



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



Make ready the way of the Lord. (Mark 1:1-8)

Second Sunday of Advent
December 7, 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

Second Sunday of Advent: December 7

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp were donated with special blessings for **Diva & Ed Corbelletta** in honor of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, by their family.

Saturday 5pm Mass Intention: Louis Franchini, Pat Siewert, Anne & John Sobieski, Connie Kapuscinski, Vera Pemberton, Bishop Paul Walsh

8am Mass Intention: Parishioners

10:15am Mass Intention: Vincent McDonald

Sunday 5pm Mass Intention: Veronica Hoffman
Sunday, 5pm Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Monday, December 8 (*Anthony Stewart*)

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Holy Day)

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

7pm Mass Intention: Jacqueline Schell

7pm Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Tuesday, December 9 (*George Warner*)

Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, December 10 (*Karissa Ulmer*)

Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

7:30pm Advent Mission (no Mass)

Thursday, December 11 (*Richard Janota*)

FEAST OF ST. DAMASUS I

Isaiah 41:13-20; Matthew 11:11-15

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Friday, December 12 (*George Warner*)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;

Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

Saturday, December 13 (*George Warner*)

FEAST OF ST. LUCY

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

5pm Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

5pm Mass Intention: Eileen Boris

Minister's Schedule

Second Sunday of Advent: December 7

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

8am **Celebrant:** Fr. Bob
 Lector: Randa Barrington
 Ministers: Patty Lizza, Peggy Cullen
 Andrew DiSalvo, Kevin Kelly

10:15am **Celebrant:** Fr. Bob
 Lector: Tom Ryan
 Child Liturgy: Margaret Cuomo Maier
 Ministers: Rosemary & John Murello
 Carolyn Rassinger, Jane Serpico
 Joe Vulpis, Michele Walthers

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 couple of weeks remaining, the status of the campaign is as follows:

Pledges to date: \$1,233,917

Total amount paid to date: \$1,093,775

Balance of pledges pending : \$140,139

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!

Did You Know that **Take Five for Faith** - and more is on our website every week? Visit

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.

St. Boniface Advent Mission: 7:30pm, December 10 "Becoming Families of Faith; What the Synod can teach us about our families and our parish family this Advent"

Joann Heaney-Hunter, PhD

The Synod on the Family provided us with some central perspectives on the meaning of family. These insights certainly apply to our individual families. I also ask the question: How can the Synod help us reflect on our parish family? What does it mean to say a parish is "a family of faith?" How can we grow as a family this Advent season?



Dr. Joann Heaney-Hunter serves as an Associate Professor of Theology at St. John's University. She holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University and an M.S. in Mental Health Counseling from Long Island University. She is licensed to practice Mental Health Counseling in the State of New York, and is Board certified as a professional counselor. Dr. Heaney-Hunter is a nationally and internationally recognized speaker on marriage and family ministry in the Catholic Church and is an award winning teacher. Most recently, she has served as a lecturer at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City, and as a retreat director at the Loyola Jesuit Retreat House in Morristown, New Jersey. She has co-authored two books on marriage preparation; a Leader's Guide and Couple Guide entitled *Unitas: Preparing for Sacramental Marriage* (Crossroad Publishing Co.), and has published numerous scholarly and pastoral articles in various journals and edited volumes. Last June, she paper entitled "Positive Psychology and Ministry to Families" at the Society for Pastoral Theology in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Please pray for those who have entered into eternal life, especially **Harold John De Grange**, **Mary Anne Lynch**, **Ethel Solloway**.



William Anderson

Danny Lane

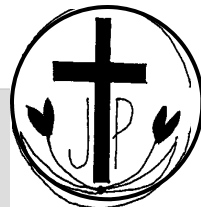
Maria Santoli

Rhonda Speranza

Marilyn Walthers



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 of €4828** last week. This week is the collection for the **Long Island Catholic**. Next week there will be a second collection for **Maintenance & Repair**. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Rosary

Mondays-Saturdays after 8am Mass in the Chapel.

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 emtanton@optonline.net

Prayer Group

Mondays 7:30pm in the Chapel. All are 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.

Prayer Vigil for the Sick

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

Bible Study

Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm in the Parish Center.

