

# 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

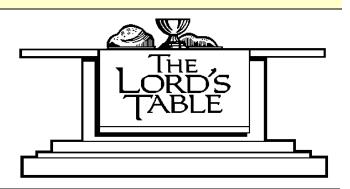


"Come and see."

-John 1:35-42

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2012

### Mass Schedule



Daily Mass Sunday Masses Holy Day Masses 8am Saturday: 5pm Vigil; Sunday: 8am, 10:15am 5pm Vigil; 8am, 7pm

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 15

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20: John 1:35-42

The altar bread, wine, sanctuary lamp and candles being used at Mass this week were donated in memory of *Leonard & Maria Behringer* by the Pfrang & Balos Families.

5pm (Grace Pascucci) 8am (Parishioners) 10:15am (Raymond & Florence Peters)

Monday, January 16 (Miniver Basch) 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Tuesday, January 17 (Frances Breer) Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, January 18 (Frank DeRosa) 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Thursday, January 19 (Agnes Puoplo) 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19-1-7; Mark 3:7-12 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Friday, January 20 (Steve Szemerenyi) 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, January 21 (Sean Cronin) 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Minister's Schedule

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ January 15

**5pm Vigil** Lector: Ministers:

8am Lector: Ministers:

Lector:

Fr. Bob Kevin Kellv Eileen & Paul Bowersock Paul Bramfeld, Yvonne Brantuas

Fr. Bob Donna Holden Susanne Hippel, Peggy Niper Marie Agosta, Laura Andrysiak

10:15am Children's Liturgy: Ministers:

Fr. Cervini Laureen Feehan Deacon Tom Fox Tom Ryan, Scott Whitting Loretta Zahner, Susan Castelli Vito Passalagua, Donna Calamis

In today's first reading, we hear Samuel respond, "Here, I am!" each time the Lord calls him. May we, too, be listening for the call of God in our lives and be ready to say like the Psalmist, "Here am I, Lord: I come to do your will."



We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who answer their call to service by assisting with the physical, social and spiritual well-being of others.

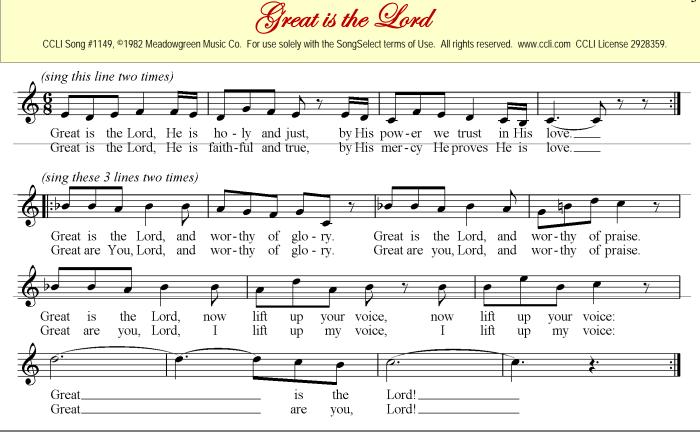
### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus asks, "What are you looking for?" Often we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find it is when we look for ways to make others happy that we truly become happy.



As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

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.





All Saints Regional Catholic School welcomes you and your family to our open house on January 29, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

A.S.R. provides an enriching educational experience for children from Nursery through Grade 8. All Saints Regional Catholic School, founded in 1990, serves Nursery through Eighth Grade students from the Long Island, New York parishes of St. Boniface Martyr, Sea Cliff, St. Hyacinth, Glen Head, St. Mary, Roslyn,

St. Patrick, Glen Cove and St. Rocco, Glen Cove. We seek to educate our students within a family-centered Catholic community. We commit ourselves to Gospel values as we seek to develop our students' intellectual gifts and foster their spiritual growth. Our aim is to prepare our students to lead creative and productive lives which contribute to the growth of both God's kingdom and our nation.

### Everyone is encouraged to attend our annual Open House on January 29th.

For more information on ASR see our web site at www.asrcatholic.org or call the ASR office at 516-676-0762 to arrange for a private tour of the school.

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### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please pray for our parishioners who have entered into eternal life, especially *William L. Daughn*.



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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.

Christina Bavaro, Judith Bramfeld, 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, Robert Lynch, John McGrath, Larry Martone, James Molloy, Baby Max, Catherine Mortell, Mike Napoli, Gloria Weis, Carolann White.



Lieutenant Melissa Buffa & Lieutenant Travis Buffa Petty Officer Keith Cano USCG Lance CPL Matthew B. Christman Flight Lieutenant Joseph Doyle Pvt. Gregory Knox 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



### STEWARDSHIP ... A WAY OF LIFE

Thank you for your financial Stewardship of **\$9170** last week.

