

# 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. Kevin Dillon, Pastor



I am the bread of life. (John 6:41-51)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 9, 2015

## Mass Schedule

**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.

Saturday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day. Because it falls on Saturday this year, it is NOT a day of obligation, but Catholics are still encouraged to attend Mass that day. Masses for the Assumption will be at 7:30pm on Friday and 8am & 10:15am on Saturday. Masses will be celebrated in the Church.

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1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30-5:2; John 6:41-51

**Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass** Intention: Parishioners **8am Mass** Intention: Raymond Pierce

**10:15am Mass** Intention: Raymond Fierce **10:15am Mass** Intention: Donald Albin **Monday, August 10** (Angelo D'Avino)

Feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon, martyr

2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

#### Tuesday, August 11

Feast of Saint Clare, virgin

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, August 12

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Thursday, August 13

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1

8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

Friday, August 14 (Joan E. Rocchi)

Feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr

Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

7:30pm Vigil Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Saturday, August 15

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** 

Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**8am Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike **10:15am Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

**5pm** Intention: Bernadette McCann, Josephine

Hunt

5pm Vigil Mass Celebrant: Fr. Jude

# Minister's Schedule

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 9

**5pm** Celebrant: Fr. Kevin
Lector: Brian Pemberton
Ministers: Irma Berkley

Bill Berkley
Paul Bramfeld
Veronica Giordano

8am Celebrant: Fr. Jude

Lector: Donna Holden Ministers: Andrew DiSalvo

> Kevin Kelly Peggy Niper Pat Warner

10:15am Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

Lector: Nan Bischoff

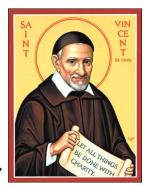
Ministers: Joe Vulpis, Michele Walthers

Scott Whitting, Loretta Zahner

Donna Calamis Susan Castelli.

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

In this Gospel the love that Jesus reveals through the symbol of the cross is: self-giving, sacrificial, healing, forgiving, in solidarity with the weak, confident in the power of God. During the hot summer months, many of the elderly, especially those who are sick, are not able to find relief



from the heat. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring respite and hope to them.

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 stairs near 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!

Please pray for those who have eternal life.

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. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navv Lance CPL Gregory Knox Captain Brett Korade, USN Private Vincent S. LaManna, Jr., US Army Lieutenant Brian McMenamin Lieutenant Ian McMenamin Private First Class Ioshua 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 \$8102 and \$1342 for our *Air Conditioning Fund* last week. Next week there will be a second collection for our *Maintenance and Repair Fund*. 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

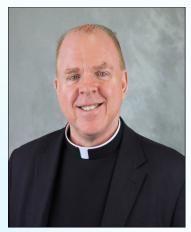
Third Saturdays of the month at 9am in the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. Call Flora Musico at 656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 676-0330 for details.

#### **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.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the dogma that proclaims Mary being taken up into heaven body and soul at the end of her earthly life. It was proclaimed a doctrine of the faith by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

In *Munificentissimus Deus* (no. 39), Pius XII references the book of Genesis (3:15) as scriptural support and proof for this dogma in terms of Mary's victory over sin and death. For Christians Jesus Christ is God, the second person of the Holy Trinity, and is therefore perfect in every way, including being sinless; so it would naturally make sense that the woman who bore him should be sinless as well. I am not sure if you have ever given any thought to this, but have you ever wondered why there are relics of many saints but none of the Virgin Mary? Because Mary was without



original sin, and she cooperated fully with God's plan to advance salvation history, Mary's body did not undergo corruption and decay, and so at the moment of her death both her body and soul were taken up into heaven; therefore there are no physical remains left of her here on earth. This is precisely why we celebrate this feast.

Because it is such an important feast, August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation for **ALL** Catholics; however, when it falls on a Saturday (as it does this year) or a Monday the obligation is abrogated (relaxed). This **does not** mean, however, that we should not attend Holy Mass on this day!

I would urge and plead with you to attend Mass for this great feast honoring Mary. Here at St. Boniface Martyr, we will have three Masses for the Assumption. Friday evening our vigil Mass will be at 7:30 PM, and on Saturday, Masses will be at 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM. All Masses will be held in the Church.

Mary is the Mother of the Church and our mother also. She intercedes for us with her Son; I know in my own life Mary has always helped me and has interceded for me when I needed her assistance. She has never let me down! If you are honest with yourself, I am sure you will be able to name times in your own faith journey where Mary has spoken to her Son on your behalf. So why not show Our Lady your gratitude and celebrate the Eucharist on her "special day". You will be glad you did, and more importantly so will her Son!

O Mary Conceived without sin, Pray for us.



#### Will You Help Us End Funding for Planned Parenthood?

Priests for Life (www.priestsforlife.com) has helped expose to the public that Planned Parenthood, in violation of the law, is selling the body parts of aborted babies. You can help bring this to an end. Please go to the website **BabyBodyParts.com**, where you can see the videos that have revealed this, join a prayer campaign about it and can take action so that Congress can stop your tax dollars from funding these activities. All parishioners are asked to avoid giving any support whatsoever to Planned Parenthood.

#### **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?

Elijah was despairing—again. This time it wasn't only famine and drought. His land and king had gone bad, the prophets who might have pointed things in a better direction were dead, and someone wanted to kill him, and so he decided to lie down under a tree and wait to die. God, however, wouldn't let him—also again. Twice an angel woke him and fed him, not only to keep him alive but also to prepare him for a long walk to meet his God. In what ways does God touch you and give you strength and hope for life's journey?