Come join us on Thursday night at 7:30pm in parish office meeting room as we continue with the study of the Gospel of Luke. Bring your Bible, our study guide and commentary is by George Martin. 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.

Miraculous Medal Novena

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

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,

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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. 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!

I want to thank **Pat Warner**, the Confirmandi and parents who helped with the baking of pies. I know I enjoyed my pie! I would like to congratulate our D.R.E., **Karen Croce**, for receiving the Diocesan Distinguished Service Award for her work for Religious Education. I wish her a speedy recovery from her recent accident. I would also like to congratulate **Maryellen and Steve Kerr** for being awarded the Diocesan St. Agnes Medal. This is the highest honor that our bishop bestows on the people of the Diocese for their service to the Church.

A reminder that our Parish Advent Mission continues this Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

In Jesus,
Fr. Bob

Saint Boniface Giving Tree

to benefit Madonna Heights has once again been set up in the vestibule of the church. For 50 years, Madonna Heights, a division of SCO Family of Services, has been helping adolescent girls, women and families over-come the devastating effects of poverty, neglect and abuse. Please help the young women in their care feel special during this Christmas season by taking a tag from the tree. All gifts should be returned *unwrapped* by Sunday, **December 14th**. Your gift will go a long way in helping those Madonna Heights serves. Thank you for your generosity.

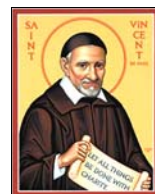


Save the Date: December 5th
6pm Saturday at St. Boniface Martyr Church
Crèche Blessing, Christmas tree lighting,
Caroling on horse-drawn wagon,
with hot dogs, hot cocoa, cookies,
St. Nick and more!

ASR Christmas Party with Santa: December 12

Friday, **December 12th**, St. Patrick's Parish Hall, from 6:30pm-9pm. Includes dinner, DJ & dancing, crafts, Christmas story time, Christmas carols, and a visit from Santa! Plus raffle basket, 50/50 and grand prize Jet Blue airplane tickets! Pre-Sale Tickets: \$20 adults;\$15 per child. At the door: \$25 adults; \$20 per child (age 3-13). Children with adults only.

St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your support! Furniture and financial donations are always welcome. You are too! Come join the St. Vincent de Paul Society and become a communal part of your parish.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2014

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th

Masses: 5pm Vigil on Sunday, December 7th;
 Monday, December 8th at 8am & 7pm

Blessing of Outdoor Crèche followed by Caroling on Horse-Drawn Carriage

Saturday, December 13th at 6pm

Confessions

Saturdays, December 6th, 13th & 20th at 4pm
 (No Confessions Christmas Eve or Day)

Communal Penance Service

Monday, December 22nd at 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve, Wednesday December 24th

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

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th

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

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st

Feast of Mary, Mother of God: 5pm Mass IN
 GYM

New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st

Feast of Mary, Mother of God
 Masses IN GYM at 8am & 10:15am

Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, January 4th

Masses IN GYM: 5pm Saturday, January 3rd;
 Sunday, January 4th at 8am and 10:15am

SAINT BONIFACE PRESENTS



Saturday February 7th, 2015
From 7pm-11pm
At Crescent Beach Club, Bayville

Tickets \$100 Per Person

Includes Dinner, All Beverages & \$100 In Chips
 If Purchased Before January 1, 2015 • Save 10%

For Tickets Call The Parish Office 676.0676

S. BONIFACE MARTYR YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Music Ministry rehearses for Christmas Midnight Mass on Sundays at 5pm in the Youth Center. All 8-12 grade singers and instrumentalists are invited. The Youth Group meets Sundays from 6pm-8pm in the Youth Center. All 8-12 graders welcome. For an updated schedule, join Facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group' or email Youth Minister, Chris, at stbonym@gmail.com.

The St. Boniface Christmas Pageant will take place at the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass. Rehearsal is on Sunday, December 14 in church after the 10:15am Mass. Parts and costumes will be given out then. Please join us!



The St. Boniface CYO Program is now online.

Registration for Intramural Basketball, grades 1-4, for boys and girls and Girls Volleyball, grades 5-8 are now open for registration until December 15.

