



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



Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21, 2014

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: 8am (in the chapel except on Sundays)

Sundays: Saturdays 5pm; Sundays: 8am & 10:15am

Holy Day Masses: 5pm Vigil; 8am & 7pm (in church)

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 21

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Luke :26-38

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp were donated in loving memory of **Cecile Schenck**, by Karen Schenck and family.

Saturday 5pm Mass Intention: *Parishioners*

8am Mass: *Deceased members of the McGowan family*

10:15am Mass Intention: *George Warner*

Monday, December 22 (*Rose DeRosa*)

1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

7:30pm Communal Penance Service (no Mass)

Tuesday, December 23 (*Pete McGowan*)

Feast of John of St. Kanty

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, Christmas Eve, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79

8am Mass: *Theresa Akesseh*. Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

4pm Mass (pageant): *Shaun Brala*. Celebrant: Fr. Bob

6:30pm Mass: *Edward McLoughlin*. Fr. Azubuike

12am Midnight Mass: Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Thursday, Christmas Day, December 25

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

8am Mass: *George Warner*. Celebrant: Fr. Bob

10:15am Mass: *Frank Carparelli*. Celebrant: Fr. Bob

12 Noon Mass: *Michael J. Lincks, Jr.* Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Friday, December 26 (*Stephen Szemerényi*)

Feast of St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Saturday, December 27 (*John A. Evans*)

Feast of St. John

Minister's Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 21

5pm **Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike**
Lectors: Theo Kyrkostas
Ministers: Irma & Bill Berkley
Eileen Bowersock, Paul Bramfeld

8am **Celebrant: Fr. Bob**
Lector: Mary Doran
Ministers: Peggy Cullen, Andrew DiSalvo
Kevin Kelly, Donna Calamis

10:15am **Celebrant: Fr. Bob**
Lector: Laureen Feehan
Child Liturgy: Paula Smith
Ministers: Diva & Ed Corbelletta, Patty Lizza
Mary Ann & Paul McDermott
Camille Miritello

Capital Campaign

Capital Campaign 2014 Update

Renew & Restore the House of God

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

The restoration of the Church is scheduled to begin on December 29! With only a week remaining, the status of the campaign is as follows:

Pledges to date: \$1,233,917

Balance of pledges pending: \$135,138

Due to your generosity we continue to get closer to our target every day. We encourage everyone to meet their pledge in full so we will meet our goal. If you have not yet participated in the campaign and would like to contribute, we would like to encourage you to do so. To inquire about your balance, or if you have any questions regarding the campaign please send an email to stbonifacefinance@gmail.com, or leave a message at the Parish Office (676-0676).

2014 payments are due on/before the following dates: Monthly payment: December 31

Fourth quarter payment: December 31

Annual/**Final** Payments are due December 31, 2014.

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

Days of Elijah

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1. These are the days of E - li - jah, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord; And
2. These are the days of E - ze - kiel, the dry bones be - com - ing as flesh; And

these are the days of Your ser - vant, Mo - ses, right - eous - ness be - ing re - stored; And
these are the days of Your ser - vant Da - vid, re - build - ing a tem - ple of praise; And

though these are days of great tri - als, of fam - ine and dark - ness and sword; Still
these are the days of the har - vest, the fields are as white in the world; And

we are the voice in the des - ert cry - ing, "Pre - pare the way of the Lord."
we are the la - bor - ers in Your vine - yard, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord.

Be - hold He comes, rid - ing on the clouds, shin - ing like the sun, at the trum - pet
call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee, and out of Zi - on's hill sal - va - tion comes.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014

Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 22nd at 7:30 pm

No Confessions Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24th

Masses at 4pm (pageant), 6:30pm & 12am Midnight

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

Masses at 8am, 10:15am and 12 Noon

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st

Feast of Mary, Mother of God 9pm Mass in GYM

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st

Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

Masses IN GYM at 8am & 10:15am



All Saints Regional Catholic School

Supported by the Parishes of St. Boniface,
St. Hyacinth, St. Mary, St. Patrick, St. Rocco

Join Us for Open House

Sunday, January 25

10:15 am - 1:15 pm

Registration for 2014-15 year
is ongoing. Call Carol Filippone
7:30am-11am at 676-0762 ext. 202.



4 Please Pray for our Deceased

Please pray for those who have entered into eternal life.

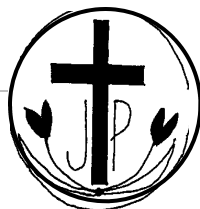


**William Anderson
Danny Lane
Maria Santoli
Rhonda Speranza
Marilyn Walthers**

Placement of names on the sick list must be requested by an immediate family member through Fr. Bob.



Lieutenant Melissa Buffa & Lieutenant Travis Buffa
Lance CPL Matthew B. Christman
Second Lieutenant Mario Coronel, US Army
Flight Lieutenant Joseph Doyle
Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy
Lance CPL Gregory Knox
Captain Brett Korade, USN
Lieutenant Brian McMenamin
Lieutenant Ian McMenamin
Private First Class Joshua McMillan
Lieutenant Junior Grade Michael R. Ragusa, USN
Private First Class Cole N. Muttee, USMC
Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy
Private Luke Whitting, US Army
Captain Christina Merrick-Wright
Captain Bradley Wright, US Army.



