

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



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus June 7, 2015



Daily Mass: 8am (in OLM Chapel except on Sundays)

Sundays: Saturdays 5pm; Sundays: 8am, 10:15am Holy Day Masses: 5pm Vigil; 8am & 7pm Special Intentions: 5pm first Saturday of the month



Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 7

Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Lauda, Sion, Salvatorum; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Saturday 5pm Vigil Intentions: Jean Breen, Mary McGuckian, Sheila & Patrick Murphy, Richard Bowdren, Caitlin O'Connor

8am Mass Intention: Parishioners

10:15am Mass Intention: Pete McGowan

Monday, June 8 (Grace McPartland) 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Tuesday, June 9 (William Lagan) Feast of St. Ephrem of Syria 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, June 10 (Angelo D'Avino) 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Thursday, June 11 (Benjamin Zabicki) Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:20-26 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

First Friday, June 12 (Donald Albin) Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob

First Saturday, June 13 (Caitlin O'Connor) Feast of St. Anthony of Padua 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Bob **5pm Vigil Mass** Intention: Jean Totman 5pm Vigil Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Minister's Schedule

Corpus Christi: June 7

5pm Lector: Ministers:

Celebrant: Fr. Bob Brian Pemberton Irma & Bill Berkley **Eileen Bowersock** Paul Bramfeld

8am Lector: Ministers:

Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike Randa Barrington Andrew DiSalvo Kevin Kelly Peggy Niper Marie Agosta

Celebrant: Fr. Bob 10:15am Lector: Carol Griffin Child Liturgy: Laureen Feehan Jane Serpico, Tom Ryan Ministers: Joe Vulpis, Michele Walthers Pat Warner Scott Whitting

Please pray for our recently baptized children and their families:

Olivia Grace Geiaer Ryan James Fagan, Jr. Dylan Luke Lavelle **Joseph Asmar Blakely Victoria Tomasheski** Eva Deborah Capobianco Victoria Gioia Capobianco Michael Antonio Costentino, Ir. **Raphael Lewis Alvarado** Sean Thomas Monaghan Alyssa Maria Johnson.





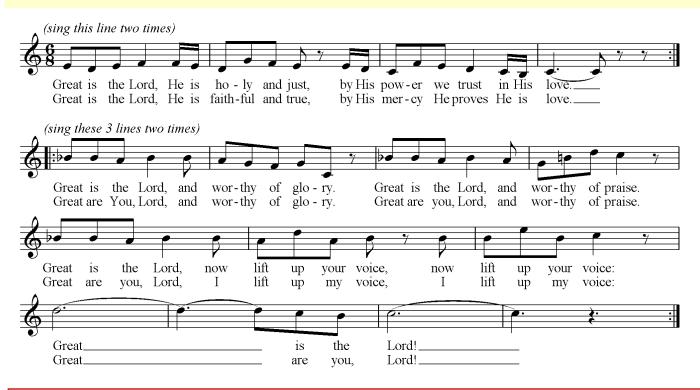
And the Johnson. Mark Your Calendar Wednesday, June 17 *Fr. Bob's Farewell Dinner* 6:30pm Barbecue Dinner at the Crescent Beach Club, Bayville. Adults \$40; Children (5-12) \$20; Tickets are on sale. All tickets must be purchased prior to the event.

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Great is the Lord

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# **Religious Education 2015-16**

Registration has begun and will continue through June 27/28. Applications are available after all Sunday Masses. Next year's schedule is as follows:

- K-5 Tuesday or Wednesday
- 6-8 Wednesday or Thursday

K-8

- Sunday Family Program
- 4pm 5:10 pm 7pm - 8:15 pm
- Program 9am 10:10 am

Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. Tuition is \$125 for the first child and \$75 for each additional child. Please call 671-0418 or email stbonccd@gmail.com with questions. Class placement is first come first served, so please register early. Teachers (Catechists) and other volunteers are needed. Please consider becoming a part of our wonderful group of volunteers in this most rewarding ministry!



# **Religious Education Board**

Front row: Patty Lizza, Rich Lucidi, Fr. Bob, Kathleen Reynolds, Karen Croce (DRE)

Back row: Mike Purcell, Pat Warner, Donna Calamis, Pat Fox, Lorraine O'Sullivan (President)

#### 4 **Please Pray for our Deceased** Donald Albin, Mary Belline, Raymond Pierce, Daniel G. Ryan, Marilyn Walthers



William Anderson **Steve Anzalone** Keith Dunn **Michelle Martone** 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. Bob.



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 Dovle Jake A. Hojnowski, 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 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  $\operatorname{Cor}^2:58$ )

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 Iesus is calling you to do.

# Stewardship ... a Way of Life

Thank you for your financial stewardship of **\$8102** last weekend. This weekend there will be a second collection for the *Religious* Retirement Fund. Next weekend there will be a second collection for our *Maintenance* and Repair Fund. Thanks you for your continued and generous support!

# **Catholic Daughters of the Americas**

Join us for our next monthly meeting and see what we do! Women 18 years of age and older meet the first Monday of each month at 11am in the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. 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.

