

# St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church

Established 1898 ~ Sea Cliff, NY

Serving the people of God in Sea Cliff, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, Glen Cove and surrounding communities.

Reverend Kevin J. Dillon, Pastor

We are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the Kingdom of God.

# Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 29, 2020

### **Parish Information**

**Parish Center:** 145 Glen Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579 (516) 676-0676; Fax: (516) 674-6742 stbonchurch@gmail.com; www.saintboniface.org.

**Office Hours:** Mondays though Fridays: 10am-4pm, Saturdays: 9am-12pm.

**Parish Registration:** We welcome all new members to our parish family. Registration forms are available in the vestibule and in the parish office.

**Baptism:** Baptism is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month after12pm Mass. Please call the parish office at (516) 676-0676 to arrange a Baptism interview and a Baptism session. Godparents for Baptism should have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and live in harmony with the Catholic Church.

**Matrimony:** Couples wishing to be married are to call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed for marriage preparations.

**CYO:** Kevin Kelly; 516-676-0676 x 122

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

An ongoing process of formation for those interested in becoming Catholic. Email Jane Serpico at stbonRCIA@gmail.com or call the parish office at (516) 676-0676 x130.

**Parish Outreach:** Parish Center, Wednesdays and Saturdays. 10am-1pm. Call Jody Fleischmann and David Meagher at (516) 676-0676 x125.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** Call Linda Zavaro at (516) 676-0676 x124.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Parish Center third Sundays of the month at 6:30pm. Call David Meagher at (516) 676-0676 x131.

**Webmaster:** Robert Lynch; www.saintboniface.org; stbonweb@gmail.com or text/call 516-782-7494; or anpiobaire@aol.com

The Sisters of Jesus the Savior: 676-0676 x101

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Visit www.saintboniface.org and the St. Boniface Facebook page for more information.

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## Masses

The Diocese of Rockville Centre has announced that all masses in the diocese are suspended until further notice. The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) provides televised and online Masses and other devotional and spiritual programs. *Please see page 3 for an update from the diocese.* 

Masses are being celebrated privately by the St. Boniface Martyr Parish Priests for your intentions.

**Join us on Facebook** for Liturgies and Stations of the Cross (*Please see below*).

Sunday, March 29: Mases: Saturday 5pm and Sunday

10:30am (Facebook). Lent Retreat Zoom Webinar: 1pm.

Friday, April 3: Stations of the Cross. 3pm (Zoom).

Palm Sunday, April 5: 10:30am Mass (Facebook)

April 6, 7, 8: 9am Masses (Facebook)

Holy Thursday, April 9: 5pm Mass

of the Lord's Supper and Adoration (Facebook)

Good Friday, April 10: 3pm Commemoration

of the Lord's Passion (Facebook) AND

7pm Stations of the Cross (Facebook)

Holy Saturday, April 11: 7:30pm Easter Vigil (Facebook)

Easter Sunday. April 12: 12 noon Mass (Facebook)

### **Readings & Intentions**

### Fifth Sunday of Lent: March 29, 2020

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; In 11:1-45

10:30am Mass Intentions: Parishioners,

Sioban Rack, Salvatore & Josephine Giordano,

Carole Mancusi

#### Monday, March 30

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Mass Intention: Donald Weil

### Tuesday, March 31

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday, April 1:

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 2: St. Francis of Paola

Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9: Jn 8:51-59

First Friday, April 3 (Abstinence)

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

First Saturday, April 4: St. Isidore

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

### **Neighbors in Need**

If you know of any parishioners in need of assistance without access to the internet and don't know how to reach the St. Vincent de Paul Society, please have them call 676-0676, ext. 124 and leave a message. A member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will contact them as soon as possible. We pray that this crisis will be short term and that we will be able to return to our normal operations soon. *Thanks and God bless you*.

