

# St. Boniface Martyr

Roman Catholic Church

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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. Kevin Dillon, Pastor



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2015



Daily Mass: 8am in OLM Chapel (except Sundays) Sundays: Saturdays 5pm; Sundays: 8am, 10:15am Holy Day Masses: 5pm Vigil; 8am & 7pm Special Intentions: 5pm first Saturday of the month

**Confession:** Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm. **Rosary:** Mondays-Saturdays after 8am Mass

#### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 2**

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35

Saturday 5pm Intentions: John Revecich, Raymond Pierce 8am Mass Intention: Parishioners 10:15am Mass Intention: Anthony Weis

<u>Monday, August 3</u> Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 8am Celebrant: Fr. Jude

<u>**Tuesday, August 4**</u> (Gennaro & Clotilde Vitiello) **Feast of St. John Vianney, priest**  *Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or 5:1-2, 10-14* 8am Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Wednesday, August 5 (Ralph Marra) Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major Num 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Matt15:21-28 8am Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

Thursday, August 6 (Joseph Caliolo) Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10 8am Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

First Friday, August 7 (Piera Lore') Feast of St. Cajetan, priest Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 8am Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

Saturday. August 8 (Anderson Wyatt Sanak) Feast of St. Dominic, priest Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 8am Celebrant: Fr. Jude 5pm Vigil Mass Intention: Parishioners 5pm Vigil Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

Visit www.usccb.org to have the daily readings emailed to you every morning. You may read and/or listen to the readings and watch a brief video reflection.

Minister's Schedule

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| <b>5pm</b><br>Lector:<br>Ministers:     | <b>Celebrant: Fr. Kevin</b><br>Theo Kyrkostas<br>Ann Dubin<br>Katherine Miller<br>Debbie Mink<br>Eileen Bowersock              |
| <b>8am</b><br>Lector:<br>Ministers:     | <b>Celebrant: Fr. Jude</b><br>Mary Doran<br>Ralph Casey<br>Diva Corbelletta<br>Ed Corbelletta<br>Peggy Cullen                  |
| <b>10:15am</b><br>Lector:<br>Ministers: | <b>Celebrant: Fr. Kevin</b><br>Eileen Moran<br>Susan Moran, Lorraine O'Sullivan<br>Rosemary & John Murello<br>Carolyn Rassiger |

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Jane Serpico.

The Gospel tells us "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." By "listening" we are able to *live* the gospel. Gospel living is something so simple as taking the time to listen to those who need to spill out their hearts when seeking help. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you enable the members of the Society to



become a "listening heart" to the hungry, the homeless and the struggling poor.

As you place your gift in the Society of St Vincent de Paul Poor Box or deposit your envelopes in the drop box by the main doors of the church, please say a prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

Furniture donations are always welcome, please call 822-3132. If you wish to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society and be a communal part of your parish, call the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center at 676-0676 for details.

Thank you for your generosity!

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## Please Pray for our Deceased

Please pray for those who have eternal life, especially *Rosemarie Damiano*.

William Anderson Steve Anzalone Keith Dunn Michelle Martone Concetta O'Regan John Orozco Maria Santoli Rhonda Speranza Mary Toto



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



Lieutenant Melissa Buffa & Lieutenant Travis Buffa Lance CPL Matthew B. Christman Second Lieutenant Mario Coronel, US Army Second Lieutenant Matthew Coronel, US Army. Flight Lieutenant Joseph Doyle Jake A. Hoinowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy Lance CPL Gregory Knox Captain Brett Korade, USN Private Vincent S. LaManna, Jr., US Army 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 First Class 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<sup>2</sup>:58)

If you have any "plenty", please place it in an envelope marked **"For Special Assistance"** and Fr. Kevin will be sure it is given to help "supply their needs." **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 **\$6658** last week. This week there will be a second collection to help defray the cost of the *Air Conditioning. Thank you for your generosity!* 



### **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

First Mondays of each month at 11am in the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. Women 18 years of age and older are invited to join us and see what we do! Juniors ages 11-18; Juniorettes ages 6-10, (date and place upon request). Contact: Regent Eileen Stanton. http://www.catholicdaughters.org/

### **Prayer Group**

Mondays at 7:30pm in the Our Lady of Mercy Chapel. Come, and bring a friend! Call John & Rosemary Murello at 676-2767 for details.

