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Fr. Robert A. Romeo, Pastor



"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

- Matthew 18:21-35

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2011

Mass Schedule



Daily Mass 8am

Sunday Masses Saturday: 5pm Vigil;

Sunday: 8am, 10:15am

Holy Day Masses 5pm Vigil; 8am, 7pm

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 11

Sirach 27:30-28:9; Rom 14:7-9; Matt 18:21-35 8am (Parishioners)

10:15am (Larry Graziose)

Monday, September 12

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 7:1-10

Celebrant: Fr. George

Tuesday, September 13

Feast of John Chrysostom

1 Timothy 3:1-13; Luke 7:11-17

Celebrant: Fr. George

Wednesday, September 14 (Angela Fazzini)

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17

Celebrant: Fr. George

Thursday, September 15 (The Trotta Family)

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Timothy 4:12-16; John 19:25-27

Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Friday, September 16 (Ann Aral-Ryan)

Feast of Cornelius and Cyprian

1 Timothy 6:2c-12; Luke 8:1-3

Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, September 17 (Lello Castiello)

Feast of Robert Bellarmine

1 Timothy 6:13-16; Luke 8:4-15

Celebrant: Fr. Bob

5pm Vigil Mass (Edward Douglas)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 18

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Matt 20:1-16a

8am (Parishioners)

10:15am (Kevin Michael Gebhard)

Minister's Schedule

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11

5pm Vigil Fr. Bob

Lector: Theo Krykostas

Ministers: Eileen & Paul Bowersock

Paul Bramfeld, Yvonne Branutas

8am Fr. George Lector: John Canning

Ministers: Kevin Kelly, Lorraine Petschauer

Marie Agosta, Laura Andrysiak

10:15am Fr. Bob

Lector: Laureen Feehan
Children's Liturgy Margaret Cuomo Maier

Ministers: Peggy Cullen, Michelle Gordon

Patty Lizza, Marilyn Martone Sighle & Robert Lynch

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18

5pm Vigil Fr. George

Lectors Blanche & Eric Tyrkko
Ministers: Ann Dubin, Katherine Miller

Debbie Mink, Kathleen Van Bloem

8am Fr. Bob Lector: Mary Doran

Ministers: Ralph Casey, Donna Darling

Diva & Ed Corbelleta

10:15amFr. BobLector:Carol GriffinChildren's LiturgyPaula Smith

Ministers Laureen Feehan, Mary Martone

Camille Miritello, Fran Roesch Rosemary and John Murello



St. Vincent de Paul Society

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

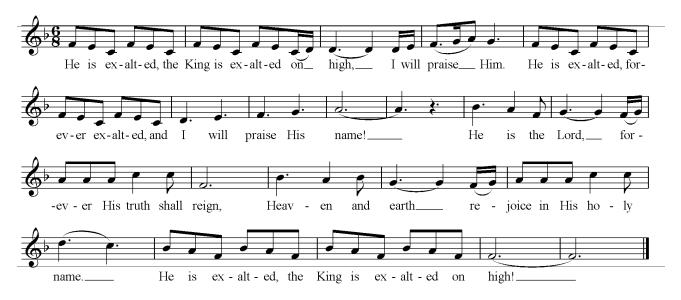
Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul...we want to help.

Thank you for all your support!

Furniture and financial donations are always welcome. **You are too!** Come join the St. Vincent de Paul Society and be a communal part of your parish.

Call 822-3132 for more information.

He Is Exalted



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Religious Education

CATECHISTS ARE STILL NEEDED ESPECIALLY FOR THE AFTER -SCHOOL PROGRAM: GRADES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 AND 8.

Please consider volunteering to be a Catechist or Co-Catechist in one of these grades! Please contact the Religious Education Office at 671-0418 if you are interested or have any questions. atechist

Registration for the 2011-12 is still ongoing as follows:

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM: Starts September 20

Grades 1-3; Tuesday afternoon 3:45-4:45pm Grades 4-5: Wednesday afternoon 3:45-5pm Grades 6-8: Thursday evening 7-8:15pm.