### For Our Deceased

#### For Our Sick

Lucia Alonso, William Anderson, Brandon Arena, Catherine Bailey, Charlie Brackenridge, Richard Brown, Caesar Cavese, Camille Costa, Therese Curry, Carmela DelGaudio, Daniel Garcia, Gary Gullo, Mary Jo Hauser, Cecelia Hernandez, Sairah Khan, Abby Kolkhorst, Toni Lauria, Georgia Leim, Bruce McGhee, Bobbi McDonald, Anna MacHormell, Janet McKinnon, Michelle Martone, Kenneth Moore, John Moran, Kim Occhiogrosso, John Orozco, Danielle Robinson, Tom Ryan, Jr., Abagail Salva, Pat Sawicki, Vincenza Scire, Anna Fiora Seda, Katrina Stern, Steven Taibbi, Steven Tipton, Glenn Van Pelt, Sr., Joe Vulpis, Lisa Vulpis, Scott Warner. Requests for inclusion on the sick list must be made by an immediate family member through Fr. Kevin.

### For Our Military

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 US Marine Lance CPO Philip W. Grella, III Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy Lance CPL Gregory Knox Sgt. Christian Lada, US Army Christian Pace Laderer, MMN3, US Navy 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 Michael R. Ragusa, USN SPC Jennifer Sinski, US Army Ensign Joseph Varello, USN Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy Sgt. Luke Whitting, US Army Captain Christina Merrick-Wright Captain Bradley Wright, US Army \*

# News from the Diocese

Public Liturgies. It was announced that as of Sunday, March 22 at 8pm, in compliance with the Executive Order of the Governor of New York State, no further public liturgies are permitted until further notice. This includes funerals, weddings, baptisms, and any other cause for gathering people together in the church, other than private prayer. Emergency sacraments are permitted, as always, but while exercising the proper health precautions. Burial services may be offered if possible, while observing all safe distance precautions, and should be done at the grave site. Wake services should no longer be conducted. Both wakes and funeral (memorial) Masses can be postponed.

Private Masses and live streamed or recorded Masses /devotions are still permitted. Pastors can have a very small group of assistants for filming if necessary, but maintaining the proper precautions.

**Churches.** Following instructions from the office of the Governor, churches can remain open for private prayer, while maintaining the proper precautions regarding distancing and groups of people congregating. However, no public liturgies are permitted.

Because the Governor is permitting churches to remain open for private prayer, we are also permitted to have maintenance personnel keeping the churches clean. However, we realize that this may not be possible in every parish for various reasons.

It is up to the prudent judgment of the pastors to assess the particular circumstances for their parish and make appropriate decisions.

Pastors are encouraged that if at all possible, to keep churches open for prayer. Together, we are all suffering spiritual deprivations. Access to prayer in the churches, especially in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament, is so deeply needed at this time.

Only essential personnel for essential operations as defined in the Governor's executive order are permitted to work on premises. This may include outreach personnel. However, proper precautions must be observed. All others must work from home. These prudential judgments must be made by pastors.

Distribution of Palms for Palm Sunday. Pastors should not plan to distribute Palms or make them available at this time. Palms will be blessed in parish churches on Palm Sunday and will be made available to the faithful at a later date.

**Confession.** Confessions may not be advertised or scheduled. However, confession can be conducted when urgently needed and when requested on a case-by-case basis. Please observe the safety precautions outlined in previous memos.

Spiritual Communion. The Faithful are encouraged to unite themselves to the Lord Jesus and to each other in "Spiritual Communion", which is part of the rich history of the Church's teachings. When the Faithful cannot access the Sacraments, especially the Body and Blood of Christ present in the Eucharist, they purify their hearts and ask God to allow them to be united with Him spiritually.

## Lenten Zoom Webinar

# We are doing the workshop and discussion via the webinar!

**WEEK # 4: March 29:** "Disconnect to Connect" Our world seems to be controlled by technology. Although we should stay connected, it has also disconnected us. This workshop will offer ways to balance our screen time with face to face time.