# **Bible Study**

Thursdays 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 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**

Fourth Saturdays beginning with 8am Mass in the Our Lady of Mercy Chapel and subsequent fellowship. Our meetings are a testimonial to Catholic brotherhood and unity, with highly topical discussions. Contact Rich at gbalwily@optonline.net for more information.



Dear Parishioners,

# " Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:57

Last week we celebrated the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, which is not meant to simply be explained, but rather encountered as mystery. A mystery that is meant to be pondered to draw us into the mystery of God. Today we celebrate another Solemnity that is meant more to be pondered that explained. This Solemnity of Corpus Christi, or the Body and Blood of Christ, doesn't need theological explanations; they will never be enough. What we need is faith and trust. Trust that the Word of Jesus is true.

Many Christians believe that Jesus was speaking metaphorically and not literally about His Body and Blood but rather to feed on the "Word" that Jesus came to preach. While the Word is certainly important and that understanding would be easier to accept it is certainly NOT what Jesus was saying. If it were, He would have clarified His teaching when many who could not accept it turned away. What Jesus says is to reiterate more strongly His words and this teaching. After many leave Him, He turns to the Apostles and says *Will you leave me too?* This would have been the opportune time to explain a different teaching to His Disciples so they would understand more clearly. Yet there is nothing. So we conclude from this teaching and others in the Scriptures that Jesus wants to give us His very Self as food for our journey. This teaching has be believed from the earliest times in the life of the Church. We share this continual believe in the Real and True presence of Jesus in the Eucharist with our Orthodox sisters and brothers. As the Churches founded by Jesus we have kept faithful to this beautiful yet difficult teaching.

Like the Trinity, we again encounter mystery. Theologians have attempted to help us grasp this mystery through the teaching of Transubstantiation. This states that the accidents (external presence) remains the same but its substance changes into the Body and Blood of Jesus. So bread still looks and tastes like bread but is reality the Body of Christ. The same would be true for the accidents of the wine and its change into the Blood of our Lord.

Again, this is helpful but falls short of the beauty of what Jesus intends. What we need is faith to see past the accidents and to believe what Jesus intends. Faith acknowledges this great and wondrous Sacrament so that He may become part of us as food for our journey and that hopefully we become what we eat and drink...namely more like Jesus Himself.

So what do we believe? After the priest calls down the Holy Spirit on the gifts of bread and wine they truly BECOME the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Himself. Not a symbol, not a mirror of something else, BUT Jesus Himself. Have you ever pondered while walking up to communion that you will cradle in your hands or on your tongue the true Body and Blood of our Savior? This awesome and humbling gift is Jesus' abiding presence to us.

We come to Mass to receive Jesus as Savior and Lord. The changes in the Liturgy have helped us to refocus and continue to acknowledge Jesus as Lord and to remind us that we gather to worship this wondrous presence among us. May we stand in awe at this mystery, BUT more importantly, may it cause us to seek Jesus and become more like Him whom we consume.

On June 4 we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. I would like to thank all of our Catechists who pass the faith to our young people. You are a blessing to the parish. I want to thank **Karen Croce,** our D.R.E., for all her work and our Confirmation Coordinator, **Pat Warner**.

In Jesus, Fr. Bob





June 2, 2015 – Saints Marcellinus and Peter

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I write you on a matter of tremendous urgency and one with which I hope you will help me. The matter is the Education Tax Credit – a proposal that would encourage individuals and businesses to donate more money to scholarship funds for children who would like to attend Catholic and other private schools. The tax credit also would encourage donations to public schools and nonprofits to increase funding for after-school, music, arts, sports, and classroom projects. A win-win for all children.

The Education Tax Credit is included in a broader Parental Choice in Education Agenda being pushed by Governor Andrew Cuomo and supported by the State Senate. This package of bills also would provide a \$500 tuition tax credit for low-income families.

Unfortunately, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and many members of the Assembly Majority are blocking this critical assistance for our families.

If the Assembly Democrats drop their opposition, the Education Tax Credit will become law. That means millions of dollars in scholarships to help needy children attend Catholic and other private schools. It means fewer Catholic school closures and more jobs for teachers.

For public schools it translates to millions of dollars for important programs such as art, music, libraries and sports, as well as support for teachers.

This is where I am asking for your help!

The only way the Assembly Democrats are going to agree to these important measures is if they hear from enough families from around the state.

Please visit <u>www.investined.org</u> to easily send an email to your local elected representatives urging their support for the Education Tax Credit. This will take just a few minutes of your time.

Thank you in advance for joining in this effort. Our children and our schools are depending on you.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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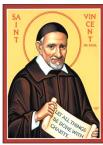
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The youth group meets on Sundays from 6pm-8pm in the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. All 8th-12th graders are invited! Follow us on instagram, username: stbonyg, join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group', or email Youth Minister, Chris,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

# St. Vincent de Paul Society



Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.

As you place your gift in the Society of St Vincent de Paul Poor Box or envelopes 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 support!



# Mr. & Mrs. George L. Kranz of Sea Cliff

are the Lucky Boni Buck\$ Raffle Winners for June. The next drawing will be **July 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: St. Patrick's Day, March 17th and The Feast of St. Boniface, June 5th. All proceeds go to support St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Tickets are available in the vestibule and the Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. Please call 676-0676 if you have any questions.

