

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



“Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” (Lk2:41-52)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30, 2012

Mass Schedule



Daily Mass	8am
Sunday Masses	Saturday: 5pm Vigil Sunday: 8am, 10:15am Special
Intentions Mass	5pm First Saturday of month

The Holy Family, December 30

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp were donated in memory of *Ida Marsico* by Adriana Leopardi.

5pm Saturday Vigil Mass Intention: Rob Welch

8am Intention: Parishioners

10:15am Intention: Kathryn Federici

Monday, December 31 (Jean Savitt)

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

5pm Intention: Helen McCarthy (Mass in Church)

5pm Vigil Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Tuesday, January 1

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

8am Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike (Mass in Church)

10:15am Celebrant: Fr. Bob (Mass in Church)

Wednesday, January 2 (Christopher Guiney)

Feast of St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Thursday, January 3 (Michael Amenta)

Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob

First Friday, January 4 (Wayne Ehmann)

Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob

First Saturday, January 5 (Lucille Capiello)

Feast of St. John Neumann

1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

8am Celebrant: Fr. Bob

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

Minister's Schedule

The Holy Family: December 30

5pm Vigil Fr. Bob
Lector: Kevin Kelly
Ministers: Paul Bramfeld, Yvonne Bramfeld
Ann Dubin, Debbie Miller

8am Fr. Azubuike
Lector: Cathie Guagenti
Ministers: Ana Arellano, Ralph Casey
Peggy Cullen, Donna Dowling

10:15am Fr. Bob
Lector: Laureen Feehan
Child Liturgy: Rosemary & John Murello
Ministers: Vito Passalacqua, Tom Ryan
Joe Vulpis, Pat Warner

Capital Campaign Update

RENEW & RESTORE THE HOUSE OF GOD

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

We are now slightly over the \$1.1 million mark and approaching 12 months since we began our campaign!

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. Next monthly payments are due on December 31, 2012.

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

Fourth Quarter Payment for 2012 is due on/ before December 31, 2012.

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, especially *Mildred (Maryann) Mader.*

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, 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.

BINGO
15 28 37 51 73
6 17 32 45 61
9 15 ★ 60 70
12 26 44 52 66
7 22 34 48 72

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.

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31

The *word* of God is one of those, well, words that carries a big workload in Christian faith. In scripture God creates the world by speaking words. The *word* also means *revelation*: God's communication with humanity in general. Put Jesus' person and message together and Christ himself becomes the Divine Word. On top of that, the *word* is the written and spoken word of God read, proclaimed, and heard in scripture and preaching. As the church nears the end of the celebration of the Eight Days after the Nativity of the Lord, reflect on how these facets of the word of God—creative presence, revelation, scripture, new life in Jesus, the gospel—are parts of your life.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1: Solemnity of Mary

Christianity is not a new philosophy or new morality, says Pope Benedict XVI. It is an encounter with the person of Jesus Christ: "We ourselves must be personally involved in an intimate and profound relationship with Jesus." Mary, the Mother of God, whom we honor today, was instrumental in bringing the person of Jesus to us and showing us how to fully embrace a life in Christ. Resolve in this Year of Faith to deepen your relationship with Jesus and, like Mary, find ways to bring Christ to others.

Take Five for Faith

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen. The fourth-century monk Saint Basil came from a well-funded family, both materially and spiritually. In addition to their wealth, they had among them three people the church would call saints, and he was close friends with another, Saint Gregory Nazianzen. As bishop of Caesarea in Greece, Basil established one of the first "megachurches" in Christian history, the Basilad, which was designed to serve people both spiritually and physically by combining a church, hospital, soup kitchen, travelers' hospice, and social rehabilitation center. The lives of saints are meant to inspire the rest of the Christian faithful. Let Saint Basil's example move you to ever-greater acts of generosity.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3: Most Holy Name of Jesus It's likely that no name in Western history has been spoken more often and in so many forms as the name of Jesus. In medieval Europe, where Latin was the norm in church usage, the most common abbreviation for Jesus was *IHS* (sometimes rendered *IHC*), which stood for the first three letters in Latin of the Greek name of Jesus, *iota-eta-sigma*. The letters took on additional meanings over time, such as *Jesus Hominum Salvator* (Jesus, Savior of mankind) and has even been adapted to English to mean "In His Service." To help cultivate a relationship of deep respect and trust with the living God behind the name, write *IHS* on a small slip of paper and carry it with you.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

