St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church

Established 1898 Reverend Kevin J. Dillon, Pastor 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."



OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28

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

Sundays: Saturdays 5pm; Sundays: 8am, 10:15am* **Special Intentions:** 5pm first Saturday of the month

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

First Sunday of Advent, November 29

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 The altar bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp were donated in memory of **Paul J. Van Bloem,** by Pat Merrick.

Saturday 5pm Intention: Deceased members of the Pries and Bowersock Families 8am Mass Intention: Parishioners 10:15am Intention: Larry Graziose

<u>Monday, November 30</u>

Feast of St. Andrew Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

<u>Tuesday, December 1</u> (Resurreccion Cavese) Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24 **8am Mass** Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike

Wednesday, December 2

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin **† 7:30pm Parish Mission: Msgr. McDonald**

Thursday, December 3 (Robert Stein) Feast of St. Francis Xavier

Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21, 24-27 Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

First Friday, December 4 (Niki Gregory) Feast of St. John Damascene Isaiah 29:17-24; Matthew 9:27-31 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin

First Saturday, December 5 (Mary Toto) Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Matt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 8am Mass Celebrant: Fr. Kevin 5pm Intentions: Larry Graziose, John Zavaro, Jr., Albert Passuello 5pm Mass Celebrant: Fr. Azubuike



Cross Catholic Outreach

Fr. Richard Kunzman will speak at all the Masses **December 12 & 13** on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to create a meaningful

Minister's Schedule

First Sunday of Advent: November 29

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	5pm	Celebrant: Fr. Kevin	
	Lector:	Blanche & Eric Tyrkko	
	Ministers:	Debbie Mink	
		Irma Berkley	
		Bill Berkley	
		Eileen Bowersock	
	8 am	Celebrant: Fr. Kevin	
	Lector:	Randa Barrington	
	Ministers:	Peggy Cullen	
		Andrew DiSalvo	
		Kevin Kelly	
		Peggy Niper	
	10:15am	Celebrant: Fr. Kevin	
	Lector:	Laureen Feehan	
	Child Liturgy:	Pat Warner	
	Ministers:	Diva & Ed Corbelletta	
		Tom Ryan, Jane Serpico	
		Joe Vulpis	
		Michele Walthers	

St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When



in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box located 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!*

link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Central and South America. Please be generous in your response Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

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Please Pray for our Deceased

Please pray for those who have eternal life, especially **Rosary D'Allessandro**.

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. Hoinowski, 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 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 Cor²:58)

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 and donation for *The Catholic Campaign/Home Missions.* 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.

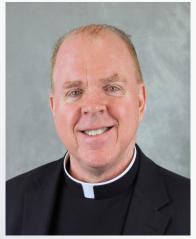
Spirituality For Singles: December 5

8:30pm, St. Aidan Parish, 510 Willis Avenue,
Williston Park. Monthly gathering with . Discussion, meditation, socialization, guest speaker. Ages 35+.
\$5 donation includes snacks, pizza and beverages.
Contact: Ray at spiritualityforsingles@gmail.com



REJOICE, REJOICE, EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE O ISRAEL!

As most of us know, these are the words to the beautiful Advent Hymn chanted in Christian Churches around the world during the four weeks leading up to the great Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, CHRISTMAS! The haunting and hypnotic melody of this ancient song still hints of its Gregorian chant origin. I remember as a child getting excited when I would hear this hymn sang during Mass because I knew Christmas was fast approaching, yet the big day could not come fast enough! Now as an adult, Christmas and its entire splendor comes too fast! In fact, it comes faster and faster every year. For most Catholics, Advent has become a LOST SEASON. For me, however, Advent is



one of my favorite liturgical seasons. The Mass readings contain a joy-filled, hopeful and optimistic tone. It's a season that teaches us to wait; be patient with ourselves and others and to SLOW DOWN. We are reminded to focus on the now, and the nearness of our God!

Although the Hymn O Come O Come Emmanuel is somber in nature, it contains beautiful verses referred to as the Great O Antiphons. Each O Antiphon names Christ by a different biblical title: WISDOM, ADONAI, ROOT OF JESSE, KEY OF DAVID, DAYSPRING OR RADIANT DAWN, KING OF NATIONS AND EMMANUEL (God with Us). Although the tune is somber, and may NOT be indicative of Christmas joy, the lyrics and theology behind it are awesome. It was written during the period of the DARK AGES; a time when civilization had broken down and human kind was becoming increasingly more barbaric. The world was filled with war, ignorance and chaos. Our world today is strikingly similar, unfortunately! Just look at the horrible events that unfolded in Paris, France two weeks ago.