OR FAMILY PROGRAM: Starts September 25

For all children and their families in grades 1 through 6. Meets every other Sunday from 9am-10am.

Please go to the St. Boniface Parish website at www.saintboniface.org and obtain a copy of the registration form, complete and return to the Religious Education Office ASAP. Registration Fee for either program is \$90 per child/\$180 (for 2 or more children per family). New registrations require a copy of child's Baptismal certificate and prior registration to St. Boniface Martyr Parish through the Parish Center Mondays through Fridays from 9am-4:30pm. Any questions? Please call the Religious Education Office at 671-0418 or email at stbonccd@gmail.com

23rd Annual Mass for Deceased Children

Saturday, September 17, 12:30pm at St. Agnes Cathedral. Celebrant: Msgr. Bill Koenig. All are welcome. Come early to inscribe child's name in the "Book of Families." Refreshments following Mass in the Parish Center. For details call 516-764-0681.

In It To End It

Needed!

Diva Corbelletta will walk 39 miles in a walk for the cure for breast cancer October 15th & 16th. Anyone interested in sponsoring this event, please call the parish office at 676-0676 from 9am to 4:30pm Mondays through Fridays.

St. Boniface Outreach

In addition to food, toilet tissue, soap and women's products are needed. Thank you!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the members of our parish who have entered into eternal life, especially *Joseph Barrington*.



Placement of names on the sick list must be requested by an immediate family member through Fr. Bob. Names will be announced at weekend Masses for 3 weeks and then listed in the bulletin only.

Valentina Bravin, Mae Caffney, George Bohn,
Lucille Cappiello, Ronald Caputo, Resurreccion and
Caesar Cavese, John Cini, William J. Dobrowski,
John Duignan, Sam Giordano, Mara Grayson,
Sandra Haberle, Carol Hartney, Janine D. Kelly,
Ernest Longobucco, John McGrath, Larry Martone,
James Molloy, Baby Max, Catherine Mortell,
Mike Napoli, Nicholas Sica, Susan Turner,
Gloria Weis, Carolann White.

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Private First Class Joshua McMillan
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Lieutenant Drew Whitting, USN.



PRAYER GROUP Mondays 7:30pm in the Chapel.

All welcome. Come and bring a friend! Call John & Rosemary Murello at 676-2767 for more information.

ST. BONIFACE HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION







PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE SICK Thursdays 7pm -7:30pm in the Chapel

ROSARY

Monday-Saturday after 8am Mass in the Chapel.

STEWARDSHIP . . . A WAY OF LIFE

Thank you for your financial Stewardship of \$9213 last week. This Sunday there will be a second collection for *The Catholic University of America*. Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the *Maintenance & Repair Fund*.

Thank you for your generous support!

GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

This Fall, couples married 50 years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, **October 16** at St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa. Sunday, **November 6** at Christ the King Church, Commack. Liturgies begin at 2:30pm. Couples may register for one liturgy only. Registration forms are available in the St. Boniface Martyr Parish Center. Please RSVP by **September 29** for October 6 liturgy and **October 6** for November 6 liturgy. There will be additional celebrations in the Spring. Call 678-5800 x207 for more information.

5% DONATION

"Your plenty at the present time should supply their needs so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need." (II Cor 8:14)

If you have any "plenty" left over, please place it in an envelope marked "For Special Assistance" and Fr. Bob will make sure it is given to those "to supply their need." PLEASE PRAY about this and see what Jesus is calling you to do.

ST. BONIFACE BIBLE STUDY

7:30pm Thursdays

in the Parish Center. *All are welcome*. Contact John or Rosemary Murello at 676-2767 for details.



THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful," from Saint Faustina's diary;

Fridays at 3pm in the Chapel

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

The Miraculous Medal Novena, with the veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Labore, is prayed **each Saturday after the 8am Mass** in the Chapel.

