

# 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



Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord April 8, 2012

### Mass Schedule



Daily Mass 8am

Sunday Masses Saturday: 5pm Vigil;

Sunday: 8am, 10:15am

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

Special Intentions Mass 5pm First Saturday of month

#### Easter Sunday, April 8

Acts 10:34a, 37-43: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 1; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp were donated this week in memory of Muriel Clark, by the St. Boniface Martyr Parish Staff.

7:30pm Saturday: Easter Vigil (Fr. Bob)

8am: Parishioners (Fr. Azubuike) 10:15am: Tony Leopardi (Fr. Bob) 12 noon: Jeanette Checola (Fr. Bob)

Monday, April 9 (Anna Franchini) Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

**Tuesday, April 10**: (Frank DeRosa)

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, April 11 (John T. Sidor)

Acts 3:1-10: Luke 24:13-35

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Thursday, April 12 (Ceil Zacharawicz)

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Friday, April 13 (Anna Franchini)

Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Saturday, April 14 (Todd Heimer)

Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike 5pm Vigil (Edward R. Nienstedt)

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of



self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

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 Easter hope and joy.

#### 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.



#### Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the field on Easter Sunday after the 10:15am Mass. Refreshments will be served

Thank You to Troop #43 and Scout Leaders Mark Greco and Steve Kerr for the great effort in collecting over 1100 lbs. of food and sharing it with St. Boniface Food Pantry. St. Boniface Food Pantry, its clients and the community are very thankful for their hard work!

#### **Capital Campaign Update**

Renew & Restore the House of God "Lord, I love the House in which You dwell" Ps. 76:8

Thank you for your generous pledge. Just as a reminder, all payments can be mailed to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket on Sundays.

Monthly payments are due on or before the last day of the month. The first quarterly payment for 2012 was due on **March 30**. Credit Cards Payments are processed the last day of each month.

Total Pledges to date: \$1,093,283.00 (payable over 36 months). Total Amount paid to date: \$398,295.00.

If you would like to participate in the Campaign there is still time to enroll!! If you have any questions, please leave your name and contact information at the Parish Office or email stbonifacefinance@gmail.com.

Thank you
The Campaign Committee



Easter 2012

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

#### Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

"Why seek One Who is living among the dead. He is risen as He said." The words of the angel ring out again this year of 2012 as they have every year we call *Anno Domini* The Year of Our Lord. For the world we live in was re-born and transformed on that first Easter when Jesus, the Son of God made man Who had died humanly, died that Good Friday on the cross, rose three days later to the glory that only God could give and did give. This glory He calls us to share. We look no longer among the dead things of the past to find the meaning of life. We look to Jesus Who became one with us by His Incarnation, born of the Virgin Mary. He took on our human condition, a human condition that led Him to the cross. But, Son that He was, He overcame human death and rose to call us to share His life, the divine life of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

If we measure time from His Resurrection, should we not measure our lives by Him as well? Some might say that the measure of time is just a convenient way of marking life. But is that all it is? Why this measure and not another? The only real reason is the truth that Jesus risen from the dead is what Pope Benedict calls "an evolutionary leap" for all humanity. Risen from the dead Jesus changes the course of human history and changes our human lives and our human destiny. Now every year is truly a "Year of the Lord" because every year, like every life, moves in a sphere that is redeemed, a world that is shot through with divinity. We, baptized into His death, have our lives now transformed by the indwelling of His divine life. "Remain in me and I in you". The world and our lives exist now in Him, in the Resurrected One, in the Son of God Whose humanity has been glorified. Because He has been glorified in the Resurrection, He gives us all the capacity to live far beyond anything we could do of ourselves. He gives us divine life unto life eternal.

Pope St. Leo the Great challenges us to make this ours. *Imitate what He has done; love what He has loved, and finding in you the grace of God, love your own nature again in Him.* Today we can look at the challenges and difficulties of our own lives from the perspective of victory, Christ's victory over sin and death. Today we can free our hearts from whatever troubles and disturbs them for He Whose human heart beats with love for us has joined our hearts to His. Today we who can feel lonely and abandoned, awaken to discover a friend who does not leave us orphans but brings us with Him to the Father. Today we who can be the victims of misunderstanding and rejection or who might be harboring hatred toward others are called to break out of those prisons, those tombs of death and embrace life, Christ's life, life He gives us, the life here that springs toward life forever.

Today, dear brothers and sisters, stop looking for life among the dead. True life, glorified life, stands before you: Christ, the Risen One, the Brother Who died for us, the Savior Who rose for us, the Son of God Who shares His life with us! Rejoice! For He is risen and He lives forever!

Bishop of Rockville Centre

#### Dear Parishioners,

#### "CHRIST IS RISEN; He is Risen indeed."

For many in the Easter Rite of the Catholic Church and Orthodox Christians, this is the greeting they use when meeting each other throughout the Easter Season. One person proclaims "Christ is Risen" and the person being greeted responds "He is risen indeed." I have always found this to be such a wonderful practice because it centers this season on the saving act of Jesus. Greeting each other with this proclamation can challenge some of the secularization that seems to creep into our Christian practices and holidays.