- 1) At 1pm login to: zoom.us
- 2) Meeting Room ID: 921-737-0728

Questions? Call/text or email Belinda: 516.551.2788 or stbonym@gmail.com. *Join us!* 

## **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

Catholics may make an act of Spiritual Communion, uniting themselves worthily to our Lord's true presence in the Most Holy Eucharist through prayer.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### March 29, 2020 Fifth Sunday of Lent

### To the Faithful of the Diocese of Rockville Centre

### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we carry the cross together, facing the devastating effects of COVID-19, please join me in thanking and praying for our first responders, dedicated doctors, nurses, staff and volunteers at Catholic Health Services and all of our wonderful hospitals across Long Island. Their sacrificial and heroic dedication during this unprecedented time is an inspiration and a sign of hope. Please join me in also praying for the incredible team at Catholic Charities who is on the front line of our response to the surge in need from the people of Nassau and Suffolk Counties. All of these brave men and women carrying out the Corporal Works of Mercy are a sign of the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives.

We must remember that, although we are being asked to distance ourselves physically, from each other, we remain joined, deeply in faith, to our brothers and sisters in Christ and in the mission of mercy of the Church we love.

I received an email from Auxiliary Bishop Richard Henning that I would like to share with you: "I am speaking with pastors and seeing an explosion of efforts to share, communicate and practice the Faith. God does indeed work in strange ways, and this terrible, grievous moment appears to be shaking many of us out of complacency. There is an energy and urgency that lifts my spirit."

Seeing the number of faithful who are now virtually participating in Mass, Holy Hours and Lenten retreats through their local parish and via the Catholic Faith Network is inspiring and I encourage you to continue to do so. I am also inspired by the rapid response of our pastors and parish leadership to care for the needs of their parish and to make this a reality. Our dedicated pastors and priests are serving in countless ways, never imagined in their seminary training.



We hear of so many special acts of kindness: people collecting food for outreach programs and needed medical equipment for our hospitals; stories of parishioners shopping and

checking in on their elderly neighbors, and reaching out to Catholic Charities to help financially or by volunteering their time.

Pope Francis tells us to "remain united - to make our closeness felt to those who are alone and to those who are most stricken". So many of you are exemplifying that call and I thank you.

From the beginning of the outbreak, our Diocese has monitored our procedures for our parishes, schools and ministries. We have adhered to all directives by the authorities and our health organizations. The spiritual wellbeing and safety of our community is our main priority.

Just as you and your family are now struggling with new challenges, our parishes are as well. Now, perhaps more than ever, your parish needs your help. It cannot survive without you.

Appreciating the anxieties you are facing, we urge you to please continue supporting your parish with weekly offertory donations. These funds are critical for the continued operation of your parish. Every day, your parish provides for the pastoral and spiritual care of its parishioners. It is there in the happiest moments in your life - weddings, baptisms, first Communions - and is a source of comfort during the most challenging times such as our current crisis or the death of a loved one. There are senior services, food pantries, youth ministries, schools, and on-going religious education. All of this depends on you! We ask that you please consider making the sacrifice, at a minimum, to continue your current weekly level of support. One easy way to do so is through your parish's online giving provider. Your parish may have an online giving account that can be accessed through the parish website.

We have also developed a "Text to Give" option for each of our parishes enabling you to make a weekly donation on your smart phone. To access information regarding this innovative form of giving, please go to the following website https://www.drvcmissionarygrowth.org/text2give.

At the same time, I ask our loyal supporters of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, who aid our ministries including Catholic Charities, to continue to support us if you are able. We are so grateful to those of you who continue to send in your pledge payments. We are seeing many of our ministries pivot to support those most impacted by COVID-19 and we rely on your support both in the short-term and long-term. All gifts – no matter the size – make a difference to those in need.

I truly hesitated in sending a request for support at this time, knowing the anxieties we are all facing. But as the needs of our community grow, we must ensure that our Church can continue to meet the needs of our people throughout this crisis. We must also prepare to fully reemerge when the crisis is over and we are able to join together again as the Body of Christ. I know that the faithful on Long Island understand this and will and respond as you always do in times of crisis.