LAY CARMELITES

of Blessed Titus Brandsma meets every **third Saturday of the month** at 9am in the Parish Center.
Call Flora at 656-9375 or Pat at 887-7265 for details.

Dear Parishioners,

Lord, when my brother (sister) wrongs me how often must I forgive them, seven times? 'Mt 18:21

How many times have we asked or pondered this very question that St. Peter presents to Jesus? As a confessor it is surely one that comes up very often. The very act of forgiveness is an important one in our lives. Our Scripture readings from today speak so eloquently (and forcefully) of the need and power of forgivingness. St. Peter, in asking Jesus how many times he must forgive, uses the Hebrew understanding of forgiving a person seven times. Jesus probably shocks St. Peter and the other Disciples when He adds such a great number. Forgiveness for Jesus is the cornerstone for a believer. We hear in the Old Testament prophet Sirach that Wrath and anger are hateful things yet the sinner hugs to them. Both Jesus and Sirach use examples of what happens when we don't forgive. Jesus uses the parable of the official who refuses to forgive a smaller debt than that which the king had forgiven to him. The king hears of it and hands his official to the torturers until he pays back was owed him. Sirach says that God will not hear your prayers or forgive you unless you yourself are willing to forgive. The lesson is that if we want our sins forgiven, then we have to be willing to forgive those who sin against us. We are reminded that God forgives all of our sins and we have the responsibility to do the same. We do this, as difficult as it can be at times, because as St. Paul says, we must live for the Lord."If we want to claim Jesus as our own, then we have to be willing to live as He calls us. We know that forgiveness is not always easy and maybe at times the hurt is so great that forgiveness cannot be given at that exact moment. That's okay...what Jesus calls us to is the process of forgiveness. This means working on it, praying about it and maybe placing ourselves in the heart of the one who hurt us. Sometimes looking at life through their eyes, we can in tune our hearts to their pain and begin to understand them. Understanding can certainly help in the process of forgiveness.

Forgiveness is part of the Christian way of life because it is what Jesus commands. The benefit is not only that we act in Jesus and that we ourselves will be forgiven by the Father, BUT it helps our own spiritual life. Holding on to past hurts and holding back forgiving, Sirach tells us, is death and decay. How true that is! When we refuse to forgive another person or harbor those feelings of anger we do nothing to hurt them. It is the one who holds back that risks not only spiritual sickness but also emotional hurt. Lack of forgiveness is self poison that leads us to decay and death. It is in letting go that we can experience freedom. The freedom is that the actions of another person no longer have power or authority over our lives. We all know people who harbor those feelings of anger. What happens is that it is usually in the forefront of their minds. They find a need to keep bringing up the hurt and letting everyone know about. It can at times take over their lives. What kind of freedom is that? What kind of peaceful life does that bring? The peace comes when we are able to let it go, certainly because Jesus tells us but also as important because Jesus knows what the inability to forgive can do to our health. So call someone today and ask for forgiveness or tell them you have forgiven them. If you cannot do that now...then at least begin the process. It will bring you peace.

This weekend we, as a nation and especially as New Yorkers, commemorate those horrendous events of **September 11, 2001.** I can still remember so vividly those days of sorrow, shock and sadness. I lost many friends in the Merrick Fire Department of which I was a Class A firefighter. I was also the Chaplain of Squad 288 in Queens. I spent a number of hours that first day at Ground Zero looking for survivors. Those will be memories I will never forget. Yet in all that, we can not, as Sacred Scripture tells us, seeks vengeance but rather let us work for peace. Let us, in memory of all who died try to make the world a place where all feel heard and respected. May those who have died rest in peace and may their families and friends find hope and comfort in Jesus.

We have a number of great events coming up. The **Parish Picnic** and **Jesus Alive**. I encourage you to attend. The picnic is a wonderful relaxing time to gather as a parish. The Jesus Alive Concert can be a time of praise and worship.

