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Fr. Kevin Dillon, Pastor



"Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said,
"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6: 60-69)

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2015

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass: 8am in chapel (not Sundays/Holy Days)

Sundays: Saturdays 5pm; Sundays: 8am, 10:15am*

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

Special Intentions: 5pm first Saturday of the month

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 23

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

Saturday 5pm: Kelly Morace

8am Mass Intention: Ellen Thompson

10:15am Mass Intention: Parishioners

Monday, August 24 (Frank & Genevieve Herbek)

Feast of St. Bartholomew, apostle

Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Tuesday, August 25 (Welch/Woltering Families)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 23:23-26

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, August 26

1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Thursday, August 27

Feast of St. Monica

1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Friday, August 28

Feast of St. Augustine, bishop, Doctor of church

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Saturday, August 29 (Maria Dolores Palacios)

Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 Mark 6:17-29

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

5pm Vigil Mass Intention: Parishioners

5pm Vigil Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Family Mass: Our Children's Liturgy of the Word program will resume in September. We are in need of volunteers to lead the children's program Sundays during the 10:15am Mass approximately once a month, depending on the number of volunteers. If you are interested, please see Pat Warner or Jeff Schneider. Thank you.

Minister's Schedule

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 23

5pm

Lector:

Ministers

Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Veronica Giordano

Eileen Bowersock

Paul Bramfeld

Irma Berkley

Katherine Miller

8am

Lector:

Ministers:

Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Jovanna Lemonda

Andrew DiSalvo

Peggy Niper

Pat Warner

Marie Agosta

10:15am

Lector:

Ministers:

Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Laureen Feehan

Camille Miritello, Susan Moran

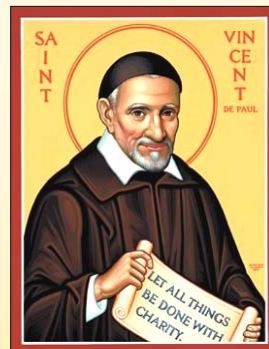
Rosemary & John Murello

Lorraine O'Sullivan

Carolyn Rassiger

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?



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Please pray for those who have eternal life.

Please Pray for our Sick

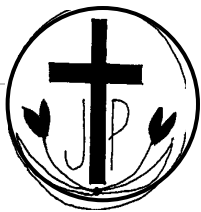
William Anderson, Steve Anzalone,
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Michelle Martone, Concetta O'Regan,
John Orozco, Marian Pascucci,
Sioban Rack, Maria Santoli,
Rhonda Speranza, Mary Toto.



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



Lieutenant Melissa Buffa & Lieutenant Travis Buffa
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Captain Christina Merrick-Wright
Captain Bradley Wright, US Army.



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*"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", 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.

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Catholic Daughters of the Americas

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

Prayer Group

Mondays at 7:30pm in the chapel. Come, and bring
a friend! Call John and Rosemary Murello at 676-
2767 for details.

Holy Hour and Benediction

Wednesdays at 2pm in the chapel.

Prayer Vigil for the Sick

Thursdays 7 -7:30pm in the chapel.

Scripture Study Resumes September 17

Meets Thursdays from 7:30pm-9pm in the meeting
room in the parish center. The book we use for
Scripture Study is Bringing the Gospel of Luke to
Life, Insight and Inspiration, by George Martin. The
two disciples who walked with the risen Jesus on
the road to Emmaus exclaimed afterward, "Were not
our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us
on our way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Luke
24:32). We too would like the Scriptures opened to
us so that we could understand their meaning. 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 the chapel with
veneration of the relic of St. Catherine of Labore.

Lay Carmelites of Blessed Titus Brandsma

Third Saturdays of the month at 9am in the
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 chapel. Contact Rich at qbalwily@optonline.net
for more information.

Frank Gifford, an NFL Hall of Famer with the NY Giants and broadcaster for *Monday Night Football* died a couple of weeks ago. Based on statements made by his wife, Kathy Lee Gifford upon his death, and in her memoirs, one could conclude that they had a very good marriage and that the two truly loved one another. Paraphrasing one of her statements, Kathy Lee called her husband, Frank, her best friend. One newscaster responded and agreed to this statement by saying “make sure you are marrying your best friend.” This could not be any truer for a couple who is contemplating entering into marriage.



