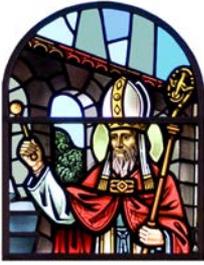




#FaithChat

#FaithChat is a series of group exchanges which give our young adults a platform to grow their faith and navigate as Catholic Christians in today's society.



St. Boniface Martyr Parish

PASTOR
Fr. Kevin J. Dillon

Dear Members of St. Boniface Martyr Parish,

#FaithChat has been created as a resource for teenagers to have meaningful conversations about faith, moral decision making and the important things in life. It is our hope that the teenagers involved will benefit from discussion and praying with each other.

Through the attentive listening, honest sharing and kind support of faith filled adult facilitators, teens in our parish community will be supported and guided in areas of their faith that focus on creating a positive outlook and movement towards meaningful decision making processes that will make all the difference in their lives.

It is with a generous spirit that we invite all young people in our community to participate in at least one session during the year.

With warmest regards,

Karen Croce
Director of Religious Education



What is *#FaithChat*?



One of our parish's primary missions is the fostering of a commitment to ongoing learning about our faith.

In that spirit, St. Boniface parishioners have created and wish to offer an exciting new opportunity

to our young friends: a way to continue their faith journeys by way of an idea we call "*#FaithChat.*"

A *#FaithChat* is an informal gathering specifically designed for high school students who would like a deeper knowledge of and connection to their faith and who wish to explore that faith on a more intimate level.

Would you like to share a comfortable place with other young adults growing their faith and using it to navigate as Catholic Christians in our exciting world?

If so, please consider taking this opportunity to continue your faith journey.

General Information

- Each *#FaithChat* takes place once a week for three weeks.
- You may choose one *#FaithChat*, or several throughout the year.
- There is a nominal fee of \$20 per *#FaithChat*, refundable only if a *#FaithChat* is cancelled.

Registration and Payment

- Registrations must be completed online at: www.saintboniface.org/faithchat and payments are made there using the Faith Direct link: <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NY820/25277>
- Please complete a separate on-line registration for each *#FaithChat*.
- Please register on-line one month prior to each *#FaithChat*.

Eligibility

High School students in grades 9-12 whose families are registered at St. Boniface Martyr Parish may participate in *#FaithChat*.

Our Facilitators



Belinda Basaca Zeitlin, MS, MD

Dr. Belinda Basaca Zeitlin, MS, MD is a pediatrician and has been a St. Boniface Parishioner for over a decade. She and her husband were raised in Glen Cove and returned to the area in June 2000 to raise their now teenage boys. She has extensive training in youth empowerment, interpersonal communication and leadership skills. She serves as member to the Pastoral Council, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Lector and has launched several new initiatives at our Parish including the Parish Yard Sale and Christmas Around the World.



Paul Bramfeld

CCD educated by nuns.

Parishioner over 40 years.

Married at St. Boniface.

Two sons attended St. Boniface CCD, served as altar boys.

CCD Confirmation class teacher for 20 years since 1987.

Current Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Pantry volunteer.

Member St. Boniface remodel committee under Fr. Bob.

Masters degree NYIT in Instructional Technology.

Our Facilitators



Donna Calamis

Donna has been a parishioner of St. Boniface for 23 years. She is married, has 4 children and one grandchild. She is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and she has been a Catechist for 18 years. “I strive to teach, but also listen and learn from my students.”



Father Kevin Dillon

Fr. Kevin Dillon is our Pastor and a Theology teacher. He has taught High School students and has been actively involved in the Faith Formation of the Confirmation classes in the parish.

Our Facilitators



Rich Lucidi

Rich is currently living in Glen Cove, married 42 years and has two sons. He has been a Confirmation Catechist since 2006, the past 6 years with St. Boniface and prior to that with St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove. Rich has also been facilitating the Men's Ministry at St. Boniface for the past 3 years. He was the Youth Minister at St. Patrick's Church for 5 years, prior to teaching religious education there and is also an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He has completed the following religious education courses:

Youth Ministry – The Diocese of Rockville Center (DRVC) – 1 year

Pastoral Formation Institute – DRVC – 3 years

Master Catechist Course - DRVC

Catechetical Leadership Course – DRVC – 1 year



Robert P. Lynch

Robert P. Lynch is a member of St. Boniface Parish. The father of four children, aged 17 to 26, Robert attended Catholic schools for 19 years, earning a BA in history and a JD in law.

He has taught Religious Education for Confirmation candidates at St. Boniface and has taught and run programs for middle school students at St. Martin de Porres Marianist School, All Saints Regional Catholic School and Kellenberg Memorial High School.

Robert works with parents preparing for their childrens' Baptism, he is the webmaster of the St. Boniface website and he supervises the parish's social media outlets.

