



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



The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2013

Mass Schedule



Daily Mass	8am
Sunday Masses	Saturday: 5pm Vigil Sunday: 8am, 10:15am Special
Holy Day Masses:	5pm Vigil; 8am & 7pm
Intentions Mass	5pm First Saturday of month

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 6

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp were donated in memory of **Leonhard and Maria Behringer**, by the Balos and Pfrang Families.

5pm Saturday Intentions: Dominick Scaperotta, Irene Piaseczny, Eileen Dabruzzi, Edward Marshall, Mark McGinley, Irma C. & William H. Stehling, Sr.

8am Intention: Parishioners

10:15am Intention: Shaun Brala

Monday, January 7 (Alfonso Greco)

Feast of St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest

1 John 3:22-4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Tuesday, January 8 (Christian Jay Arellano)

1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44

8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, January 9 (Carol Klein)

1 John 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52

8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Thursday, January 10 (Angelo D'Avino)

1 John 4:19-5:4; Luke 4:14-22a

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob

First Friday, January 11 (John Edward Holland)

1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, January 12 (Helen McCarthy)

1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

5pm Vigil Intention: John J. Martone

Minister's Schedule

The Epiphany of the Lord: January 6

5pm Vigil **Fr. Azubuike**
Lector: Theo Kyrkostas
Ministers: Debbie Mink, Kathleen Van Bloem
Irma & Bill Berkley

8am **Fr. Bob**
Lector: Donna Holden
Ministers: Andrew DiSalvo, Susanne Hippel
Kevin Kelly, Peggy Niper

10:15am **Fr. Bob**
Lector: Carol Griffin
Ministers: Scott Whitting, Loretta Zahner
Donna Calamis, Joyce Capozzi
Susan Castelli, Laureen Feehan

Capital Campaign Update

RENEW & RESTORE THE HOUSE OF GOD

"Lord, I love the House in which You dwell" Ps. 76:8

We are extremely appreciative of your generosity and your continued efforts to satisfy your pledged amount.

Payments are due as follows:

Monthly payments are due on/before the last day of the month: January 31, 2013

All "Annual" Payments were due December 31, 2012.

Fourth Quarter Payments for are due on/ before March 31, 2013.

Credit Cards Payments continue to be processed the last day of each month. If your credit card expiration date is soon we will be contacting you.

Total Pledges to date: \$1,102,663.00
(payable over 36 months)

Total Amount paid to date: \$534,703.00

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 stbonfinance@gmail.com.

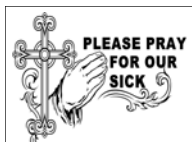
Thank you!!

The Campaign Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Please pray for our parishioners who have entered into eternal life.

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; then listed in the bulletin only.



Morgan Ayres, Christina Bavarro, , Mae Caffney, Ronald Caputo, Caesar Cavese, John Cini, Rose DeRosa,, William J. Dobrowski, Anthony Grasso, Sandra Haberle, Carol Hartney, Baby Jack, Janine D. Kelly, Carmen Listro, Carol MacGuffin Langstroth, Peter McCarthy, John McGrath, Baby Max, James Molloy, Catherine Mortell, Mike Napoli, Baby Quin O'Shea, Maria Santoli, Gloria Weis, Priscilla Waltz, Carolann White.

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

Lieutenant Melissa Buffa & Lieutenant Travis Buffa
Petty Officer Keith Cano USCG
Lance CPL Matthew B. Christman
Flight Lieutenant Joseph Doyle
Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy
Lance CPL Gregory Knox
Captain Brett Korade, USN
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Brian McMenamin
Lieutenant (Junior Grade) Ian McMenamin
Private First Class Joshua McMillan
Ensign Michael R. Ragusa, USN
Lieutenant Drew Whitting, USN
Captain Christina Merrick-Wright
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

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Thank you for your *Financial Stewardship* last week, and thank you for your generosity through the year!