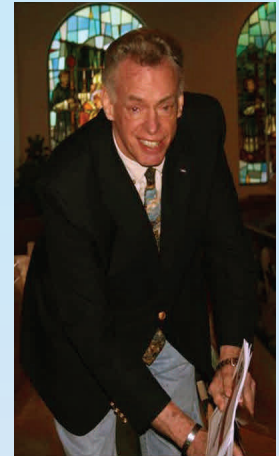
"Life is full of surprises." It's no surprise, however, to hear these words from friends and family when you tell them about things that crop up in life: a job transfer . . . falling in love . . . a sudden illness. Life really *is* full of surprises, some welcome, some not. When surprises bring hardship, we might think about others, such as Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, who faced adversity with faith. Before reaching age 30 she had five children and was widowed. She eventually entered religious life and founded the first community of women religious in the United States. She and her sisters dedicated their lives to helping others and in doing so left a legacy of compassion and service for generations to come.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5: St. John Neumann

Born in Bohemia, Saint John Neumann immigrated to America to become a priest because Europe, ironically, had too many priests in 1835. As a member of the Redemptorist order, and later appointed bishop of Philadelphia, he and his congregation of brothers and priests were dedicated to helping the poor and abandoned. This Redemptorist mission inspired Neumann to help organize the Catholic school system in America. Whenever you are discouraged from your dreams, remember that you are destined and called for great things with God.

Spotlight on Stewardship ~ Scott Whitting

Scott Whitting's model of stewardship begins with a fine smile and a handshake that's strong, warm, and fully committed, just like the man, himself. So while grins and greetings may not sound like the traditional gifts we share or return to God, Scott knows they are. "I learned that from Fr. Bob," says Scott. "When you build a good social community, you build a good religious community." This synergism also defines our Year of Faith: *the human will and the Holy Spirit working together to strengthen spiritual regeneration.*



Man On A Mission: Scott found St. Boniface parish in 1980, "and I've become more and more attracted to the Church ever since." The *attraction* led to Scott's increased faith and relationship with Christ, a gift he wanted to share. Ultimately, it became an indivisible way of life. "I see stewardship as the desire to serve others," he says. "So I started greeting people when they arrived, learning their names, shaking hands, making them feel welcome by saying 'Hello, John'." Scott became an usher, a Eucharistic Minister, a server at daily Mass, and a self-appointed custodian. "Okay, I admit I'm a bit of a neatnik," he laughs. "So when I noticed the church is often messy after mass, I started tidying up the pews." That led to being a sociable recruiter. "While I cleaned up, in a friendly way I'd ask parishioners to give me a hand. And now quite a few of us have fun kidding each other while we work, again fostering that sense of community. And we can use more people. You can never have too many. So, please step right in and be welcome." He also recruits a special group before Mass. "Well, that's when I try to get kids involved," he says, "especially as ushers. At the five o'clock mass I always corner a couple of youngsters to bring the gifts. I like the idea of them being contributors, not just onlookers. Their tangible participation will enhance their spiritual participation. I guess the idea truly is that one enhances the other. In the military, when we had a strong social bond, we performed our duties better. That social bond, be it in the military, your workplace, or church, strengthens the mission. "

Life, Death, and the Green Beret: Scott knows how faith can impact life and death experiences. "During Viet Nam, I vividly remember going to Chapel at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and praying I would make it through Special Forces training." He did. He became a paratrooper and was selected for the Green Beret. He reenlisted when his military service was up. He volunteered for the front-line Green Beret medical team. "I've had quite a few near death experiences," he says quietly "One in a plane crash in Viet Nam. I felt myself leave my body and was on my way to Heaven when I became aware that I could help save the lives of people who would otherwise die. The assignment has been my life experience. I am a big believer in God first of all, Number One. To have faith is to believe in a power greater than you. It is the strong belief in God and his blessings. "I was given God's grace to save many lives," says Scott. "We all have gifts and talents. The important thing is to recognize and share them. Certainly, when I am in prayer, I think of these things in a philosophical way as a gift from God, meant to be shared. So, he kept volunteering:

- Past President and ex-captain of the Hook and Ladder truck, Glenwood Fire Company
- Nassau to Suffolk Bicycle Challenge, 100-Miles-in-One-Day to aid our veterans
- Marathons including parachuting into Death Valley for a 100 mile run. The event earned a place in the Congressional Record and new, positive recognition for Viet Nam vets.
- Multiple charitable organizations that benefit needy and severely disabled children.

Even in his civilian vocation as a Funeral Director, Scott Whitting has served others. "When you can help people find their way it's immensely rewarding."

