

# 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



"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

- John 3:14-21

Fourth Sunday of Lent March 18, 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

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 18

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp were donated this week in memory of Patrick Webster, by Sheila Webster and the Lynch Family.

5pm Mass Intention: Edward R. Nienstedt 8am Mass Intention: Lynn Holdener

10:15am Mass intention: Annemarie Conti

Monday, March 19: Peter McGowan

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Tuesday, March 20: Ann Ryan Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; John 5:1-16 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, March 21: Julia Vesel

Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Thursday, March 22: Mildred Olsen

Exodus 32: 7-14; John 5: 31-47 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Friday, March 23: Caterina Denigris

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, March 24: Todd Heimer Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

### Minister's Schedule

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5pm Vigil Fr . Azubuike Lectors: Kevin Kelly

Ministers: Debbie Mink, Kathleen Van Bloem,

Irma & Bill Berkley

Fr. Bob 8am

Lector: Jovanna Lemonda

Ministers: Peggy Niper, Marie Agosta

Laura Andrysiak, Donna Darling

10:15am Fr. Bob Lector: Carol Griffin Children's Liturgy: Laureen Feehan

Scott Whitting, Loretta Zahner, Peggy Cullen Ministers:

Donna Calamis, Joyce Capozzi

Susan Castelli

#### There is an Altar Server meeting on March 24 at 12 noon in the Church.

This weekend is The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies benefiting millions of vulnerable, displaced and impoverished families and individuals around the world. From direct humanitarian service to helping victims of human trafficking and working to reunify families, these funds make a real difference in lives across the globe. Please support The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.

#### **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. Payments are due as follows:

Monthly payments are due on/before the last day of the month. Next monthly payments are due on March 30th. First Quarterly Payment for 2012 is due on/ before March 30. Credit Cards Payments are processed the last day of each month.

Total Pledges to date: \$1,092,283.00 (payable over 36 months). Total Amount paid to date: \$383,295.00.

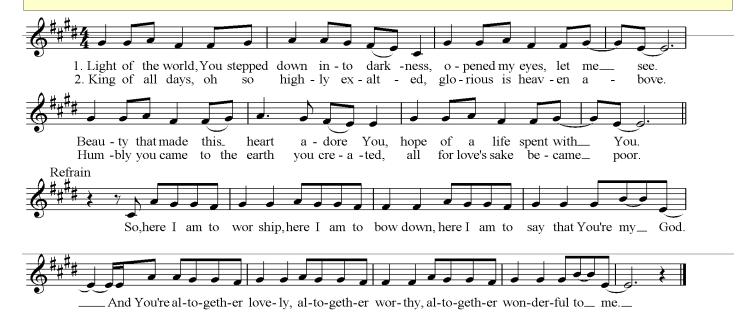
If you would like to participate in the Campaign there is still time to enroll!! For any questions please leave your name and contact information at the Parish Office or email stbonifacefinance@gmail.com.

Thank you

The Campaign Committee

# Here I Am to Worship

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#### Lenten Reflection on Morality Marilyn Martone, Moral Theologian 7:30pm in the Chapel

#### Wednesday, March 21: What is conscience?

How does one go about developing one's conscience? What is the relationship between conscience and the law (church law and societal law)?

#### Wednesday, March 28th: An Application -

looking at what the church teaches about death and dying and how she came to her decisions. In light of these teachings how should one go about making a conscientious decision on these topics?

#### **Bulletin Deadlines for Easter Season**

<u>Palm Sunday:</u> all bulletin entries for the April 1 issue must be submitted by 12 noon on **Monday**, **March 19**.

<u>Easter Sunday:</u> all bulletin entries for the April 8 issue must be submitted by 12 noon on Monday, March 26.