## **Holy Hour and Benediction**

Wednesdays at 2pm in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel.

## **Prayer Vigil for the Sick**

Thursdays 7 -7:30pm in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel.

## Scripture Study Resumes in September

Meets September though June on Thursdays from 7:30pm-9pm in the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. Bring your bible and join us! Call Rosemary and John Murello at 676-2767 for details.

## Bingo

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

## **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays after 8am Mass in Our Lady of Mercy Chapel with veneration of relic of St. Catherine of Labore.

## Lay Carmelites of Blessed Titus Brandsma

Third Saturdays of the month at 9am in the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. Call Flora Musico at 656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 676-0330 for details.

## Men's Ministry Resumes September 26

Meets September through June on the fourth Saturdays of the month beginning with 8am Mass in the Our Lady of Mercy Chapel. Meetings are a testimonial to Catholic brotherhood and unity, with highly topical discussions. Contact Rich at qbalwily@optonline.net for more information.

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#### SUMMER READING

Just the other morning, there was an interesting segment on one of the morning television news shows featuring that well known and beloved children's author, Dr. Seuss. Apparently, a new book of his titled *What Pet Should I Get* was released on July 28, 2015. It is been nearly 25 years, since Dr. Seuss has had anything published.

Most of us are familiar with his books that are filled with rhyming statements that sometimes can apply to life; I dare say there are even lessons adults can learn from these stories of his. One such quote emphasizes the importance of reading. "The more that you read, the



more things you will know; the more that you learn the more places you'll go!" How true this saying is; reading expands and stimulates the mind. The summer season is the perfect time to perhaps play "catch-up" on reading. I know high school students probably have summer reading assignments, which they may or may not like. If some of them are like me, they may wait until late August to start their required reading. As I grew into adulthood I began to enjoy reading; I hope the parishioners of St. Boniface read.

Some will say they are too busy to read; but then again, many of us seem to have time to read Facebook and twitter posts. True some posts are informative and educational, but the vast majority are nothing more than mindless gossip. Reading can be relaxing and certainly educational, even if it is just a novel. It encourages us to use our imagination and stimulates our mind. If we really think about what we are reading it can even help us reflect.

This summer, I am currently reading *Francis, A Pope for Our Time*, by Luis Rosales & Daniel Olivera. It is a biographical account of Jorge Bergoglio, the man we call Pope Francis, our Holy Father and Vicar of Christ on earth. It is an easy read, and I recommend it in preparation for his visit to the United States this fall. I also just finished reading *The Alchemist*, by Pauleo Coelho, a novel about a shepherd boy named Santiago, who is not afraid to search for his dreams. In fact one quote from the book aptly summarizes the entire novel. "The fear of suffering is worse than suffering itself . . . no heart has ever suffered when it goes in search of its dreams." Another interesting and colorful read is the *50<sup>th</sup> Law* by the Rapper Fifty Cent (aka Curtis Jackson) and Robert Green. Fifty Cent is unorthodox in his approach, but has some good life lessons, and spiritual ones, too; I would dare say, especially the final chapter of his book which deals with death. For those looking for something more traditional in spirituality try *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Second Half of Life*, by Richard Rohr. This book offers insight into how spiritual growth happens and explains why the second half of life should be full of spiritual richness. Finally, another good read which is also a work of fiction is *Albert of Adelaide*, by Howard L. Anderson. It is a beast fable for adults and teenagers that deals with friendship, finding oneself, loyalty and other valuable life lessons.

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he/she dies... the one who never reads lives only one" (George R.R. Martin, *A Dance with Dragons*). I think this quote is very true. Reading helps us find endless opportunities that exist for ourselves and others; we can travel to far away and distant places without ever leaving the comfort of our homes, and it will cost us little to no money! God gave us the gift of intelligence and the ability to understand and know. We have an obligation to nourish and nurture this great gift. In reading we might just discover some new and interesting way to make the Kingdom of God more real for Sea Cliff and our neighboring communities!

Happy Reading! Fr. Kevin

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## **EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY**

If you know any homebound person, hospital patient or nursing home resident that would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Center at 676-0676.



