St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church

Established 1898 ~ Sea Cliff, NY 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.

Reverend Kevin J. Dillon, Pastor



# OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39–40

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## ST. BONIFACE MARTYR R.C. CHURCH Glen Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY www.saintboniface.org 516-676-0676

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# Christmas Schedule 2015



### **CONFESSION**

4pm, Saturday, December 19 Communal Penance Service: 7:30pm, Tuesday, December 22

### <u>MASSES</u>

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24 4pm, 6pm, 10:30pm

Christmas Day: Friday, December 25 8am, 10:15am, 12 Noon

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God: Friday, January 1 New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31: 4pm, 5:30pm New Year's Day, Friday, January 1: 10:15am, 12:30pm

### The Epiphany of the Lord: Sunday, January 3 Saturday, January 2: 5pm Sunday, January 3: 8am, 10:15am

Mass Schedule

**Daily Mass**: 8am in Chapel through 12/23/15, then **IN CHURCH** 12/24/15 through 1/10/16. **Sundays:** Saturdays 5pm; Sundays: 8am, 10:15am\* **Special Intentions:** 5pm first Saturday of the month

Confession: Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

The altar bread and wine were donated in loving memory of **Shaun Brala** by John, Lisa, Christie and Family. The candles and sanctuary lamp were donated in loving memory of **Frank Carparelli** by the Carparelli and Brala Family.

Saturday 5pm Intention: Jacqueline Galano 8am Mass Intention: Parishioners 10:15am Intention: Larry Graziose

Monday, December 21 (Angelo D'Avino) Feast of St. Peter Canisius

Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45 **8am Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon

<u>Tuesday, December 22</u> (Michael J. Lincks, Jr.) *1 Samuel 1:24-28; Luke 1:46-56*  **8am Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon **7:30pm Communal Penance Service** 

Wednesday. December 23 (Marilyn McCarthy) Feast of St. John of Kanty Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon

Thursday, December 24 (Mary Toto) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79 Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon 8am Mass IN CHURCH; Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon 4pm Mass (Shaun Brala ) Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon 6pm Mass (Pete McGowan) Celebrant: Fr.

Hyacinth 10:30pm Mass (Novena) Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

Dillon

**12pm Mass** (Parishioners) Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon

Saturday, December 26

Minister's Schedule

### Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 20

**5pm** Lector: Ministers: **Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon** Brian Pemberton Eileen Bowersock Paul Bramfeld Yvonne Brantuas Ann Dubin

### 8**am**

Lector: Donna Ministers: Marie Ana A Ralph Peggy

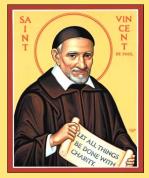
**Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon** Donna Holden Marie Agosta Ana Arellano Ralph Casey Peggy Cullen

### 10:15am Celebrant: Fr. Kevin Dillon

Lector: Eileen Moran Child Liturgy: Pat Warner Ministers: Rosemary & John Murello Carolyn Rassiger, Tom Ryan Jane Serpico Joe Vulpis.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real,



lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul box by the stairs near the main doors of the church, please say a pray for those who may 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, please call 676-0676. *Thank you!* 

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### **Please Pray for our Deceased**

Please pray for those who have entered into eternal life.

Please Pray for our Sick William Anderson, Steve Anzalone, Keith Dunn, Michelle Martone, Concetta O'Regan, John Orozco, Sioban Rack, Maria Santoli, Rhonda Speranza, Steven Taibbi.



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 Navy Lance CPL Gregory Knox Captain Brett Korade, USN Private First Class Ignazio LaManna, US Army Private First Class 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.

### **Special Assistance 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 "surplus" for those in need, please place your donation in an envelope marked **"For Special Assistance"** and Fr. Kevin will be sure it is distributed to help "supply their needs." **PLEASE PRAY** about this and what Jesus is calling you to

### Parish Outreach

The Outreach Program is preparing Christmas baskets. We are in need of canned corn, Progresso soup, and Chef Boyardee products as well as rice and cold cereal. Please bring your donations to Sunday Mass. *Thank you!* 

### Stewardship ... a Way of Life

Thank you for your financial stewardship of **\$8766** and **\$2030** donation to our Maintenance and Repair Fund last week. Thank you for your generosity!

### **Catholic Daughters**

First Mondays of the month at11am in the parish center for women age18 and older. Juniors ages 11-18; Juniorettes ages 6-10 (date and place upon request) Contact: Regent Eileen Stanton www.catholicdaughters.org.

### **Prayer Group**

Mondays at 7:30pm in the chapel. Join us! 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 7pm -7:30pm in the chapel.

### **Scripture Study**

Thursdays from 7:30pm-9pm in the parish center. We use <u>Bringing the Gospel of Luke to Life,</u> <u>Insight and Inspiration</u>, by George Martin. 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.

### **Men's Ministry**

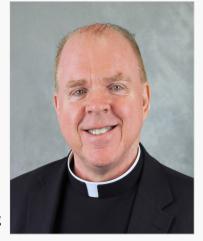
Fourth Saturdays of the month beginning with 8am Mass in the chapel. We are called, as Catholic men to become the best version of ourselves by the way we live. Our faith response to current events in our world is at the heart of our discussions. For more info, contact Rich Lucidi at qbalwily@optonline.net.