The Man and The Motto: "I am a man through experience," Scott says. "I treasure family, friends, and the opportunity to participate. I pray for faith, hope, and love, love being the most important. Love in the sense of community, family, friends, and inviting others to participate." He smiles and says, "Share your gift of time and talent. You don't have to get overwhelmed. Do as much as you're comfortable with and bring a friend. Bring your family. For instance, I get the kids to take part and that gets Mom involved. Whatever you do in a friendly, welcoming way encourages more people to participate. As long as you are welcoming, people will want to take part. "I want to show my gratitude and add to the overall mission of the church. I am grateful for the spiritual and the community of the church. If people are willing to give it a chance and get more involved, even on a very small level, just be a greeter, just say 'Come in. Welcome,' they will commit to live the way Jesus taught us."

Join In: We need you and want you to help build a community of fellowship and faith. To get involved, talk to Scott after Mass. He will help you meet and match your interests; or call the parish office at 676-0676.; or go to <http://saintboniface.org/Ministries-2.htm> and join in, because it's not a community without U. (article by Kay Johnson).

Dear Parishioners

"Forgive one another as the Lord Has forgiven you." Col 3: 14

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family the words of St. Paul are always a good reminder of what is the basis of a good family and of any relationship. We definitely at times can hurt the people we love. What better lesson can we teach each other than to have the strength to apologize for those times we hurt one another. Those simple words can surely do much to straighten a relationship that is bent by harsh words or actions. The act of forgiveness is an action of God and as baptized persons we are called to share the life of God. So call someone you may have hurt or even someone who has hurt you; seek forgiveness for any actions that may have been hurtful to another and seek forgiveness from those who may be alienated from you. What a gift of peace that can bring. So in the Christmas Season as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, be an instrument of that peace. Call someone who has hurt your or you have hurt; someone who you are alienated from and offer them the olive branch of peace through forgiveness. What a great gift it will be for our Newborn Savior and certainly for you too!

We as Catholics are in the Octave of Christmas. This means that for 8 days the Church celebrates "Christmas Day." Because Christmas (and Easter by the way) are such special days in the life of salvation, one day is not enough to commemorate and celebrate Jesus' saving act. After the 8th day of Christmas the Church begins the Christmas Season which goes on till The Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th, which begins Ordinary Time. So it is still very appropriate to wish someone a "Merry Christmas."

I want to thank the young children of our parish for the beautiful pageant they put on at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. They brought the Gospel to life and made it a moving and spiritual moment for all present. A special thanks to our D.R.E. **Karen Croce** for all the time she put in organizing the pageant, as always her dedication and hard work are a blessing to the parish. I would also like to thank all the parents who assisted: **Christine Checca, Suzanne Piszczatowski, Kathleen Reynolds** and **Anne Marie Fitzpatrick.**

I would also like to thank our Youth Group for the music at the Midnight Mass. Their voices, instruments and presence was such a joy and made this most special Mass even more prayerful. I want to thank our Youth Minister **Chris Mandato** for organizing the Youth Group for this Mass and for leading the rehearsals. I so much appreciate all the time he and the Youth Group put in.

It is a joy to thank the parish for its fiscal generosity throughout the year and especially at Christmas. I would also like to thank those who dropped off gifts for me at the Rectory and Parish Center. I truly appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Please remember that during the Christmas season our bulletins are not time sensitive since they must be submitted to the printer earlier than our normally scheduled deadline.

In this time of joyful anticipation of Jesus' birth, our nation was shocked by the recent violence in Newtown, Connecticut. As believers in Jesus, our prayers and support unite us with the families of all the victims. We celebrated a special Mass on Saturday, December 22 seeking comfort through the Eucharist. Thank you to all who attended. Our hearts and minds will continue to be with the these families as we reach out to them in prayer.

May the peace of the Newborn Savior continue to shine on you...MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In Jesus & Mary,
Fr. Bob

Nicholas Harris

As you heard at Mass last week, Nicholas Harris is a member of St. Boniface Parish who is currently a senior at Fordham University with a double major in Biology and Theology. Nick began his education at All Saints School, was an altar server at St. Boniface throughout his childhood, and graduated from Chaminade High School. He has made community service an ongoing part of his college experience, and his work with the Global Outreach program in Guyana is a natural outgrowth of that. On this trip Nick will work in two orphanages, a geriatric center, and a leper colony. He is grateful for the support of this parish, your prayers and good wishes. He can be reached at nharris1@fordham.edu. Further information about Global Outreach International can be found at <http://www.globaloutreach.org>

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We also celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God, which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours! Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the coming year so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are suffering.

Furniture and financial donations are always welcome. You are too! Come join The St. Vincent de Paul Society and be a communal part of our parish. Call 822-3132.



There will be no Youth Group on December 30.

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.

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Office Hours: 9am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-4:30pm, Monday-Friday

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.