In Jesus, Fr Bob

SPIRITUAL CARE COMPANION

Interested in volunteering your time with those that are hospitalized, living in a nursing home, homebound or adults with special needs? Catholic Health Services of Long Island is offering training a free six-week training with basic pastoral care skills. Information session: **September 17** from 9:30am-11:30am at Catholic Health Services, 245 Old Country Rd., Melville. Training Sessions: October 1, 5, 15, 29, from 9:30am-3:30pm. Call Carol at 631-465-6307 for details.

Concert at
St. Boniface Gym
Saturday evening,
September 17th
hosted by the St. Boniface
Outreach Ministry. Please join us!

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk

What happens when you need a friend and there's no one there? Having no one to turn to in a moment of need is a trying experience for anyone, but especially for the poor. Are you willing to be a friend of the poor?

For nearly two centuries, the poor and needy of the world have found a friend in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.
This year on Saturday, September 24, the Society will hold its Annual Friends of the Poor Walk at the Bethpage State Park Picnic Area. We invite you to participate and become Friends of the Poor too. New registration and check-in will begin at 9am with the Walk following at 11am. One hundred percent of all pledges made will be used by the Society to assist our neighbors in need right here on Long Island.

Our fellow Vincentians will be accepting donations after Sunday Masses. Donations to St. Boniface Martyr Conference can be mailed. Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Walk. You may make an online donation at

www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org. Under the 'Donate to' section, click on 'SVdP Organization'. In the Walker name, type in Sea Cliff and a list of Virtual Walkers will appear. Click the 'View' button next to the 'Virtual Walker St. Boniface Martyr- Sea Cliff' and this will bring you to the Conference's Walk page, where you can click 'Donate' to make a donation. Thank you.

St. Boniface Martyr Parish FAMILY BBQ DINNER

Enjoy an Evening of Food, Fun & Fellowship!





The next **High School Youth Group** meeting will be our **Kickoff Teen Mass and Dinner** on **September 11**th at 6pm in the Chapel in the Parish Center. All 9-12 graders are invited to be a part of this amazing group! For an updated schedule of youth group events for the summer please join our Facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group' or email the youth minister, Chris, at stbonym@gmail.com.

Catholic High School Entrance Exam Prep Course Locations and Start Dates

Holy Trinity HS 433-2900 September 17
St. Dominic HS 922-4888 x531 September 17
Molloy College 678-5000 x6206 September 17
St. John the Baptist HS: 631-578-8000 x126 September 24

Catholic High School Open Houses

September 17 11am-1:30pm Our Lady of Mercy
September 18 10am-1pm St. Anthony's
September 24 9am-12pm McGann/Mercy
September 25 12pm-2:30pm Holy Trinity
2pm-4:30pm St. Mary's

October 1 9am-1pm Sacred Heart Academy

10am-1pm Kellenberg Memorial

2pm-4pm Chaminade 2pm-4:30pm St. Dominic

October 16 10:30am-2pm St. John the Baptist

October 2

384 Winners

September 3: \$25 - Vincent John Agosta, Glen Head

September 4: \$25 - Ed Murphy, Glen Cove

September 5: \$25 - Theresa Scarangella, Sea Cliff September 6: \$25 - Kaitlyn Greenberg, Middletown, NY September 7: \$25 - Mr. & Mrs. J. Sheehan, Sea Cliff

September 8: \$25 - Sarah Lilly, Garden City September 9: \$25 - Margaret Molly, Glen Head

Additional tickets are available at the back of the Church and at the Parish Center.

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Parish Outreach: Gerry Moran & Kevin O'Shea

Parish Center. Wednesdays & Saturdays. 10 am-1pm (note time).

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Please return completed forms to the parish office.

(516) 676-0676 / Fax: (516) 674-6742

E-mail: stbonchurch@gmail.com / www.saintboniface.org
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.

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. Godparents must be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), and provide a sponsor certificate. 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.❖

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