As much as Easter can be a time of chocolate bunnies, jelly beans (I love the black ones!) new clothes, flowers and family get-togethers, these "additions" should never obscure the true meaning that Easter has on our lives. The Gospel has Mary Magdalene and the other woman going to the tomb. They encounter and angel with a message "You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, He is not here, He has been raised.... go tell His brothers the Good News." When Peter and the other disciples arrive they see not the dead, lifeless body of Jesus, but rather an empty tomb. What they encounter are the trappings of death: a tomb and burial clothes put to the side. An angel of God had delivered a message. Do not look for the living among the dead. This is the message Easter proclaims to those first followers of Jesus, the same message that is offered to the followers who gather in this Church today and to faithful believers throughout the world. JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD. The Church has wonderful teachings from great theologians and saints that can give us great insights into the meaning of this wondrous event in salvation history. As fine and important as those are, there can be a tendency to leave them as doctrines that remain in the Church. Hearing the story year after year and Sunday after Sunday, can sometimes make the message become stale or rote. I think that is the challenge for us especially today, how do we keep the message fresh and life giving? I think the most important way is to internalize the message and make it personal in our lives. Take the words and give them life by the way we live our own lives. For this to truly take effect, we need to first develop or deepen a personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus has to be experienced, not just as a person in history, but as a personal savior whose very life was lived out of love for us. The "us" is not just the plural but more importantly the singular or personal. If we can develop that personal relationship through our private prayer and the reading of scriptures the story of Easter (and in fact all of the Scriptures), become our story and a promise for our lives. So, for example, now reflecting on the passage of Mary Magdalene and the other women who go to the tomb, we can reflect it to our own personal experiences. Why did they go? Well, they loved Jesus, and wanted to go and weep, pray and remember Jesus at His place of burial; a practice I am sure we have all done when someone we love dies -- to be near them again. But now we need to take the story to its next level. Just as the trappings of death surround funerals, death does not become the ultimate reality. The message of the Angel that speaks of the resurrection of Jesus is not only the promise that will be given to us, but becomes the reality of our family and friends who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Death for the believer becomes the "Passover" from death to life. So if we believe that Jesus will do that to all people, then we can trust and believe that death no longer has the power over us. If this Jesus has come to bring us life... then doesn't it make sense that it should touch our entire existence? If it does, Easter can be seen in a deeper and more profound way for our every day existence. We, as so often has been said, can describe ourselves as an Alleluia People but this entails bringing the message of Eternal life and the New Life NOW into the very fabric of our beings. It is an attitude by which we live. . . an attitude that says we are loved by our God and that love went to the cross so that we are forgiven. That forgiveness invites us to salvation by the way we live our lives today. May the message of Easter ring out not only today but every day. . . that we can say, with faith and truth in our lives. . . CHRIST IS RISEN; HE IS RISEN INDEED.

Last Sunday some of the young people of our parish put on an Easter Pageant. If you were able to be there you would have been touched and inspired as I was. Our young people put on a beautiful experience of the days of Holy Week. They worked hard and I was so proud of them as I am sure those who were present were also. This could not have been made possible without the hard work and dedication of our D.R.E., **Mrs. Karen Croce**. She spent many hours teaching and rehearsing. . . and with the help of her daughter, made all the costumes. Mrs. Croce deserves our thanks for all she does in the parish. On behalf of myself, Fr. Azubuike and the entire parish staff here at St. Boniface, we offer you and your families a happy and blessed Easter.

#### **CHRIST IS RISEN; HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

In Jesus the Risen Lord, Fr. Bob

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please pray for our parishioners who have entered into eternal life, especially *George Bohn, Alfonse Marra, Louis P. Vaio.* 



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, Valentina Bravin, Mae Caffney, Lucille Cappiello, Ronald Caputo, Resurreccion and Caesar Cavese, John Cini, William J. Dobrowski, John Duignan, Mara Grayson, Mary Lee Grella, Sandra Haberle, Carol Hartney, Baby Jack, Janine D. Kelly, Ernest Longobucco, John McGrath, James Molloy, Baby Max, Catherine Mortell, Mike Napoli, Baby Ouin O'Shea, Dr. Stella Reyes, Maria Santoli, Jean Savitt, Priscilla Waltz, Gloria Weis. Carolann White.

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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.
Captain Bradley Wright, US Army

#### 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



#### STEWARDSHIP . . . A WAY OF LIFE

Thank you for your financial Stewardship of \$9612 on March 25. There will be a second collection for our Maintenance & Repair Fund next week.

Thank you for your generous support!

#### 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.

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

#### ST. BONIFACE BIBLE STUDY

7:30pm Thursdays in the Parish Center.



#### THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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

Fridays at 3pm in the Chapel

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



#### 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.



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.

### 384 Winners

March 24: Yvonne Brantuas, Glen Head

March 25: Catherine, Eric & Matthew Ptarcinski, Roslyn Hts

March 26: John Ferguson, Stanhope, NJ March 27: Johnny R. Baricevich, Sea Cliff

March 28: Mrs. Mary Sloboda, Glenwood Landing

March 29: Kossmann Family, Syosset

March 30: Geraldine T. Rubenacker, Glen Head

Tickets are available in the church and 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. ❖