There will be a second collection for our maintenance and repair fund this week.

Thank you for your generosity!

Play **BINGO!** at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Glen Cove at 7:15pm every Friday night. All proceeds go to charity, including the St. Boniface Outreach





### **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 Resumes January 19

7:30pm Thursdays in the Parish Center. *All are welcome*. Call John or Rosemary at 676-2767.



### 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.



**ROSARY** Monday-Saturday after 8am Mass in the Chapel.

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# Take Five for Faith

### Second Sunday of Ordinary Time: January 15

Throughout the Bible when God would call on someone by name, the answer would be: "Here I am." Many saints throughout the church's history responded with the same willingness to serve God's will for them, whether it be to start a hospital, feed the poor, educate the young, or shelter the elderly. Even when the task seemed overwhelming, they pursued it. Faced with the challenge of founding a community and an academy in the then-wilderness of Indiana, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence of Saint-Mary-of-the-Woods, wrote: "All appearances are against it." But establish it she did. Look for opportunities to say an unconditional "yes!" to love and serve others as God loves you.

### Monday, January 16

"One day we will learn that the heart can never be totally right if the head is totally wrong." The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote that in his book, <u>Strength</u> <u>to Love</u>, in 1963. He underscored the necessity of taking responsibility for the formation of our consciences—including informing our consciences through ongoing education even after formal classroom days are behind us. After all, integrity doesn't mean simply holding to your principles and actions in tandem with each other. You have to be sure, first of all, that your convictions are tied to more than your preferences, biases, and opinions! To be tethered to true north, reflect on scripture daily.

### **Tuesday, January 17**

### Feast of Anthony, abbot

On the feast of Saint Anthony of the Desert, we recall that there has been, almost from the beginning, a way of following Christ that draws the believer away from busyness, away from noise, away from the sense stimulation that many experts say we are becoming addicted to. We respond reflexively not to what is most important in life but to the latest signal, beep, buzz, or ringtone to impinge upon our consciousness. Few of us have a desert at hand where we can retreat and listen to the still, small voice of God, but perhaps there is a park, a rooftop, a chapel, a parked car with the radio off that can offer a chance for contemplation, for quietly considering the things that really matter.

#### Wednesday, January 18

It's challenging to face off with the monsters of one's own making in this world: relationships that are fraying, decisions poorly made, today's bills that reflect yesterday's foolish purchases. How can we also be expected to fight the monsters who owe their creation to the forces of history? Take, for example, the sad divisions that make up Christian history. You and I didn't forge the breach between Rome and today's Lutherans, Anglicans, Baptists, and Methodists. Yet as we prepare for the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we're asked to reach out across this scarred battlefield and recall the Christ who invited all to be his friends.

### Thursday, January 19

The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, "We shall all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ," asks us to consider the entrenched role of winners and losers in our society and then to move beyond such oppositional thinking. Our prayer this week is to reach toward the level of awareness where opposites like winners and losers are transcended and reconciled through the forces of love and compassion. That is the "victory" of this year's theme. That is the mindset of Jesus. That kind of change, however, is going to take more than a week. Still, we must begin where we are. What will you do to put this prayer into action?

### Friday, January 20

**Feast of Fabian, martyr, pope; Sebastian, martyr** Saint Sebastian, the patron saint of soldiers, and Saint Fabian, who was chosen as pope by the sign of a dove descending from above, were both men who embraced what God had called them to do and eventually gave their lives for Christ. They accepted the opportunities God offered them and fought through persecution because they believed in the unconditional love of God. The apostles did the same when Jesus summoned them up a mountain. By emulating the apostles and Sebastian and Fabian, we allow ourselves to fully accept our true vocation from Jesus.

### Saturday, January 21

### Feast of Agnes, virgin, martyr

The stories of child sex abuse that have come out recently remind us in no uncertain terms that the exploitation of the youngest and most vulnerable among us is an ongoing and serious problem. Today in the church calendar we remember Saint Agnes, who died at the tender age of 13 back in the year 304 A.D. It was said that as punishment for refusing a forced marriage to the son of a Roman official, young Agnes was dragged naked through the streets of Rome to a brothel where she was raped and then executed. A horrific tale of child abuse no doubt, but one that has been repeated in some form or another through the ages. It is time for Christians to speak with one voice worldwide to denounce the abuse of children wherever and whenever it occurs. Dear Parishioners,

### "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." I Sm 3:9

The story of Samuel is a metaphor for the spiritual life and it raises the question we might ask ourselves: "Are we asleep to God?" We don't look like we are asleep. In fact, we appear quite busy and probably are, along with the majority of Americans, sleep-deprived each day. But still, we may be asleep to God. His voice is present, yet that sense of being "asleep" might drown out God's voice to us.