In the hymn we ask not once, but twice that Emmanuel come. We long for Jesus to come and make our world whole. Emmanuel, God with Us! That name sums up what Christmas means for believers. God made Himself a Servant. The omnipotent, omniscient, and infinite God enclosed Himself in a woman's womb for nine months. God, Himself was wrapped in swaddling clothes and place in manger as His bed. Our God made Himself vulnerable. Picture this; God sitting on His mother's lap being nursed and fed, and as he grew up being read to and taught by His mother. Such mysteries can never be fully explained or comprehended, nor should they be! It's the story of God coming to man; God being with us. O Come, O Come, God be with us!

With an ardent and burning desire we must constantly long to meet Jesus in all our daily endeavors, i.e. prayer sacraments, work and play. This simple practice will prepare us to meet Christ in His cosmic return at the end of the ages and behold Him face to face in all His splendor and glory.

Perhaps during Advent we can prepare spiritually for Christmas by mediating and pondering the words of this ancient hymn and then just maybe, our Christmas celebrations will take on a deeper and richer meaning, rather than the commercial and secular atmosphere of buying and giving with the reason for Christmas buried deep down in shopping bags, wrapping paper and mistletoe where Christ remains nothing more than an anonymous stranger to both giver and receiver, alike. MARANATHA, COME LORD JESUS! May you and your families have a blessed and grace filled Advent!

All Saints Regional Catholic School

Founded in 1990 Supported by the Parishes of: St. Boniface ~ St. Hyacinth ~ St. Mary ~ St. Patrick ~ St. Rocco Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Phone: 516 676-0762 www.asrcatholic.org



ASR Kind Hearts Program



All Saints Regional Catholic School is a school community with a Kind Heart. This school year, we are encouraging our students to make small acts of kindness to their teachers and classmates. The class with the most "hearts" at the end of the trimester will enjoy a pizza party!

- H Help others
- E Encourage one another
- A Accept differences
- R Respect for others
- T Trust others, have Faith

The third grade has immersed themselves in our Kind Hearts Program. The have received the most hearts in the school for their random acts of kindness for October and November.

Upcoming Events at ASR

Christmas Concert—December 7th Evening with Santa—December 11th ASR Day at the Movies—December 18th

STEM in the Classroom

A few weeks ago the 7th grade class went on an exciting field trip to Adventureland for their annual Technology Day. We have taken what we learned at the park and have started to apply it to what we are learning. This trimester, the 7th grade STEM class is working on building their very own rollercoaster using common items like cardboard and tape. Please pray that we win the competition and get a cool prize!



The Sisterhood of St Elisabeth (Minsk, Belarus)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! We are happy to welcome you to our booth on Holiday Market at

Columbus Circle December 01 – 24, 2015

Intersection of Columbus Circle, Central Park West and Central Park South, Manhattan, NYC We will offer you handmade crafts, icons, Christmas gifts and ornaments, CDs and religious articles

Advent Happenings

Here at Saint Boniface Martyr we will kick off the Advent Season with our Parish Mission. Join us in church for an **Evening of Prayer and Reflection** on Wednesday, **December 2,** at 7:30pm, given by Msgr.



James M. McDonald, Pastor of St. Aidan, Williston Park. Known for his engaging, informative and humorous personality, Msgr. McDonald, , will share a spiritual message for us as we embark upon Advent and ready ourselves for the great Feast of Christmas.

We are looking forward to our **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** and Horse Drawn Carriage event following on Saturday, **December 12**, with refreshments following in the school gym. That weekend we will also welcome **Fr. Richard Kunzman** from the Diocese of Camden, NJ. Fr. Kunzman will celebrate the 8am Sunday Mass, and he will preach at all the masses about **Cross Catholic Outreach**, an organization founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in the United States, and the priests and Religious Sisters working in the Church overseas. We will also display our annual **Giving Tree** to benefit Madonna Heights. See page 7 for more details . . .



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For a brochure with complete details, detach below and mail to: Fr, Kevin Dillon, 145 Glen Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579 Phone: 516-676-0676 ~ Email: stbonpastor@gmail.com

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Join us once again as the North Shore Pops will provide an evening of festive Holiday music in the Parish Hall of St Rocco's Church located at 18 Third Street, Glen Cove, NY 11542. A free will offering to MOMMAS House is requested.





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

Our next Teen Mass will be on **November 29** at 6pm in the Chapel followed by a pizza dinner.

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*!