Friends are people who share **YOUR** values, hopes, dreams and expectations. Obviously they may not agree on every single issue, because we are all unique and approach life from different perspectives, but I do not think anyone would disagree with saying there has to be **some** common ground, especially with regard to faith and family values, and morals. Friends are people who nurture us, nourish us, strengthen us, challenge us and affirm us. Friends should be individuals we want to spend time with and enjoy their company. Our friends should be positive thinking people, as we should be ourselves. It naturally makes sense that that a marriage between a man and a woman should be between two best friends. I was privileged to see this kind of marriage with my own parents when I was growing up. They very much enjoyed simply being with each other. When my dad died, my mother even remarked how she lost her “best friend.” For those of you who are married, I hope you consider your spouse your best friend.

Some marriages, unfortunately do not work out for a variety of reasons, (i.e., immaturity, lack of communication, unrealistic expectations by one or both parties, etc.) and this leads to divorce. Pope Francis has made the issue of divorce and how to make divorced people feel welcome in the Catholic Church as one of the priorities of his pontificate. People who are divorced, but **NOT** remarried **may receive Holy Communion and are NOT excommunicated from the Church.** The Church offers a **Decree of Nullity** (annulment) for those who are divorced; thus making it possible for one or both to remarry validly in the Catholic Church, and should either or both of the parties choose to not remarry again, they **MAY receive Holy Communion.** If you know of someone who is divorced encourage him/her to seek an annulment. Bishop Murphy has waived the charge for this, and all that is required is a \$100 application fee. If someone you know needs help with this or has questions, please do not hesitate to tell the individual to call or email me. I will do my best to assist and if I cannot help, I will certainly refer the matter to someone who can.

In his general audience in Rome on April 15, 2015, Pope Francis said, “God has entrusted the earth to the alliance of man and woman; its failures makes the world arid of affections and darkens the sky of hope. The signs are already worrying and we see them... the earth is filled with harmony and trust when the alliance between man and woman is lived well. If man and woman seek it together between themselves and with God, without a doubt they will find it.” Marriage is a sacrament and an important and time honored institution, and we need to do everything in our power to affirm and encourage married people, and to pastorally assist those whose marriages are hurting or broken.

Happy Ten Year Anniversary, Fr. Azubuike!

Azubuike Anthony Clifford Igwegbe was born on January 11, 1972 in Akwaeze, Anambra, Nigeria. He graduated from St. Theresa College, Nsukka in 1990 and Bigard Memorial Seminary at Enugu in 2005, where he studied Theology and Philosophy. Fr. Azubuike was ordained on August 20, 2005 and worked in the Catholic Diocese of Awka before arriving in the US on October 21, 2011, became a Chaplain at North Shore LIJ in Glen Cove and assisting priest at St. Boniface Martyr Parish in Sea Cliff. Congratulations and God bless you, Father!



Take Five for Faith

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 23

"The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried," wrote British author G.K. Chesterton. The gospel teachings are indeed challenging; they go against the grain, especially in a culture that encourages us to focus on a different "trinity"—the self-absorbed trinity of Me, Myself, and I. Jesus challenged us to look beyond our own needs (which God is fully aware of in any case) and respond to the needs of those around us. Many walked the other way when they heard this message. But others stayed. Will you stay or will you go?

Monday, August 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew, apostle

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke name Bartholomew as one of the original 12 disciples. Scripture also puts him among the witnesses who retreated to the upper room after Jesus' Ascension. Tradition holds that Bartholomew traveled to Mesopotamia and Persia to preach the gospel and, as a result, he was brutally martyred. Ask yourself, "What kind of a person could persuade me to abandon the safety of the familiar to preach a message of love so radical that it could cost me my life? Do I have the courage to follow where Jesus leads me?" Saint Bartholomew, pray for me.