The Office of Communications launched a new **Blog by Bishop Murphy** on a new website that features information that may not appear in the monthly Long Island Catholic magazine. Check it out regularly to catch the latest post from Bishop Murphy. WWW.LICATHOLIC.ORG

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 RESUMES JANUARY 17, 2013

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 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.

Take Five for Faith

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

In the next month the church will celebrate three *epiphanies*—“manifestations”—of Jesus: Epiphany today, the Baptism of the Lord next Sunday, and the Presentation of the Lord on February 2. Each of these events reveals something about Jesus: that he is the Messiah, that he is God’s beloved Son, and that he was consecrated from the beginning for his great task. What’s more, these revelations about Christ say that God’s salvation is for all. The world is not the enemy of the people of God; it’s the fertile ground on which to build God’s kingdom. In this Year of Faith when the church is calling for a “New Evangelization,” and as a new year begins, what can you do to participate in this great mission?

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

Feast of Raymond of Peñafort, priest

In the 2,000-year history of the church, few people have had a longer lasting impact than Saint Raymond of Peñafort, whose effort back in 1230 to pull together the many legal traditions in the church into one unified body of work set the standard for canon law that has endured for nearly 800 years. Though it might seem like an esoteric topic far removed from your daily life, canon law helps shape the customs and traditions of the church. For example, we learn from canon law that the Christian faithful “are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church and to promote social justice and assist the poor from their own resources.” And “sacred ministers are to hold the function of preaching in esteem since the people of God are first brought together by the word of the living God.” Find more rules to live by at vatican.va/archive/ENG1104/_INDEX.HTM.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

It must have been tempting for those closest to Jesus to let him do all the talking, deciding, praying, and healing. After all, he was the one with all the know-how and the power. Jesus was aware of that, of course, and so regularly encouraged his followers by telling them, for example, “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these” (John 14:12). Leaders can either empower or disempower. Today is a good day to consider how you guide your children, employees, students, team. Do you do things for them, or do you motivate and encourage them to try themselves?

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

While we admire people who seem fearless, there is something humanizing about a movie-hero like Indiana Jones and his sheepish hatred (read: fear) of snakes. He

makes us less-heroic types feel more accepting of our own fears and failures. But in the First Letter of John, what the writer presents as the opposite of fear is not courage, but *love*. In the afterglow of Christmas, we ought to remember again and again the truth Christmas impressed upon us: that God so loved the world. And to love one another, scripture reminds us, is to see the face of God incarnate.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

You may think that a strange question—various scripture passages say he did, and how could he not be able to do something that most schoolchildren in the U.S. today have learned by the age of 9 or 10? But that wasn’t always the case; in fact for most of recorded history, being able to read and write was reserved to a small, elite segment of society. In the Roman Empire at the time Jesus lived, estimates say that only 3-10 percent of the population was literate. Judaism has always emphasized reading and study of the Torah, however, so it should not surprise us that Jesus likely could read—he certainly read the human heart with complete understanding. What does he find written on your heart?

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Even Jesus led a hectic life. Teaching at the synagogue one moment, healing the sick and broken-hearted at another, wrangling with crowds at still another. On top of that he was not exempt from the ordinary stuff of eating, sleeping, working, and the like just because he was God. Scripture makes no mention of an angelic personal assistant managing behind-the-biblical-scenes tasks for Jesus. What Jesus *did* have going for him was a commitment to prayer—an ability that fortunately is available to all of us. Jesus took time to pray, often withdrawing to a solitary place. It’s not the easiest thing to find space in a demanding schedule, but we must also figure out ways to be alone with God.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

Human beings are obsessed with organizing knowledge. Great thinkers from Aristotle to Dewey and his decimal system to the folks at Google and Wikipedia have tackled the problem of how to organize all human data. We develop knowledge bases at our companies and attach labels to our contacts in LinkedIn. We alphabetize, number, and categorize every piece of information that passes our way. Our massive efforts to understand what we experience in the world are useful and fascinating, but in the end the most essential truth we know is: “God is love.” Further, as Saint John points out in his First Epistle: “We know that we belong to God.” File that away for future reference.