### GIVEM A BREAK ... PART II

We barrel along our on highways and interstates at 55 MPH or greater ... outside the New York area speed limits can increase to 70 or even 75 MPH and even in places where the limit is 55 MPH many people, even maybe ourselves are travelling at speeds greater than that! In most instances, we are simply trying to keep up with the flow of traffic. Perhaps it is also because we are a people are basically impatient, not only with ourselves, but those around us as well! Suddenly the electronic information board present on most expressways and highways has a warning for us, **CONSTRUCTION AHEAD, REDUCE SPEED!** Generally speaking we are mandated to slow down to about 40 miles per hour. Trying to be law abiding and drive safely, I will reduce my speed, but I



cannot tell you the countless times I have seen others whizzing by me at excessive, and sometimes dangerous speeds. As drivers get closer to the roadwork, they usually see the all too familiar orange construction signs that read: **REDUCE SPEED**, **GIVEM A BREAK!** These signs are reminding drivers that human beings are working on this site, and to take care and be careful we do not hit them or cause injury to them or other drivers ... in other words have a little respect, compassion and feelings for these individuals who are only try to make our roads smoother and safer. Unfortunately very few people seem to care; however, they would care if it were their family member or friend working on this project. We seem to live in a world where nobody matters except **the self**.

Suppose our God felt that way? How many breaks has God given you or me? How many mistakes, mess-ups, screw-ups, poor choices have we made, many of which could be categorized as **SIN**. Yet, our God never tires in forgiving us and letting us start anew. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is asked how many times we need to forgive (or in other words give someone a break). His answer is 70X7, which by the way is NOT to be taken literally as 490. In the ancient world 70X7 meant forever, or **ALL THE TIME**. Because of our human condition it can sometimes be hard to forgive someone who has hurt us deeply, but Jesus Christ calls each one of us to task.

On December 8 of this year, Pope Francis opened up the **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY IN ROME**. This special time in our Church is being celebrated around the world by the Universal Church. In the Apostolic Bull written by the Holy Father he refers to Jesus as "**the face of the Father's mercy**." We would do well not only in these closing days of Advent, but throughout our lives to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a well spring of joy, serenity and peace. It is the ultimate and supreme act in which our God comes to meet us. As Catholic Christians we are about to celebrate the greatest act of our God coming to meet us . . His birth; God taken human flesh, the sublime and profound mystery of the Incarnation. As Catholics, however, Jesus Christ meets us in mystery everyday through the celebration of the Sacraments.

This Tuesday, December 22 at 7:30 PM in Church we will celebrate that Sacrament in which we encounter the tender and loving mercy of our God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Several priest confessors will be available for us to encounter the Face of the Father's Mercy in the person of Jesus Christ. God never tires reaching out to us; HE IS ALWAYS READY TO LISTEN, TO FORGIVE AND TO WELCOME US BACK AND ULTIMATELY **GIVE US ANOTHER BREAK. Why not give yourselves a break, and celebrate the sacrament of God's mercy and compassion?** Like Pope Francis says, "God's mercy is the wellspring of compassion, serenity, joy and peace.

# Take Five for Faith

### Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 20

John the Baptist didn't waste any time getting started on his life's work of heralding the coming of the Messiah—while still in the womb, he leapt with joy in the presence of his not-yet-born Lord. Some people are blessed to have callings that are a given, but not everyone figures theirs out right away. It can take a long, frustrating time, full of false starts and failures. Trust that those experiences are useful to learning what your true vocation is. God has a plan for you, always has, even before you were in the womb.

### <u>Monday, December 21</u>

### Feast of St. Peter Canisius

To imagine the life of the 16th-century Dutch Jesuit Peter Canisius, who lived during the height of the Reformation, we might look to our present Pope Francis. Like Francis, Peter lived energetically, but also took to heart the Jesuit pattern of study, reflection, and prayer. For example, the easy way to challenge the thinkers of the Reformation would be to vilify them, but that's where daily "reflection and prayer" produce effects. While his fellow Catholics might attack Protestants such as John Calvin, Peter—as Francis might—said that with such an approach "we do not cure patients, we make them incurable." What is your attitude toward outsiders?

### Tuesday, December 22

At this moment, we may well be concerned with last -minute shopping and counting the gifts to be given to family and friends. It is so easy and tempting to get distracted, yet in faith we are called to the corporal works of mercy, such as caring for the poor and lowly and feeding the hungry. In this Year of Mercy, generosity born of mercy for all of God's children should help us reset priorities and make good decisions as we edge nearer to this feast of Incarnation. Our joy then on Christmas Day will bear witness to our belief that "it is in giving that we receive."