If you or a family member is in need of assistance, please contact Catholic Charities at (516) 733-7045.

Thank you for embracing the mission of the Church. May the Holy Spirit lift our spirits so that we may see with supernatural vision the opportunities to share our Catholic Faith in these challenging times. You and your family are remembered in my daily prayers.

Sincerely in Christ

..t John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre



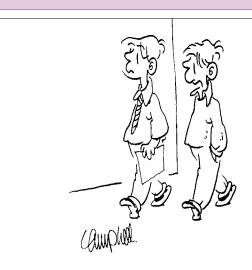
Yes, Lord, we do follow you, but we can only come at your bidding.



No one can make the ascent without you, for you are our way, our truth, our life, our strength, our confidence, our reward.

Be the way that receives us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that invigorates us.

- St. Ambrose of Milan



"I'm not sure what an E-pistle is. I think it's some sort of pre-e-mail device."

## Take Five for Faith

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 29, 2020

The moment of waking from a nightmare is suffused with relief. Whoever was chasing you dissolves, and whatever threatened harm has vanished. Grief and loss, however, can be living nightmares from which we're unable to shake ourselves awake. Yet as the Scrutiny prayers for our Elect this Sunday affirm, the "horror of sin, which distorts life" is indeed an evil from which we can escape. Death has an end, and love will have its victory. We pray with our Elect for freedom from all paths that lead to death and a greater attraction to the ways that restore life.

### Monday, March 30, 2020

On this day in 1990, Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A. died but the voice that nurtured countless thousands was not silenced. Before Sister Thea, black Catholics were expected to give up their music, dance, and spiritual testifying because these were suspiciously "Protestant" customs. She restored their identity, shaped it through the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University, and shared it with those of other backgrounds. Shortly before her death, Thea spoke to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from her wheelchair. In the last five minutes of that talk, Thea the visibly moved bishops in singing "We Shall Overcome." Thea called the spirituals she grew up with "bonfires to warm chilly nights." Such songs of hope warm a few hearts as well. Sing a spirit-filled song, today, in honor of Sister Thea.

### Tuesday, March 31, 2020

John's gospel uses the term "I AM" to identify Jesus. That's a reference to the Exodus story when God revealed the divine presence to Moses using the name "I AM." So the presence of Christ in us, in our humanity, is the "I AM" who is with us. Of course there's another "I am" who is the self, our ego. That's the conflict. Just as John the Baptist said, "He must increase and I must decrease," the best thing we can do is surrender the "I am" in us to the "I AM" who is Christ.

### Wednesday, April 1, 2020

"Truth will set you free" and other heady thoughts about freedom are abundant in today's gospel. Across the centuries, the Catholic Church has had a lot to say about freedom (though, admittedly, it also has remained silent at times when it should have spoken out). A foundation for much of that thought springs from the concept that God has granted human beings freedom to choose between good and evil, and the "more one does what is good, the freer one becomes,"

as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it. (http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\_css/archive/catechism/p3s1c1a3.htm). In a world that often glorifies power and money, it is hard to believe that truth and goodness are the keys to freedom. But have a little faith and see where it gets you.

### Thursday, April 2, 2020

St. Francis of Paola, hermit

The movement toward organic farming and more humane animal husbandry has helped raise our awareness of the impact of our food production on the vast chain of creation. Saint Francis of Paola intuited all this more than 500 years ago, when he founded the religious order of Minims, "the least," in the spirit of the "Lesser Brothers" of Saint Francis of Assisi. In addition to the usual monastic vows, Minims take a fourth vow to abstain from meat, eggs, and all dairy products, not only to practice a "Lenten way of life," but also in an effort to "do no harm" to other living beings. Bring a bit of the spirit of the Minims to your dining table and daily life.