The St. Boniface Outreach is in need of hams, corn, mashed potatoes, string beans, noodles, jelly and yams for Christmas baskets. Food cards and monetary contributions welcome. Thank you!

Please note bulletin holiday deadlines. ↗

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November 29 ~ \$25: Matthew Ferrara, Sea Cliff
 November 30 ~ \$25: Walter & Pat Smith, Sea Cliff
End-of-Month ~ \$100: Samantha Maynard, Sea Cliff
 December 1 ~ \$25: Berta Roemmelt, Glenwood Lndg
 December 2 ~ \$25: Lysa Leiponis, Glen Cove
 December 3 ~ \$25: Evelyn C. Culp, Sea Cliff
 December 4 ~ \$25: Robert Sherman.....Sea Cliff
 December 5 ~ \$25: Danny & Thomas Hendricks, IL
Tickets are in the church vestibule & parish center.

Pastoral Team

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Joanne Fitzgerald, Dean

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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 7

The desert is arguably the most prominent landscape of the biblical world—and equally important in a metaphorical sense. Deserts are desolate, formidable places that require physical and mental fortitude for survival—the perfect place to get lost, turn inward, and be tested. But from the wandering of the Israelites to Christ’s temptation by the devil, time spent in the desert is temporary; there’s a return to wholeness made possible by the trials. Everyone finds themselves in a spiritual wilderness at times. Remember that while your stint there is difficult, it’s probably necessary to find your way.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Under the title of the Immaculate Conception, Mary is the patron of our nation. A patron takes up the needs of others to plead their cause. Ultimately, our one patron is Christ and none other, but we also have a universe of patrons, the communion of saints. It is a network that binds Christianity with cords of love. We depend upon the motherly care of God and Mary, who clearly knows how to raise a child to be full of love. As a good daughter or son, follow Mary who bids you do as Jesus asks.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

When you feel lost, the hardest thing can be to cry out for help. Sometimes you don’t necessarily realize how off track you are; other times you just don’t want to face that fact. The good news though is that God seeks out those who are lost. God longs to respond, hanging in there every step of the way. When everything else wilts away, God remains and when that happens, you realize that everything you are and all that seemed lost is actually held and graced by the One who cries out to you constantly with love and mercy.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

To be meek is to have and know your own power and to use it wisely and gently in the service of others. In a world that values productivity and pride over all else, being meek can seem like a fool’s task, yet it is a hallmark of Christian living. “Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart,” Jesus declares, “and you will find rest.” This is the true gift of meekness—learning that caring for others is not a weakness but a

strength that allows you to find rest in the One who’s really in charge.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

FEAST OF ST. DAMASUS I

Don’t be sheepish about shepherding Saint Damasus’s fourth-century ministry as bishop and pope was fraught with doctrinal controversy and political intrigue. His friend Saint Jerome encouraged him by stressing the pope’s role in holding the church together with these words: “Though your greatness terrifies me, your kindness attracts me. . . . From the shepherd [I expect] the protection due to the sheep. Away with all that is overweening; let the state of Roman majesty withdraw. My words are spoken to the successor of the fisherman, to the disciple of the cross.” In our own day, Pope Francis heard the call to abandon the trappings of power to be a better servant. What may be holding back your service?

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

On December 2, 1980, lay missionary Jean Donovan and three American nuns were brutally murdered by members of El Salvador’s security force. An award-winning documentary on Donovan’s life and death is titled *Roses in December*, a reference to the miracle associated with the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe on a sacred hill outside Mexico City in 1531. As proof of the authenticity of her message, Mary is said to have made fresh roses fall from her mantle in December—an impossibility in that climate. The faith Mary inspires is the faith that inspired Donovan to give her all. How does it inspire you?

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

FEAST OF ST. LUCY

Saint Lucy is often depicted in art holding a dish with two eyes on it. The startling image draws our full attention, then delivers an important message about Christian life. Lucy viewed her world through the eyes of faith, wanting to give her life to God and to help the poor. For this, she died in the persecutions of the fourth century. According to legend, she lost her eyes to torture, but God restored them. Her sight led to insight, giving meaning and direction to her life and death. Let’s walk with Lucy today, guided by the wisdom of spiritual insight.

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