The Knight of Columbus **BLOOD DRIVE** will be Tuesday, **April 3**, from 3pm-9pm the K of C Hall, 83 Sea Cliff Ave. Glen Cove. Food/Beverages provided. Bring ID. Minimum weight 110lbs. Ages: 16-76 (age 16 need written parental permission; age 76+ need a doctor's note). Eat well (low fats) and drinks fluids. No tattoos in past 12 months.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please pray for our parishioners who have entered into eternal life, especially *Frances Chicoli, George Myles, Sr.* 



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, Mara Grayson, Mary Lee Grella, 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, 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 \$6583 and \$1755 for our *Maintenance* & *Repair Fund* last week. There will be a second collection this weekend for *Catholic Relief Services*.

Thank you for your generosity!

#### 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. *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

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 Outreach Program.



#### 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.

Dear Parishioners.

#### "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die, but have life eternal" In 3:16

How often have we seen this quote from Scripture held up on signs at sporting events and other occasions? It is a great sentiment but have we ever pondered what these words truly mean? This Jesus that we worship as God has come for a purpose. His purpose is that we may believe in Him and have eternal life. To believe in Jesus we must be willing to embrace the light that Jesus has come to proclaim. Those who reject Him, the scriptures tell us, prefer the darkness of sin. The message is pretty clear. . .Jesus is the way to salvation. I dare say we all believe that. Yet confusion and the human will can get in the way and begin to blur the line of what is God's will for us. One of the misconceptions for us as Catholics is that we can think that salvation is something we can earn by our good works and actions of faith. This misconception is that the more "good we do" will GAIN us heaven. St. Paul tells us the complete opposite. In his letter to the Ephesians we hear, "I repeat, it is owing to His favor (God) that salvation is yours through faith. It is not your own doing, it is God's gift; neither is it a reward for anything you have accomplished, so let no one pride themselves on it." Our gift of Eternal Life is a free gift from God in Jesus. Our works don't earn us salvation. . . yet why are we called to pray, worship and do acts of kindness and generosity? Well, the good works we do are our response to God's invitation to love. If we wish to receive the gift of Life Eternal, then we have a responsibility to respond to God in how Jesus has calls us to act. It is, like Jesus did with His whole life, a giving over of will to the Father... that as we pray in The Lord's Prayer each day... "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." That will of the Father doesn't happen without the cooperation of those who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. If we have accepted that Jesus died for our sins then our love for Jesus demand a response. That response is how we live our lives. So prayer, worship, living a life of holiness and giving alms to the poor and needy become not what we do to receive something but rather what we do BECAUSE WE HAVE RECEIVED SOMETHING. It is the response back in love to the God who has offered us all things.

As we journey this Lent, let us ask ourselves why we are in Church? Why do we do the good works? Why do we pray? If we see it as reward for actions. . . then let us purify ourselves of that pride and kneel humbly before God. In that humbleness let us ask for the grace to do the good works simply because they please God. And may our generous lives reflect that fact that we are offered salvation in Jesus by the grace of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit who enlivens our faith.

I encourage all to attend daily Mass and go to confession this Lenten Season. In these challenging times, I ask you to continue to be as generous as you can to our Outreach and St. Vincent de Paul. Donations nationwide are down to all charities. But in these times we as a parish are finding the demands on our resources becoming greater and greater. Please continue to be as generous as you can and let us never forget those in need.

A reminder that the St Patrick's Day Parade is Sunday at 1pm in Glen Cove. Please support this day as we honor glorious St Patrick.

I also encourage you to attend our Lenten Mission on Wednesdays given by Dr. Marilyn Martone.

In Jesus, Fr. Bob

## Take Five for Faith

#### **SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012**

In the Bible people are often urged to remember that God loves them. They are urged to think of their ancestors, whose faithfulness—and unfaithfulness—brought the people to where they are now, however comfortable or not their situation. They are urged to be grateful for the God who is with them always. To cultivate mindfulness is to cultivate gratitude in your life. It is not only gratitude for the good things or the times when life is easy and comfortable. It is thankfulness that comes from greater awareness of life in and around you—the joys and pains that are part of daily living for yourself and others. During Lent consider a way you might cultivate mindfulness in your life.