The first step in our relationship to Jesus is "waking up." Waking up can happen in many ways. We read a passage of scripture, or hear a message in a preaching and it takes root in us -- we wake up. A project fails or a dream dissolves and we realize we have to readjust our priorities -- we wake up. A sickness or tragedy shakes our world and we look for hope--we wake up.

In our spiritual journey, that process of becoming "awake" to God's voice is a discipline that takes a life time to perfect. It is the times that we might be frustrated by the softness of that voice that we might loose heart. But being awake calls us to open our heart to be in tune to God's presence.

In the Gospel we are given a clue to the discipline of being open to the voice of Jesus. The disciples of St. John the Baptist hear John's words, "Behold the Lamb of God," in referring to Jesus. They are intrigued and go to Jesus. They ask Him "Where do you stay?" and Jesus responds, "Come and see." The invitation of Jesus is one that demands a response on our part. A response that is not passive but active in seeking the place where Jesus is. Our Holy Father of blessed memory, Blessed John Paul II, and our present Pope, Benedict XVI, reminds us that faith comes first by a personal relationship with Jesus. This relationship is found when we awake and seek the place where Jesus is. In this deepening of our oneness with Jesus, we begin to be more aware of His voice speaking to us. Without the personal relationship we run the risk of only going through the motions of faith. Doing the externals of faith is NOT the same of giving over our heart. A good example is Mass itself. During the Liturgy we are invited to "come and see" Jesus. If our faith is not rooted in a true and personal relationship with Jesus as Lord, then doing the "externals" of worship (prayers, communion, singing, etc.), seem to be enough—as long as we "have done what is right." The heart, like that of Samuel, hears the invitation of Jesus and says "yes" to it. This affirmation of Jesus as Lord brings about a new way of living. And certainly a new way of worship. Mass becomes not just "doing the words" but rather "living the words." To be awake to the voice of Jesus that beckons us means we have to not only be willing to listen BUT also to respond. We may be so busy in our lives and outwardly it seems like we are busy and awake. But are our hearts truly awake to the gentle voice of Jesus who speaks His song of love to us? Pick up the Scriptures, hear Jesus' word. Sit in silence and let His voice resonate in our hearts. In other words, Come and See where Jesus stays!

I welcome Fr. John Cervini, who is the pastor at our Diocesan Mission in the Dominican Republic. Fr. John was one of the professors when I was in the Seminary and my Alley Prefect. He has committed himself to the poor in wealth but rich in spirit to the people of the parish our Diocese has adopted. I ask you to offer your prayerful and financial support to this great work.

In Jesus, Fr. Bob



The next **High School Youth Group** will be meeting on **Sunday**, **January 16th** from 6pm-8pm in the youth center. All are welcome!

The Youth Group will be participating in a **Midnight Run** this year on **Saturday**, **February 18th** in NYC. Midnight Run is an organization established to connect youth groups to the homeless of New York. Our Youth Group will be collecting new and gently used clothing, toiletries and food from the two parishes and delivering the supplies in person to those in need during the night of February 18<sup>th</sup>. This type of profound experience is not only an opportunity for the youth, but for the parish as a whole to come together and be hands of Christ to those most in need. If you wish to donate *new or gently used clothing* please take an item from the clothesline on the altar and return it to the baskets under the clothesline no later than *February 4th*. Your donations and prayers are greatly appreciated as we journey through this awesome experience!

For an updated schedule of youth group events please join our Facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group' or email the youth minister, Chris, at stbonym@gmail.com.



### December 31: \$25 Morgan W. Ayres, Greenvale End-of-Month: \$100 Martha Porteus, Sea Cliff End-of-Quarter \$500 Steve & Benedetta Lerch, Glenwood

January 1	\$25	The Daniel Family, Little Neck
January 2	\$25	Victoria Cestaro, Mineola
January 3	\$25	Erin McCormack, Sea Cliff
January 4	\$25	Matthew Moran, Glen Head
January 5	\$25	Jeanne Gladsky, Sea Cliff
January 6	\$25	Robert & Rose Brown, College Point
January 7	\$25	Mike Lincks, Glen Cove
January 8	\$25	Preuss Family, Glen Head
January 9	\$25	Francine Furtado, Port Washington
January 10	\$25	Bill & Barbara Laderer, Glen Head
January 11	\$25	John A. Golden, Old Brookville
January 12	\$25	Ginger Tavermese, Glen Cove
January 13	\$25	Becky Creavin, Sea Cliff

### Tickets are available at the back of the Church and at the Parish Office.

### **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. ↔