fun, light snacks (chips, etc), coffee and dessert.
- Drinks (including wine and beer) will be available (cash bar).

To help make this event a great success, we will have a 50/50 raffle and sponsorship opportunities. You can sponsor refreshments, snacks, dessert or make a contribution to defray costs.

- ✓ Please contact Maria or Hank Hardy: 516-759-0045 or dadoo@optonline.net to arrange sponsorships and/or volunteer

Doors open @ 7:45 PM. Pre-purchased tickets will be held at the door in your or table captain's name

**Talk it up with your friends, family and neighbors.
Hope to see you there!!**

-----COMPLETE AND SEND WITH PAYMENT TO ASR VIA STUDENT OR DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE-----

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Individual Tickets: # _____ @ \$25
(Tickets will be \$30 at the door)

Table of 10 # _____ @ \$225
10% Savings for table bookings!
Please include list of names on back

Table Captain Name: _____

GRAND TOTAL: \$ _____

- ✓ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ASR. ✓ SEND IN ENVELOPE MARKED HSA COMEDY NIGHT C/O SABRINA HARDY 5B BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2009.

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Office Hours: 9am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-4:30pm, Monday-Friday

Parish Registration: We welcome all new members of our parish family. We ask all parishioners to welcome and invite new neighbors and their families to become a part of St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Parish registration (census) forms available by the main doors of the church and in the parish office for new members. Please return completed forms to the parish office.

Baptism: Parents wishing to present a child for Baptism should be registered members of St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Parents are required to have a Baptism Preparation Interview and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are celebrated on the last Sunday of the month. Please call 676-0676 to pre-arrange.

Marriage: Couples wishing to be married should call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed for marriage preparations.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): An ongoing process of formation for those who ever wonder if they should become "Catholic". If interested, please call Fr. Bob at 676-0676.

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays from 4pm to 4:30pm in the church unless otherwise indicated.

Please note our new email addresses.

Bulletin deadline: Mondays before 4:30pm

For best results, submit entries on Friday

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