Dear Parishioners,

"Overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did Him homage." Mt 2:10

This Feast of the Epiphany is the continuation of the plan of God for the salvation of the world. On Christmas day, the message of the Birth of the Messiah, Jesus, was first revealed to the Shepherds. Those Shepherds represent the forgotten and lost children of the House of Israel. Now the Magi or Astrologers come to do homage to the Christ Child. They have traveled from afar and have gone through difficult moments to seek and find the Savior. Now salvation is offered not just to the Children of Israel but to all the world, Jew and Gentile.

The Magi sought Jesus and would not stop till they found Him. What a great metaphor for each of us. Our faith calls us to seek Jesus each and every day. To see, sense and feel His loving presence. A presence that beckons and invites us to the call of continuing conversion. May we seek Jesus each day and embrace the wisdom that I have seen on bumper stickers which says, "Wise men still seek Him."

We had a wonderful pageant at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. I Would like to thank our D.R.E., **Karen Croce**, for all her hard work. A special thanks goes to our young people who did a great job: **Samantha Grella** as Mary, **Joseph Albano** as Joseph, **Patrick Reynolds** as Caspar, **Kylie Kenny** as Melchior, **Maggie Smith** as Balthazar, **Marianna Chebuske** as the Star of Bethlehem, **Genna Cecchini** as the Lead Angel; The Angels were: **Emma Bavaro, Erin Checca, Sofia Conway, Ella Crocco, Christine Dade, Estella Guerin, Carly Karniewich, Darianne Kenny, Michaela Kenny, Heather Lennon, Anna LeSollier, Samantha Maynard, Julia McLellan, Madison Morley, Christina Pais, Kate Salerno, Madalyn Samtani, Shannon Stalzer, Caroline Tyrkko, Corrine Tyrkko**; the Shepherds were: **Donovan Guerin, Brendan Kenny, Nicholas Albano, Anthony Conway, Thomas Reynolds, Colin Reynolds, Luke Salerno, James Salerno**; the Parent Volunteers were: **Christine Checca, Kathleen Reynolds, Suzanne Piszczatowski, Annemarie Fitzpatrick**; The Confirmation Candidates who assisted were: **Cameron Capello, Emma Diede, Katie Feehan, Mark Kornfeld, Katherine Willson**.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes out to our Youth Group, whose voices and instruments added great beauty to our Midnight Mass. I would like to thank our Youth Minister, **Chris Mandato**, for organizing the Mass and to **Diane Billings**, our pianist, who assisted him.

The beauty of our Church is the result of the hard work and dedication of the wonderful people who make up our **St. Martha's Altar Guild**. They worked many hours on a tight schedule I know you join me in thanking **Ana Areglano, Virginia Bavaro, Diva Corbeletta, Margaret Evans, Anthony Grella, Irene Harris, Donna Holden, Regina Krawzick, Adrianna Leopardi, Mary Lou Martin, Mary Moran, Maryann & Tom Ryan, and Scott Whitting**. A very special thank you to **Madeline Lisena** for doing an amazing job decorating our Christmas Trees. Madeline decorates the Trees for Fortunoffs and private homes. We are blest to have her gifts.

I would like to thank all those parishioners who sent cards, gifts and food for Christmas. They were greatly appreciated.

I pray that your New Year will be filled with the Joy of Jesus, health, faith and peace.

In Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Bob

Frankincense and Myrrh

Frankincense is a resin obtained by making a cut into the bark of a tree called Arbor Thuris. This causes a white, gummy substance to come out which becomes hard in a short time upon exposure to the air. It burns readily and gives out a definite and somewhat agreeable odor. The Hebrews used it by itself as well as mingled with other ingredients to make a pleasant smelling oil for anointing priests, and for use on some of the sacred furniture of the Tabernacle (Leviticus 24:70), and even within the Holy of Holies (Exodus 30:340). It was also burned as incense.