### The Inner Word: What's in your heart?

The Israelites "grumbled" many times during their sojourn through the desert to the land God had promised them. In many cases God's reaction was anger at the people's failure to trust in God's guidance, despite the circumstances. In this week's reading, however, God's ultimate response was an act of care: sending them the "flesh" and "bread" they desired.

Complaints against God are not in themselves a sin; they figure in scripture on many occasions. It's what they lead to that's important. Doubt can lead to belief; even questioning shows you value in a relationship. Don't be afraid to bring your uncertainties to God. You just might be opening a door to greater faith.

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### **Exploring the Word:** The Great Debate Begins

For the next four weeks, the whole church concentrates on a single chapter of John's gospel. Its subject is Jesus, the Bread of Life. It's rare in the liturgical calendar to provide such a prolonged emphasis, but our intent focus is a matter of importance to our lives as Catholic Christians.

We gather weekly around this table of our Eucharist, hoping to discover ever more deeply its meaning. In John chapter six, we're exploring the great mystery of what calls us here: What is the purpose of assembling each Sunday to confess our failures, listen to God's word, ask for what we need, give praise and thanks, and receive the gift of Christ-life in the forms of bread and wine? If we spend a lifetime performing these actions on autopilot, without reflection, our liturgical life can devolve into a spiritual wasteland. Mass isn't, as composer and retreat leader Tom Kendzia says, a matter of get-Jesus-on-your-tongue and leave. But if not that, then what?

John's gospel, with the benefit of 50 more years of reflection on the Jesus experience and the church's practiced rituals than the Synoptics, delves deeper into the mysteries of the church than the other gospels did or could do. Here the "crowds" are contrasted with the "true friends" of Jesus. The crowds ask the wrong questions: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" "What sign can you do?"—focusing their attention on the shell of a miracle and never its meat. They also quote scripture without understanding them: "Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat." And they ask for what they are not prepared to receive: "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus ignores requests for pointless evidence of his powers, or for superficial signs that don't encourage faith but merely foster curiosity. He corrects their scripture citation: It was not *Moses* who *gave* manna to the people. It is God who gives the bread from heaven. Different source, different tense. Miracle food comes from God, and it's being offered right in this moment.

And in response to their request for the gift of this bread, which sounds so sincerely spoken, Jesus reveals himself: "I AM the bread of life." This week's passage is a cliff-hanger. We don't hear how this bold offering is received. Will the crowds clamor to partake of this Jesus-bread? Tune in the next few weeks for the explosive sequel!

For now, the gauntlet is thrown down before the skeptical crowds and the friends of Jesus alike. Turns out the bread from heaven isn't an antique story about Moses in the desert years. The bread from heaven is right here, in our midst—every Sunday. We're invited to take and eat it, consume and become it. It is God who gives this bread. What does it mean for us to take it?

## • Take Five for Faith

#### Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2

Food: healthy eating or the latest bizarre and trendy enthusiasm of the "foodie"? Well, for the greatest number of our sisters and brothers, bread is still the bottom line, both literally and symbolically. Jesus may have informed the devil that people "do not live on bread alone," but physical hunger must be satisfied along with the spiritual hunger satisfied by the nourishing Word of God. Play your part in feeding the poor. Support a local food bank. Your work will ultimately provide you and those you serve with soul-enriching nourishment.

#### Monday, August 3

Some of the happiest words in the English language are: Time to eat! No matter how rough the path of a given day, sitting down to a meal improves the mood and replenishes energy. But the recharging effect of a meal requires one simple plug-in on our end: gratitude. The Israelites in the desert didn't appreciate the steady diet of manna that literally saved their lives. Instead they groused and compared it to the fare they had back in Egypt. Bring gratitude to every table, and *bon appétit*!

#### <u>Tuesday, August 4</u>

#### Feast of St. John Vianney, priest

To the sophisticated of the 21st century, Saint John Vianney can seem a funny, well-intentioned but bumbling Catholic antique. But his commitment, especially to those seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, was anything but antiquated, and he continues to inspire. We can forgive his overzealous threat to withhold absolution from penitents who refused to give up dancing (!) and celebrate parish priests, who—like Saint John—place the good of their parishioners and their growth in holiness above all else. Know a priest? Why not call and give him a word of encouragement and gratitude today?

