

# St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church

Established 1898 ~ Sea Cliff, New York

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.

Join us!

# Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 30, 2020

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**Office Hours:** 10am-2pm Monday - Friday; 9am-12pm Saturday.

**Church Hours:** 8am-2:30pm Monday - Friday; 8am-6pm Saturday; 9am-1pm Sunday.

**Masses:** 8am Monday through Saturday. **Sunday:** 5pmSaturday; Sunday: 9am, 10:30am;12pm

**Confession:** Saturday 4pm-4:45pm in the Parish Center.

Rosary Garden: Open daily dawn to dusk.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:** If you know of any parishioners needing assistance, please call Linda Zavaro at 516-676-0676 x124 and leave a message with contact information. A Vincentian will call them.

**Parish Outreach Pantry:** If you know of any parishioners in need of food, please call Jody Fleischmann and David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x125 and leave the person's name, address and number. Food will be delivered to them safely.



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Matthew 16:24b-25

# Liturgy Schedule

10:30am Sunday Mass at St. Boniface: www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/

Catholic Faith Network: Optimum 29/137, Verizon 296; CFNtv.org (has mass on demand).

Please Pray for our Deceased: Elizabeth LaPorte

**August 30, 2020: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-9; Rom 12:1-2; Eph 1:17-18; Matt 16:21-27

**5pm Mass Intentions: Hilda & David Palomo; Stephen Michael Kopian** Presider: Fr. Azubuike

**9am Mass Intention: Arthur Merrick** Presider: Fr. Perera

**10:30am Mass Intentions: Douglas Sessler; Parishioners** Presider: Fr. Perera

**12pm Mass Intention: Kathleen O'Connor** Presider: Fr. Kevin Monday, August 31 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Luke 4:16-30 8am Mass

**Tuesday, September 1** 1 Cor 2:10-16; Ps 145:8-14; Luke 7:16; Luke 4:31-37 8am Mass

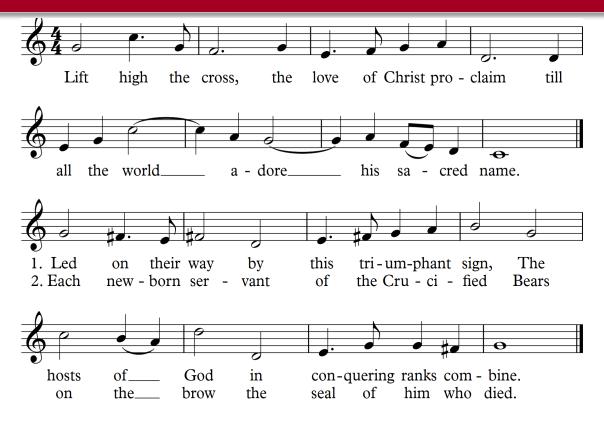
Wednesday, September 2 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-21; Luke 4:18; Luke 4:38-44 8am Mass

**Thursday, September 3:** St. Gregory the Great *1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1-6; Matt 4:19; Luke 5:1-11* **8am Mass** 

First Friday, September 4 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-40; John 8:12; Luke 5:33-39 8am Mass

First Saturday, September 5 1 Cor 4:6-15; Ps 145:17-21; John 14:6; Luke 6:1-5 8am Mass Intention: Anna & Ernesto Vitiello Confession 4pm-4:45pm.

# Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross



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# Prayers & Readings

**CONFITEOR:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**GLORIA:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**READING 1:** Jer 20:7-9; You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

PSALM 63: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water. *R*. Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you. *R*. Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. *R*. You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy. My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me. *R*.

**READING 2:** