

St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church

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."

Fr. Robert A. Romeo, Pastor



"Thus the first will be last and the last will be first."

Matthew 21:28-32

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2011



Daily Mass Sunday Masses

Holy Day Masses

8am Saturday: 5pm Vigil; Sunday: 8am, 10:15am 5pm Vigil; 8am, 7pm

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 18

The bread, wine altar candles and sanctuary lamp were donated this week in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Betty and Bill Thoma, by Erin, Megan, Kathleen, Maura & Billy.

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Matt 20:1-16a 8am (Parishioners) 10:15am (Kevin Michael Gebhard)

<u>Monday, September 19</u> (Annemarie Conti) *Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18* Celebrant: Fr. George

Tuesday, September 20 (Barbara Grella) Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Luke 8:19-21 Celebrant: Fr. George

Wednesday, September 21(Angelo D'Avino) Celebrant: Fr. Bob Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13

<u>**Thursday, September 22**</u> (Dorothy R. Golden) *Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9* Celebrant: Fr. Bob

<u>Friday, September 23</u> (Ralph Martone) 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, September 24 (Dorothy R. Golden) Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 Celebrant: Fr. George

5pm Vigil Mass (Parishioners)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 25 *Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Matthew 21:28-32*

8am (Ann Aral-Ryan) 10:15am (Brunetto Botti)

Minister's Schedule

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18

5pm Vigil Lectors Ministers:

8am Lector: Ministers:

10:15am Lector: Children's Liturgy Ministers **Fr. George** Blanche & Eric Tyrkko Ann Dubin, Katherine Miller Debbie Mink, Kathleen Van Bloem

Fr. Bob Mary Doran Ralph Casey, Donna Darling Diva & Ed Corbelletta

Fr. Bob Carol Griffin Paula Smith Laureen Feehan, Mary Martone Camille Miritello, Fran Roesch Rosemary and John Murello

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25

5pm Vigil Lectors Ministers:

8am Lector: Ministers:

10:15am Lector: Children's Liturgy Ministers Fr. Bob Kevin Kelly Irma & Bill Berkley Eileen & Paul Bowersock

Fr. George Irene Harris Andrew DiSalvo, Susanne Hippel Peggy Niper, Lorraine Petschauer

Fr. Bob Gregory Knox Laureen Feehan Tom Ryan, Allison Saavedra, Joe Vulpis, Pat Warner Scott Whitting, Loretta Zahner



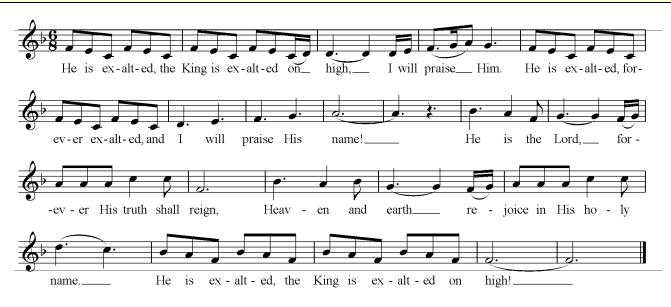
St. Vincent de Paul Society In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us a

parable to teach us how great God is and how generous, and then he calls us to this same greatness and generosity. As you put your gift in the Society of

St. Vincent de Paul's poor box, know that you are showing the generosity of God to those who are suffering and poor.

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!

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.

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

Blood Drive

Tuesday, October 4 from 3pm -9pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 83 Sea Cliff Ave. Glen Cove, near the Sea Cliff, L.I.R.R. station. Food and beverages served! PLEASE HELP, a little can go a LONG WAY! Anyone from the age of 16 (must have written parental permission) to 76 may participate. It must be 56 days from your last donation. Photo I.D. required. Long Island Blood Service will be conducting this drive.

<u>In It To End It</u>

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*



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please pray for the members of our parish who have entered into eternal life.



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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, Baby Jack, 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.



Lance CPL Matthew B. Christman Flight Lieutenant Joseph Doyle Commander Brett Korade Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Brian McMenamin Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Ian McMenamin Private First Class Joshua McMillan Captain Christina Merrick 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 Wednesdays at 2pm in the Chapel





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 **\$9049** and **\$1234** for *The Catholic University of America* last week. This Sunday there will be a second collection for our *Maintenance & Repair Fund*.



Next week their will be a second collection for the *Priest Retirement Collection*. The goal is to close the gap between the operating expenses at St. Pius X at Dominican Village and the current funding (provided by the Diocese and resident priests). Any extra monies will be applied to the *Priests' Sickness, Disability and Retirement Fund*.