#FaithChat

ALL CHATS MEET AT 7:00 PM FOR ABOUT AN HOUR

| SESSION DATES → | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Session 4 | Session 5 |
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| LOCATION OF ↓ CHAT ↓ | Tuesday October 16, 23,30 | Wednesday October 17,24,31 | Tuesday November 6,13,27 | Wednesday November 7,14,28 | Tuesday January 8,15,22 |
| ROOM #10 IN THE SCHOOL | | CHAT #5 WHOSE LIFE IS IT? <i>D. Calamis</i> | | | |
| ROOM #31A IN THE SCHOOL | | | CHAT #7 CHRISTMAS SEASON <i>P. Bramfeld</i> | | |
| ROOM #31A IN THE SCHOOL | | CHAT #10 THE FOUR LAST THINGS <i>R. Lucidi</i> | | CHAT #10 THE FOUR LAST THINGS <i>R. Lucidi</i> | |
| YOUTH MINISTRY ROOM IN PARISH CENTER | CHAT #1 CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING <i>R. Lynch</i> | | CHAT #2 WHAT CHURCH DOES NOT TEACH <i>R. Lynch</i> | | CHAT #3 CHURCH HISTORY <i>R. Lynch</i> |

Meeting Schedule

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| Wednesday January 9,16,23 | Tuesday January 29, February 5,12 | Wednesday January 30, February 6,13 | Tuesday March 12,19,26 | Wednesday March 13,20,27 | LOCATION OF ↓ CHAT ↓ |
| | | CHAT #6 INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY <i>Father Kevin</i> | | CHAT #5 WHOSE LIFE IS IT? <i>D. Calamis</i> | ROOM #10 IN THE SCHOOL |
| | CHAT #8 LENT TO PENTECOST <i>P. Bramfeld</i> | | CHAT #9 CLOSING THOUGHTS <i>P. Bramfeld</i> | | ROOM #31A IN THE SCHOOL |
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Chat #1

Sessions #1 and #7
Facilitator: Robert P. Lynch

Catholic Social Teaching

- Called to live together in justice.

We treasure a rich heritage in our church's Catholic Social Teaching on matters of human dignity and the common good of society. You might be surprised as to how the Church address the rights of people (families, the poor, workers, immigrants), the role of the state, wealth distribution, religious liberty and the environment.

- Let's talk about how we live together in today's society.

Chat #2

Sessions #3 and #9
Facilitator: Robert P. Lynch

What the church does NOT teach

- Busting popular myths.

It is easy to absorb from the general media a strange mix of misconceptions about religion in general and about Catholicism in particular.

- Let's bust some common myths about what the church teaches on science, history, human relationships and more.

Chat #3

Session #5

Facilitator: Robert P. Lynch

Church history, 1960 - present

- From *“Throw open the windows!”* to *“Make a mess!”*

Catholics who lived through the Second Vatican Council sometimes assume that newer Catholics have an inherent understanding of the Council and its teachings. Many, in fact, are unaware of these things, and some fall easy prey to forces which disingenuously misrepresent recent church history.

- *Let's look at the dramatic story of the council which transformed our church.*

Chat #4

Session #10

Facilitator: Belinda Basaca Zeitlin

Everyone Matters

Everyone matters because God is in everyone. It is our mission as disciples of Christ to find God in every person we encounter. How can we be more like Christ in His servant leadership in our everyday dealings with people?

Chat #5

Sessions #2 and 10

Facilitator: Donna Calamis

Whose Life is it? A Life is as Life is a Life.

-Catholic View on Respect life

Rights of unborn babies.

Rights of elderly and terminally ill.

Death penalty.

Catholic position is much more than life and death.

All aspects of human respect will be covered.

Chat #6

Session #8

Facilitator: Father Kevin Dillon

Introduction to Morality

Students will discuss and explore what it means to be truly human and lead lives that are inherently Christian in accord with Church teaching. Contemporary moral issues will be explored including the Death Penalty, Abortion, Just War Theory, Bullying, Climate Change and End of Life Issues using a variety of mediums including Church documents and media.

*Participants will not only be able to articulate what the Church teaches but also **why the Church teaches** what it does on modern social problems.*

Chat #7

Session #3

Facilitator: Paul Bramfeld

Christmas Season

- *Holy Land Visit*

How much do we know? We start with exploring the Annunciation, Visitation and Immaculate Conception. Then Christmas nativity through Nazareth, Bethlehem and the shepherds. Ending with the Feast of the Holy Family, the Magi, Herod and the flight to Egypt. Highlighted by photos taken on my trip to the Holy Land.

Chat #8

Session #7

Facilitator: Paul Bramfeld

From Lent to Pentecost

- *Holy Land Visit*

How much do we know? This is the most significant period in the church calendar. Starting with Lent and the Temptation of Christ, Passion Sunday and Last Supper. Then Gethsemene, Crucification, transfiguration and apostle Thomas. Ending with the Assumption of Jesus and Mary, Pentacost and Assention of Jesus.

Chat #9

Session #9

Facilitator: Paul Bramfeld

Closing Thoughts

At the end of any gathering or the mass there are usually some words of thought. We start with looking at faith in media, then how religious and historical events have affected us and shape who we are. We close with looking at our relationships with God and others - past, present and most importantly, the future.

Chat #10

Sessions #2, 4, 6, and 10

Facilitator: Rich Lucidi

The 4 Last Things

-Death, Purgatory, Heaven and Hell

Death is the beginning of our eternal happiness with God and our loved ones who have gone before us. Why is it so difficult to talk about? This chat is an in-depth look at the wonder of God and Heaven, the cleansing of our souls in purgatory and the unfortunate result of going to “the other place.”

*- God's law could not be more simple.
Why do we have to make it so hard?*



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