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#### **Exploring the Word:** Food for the Journey

When Ernest Shackleton, the great polar explorer, advertized for crews to join his legendary expeditions, he didn't beat around the bush. Shackleton didn't promise fame and glory, or propose a glamorous adventure. Here's an ad he put in the papers: "MEN WANTED FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY: small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honor and recognition in case of success."

Would you sign up for this voyage? Enough did to make his expeditions to the north and south poles possible. There are easier ways to make a living, of course. Those who undertake epic journeys are looking for more than wages. "Honor and recognition," as Shackleton put it, is prize enough for some. But for others, the epic journey is really a spiritual quest to find out who you are, what inhabits the core of your being when the rest of the world is stripped away.

The prophet Elijah takes an epic journey of courage in confronting the reigning monarchs in his day. Elijah's not after honor and recognition; his only motivation is to serve God faithfully. Like the sailors who signed on with Shackleton, Elijah knows up front that his mission is perilous, that he's in constant danger. But the seasons of complete darkness eventually get to him anyway. He gives up, surrenders to the desert experience, lies down and prepares for death. Then comes the angel, bringing heavenly refreshments. *You'll need this for the journey ahead:* that's the message. *There's still a ways to go before you can rest.* 

Each of us here has a ways to go on the journey we're uniquely pursuing, before we take our rest. We'll find cold, and dark, and danger on this road—maybe long seasons when the darkness is so complete that our safety seems in great doubt. Honor and recognition will frequently be lacking. We'll have to feel our way by grace and bolster our courage with prayer through the toughest parts. In milder seasons of life, our worship can seem insubstantial and inert, "like drifting into a pious coma," as spiritual writer Jim Manney phrases it. But we mustn't be fooled. In the seemingly soft seasons of our spiritual practices, we're developing a relationship that will sustain us through the arctic darkness when it comes.

"I am the living bread," Jesus declares to believers, and to non-believers, who hover around him demanding to be fed. Then he adds something so astonishing that, if we really heard it, we'd paint it in bold letters across the walls of our living rooms: "The bread—that I give—is my flesh—for the life of the world." No journey is so hazardous that this bread won't sustain us all the way through.

# <sup>°</sup> Take Five for Faith

#### Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 9

The word *desert* often evokes images of a vast, hostile environment devoid of life. Yet the desert is a common symbol used in scripture to give context to an experience of God. It can, for example, be a symbol of quieting ourselves and finding our grounding in God, even in the busyness of everyday life. How do you enter into the desert? While we may not have a vast wilderness to retreat into, we can find small ways: plugging into our favorite reflective song, breathing in fresh air, closing our eyes and opening our heart to God.

#### Monday, August 10

#### Feast of Saint Lawrence, deacon, martyr

When Saint Lawrence, a third-century deacon, was ordered by the prefect of Rome to hand over whatever wealth the early church had, Lawrence rounded up the poor and sick, presented them to the prefect, and announced, "These are the treasures of the church!" The poor and sick continue to be the church's greatest treasure. "In the poor and outcast," says Pope Francis, "we see Christ's face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ." In your service to those in material need you will find your life's greatest riches.

## Tuesday, August 11 Feast of Saint Clare, virgin

Saint Clare of Assisi was born into a well-to-do family in 1194. By custom, she was expected to marry into a family of similar social status. After hearing Francis preach, Clare chose a very different path. Like Francis, Clare desired to follow closely the model of Jesus. Her wish for a life of prayer, simplicity, and evangelical poverty was realized in 1212 when she and Francis founded the second Franciscan order, later known as the Order of Saint Clare. The two encouraged and supported each other for the rest of their lives. Today, say special prayers for your companions on the spiritual journey!

#### Wednesday, August 12

Today is International Youth Day, a good day to acknowledge that the future is present and walking among us. A day to ponder your own legacy—what can you offer the youth of today? What have you learned that you can teach? Where have you found

good in the world that you can point out to those whose eyes are fresher? How has your faith helped in hard times and what lessons can you pass on? And what can you learn in turn from those who are more innocent and spontaneous?

#### Thursday, August 13

The Mayo Clinic specializes in wellness—not just physical health but also emotional wellness. Their list of the benefits of forgiving someone include: healthier relationships; greater spiritual and psychological well-being; less anxiety, stress, and hostility; lower blood pressure; fewer symptoms of depression; a stronger immune system; improved heart health; higher self-esteem. Pretty healthy stuff, this forgiveness. Take two forgiveness pills and call an estranged loved one in the morning!

#### Friday, August 14

Feast of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr The old Burt Bacharach song said, "What the world needs now, is love, sweet love," and Franciscan Maximilian Kolbe showed that it is possible to give the world what it needs in Jesus' name. Kolbe summed up a life of love and service in a simple but dramatic act. Hearing a fellow prisoner at Auschwitz cry out, "My wife! My children!" as his name was called out for execution, Kolbe volunteered to take his place. There were likely thousands of similar heroic acts of compassion in the years of the death camps—flickers of love and light—now forgotten. But Kolbe's story has been remembered and retold just to remind you that while your act of love today probably will not cost you your life, it will go far to bring Christ's sweet love alive.

#### Saturday, August 15

#### Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The young woman who traveled the hill country to visit her cousin on that long ago day did not know what the future held. Pregnant, and with more questions than answers, she nonetheless had given her assent to God's will. It was the first yes in an earthly life of total surrender. That young woman on the road to Judah would have been as stunned as anyone to know she would share in her Son's Resurrection. She alone among humanity would one day be taken, body and soul, into heavenly glory. Ask for the grace to surrender the worries of this day to Mary's Son.

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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-5:10pm6-8 Wednesday or Thursday 7pm-8:15pmK-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 & Raftle

The Lucky Boni-Buck\$ winner for August is the **McCormack Family** of Sea Cliff. The next drawing will be September 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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#### Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center

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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 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.