#### Wednesday, August 5

#### Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of Mary Major

Today we honor the largest church in the world dedicated to Mary, *the Mother of God*. While Catholics today utter that Marian title with ease, at one time whether Mary of Nazareth was best named "Mother of *Christ*" or "Mother of *God*" was an intense, even violent controversy. The Greek word for the latter title is *Theotokos*, God-Bearer. Saint Francis of Assisi saw each of us as "bearers of Christ within," whose duty is to bring Christ to birth daily in our world. In honor of the Mother of God, work to bring Christ to life each day with simple acts of love and forgiveness.

#### Thursday, August 6

#### Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Transfiguration is a moment when everything changes. It might be the moment you receive a diagnosis of cancer. A phone call in the middle of the night bringing news of a sudden death. A truck that careens out of control on the highway . . . or a bomb dropped out of the clear blue summer sky on an August Monday morning. Hiroshima was a tragedy, as has been all war violence before or since. How about we work on a new transfiguration—to a world where violence is left behind and peace reigns?

#### <u>Friday, August 7</u> Feast of St. Cajetan, priest

Saint Cajetan is the beloved patron of Argentina, especially of that country's poor and those seeking decent employment. He was familiar with the world of high finance and founded the Bank of Naples in the 16th century to offer the poor an alternative to loan sharks who preyed upon them. Argentinian Pope Francis consistently urges us to help the poor, perhaps not by founding a bank but neither by simply writing a check. The Holy Father says we must engage with poor people, look them in the eye, and touch them, and then together go out to meet and help those who are in greater need, because there is always someone in greater need: "Your heart will begin to enlarge, to enlarge, to enlarge! ... Do it!"

#### Saturday, August 8 Feast of St. Dominic

#### Feast of St. Dominic, priest

Saint Dominic was a highly educated young man in 12th-century Spain who, when the country fell into famine, responded in exactly the way Jesus said we all must if we are to follow him: He sold what he had, gave it to the poor, and followed Jesus. When one day he met a ragged beggar and recognized him as one about whom he'd dreamt, he said, "You are my companion and must walk with me. If we hold together, no earthly power can withstand us." The beggar was Francis of Assisi. Like these two onetime rich boys, move the Kingdom forward by giving away the gifts you have.

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The youth group meets on Sundays from 6pm-8pm in the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. All 8th-12th graders are invited! Follow us on instagram, username: stbonyg, join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group', or email Youth Minister, Chris, at stbonym@gmail.com

## **Religious Education**

Registration has begun for the 2015-16 school year is ongoing throughout the summer. Applications are available in the parish office.



Please submit a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate with the registration form. Tuition is \$125 for the first child and \$75 for each additional child. Class placement is first come first served, so please register early. Call 671-0418 or email stbonccd@gmail.com with questions.

The schedule is as follows:

- K-5 Tuesday or Wednesday 4pm-5:10pm
- 6-8 Wednesday or Thursday 7pm-8:15pm
- K-8 Sunday Family Program 9am-10:10am

Teachers (catechists) and other volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering in this most rewarding ministry!

Lucky Boni-Buck & Raffle

The Lucky Boni-Buck\$ winner for July is **John Canning.** The next drawing will be August 1. Don't forget to participate in the Lucky Boni Buck\$ Raffle. Only one \$25 ticket (or 5 for \$100) gives you 14 chances to win \$500. The drawing is the first day of each month with 2 bonus drawings on St. Patrick's Day and the Feast of St. Boniface. All proceeds go to support St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Tickets are available by the main doors of the church and in the parish center.

## **Parish Directory**

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145 Glen Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579 (516) 676-0676 / Fax: (516) 674-6742 E-mail: stbonchurch@gmail.com / www.saintboniface.org Office Hours: 9am-12:30pm & 1:30pm-4:30pm, Monday-Friday

#### All Saints Regional Catholic School (ASR)

Headmaster: The Very Reverend Dom Elias Carr, Can. Reg. 12 Pearsall Avenue, Glen Cove, NY 11542 (516) 676-0762. Website: www.asrcatholic.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 Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. Please return completed forms to the parish center.

**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 Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center 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 interested in becoming Catholic. Call the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center at 676-0676 for more information.