### Friday, April 3, 2020

Growing up, it seemed that every school, every playground had that kid—you know the one, the bully. That child taunted, picked on, and terrorized others. Unfortunately, as adults, we see bullies too in our workplaces, our relationships, on social media, in political life, and so on. As Catholics, we have a religious duty to take a stand against bullies. "Life, especially human life, belongs to God; whoever attacks human life attacks God's very self" (Evangelium vitae §9). The church calls us to stop bullying in all its forms, including the ways we might bully others. Pope Francis challenges us: "What is it within us that pushes us to mock and mistreat others weaker than we are?" Be especially conscious today of the way you treat others.

### Saturday, April 4, 2020

St. Isidore of Seville, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
It is amazing the impact one learned person can have
on the course of history. Because sixth-century Isidore
of Seville was a dedicated scholar and shared his
erudition with others in dictionaries, encyclopedias,
and great histories, much of the ancient world's
wisdom was preserved during the chaotic Middle Ages.
He was sometimes called the "Schoolmaster of the
Middle Ages" because his writings were used as
textbooks for nine centuries! Perhaps more
remarkable, he combined this great learning with an
equal sense of compassion and charity toward those
less fortunate. Be wise and kind and you will earn your
place in salvation history.

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# Home Touch Ministry

### **Scripture Reading:** Psalm 138

Only in the darkness can you see the stars.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

They still tell the story at William and Mary College of daffy, magnificent President Ewell. For a century and a half, this prestigious Virginia school had been a leader among American universities. Then came the Civil War. In the hard days of reconstruction that followed, William and Mary went bankrupt. Soon it had a deserted campus, decaying buildings and no students.

As with so many Southern schools after that tragic war, everyone wrote it off as dead. Everyone, except its president. He had given his best years to advancing the liberal arts through that school. He refused to give up now. So, every morning, President Ewell went to the deserted campus, climbed the tower of its main building, and rang the bells, calling the school to class.

He behaved as though the school was still there.

People thought he was crazy. Nevertheless, every day for seven years, President Ewell rang the bells at William and Mary, in defiance of the despair and hopelessness that would destroy everything he held valuable.

Eventually and miraculously, it worked. Others caught his vision. Students, teachers and money returned. Today, America's second oldest university thrives again, because of the hope of a single man.

Today, people suffer all around the world. Churches are shuttered by the threat of disease and uncertainty and scattered by the fear of disease and uncertainty.

Many people are shut up in their homes or apartments having no else to go: no work, no restaurants, nor entertainment venues. It's such a different atmosphere from the bustle and highenergy life we're used to.

But we persist, wherever we are.

We worship God in our homes and online with a virtual community of believers. We read the Bible. We pray on bended knee. We give thanks. We help others in their time of need. We walk humbly with God.

We're ringing the bells of hope.

And someday, we shall have our reward.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God of grace and mercy, you are our hope. We cast ourselves upon you in utter faith and confidence. There is none besides you! In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Global Awareness**