Christmas Tree Lighting

Saturday, **December 12**, 6pm: St. Boniface **Christmas Tree Lighting** and **Blessing of the Crèche** followed by **Caroling on a Horse-Drawn Wagon** ending with **Hot Cocoa, Cookies** and **Santa!**

The Giving Tree

The Annual Saint Boniface Giving Tree to benefit the Madonna Heights Program of SCO Family of Services has once again been set up in the vestibule of the church. For more than 50 years, Madonna Heights has been helping adolescent girls, women and families over-come the devastating effects of poverty, neglect and abuse. Please help the young women in their care feel special during this Christmas season by taking a tag from the tree. All gifts should be returned unwrapped by Sunday, **December 13**. Your gifts will go a long way in helping those served by SCO's Madonna Heights. Thank you for your generosity.

The Christmas Pageant

The St. Boniface Christmas Pageant will be at the 4pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Parts and costumes will be distributed and a rehearsal will be on **December 13** after the 10:15am mass in the

Parish Directory

Pastor: Rev. Kevin J. Dillon Email: stbonpastor@gmail.com

In Residence: Fr. Azubuike

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Dec 27 deadline: Wednesday, Dec 16 due to Christmas.

Webmaster: Robert Lynch. Website: www.saintboniface.org

Parish Outreach: Jerry Moran & Kevin O'Shea Fr. James Donohoe Parish Center. Wednesdays& Saturdays. 10 am-1pm Phone: (516) 676-0676. Email:stbonchurch@gmail.com

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.

Diocese of Rockville Centre: 516-678-5800 or www.drvc.org

Take Five for Faith

First Sunday of Advent, November 29

Advent is the beginning of the church year, a time of renewal on this journey of faith. These four weeks provide a spiritual reminder that God is with us in all places, all peoples, and all events. God is present even in writing cards, baking cookies, shopping for gifts, and the many customs that help us honor the day of Christ's birth. Don't fight the busyness; enter it. And in doing so, take time, no matter what is on your mind or on your calendar, to see the presence of God in this day.

Monday, November 30 Feast of St. Andrew

It is the apostle Andrew who is credited with introducing his brother, Simon Peter, to Jesus. We can only imagine how the relationship between these men grew and changed through the three years of Jesus' public ministry. On this day, we give thanks for the life of Andrew who faithfully preached the Good News so that many, starting with his brother Peter, might know the works of the Lord. On this second day of Advent, write a note of thanks to someone who has drawn you closer to our Lord.

Tuesday, December 1

World AIDS Day is observed today to raise awareness of the disease, to remember those who have died from it, to help those suffering from it, and to take action in addressing it. Pope Francis urges Catholics to pray on this day that all the sick get access to care. Followers of Christ are called to be compassionate and fight ignorance and discrimination. What's more, there are many organizations that need help in combating the disease, such as Catholic Relief Services, which supports more than 180 HIV programs in 35 countries.

Wednesday, December 2

"We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop," Martin Luther King Jr. said in his last public speech. "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land." In scripture, mountains are sacred places; the mountaintop is the epitome of the experiences that show us the glory of God. From that vantage point, everything fades away and we see like God—with a clarity that gives glory and can change the world.

<u>Thursday, December 3</u>

Feast of St. Francis Xavier

When Francis Xavier began rooming with Ignatius Loyola at the University of Paris in 1530, he couldn't have known that less than a century later they would be canonized together (along with Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri, and Isidore the Farmer). Francis also couldn't have known where the love of Christ would take him. From Paris, Rome, and the founding of the Jesuits, to India, Japan, and beyond, Francis Xavier spent his life spreading the Good News he first heard with Ignatius, crossing paths with people from far and wide and witnessing to the love of God that knows no bounds.

<u>Friday, December 4</u> Feast of St. John Damascene

Iconoclasm is Greek for "breaker of icons." The word has its origins during the Byzantine Empire, when iconoclasts were fiercely trying to ban the use of religious images and icons. Saint John Damascene, a Syrian monk and priest (and later-named Doctor of the church), opposed the iconoclasts. He argued for the veneration, not worship, of sacred images—the distinction being crucial, according to him. The Second Council of Nicaea agreed with him and settled the matter once and for all. Appreciate the rich imagery that helps enliven your faith.

Saturday, December 5

Aside from those who may be able to live off the land, in most modern societies we need money to live. We either have to earn it or have some arrangement that makes it available to us. That's the reality of living in a monetized economy. In Jesus' time there was less reliance on money than now, but it was still an important factor. Jesus wanted his disciples—and that includes us today to give away freely the gifts that defy monetary value—loving attention, compassion, healing, wisdom. So go about your business, and do it well, but also remember to give away what is truly precious in life. Your reward will be manifold.

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