# **Pastoral Information**

**Pastor:** Fr. Robert A. Romeo E-mail: stbonpastor@gmail.com

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In Residence: Fr. Azubuike

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### All Saints Regional Catholic School (ASR)

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**Bulletin Editor**: Julie Byrne. **Deadline: Noon Monday**. Please email entries to stbonbulletin@gmail.com after approval from Fr. Bob. Please include your name and contact information.

**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 for new members. Please return completed forms to the Fr. James Donohoe 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 who ever wonder if they should become "Catholic". If interested, call Fr. Bob at 676-0676.

# **All Saints Regional Catholic School**

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# Congratulations to the Second Grade Students who received their First Holy Communion!

All Saints Second Grade students received their First Holy Communion at their parishes during the month of May. We also celebrated with a First Holy Communion Mass on Tuesday, May 12th. The entire student body was present at the Mass. During the Mass, one of our second grade students received the Sacrament of Baptism as well as First Holy Communion.



# **May Crowning**

Following the First Holy Communion Mass, students, faculty and families followed Father Elias outside to crown Mary with the crown of flowers that was blessed by Father at the end of the Mass. Outside, students sang Hail Holy Queen



To Register for the 2015-2016 School Year Contact Carol Filippone in our Registration Office. Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am to 11:00 am ~ 516 676-0762 ext. 202

# Take Five for Faith

# Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 7, 2015

One person can make a difference—perhaps even change the liturgical calendar the Catholic Church follows in celebrating important traditions. The feast of Corpus Christi (literally, the body of Christ) was added to the calendar largely due to a 40-year campaign by a 13th-century religious woman, Juliana of Liège, who had a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and worked to see a feast day devoted to it. Little by little the idea gained popularity and acceptance and is now celebrated worldwide. Today or the next time you attend Mass, remember Juliana and her efforts during the Eucharistic Prayers.

# Monday, June 8

How many e-mails do you receive and send every day? Now consider: How many of them contain encouragements? To encourage means to lend courage with words and aid. Saint Paul often began his letters by building up his friends with praise, blessings, and moral support. While many of us are quick to criticize, we may be slow to offer support, praise, or thanks. Courage, often called fortitude, is one of the four cardinal virtues, along with prudence, justice, and temperance. Offer a kind and encouraging word to everyone you meet today.

# Tuesday, June 9

# Feast of St. Ephrem of Syria

Ours is a culture of access and excess. We have a lot, and we're used to indulging ourselves at the table, shopping mall, gabfest, and every other trough where addiction feeds. Guys like Ephrem the Syrian can seem alien to us. Not quite a monk but rather "a son of the covenant," Ephrem chose to live in abstinence and celibacy within the community of faith. He could have taken more but he settled for less. Out of that sufficiency he wrote hymns, poems, and theology. Temperance, the lifestyle of deliberate moderation, is one cardinal virtue that doesn't go out of style.

# Wednesday, June 10

Some of us make the mistake of viewing Christianity as the "easy" religion: "Whatever you do, God will forgive you." Well, yes and no. Forgiveness isn't the same as immunity from all consequences. Contrition, a lively regret for our wrongdoing, is one aspect of repentance, as is restitution, the act of making good what's lost by our sinfulness. Sometimes that means working hard to restore relationships. Other times it means monetary restoration. Justice, one of four cardinal virtues, involves giving what's due to God and our neighbor, restoring the balance of what's right.

# <u>Thursday, June 11</u>

Somehow prudence, the fourth cardinal virtue, has gotten a bad rep. We reduce it to prudishness, a kind of spoil-sport or party-pooper personality. Yet Proverbs describes prudence as being sensible: "The prudent one looks where he is going." And the First Letter of Peter calls it keeping "sane and sober" in order to approach the work of prayer more meaningfully. Thomas Aquinas defined this virtue as "right reason in action," involving the activity of the conscience. Exercise prudence before you speak or act by pausing to consider how the greatest good can be achieved.

# Friday, June 12

# Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Over the centuries, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus arose as a way of symbolizing and embodying the great compassion Jesus displayed throughout his ministry. One of the ways this devotion can be practiced is by entrusting your household to the care of the Sacred Heart with an image that has been blessed, a statue or picture of the Sacred Heart for example, serving as a reminder to live compassionately. The practice is rooted in Pope Pius XII's declaration in 1956 that devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is "the foundation on which to build the kingdom of God in the hearts of individuals, families, and nations."

# <u>Saturday. June 13</u> Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

Saint Anthony shows how faith can help us keep our bearings when life takes unexpected turns. A 13thcentury Franciscan, Anthony sailed on mission to Africa only to have illness force his return. En route to Spain, his ship was blown off course, landing in Italy. In poor health, Anthony settled in a hermitage near the friars. One day they approached Anthony just before an important ceremony, asking him to give a homily when they realized nobody had prepared one. Anthony's powerful preaching reflected the faith that had carried him through all circumstances. When life takes an unexpected direction, invite Anthony to journey with you.

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