Tuesday, August 25

To share the gospel is to share a part of yourself. You bring your life experience to bear on the Word of God you hear at Mass. These stories become a part of who we are to the point that we sometimes forget we are the living word, witnesses to the gospel in everyday life. This is no easy task, but you are worthy. Share yourself with those around you through acts of love today, and the gospel will become more real, not just for those you encounter but for you, too.

Wednesday, August 26

Truth, goodness, and beauty are prime virtues. The church fathers agreed with Greek philosophers on this list. Prime virtues don't have to produce anything beyond themselves, since they're intrinsically valuable. When we find truth, goodness, and beauty in the world we catch a glimpse of God, their source. We expect to find God in truth and goodness, but often overlook the beautiful. Perhaps we've been deceived by the shell

of attraction that often hides something less appealing. Seek beauty that permeates all the way through people, things, ideas, and actions.

Thursday, August 27

Feast of St. Monica

Saint Monica is widely recognized due to her famous son, Saint Augustine of Hippo. By his own account, Augustine was a restless, wayward young man. Monica was deeply troubled by his life choices. Legends say that she wept for him every night and prayed for him constantly. She also sought help from others, including a bishop who, seeing her persistence, remarked, "The child of those tears shall never perish." Shortly before Monica's death in 387, Augustine embraced the church. Today, walk with Saint Monica in hope and prayer for all those who are struggling to find their way in life.

Friday, August 28

Feast of St. Augustine, bishop, Doctor of church

"War, what is it good for?" asked the Vietnam War-era protest song. It is a question that echoes through the ages. Just war theory argues that while very terrible, war is not always the worst option. There may be responsibilities so important, atrocities that can be prevented, or outcomes so undesirable they justify war. Though many early Christians were pacifists, Saint Augustine was an early proponent of the just war theory. The problem is that one nation's notion of wickedness is another nation's notion of just cause. Pray for a time when war will be seen as an obsolete strategy for resolving differences.

Saturday, August 29

Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

What kind of person sees the brokenness of human relationships and refuses to remain silent confronted by the alienation of sin? Someone, perhaps, who is "holy and upright" and who speaks truth that is rooted in God. Thus it was with John the Baptist, who spoke truth to power even though it cost him his life. Refusing the path of silence, the preacher and prophet John prepared the way for the one who is the "truth and the light." We who accept God's call to follow are equally "obliged to honor and bear witness to truth," as the Catechism of the Catholic Church says. Speak truth with kindness throughout this day.

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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

Summer Youth Group (grades 6-8) will meet on **August 30** (no meetings on August 23 or September 6). **September 13** is the Fall Kickoff Event!

Religious Education

This years Religious Education Program will begin the week of **September 20** with the Family Program. All after-school and evening classes will begin that week on September 22, 23 and 24.



All families that have not yet registered may do so by obtaining a Religious Education registration form from the vestibule in the church after any of the masses, OR from the Parish Center. Please fill it out as soon as possible. Classes are filling up very quickly! Return it to the Parish Center either by dropping it off or mailing it in. All forms must be received no later than **September 10th**.

St. Boniface Martyr Religious Education Back to School Night is on Tuesday **September 22** at 7 pm in the St. Boniface Gym. Please attend this important meeting.

Catechists (Teachers) are needed for all grades, especially Kindergarten through grade 5, in both afternoon sessions and on Sunday morning for the Family Program. The success of the program lies in your assistance in volunteering. Please consider participating. Team teaching is encouraged, training and on going assistance is provided for all volunteers.

If you have any questions about the Religious Education program please contact Mrs. Croce at 671-0418 or by e-mail at stbonccd@gmail.com

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***Thursday evening hours start September 10 (1:30pm-8:30pm)**

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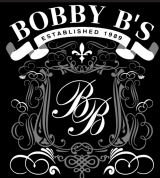
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Parish Registration: We welcome all new members of our parish family. We ask all parishioners to welcome and invite new neighbors and their families to become a part of St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Parish registration (census) forms available by the main doors of the church and parish center. Please return 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 parish center at 676-0676 for more information.



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