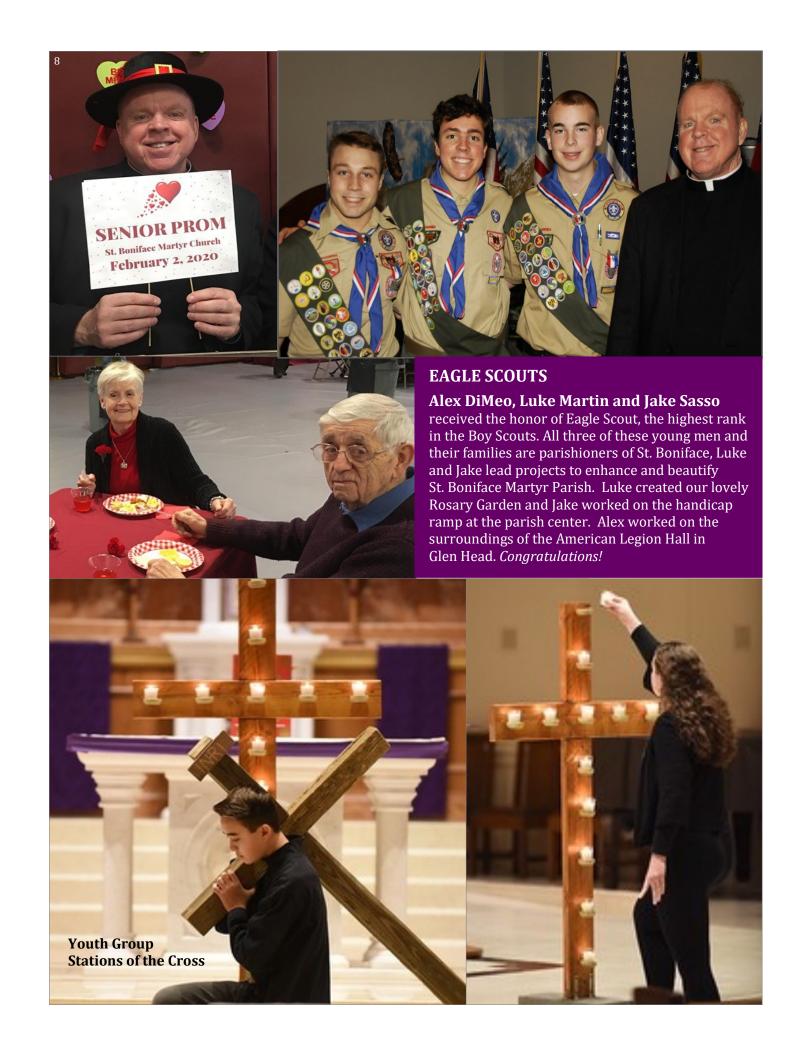
**Directions:** This is a rearrangement or unscrambling exercise. Each set of letters when rearranged will spell out the name of a country. *Answers on page 7*.



1.	A D E K M R N
2.	G R B A A I L U
3.	H P E I T I A O
4.	D A U R O H N S
5.	O A N M A R I
6.	G L E D A N N
7.	SHININECLTEET
8.	H F N N A A S T G A I
9.	Y N G A R M E
10. SATNKPIA	

### Prayer for Containment of the Coronavirus and Those Affected by It

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.



# Stewardship ... a Way of Life

### **Sunday Donations**

Thank you for your Stewardship of \$4318.

### **Month of February Faith Direct Donations**

Stewardship - \$9,998 (\$2,500 per week) Maintenance and Repair - \$698 74 participating families

### **Special Assistance**

"Your surplus at the present time should supply their needs so that their surplus may in turn one day supply your need." (II Cor 8:14). Stewardship also provides assistance for the less fortunate. Please place your "surplus" in an envelope marked Special Assistance. Fr. Kevin will see it helps "supply their needs." Please pray about what Jesus is asking you to do.

**St. Boniface Martyr Church** is sustained by the generosity of parishioners through time, talent and treasure. For all that you do, we thank you!

Teach us to give and not to count the cost. - St. Ignatius of Loyola

### **Faith Direct**

During Lent we can prepare ourselves for Easter through prayer and giving back to our parish. While we are not able to physically attend Mass and place our donations in the offertory basket, I would like to invite you in joining me, and many others at St. Boniface Martyr parish, in setting up recurring eGiving though Faith Direct. Thanks to eGiving, your weekly offering will be automatically taken care of, which saves you time and saves our parish money by eliminating all those unused offertory envelopes. It's easy! Just visit faith.direct/NY820. Already using Faith Direct? Log in to make a one-time gift today! Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You!

Fr. Kevin



### **Global Awareness Answers** (from page 5):

- 1. Denmark, 2. Bulgaria, 3. Ethiopia,
- 4. Honduras, 5. Romania, 6. England,
- 7. Liechtenstein, 8. Afghanistan, 9. Germany,
- 10. Pakistan.

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