#### MONDAY, MARCH 19

#### Solemnity of Joseph, spouse of the Virgin Mary

Saint Joseph knew a thing or two about having to uproot a family and leave for another country in a hurry. The Gospel of Matthew tells us that Joseph fled to Egypt with Mary and the infant Jesus when he learned that King Herod planned to kill all the male infants in Bethlehem. For this reason Joseph is a patron saint of immigrants. In every age and region people have felt compelled to immigrate for a variety of reasons, but rarely for convenience. Pulling up stakes on one's life and seeking it elsewhere is never an easy or pleasant task. Take a moment to honor Joseph by reaching out to an immigrant in your own community. It may give you a new perspective on one of the day's hot-button issues.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 20

For some the weeks of Lent are a time of preparation for baptism; for all it is preparation to renew that promise with conviction. Because most of us were baptized as infants, the sacrament can seem remote. Why not prepare for the renewal of your baptism at Easter by digging into family records for the date on which you were baptized and marking it for some simple celebration? If you are a godmother or godfather, ask yourself whether you have been active in helping parents hold Christ at the center of the lives of their children. Time in prayer, self-scrutiny, celebrating the sacrament of Reconciliation in a careful and thoughtful way can make the questions "do you believe in God?" and "do you reject sin?" not only words of a ceremony but a fresh commitment.

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

The feeling that you are doing God's will on Earth activates a deep source of inner peace. On the other hand, the thought that you really should be doing

something else creates a low-grade feeling of anxiety that you can ignore for only so long. Eventually the unease accumulates until life becomes a heavy burden, or you get sick—or both. Your fear might be that God wants you to go to some hard place, to do some difficult task. Not so. As theologian Frederick Buechner put it, God calls you to "the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." To find that place of deep gladness you have to go within and you have to listen. Lent is the perfect time to do both.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Often when Jesus is portrayed in scripture he is confidently preaching the Good News. When he encounters doubters and has to start explaining himself and his mission, though, we might begin to have our own doubts about our faith. Jesus testifies that he is sent by the Father to carry out his work, but Jesus' followers at times have trouble believing in him. Lent is a time when we may grow weary waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord. During this season, however, remember that waiting for Christ and trusting in him will lead to eternal life.

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 23

If it were up to us, everyone would share our opinions, uphold our values, imitate our manners, and vote the way we do. What a wonderful world that would be! What a land of harmony! We live, however, in a land of free will and endless variety, and that—regrettably at times—includes the way other people think, act, perceive reality, and believe. We can therefore proceed in historically predictable ways. We can kill everyone who thinks differently (obviously that hasn't worked). We can suppress all other perspectives. Or we can learn to dialogue across the differences. As you fast from meat today, imagine a world of mutual respect, free of the spirit of condemnation.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

Some folks claim God told them to do something—run for political office, for example. Interestingly, you don't hear much about people saying God told them not to do something. At any rate, discerning messages from God can be a tricky business. The prophetic books of Hebrew scripture record many of what are presented to be direct quotes from God. These prophets, however, were not using God to advance themselves or gain power. Instead they were reminding the nation of the ways of God the people knew perfectly well but were ignoring. So the next time you hear someone speaking of how God told them to do such-and-such, ask who's really doing the talking. The best way really to hear from God is through prayer and a life of faith.



The next High School Youth Group meeting is on Sunday, **March 18**, from 6pm-8pm in the Youth Center. All are welcome. 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.

#### LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE

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.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity. Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your nickels, dimes and quarters are multiplied by the coins place by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

#### 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.

## 384 Winners

March 10: William Swift, Jr., Sea Cliff

March 11: DeBuona Children, Locust Valley

March 12: Claire O'Connor, Glenwood Landing

March 13: Christina Brandi, Glen Head

March 14: Nicholas F. DiStasio, Sea Cliff

March 15: John & Rosemary Murello, Sea Cliff

March 16: Mary Catelli, 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. ❖