### Wednesday, December 23 Feast of St. John of Kanty

It seems a little unfair to John Kanty to give him a memorial two days before Christmas. It would be like a child whose birthday is so close to Christmas there might be fewer presents! For John, however, a day and season of giving would be a further incentive to give away the shirt on his back, literally, since his money and clothing were at the disposal of the poor of Krakow, Poland. Even his intellectual gifts, which were many, were at the disposal of others. He was a man who knew how to effect what so many wish were true: that the Christmas spirit abided year-round.

### Thursday, December 24

Christmas is near upon us—yet again. With the setting of the sun, the celebrations of the Eve begin. Take a moment, in this Year of Mercy, to remember that God became one with us to show us how to live and to love. Advertising budgets to the contrary, Christmas is not about finding the perfect gift, creating the perfect meal, or sharing the festivities with the perfect family, grateful as we are for all good things in our lives. It is also the season to search for and find the merciful presence of Emmanuel (literally, God-with-us). Take a deep breath and spend a moment in quiet prayer asking for patience and peace in the days to come.

### Friday, December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

The word *Christmas* comes from the Old English words "Cristes moesse," meaning the "mass or festival of Christ." Christmas is not only a time to celebrate the historical birth of Jesus Christ. It is also a wonderful time to consider the ways that we can continue to be bearers of Christ in the world today. How might you do this through your everyday words and actions? In the coming year, how might you proclaim this Good News of great joy in our world?

### Saturday, December 26 Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr

Who's on your personal roster of heroes? Most of us are quick to catalogue figures from the history books: pioneers, leaders, entrepreneurs. Perhaps a few martyrs like Saint Stephen or Oscar Romero, or truth tellers like Nelson Mandela or Cesar Chavez, or often our mothers and fathers. Past heroes aren't enough, however; we too must be counted among the brave. On this second day of Christmas, give the gift of a courageous example, especially to the young, the weak, and those who lack the consolation of faith.

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# **Catholicism:**

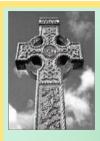
# The Journey of a Lifetime

This internationally recognized series is presented by acclaimed author, speaker and theologian Father (now Bishop) Robert Barron. It is a stimulating and compelling exploration of the spiritual, moral and intellectual treasures of our Catholic faith presented in a clear and understandable manner, using locations, scripture, art and literature.

We will watch a 55-minute episode on Sunday afternoons (at 1 pm) followed by a short discussion. It is a great activity to help celebrate The Year of Mercy.

Come join us for any or all of the ten sessions that will be held in the Parish Center on Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 2:30pm beginning **January 10, 2016**. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to stbondcntom@gmail.com or by calling the parish center at 676-0676 to allow for sufficient hand-outs.

- Jan 10 *Episode* 7: Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man
- Jan 17 *Episode 8*: Happy Are We: Teachings of Jesus
- Jan 24 *Episode 9*: The Ineffable Mystery of God
- Jan 31 *Episode 0*: Our Tainted Nature's Solitary Boast: Mary, the Mother of God
- Feb 7 *Episode 1*: The Indispensable Men: Peter & Paul and the Missionary Adventure
- Feb 10 ASH WEDNESDAY
- Feb 14 <u>No episode due to President</u>'s weekend
- Feb 21 *Episode 2*: A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union
- Feb 28 *Episode 3*: Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven (Liturgy and the Eucharist)
- Mar 6 *Episode 4*: A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints
- Mar 13 *Episode 5*: The Fire of His Love: Prayer and the Life of the Spirit
- Mar 20 (Palm Sunday) *Episode* 76: World Without End: The Last Things



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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

### St. Boniface Christmas Schedule

<u>Confession</u> 4pm Saturday, December 19

**Communal Penance Service** 

7:30pm Tuesday, December 22

#### Thursday, December 24

Masses will be celebrated at 4pm\*, 6pm, 10:30pm

#### Friday, December 25

Masses will be celebrated at 8am, 10:15am, 12pm

### Mary, Mother of God: Friday, January 1

New Year's Eve, Thursday, December 31 Masses will be celebrated at 4pm, 5:30pm

\*On Thursday December 31, New Year's Eve, there will be an extended Holy Hour for Peace with Adoration and of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 2pm and concluding with Benediction just prior to the 4pm Mass. The rosary will also be prayed. Please come and spend some time with Our Lord and pray for peace in our world as we embark upon a New Year.

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1 Masses will be celebrated at 10:15am, 12:30pm

### Epiphany of the Lord: Sunday, January 3

Saturday, January 2: Mass at 5pm Sunday, January 3: Masses at 8am, 10:15am

**Please Note** ... All Parishes Offices Be Closed for the Christmas/New Year's Holiday on 12/24, 12/25, 12/26, and 12/27 as well as 12/31, 1/1, 1/2, 1/3.

From Thursday, December 24 until Saturday January 9, the 8 AM DAILY MASS will be celebrated in the CHURCH. Daily Mass in the chapel will resume on Monday January 11.

### **Parish Directory**

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#### Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center \* NEW HOURS \*

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; 1:30-4:30pm, Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri Thursdays 1:30-4pm; 5pm-8:30pm (no Thursday morning hours; )

### 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 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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