FIRST BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Kevin Lake, Yorktown and *Erica Tancora*, St. John & Paul, Larchmont, NY

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,**

Your ways are not my ways, says the Lord'Is 55:8

Last week's Gospel on the amount of times we are called to forgive, was certainly a difficult reading to embrace. I know for myself, I can think of all sorts of reasons to justify NOT forgiving. Yet we are continually encouraged to act as God acts. So can God really be so forgiving to a sinner? What about those responsible for the atrocities of Nazi Germany or even the attacks on September 11, 2001? Surely God will not or could not forgive those sinners. This would certainly make sense in the economy of forgiveness that the world would put forth. Yet we have something different in the Gospel today. We see the parable of the workers who come in at different times of the shifts. The ones who arrived at the first shift are paid the same as those who work for only an hour. In our human understanding of justice we assume that those who came first would be rewarded for their dedication and been given a little extra. Yet we see again how God surprises us with His generosity. Your ways are not my ways...as high as the heavens are above the earth are my ways above yours. The parable gives us a clue of the mercy of God, and Isaiah reminds us that at times we cannot comprehend the fountain of mercy and forgiveness that God shares with each of us. This forgiving God invites us to forsake the ways of evil and turn to the Lord while He may be found. So we hear that God wants to forgive our sins and desires that we turn to Him with all our hearts. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is so widely and easily accessible, but how often does pride or justification keep us away from the healing grace of that Sacrament? It is a wonderful opportunity to return to God and be forgiven. God, in Jesus, wants nothing more than for us to turn to Him to be released from our sins. With joy does God forgive us. I can remember many years ago, a famous celebrity, who had turned his back on Jesus and the Church, was on his deathbed and asked for a priest. He was reconciled with God and given a Catholic burial. People were shocked and wondered how one so alienated from God through most of his life could at the last hour be given the blessing of the Church. Some people wondered why they should remain faithful their whole lives and be given the same hope given to that celebrity who came back to faith at the end of his life. Well that story is this parable coming to life and taking on flesh. For us who are faithful the reward is not a better place in heaven (you know, like getting a window seat) but that faithfulness and doing God's will should be the reward in itself. It doesn't make sense in our understanding but certainly in God's mind it does.

So why do we have to forgive others, especially if they do not ask for that forgiveness? We know that the power of good and prayer can do marvelous things. So we are called to pray for those who hurt us and wish us harm because we do not know the mind of God. For this same reason the Church is leery and cautions against any use of capital punishment. Our desire is that the sinner will turn to God and be reconciled that they may not go to hell. Again...God's ways are above our ways. But also the power to forgive changes us and brings us closer to God We know and have been taught that God loves the sinner and the righteous equally. Forgiving others frees us from a prison of our own making and raises us, even if just a little, closer to the ways of God. Maybe it doesn't make sense or seems too difficult...but maybe all we can do is strive to do what God asks!

I hope you have noticed how beautiful the gardens around the Church look. I want to thank our newly created **Garden Club/ St. Fiacre Guild** for the dedication and hours they have spent weeding and trimming. They make us proud. My sincere thanks goes to the members **Stephanie Bross, Pat and Joe Gregson, Josie Harte** and **Lorna Szemerenyi.** If anyone would like to help please call me at the Parish Center.

I am very excited about our Parish Picnic. What a wonderful and relaxing way for us to socialize. For those attending I invite you to begin with a Mass at 4pm. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation (the 5pm will still be celebrated in the Church).

In Jesus, Fr. Bob

⁶ PLEASE NOTE:

The *4pm* Mass on September 24, fulfills your Sunday obligation. There will also be a *5pm* Mass in church as usual. **"Finding Meaning in Suffering"** will be presented by Marilyn Martone, PhD, theologian and author of <u>Over the Waterfall</u>, which chronicles her family's journey following an accident that casused Michelle's brain injury (TBI). Join us at St. Ignatius Jesuit Retreat House in Manhasset, on Thursday, **September 29** from 7-9pm. Free will donation. Book signing. Call 516-621-8300 x 15 for details..

St. Boniface Martyr Parish FAMILY BBQ DINNER Enjoy an Evening of Food, Fun & Fellowship! Saturday, Sept. 24th 2011 **Begin with 4PM Mass On the Parish Field** til 8PM Under the Big Tent Wine and Beer will be available Everyone for sale. Is Invited Tickets will be available \$15 per person after masses. Children 5 and **Contact the Parish Center** under FREE at 676-0676 for further information, **BBQ** Chicken **Pulled Pork** Hamburgers Hot Dogs Salads Watermelon **Drinks** Desserts Catered by Arata's Deli

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.

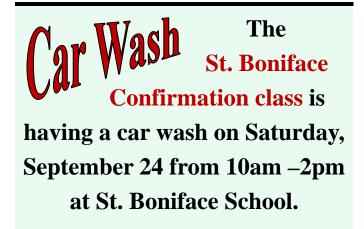
Our fellow Vincentians will be accepting donations after Sunday Masses. Donations to St. Boniface Martyr Conference can be mailed. Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Walk. You may make an online donation at

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.



The High School Youth Group will be meeting this Sunday from 6pm-8pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome. 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 Open Houses

September 18 September 24 September 25	10am-1pm 9am-12pm 12pm-2:30pm 2pm-4:30pm	St. Anthony's McGann/Mercy Holy Trinity St. Mary's
October 1 Academy	9am-1pm	Sacred Heart
October 2	10am-1pm 2pm-4pm 2pm-4:30pm	Kellenberg Memorial Chaminade St. Dominic

384 Winners

September 10: \$25 - Philip Wm. Grella, Sea Cliff September 11: \$25 - Alice Rieger, Sea Cliff September 12: \$25 - Julia Egan, Sea Cliff September 13: \$25 - Frances J. Chicoli, Glen Head September 14: \$25 - Maureen & Dan Maddock, Sea Cliff September 15: \$25 - Natasha Di Feo, Sea Cliff September 16: \$25 - Nicole Agosta, Glen Head

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

Pastoral Team

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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. 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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