Myrrh is a substance obtained from a tree in the same manner as frankincense. It is mentioned in Exodus 30:22-33 as being, in liquid form, one of the ingredients of a "Holy anointing oil" with which the furniture within the Tabernacle



was anointed. The priests were also anointed this holy oil. The wood and bark of the tree which produces myrrh has a strong odor. Myrrh was sometimes used in the preparation of perfumes and in embalming the bodies of the dead. Like some other resins it has medicinal value, and ancient Greek physicians employed it as an external local remedy. Both myrrh and frankincense, together with a variety of spices, were brought to Palestine from Arabia. Both frankincense and myrrh are still in use today for medical purposes.

We are told in the Bible (Matthew 2:11) that "Wise Men from the East" brought to the baby Jesus in Bethlehem gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. These Wise Men were stargazers, possibly from a priestly caste in Media, and were skilled in astrology. Their journey from Media to Jerusalem may have followed the Arabian spice trade routes, and some scholars have thought it probable that they engaged in trading along the way, bringing to Bethlehem gifts from their precious cargo.

Some people like to think of frankincense, with its rising fragrant smoke, as symbolizing prayer lifted to God. Myrrh, bitter to the taste, is thought of as symbolizing the passion of Jesus.

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Bless Your Door on Epiphany

The gospel tells us that the magi found Christ "on entering the house." The door to your home is a holy threshold. You can bless those who come in and go out by inscribing above the door in chalk the first two numbers of the year+C+M+B+the last two numbers of the year. Tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. Adolph Adam points out that it may also mean "Christus mansionem benedicat" or "May Christ bless this dwelling." It's appropriate to bless your door in January—janua means "door" and the first month is the door to the new year. After inscribing the doorway, say this prayer:

*God of Bethlehem and Cana,
God of Jordan's leaping waters,
in baptism you bring us into your family.
You wed us and embrace us as your beloved.
May we fill this place with kindness to one another,
with hospitality to guests,
and with abundant care for every stranger.*

*By the gentle light of a star,
guide home all who seek you
on paths of faith, hope and love.
Then we will join the angels
in proclaiming your praise:
Glory in heaven and peace on earth,
now and for ever. Amen.*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.



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.

ATTENTION CUB SCOUTS

Attend the CUB SCOUT FUN AND FAITH DAY on Saturday, **January 17**, at Saint Ignatius Loyola Gymnasium in Hicksville (9:00 am – 12:00 noon). A special day of prayer, song, games and a craft are planned. Cubs, Dens, packs are welcome. For further information contact the Catholic Scouting Office: (516) 678-5800, ext. 245 or scouting@drvc.org.

All Saints Regional Catholic School

Inaugural Headmaster's Ball

Saturday, February 2, 2013 to be held at NYIT de Seversky Mansion



FREE BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS!

All those that purchase tickets to the Headmaster's Ball are invited to take advantage of four complimentary professional ballroom dance lessons, Monday evenings 8:15pm - 9:00pm
Jan. 7, Jan. 14, Jan. 21, Jan. 28

Location: Ballroom Legacy
185 A Glen Cove Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579
(516) 609-3269

Enjoy some fun, break-in your dancing shoes, and join fellow guests and friends as we learn a few new dance steps!

Dance lessons generously co-sponsored by:



Don't miss this landmark event!

Further details on tickets and sponsorships available

www.ASRCatholic.org

or call All Saints Regional Catholic School 516-676-0762

ST. BONIFACE MARTYR YOUTH GROUP

The High School Youth Group will meet on Sunday, **January 6** from 6pm-8pm in the youth center. All are invited.

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.

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, call Fr. Bob at 676-0676.

Reconciliation (Confession): Saturdays 4pm-4:30pm in church.