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 2:58)

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.

Stewardship...a Way of Life

Thank you for your *Financial Stewardship* last week. **Thank you for your continued generosity!**



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

First Monday of the month at 11am in the Parish Center. All women 18 years old and older welcome. Contact Regent Eileen Stanton: 521-9418 or email emstanton@optonline.net

Prayer Group Cancelled December 22 & 29

Resumes Monday, January 5th at 7:30pm in the Chapel. All welcome. Come, and bring a friend! Call John & Rosemary Murello at 676-2767 for details.

St. Boniface Holy Hour and Benediction

Wednesdays at 2pm in the Chapel.

Prayer Vigil for the Sick

Thursdays 7pm -7:30pm in the Chapel.

Bible Study Will Resume

on Thursday, **January 8th** from 7:30pm-9pm in the Parish Center. Come join us! Bring your Bible. Call Rosemary & John Murello, 676-2767 for details.



Bingo

Fridays 7pm. Knights of Columbus Hall, 83 Sea Cliff Avenue, Glen Cove. All proceeds go to charity, including our St. Boniface Outreach Ministry.

St. Boniface Men's Ministry: December 27

Fourth Saturdays at 8am. Meetings begin with 8am Mass in the chapel and subsequent fellowship. Our meetings consist of prayer, scripture and usually some poignant and challenging topical discussions. Our next meeting is **Saturday, December 27th**. We are always looking for a few good men to join us. For details contact Rich at qbalwily@optonline.net .

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays after 8am Mass in the Chapel with the veneration of the relic of St. Catherine Labore.

Lay Carmelites of Blessed Titus Brandsma

Third Saturdays 9am in the Parish Center. Call Flora at 656-9375 or Pat at 887-7265 for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

A little over three years ago we, as a parish, began a discussion as to whether we wanted to renew, restore and update this House of God of ours. After positive discussion with parishioners, we began the next phase, the beginning our Capital Campaign. This process was implemented to see if we had the support to move forward. The overwhelming response to our Capital Campaign saw pledges of over one million, two hundred and thirty thousand dollars (\$1,230,000.00). I am so grateful for the generosity of our parish families!

With monies pledged we could begin the design stage of our renovation and updating of our church. Thirty-five people signed up to be part of the committee. They worked very hard with our liturgical designer, Larry Hoy, to come up with five designs which we presented to the parish after Mass on two weekends. In addition, groups of some of our younger parishioners and their families were asked for their input (youth group, altar servers and their families, First Communion families). These designs gave rise to some wonderful discussions and excitement. With the suggestions, ideas and comments, the committee took the three overwhelmingly top designs and suggestions and created the one design that is displayed in the vestibule. I want to publicly thank the committee for their hard work and dedication.

After all this preparation the time has begun to begin the work on the Church.

The last Mass before we close the Church will be Sunday, December 28th. After that, Mass will be celebrated in the School gym and the schedule will remain the same. We hope to return to the new Church for Holy Week. We installed an electronic lift and ramp by the Main Avenue entrance. This will enable those with mobility issues and wheel chairs to have easy access to the gym. I would like to thank our CYO program for underwriting much of the cost of these handicapped accessible improvements. Parking spots by the Main Avenue will be designated for those with mobility issues.

- Confessions will be heard in the main level classroom.
- Baptisms will be done in the Parish Center Chapel.
- Funerals will be celebrated by me, in the neighboring parishes.

Since we are on an aggressive time frame, we have begun work that will not impact worship. The plaster work around the walls and sealing of the windows has begun. Next week they will begin the construction of two new handicapped accessible bathrooms. A new sound system will begin shortly. As was mentioned last week, the chandeliers are being refitted for energy efficient LED lighting. The heating and air conditioning units have been made more energy efficient. Much of the work on the construction of the new reredos and vestibule wall will be done in the factory of our liturgical designer's studio.

The pews will be taken out on Monday, December 29th, to be refurbished and refitted to the new floor design. The rest of the work will be done while the Church is closed.

It is still possible to make a pledge if you have not already done so. We will be contacting those who pledged to confirm what names they want on the Renovation Plaque that will hang in the vestibule.

This is a very wonderful time for our parish and I hope continues to generate excitement and renewed devotion to our worship of Jesus Christ as Lord!

In Jesus,
Fr. Bob



The Youth Music Ministry is rehearsing this Sunday at 4:45pm in the Church for Midnight mass. There will be a Teen Mass, celebrated by Fr. Bob, followed by dinner this Sunday, December 21st at 6pm. All are invited. *For an updated schedule, join Facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group' or email Youth Minister, Chris, at stbonnym@gmail.com.*

St. Vincent de Paul Society: When we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us! Please remember our community members in need during this Advent season. As you place your gift in the Society of St Vincent de Paul Poor Box or in the envelopes located at the entrance of the church, please say a prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them. Furniture donations are always welcome, call 822-3132. If you wish to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society and be a communal part of your parish, call the Parish Center at 676-0676. *Thank you for your support!*

St. Boniface Baptisms: Gracey Bordas, Natalie Rose Christopher, Scarlett Ana Dunst, Wyatt Gray D'Altorio, Victoria Jane Abbondandolo, Evan Serafin Alonso, Adeleine Emilia Mastrantoni, Jackson William Saavedra, Katherine Joyce Reddan, Ruby Kristine Joseph, Timothy Charles O'Donovan, Michael Joseph Campaner, Dominic Robert Granieri, Sean Patrick Llewellyn, Dylan James Bernardo, Matthew Joseph Burke and Hannah Sarah Bell.

Please note holiday bulletin deadlines. ↗



- December 13 ~ \$25: Rachael Kuntz, Richboro, PA
- December 14 ~ \$25: Jessica & John Damiano, Glen Head
- December 15 ~ \$25: The Beisser Family, Sea Cliff
- December 16 ~ \$25: Marie Agosta, Glen Head
- December 17 ~ \$25: Jason Marzlock, Glen Head
- December 18 ~ \$25: Luke Mercadante, Glen Head
- December 19 ~ \$25: Anna Moore, Sea Cliff

Tickets are in the church vestibule & parish center.

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***Holiday schedule:** Dec 21 deadline-noon Dec 9; Dec 28 deadline-noon Dec 15; Jan 4 deadline-noon Dec 19; Jan 11 deadline-noon Jan 2.

Webmaster: Robert Lynch. Website: www.saintboniface.org

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-4:45pm in church.
Communal Penance Service: Monday, December 22 at 7:30 pm

Take Five for Faith

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow— a day at a time.

Sunday, December 21, 2014

O Oriens (O Radiant Dawn) is one of the seven O Antiphons sung or recited at Vespers. In English, it goes: *O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.* On this, the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere, fill your heart with anticipation for the coming light of Christ.

Monday, December 22

The Song of Mary, or Magnificat as it is known in Latin, is one of the most ancient Christian hymns, perhaps the earliest Marian hymn. It reflects the strong biblical tradition of justice for the poor and oppressed. It is a song of reversals of power, as all is upended by the true power and glory that is the coming of the Lord. Have your eyes seen the glory? Are you looking in the right places? We pray today: *O King of Nations and keystone of the church, come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!*

Tuesday, December 23

Feast of John of St. Kanty

John Kanty was well known in the city of Kraków for his generosity and compassion toward the poor. He subsisted on what was strictly necessary to sustain his life. He slept little, only on the floor, and ate a spare vegetarian diet. He made one pilgrimage to Jerusalem and four pilgrimages on foot to Rome carrying his luggage on his back. He died in 1473 at the ripe old age of 83. Guess he knew what he was doing with his life. Do you? Maybe John offers some hints. We pray today: *O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior. Come and save us, O Lord our God.*

Wednesday, December 24

Perhaps you remember “Anticipation,” Carly Simon’s hit song from 1971, in which she breathlessly awaits the arrival of her date. The song captures the mood of Christmas Eve very well. But unlike a song about a date that might or might not live up to its billing, Christmas Eve always lives up to its promise, because God is faithful in fulfilling promises and God’s promises are forever. As you await the celebration of the birth of the Savior today, what song is in your heart?

Thursday, December 25

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Imagine yourself a shepherd minding sheep (and your own business) when suddenly a chorus of angels announces, “A child is born to you this day!” It would get your attention! The Incarnation of Christ means a *real* child in a *real* world placed in your care in the shape of those in need. Incarnation means “in flesh,” and even if Jesus is no longer a baby and no longer present physically, he is always present in the flesh of every poor, naked, hungry, lonely, rejected person in this world. We’re not shepherds, but the angels are singing to us, too.

Friday, December 26

Feast of St. Stephen

Saint Stephen was both a martyr and a prophet as he challenged his fellow Jews to stop being “stiff-necked” people who, just as their ancestors had done, resist the Holy Spirit. Such courageous witness changes lives. Saul (later Saint Paul) was a young man present at Stephen’s stoning who started off persecuting the followers of Jesus and ended up leading them. Surely Stephen’s courageous witness helped Saul see the light. Who inspires your faith?

Saturday, December 27

Feast of St. John

John the Evangelist is sometimes called “John the Divine” because of the sublimity of his vision of Jesus and God’s love. We see it in majestic phrases from his gospel such as “the Word became flesh,” or “God so loved the world,” or “Love one another.” Yet he also portrays Jesus as a warm, tender human being, weeping at a friend’s death or dancing at a wedding. Like John, you paint pictures of Jesus with your words, but more by how you treat others, how you put flesh on your faith by acts of kindness, forgiveness, and the good cheer we offer at Christmastime and, one hopes, all year round.

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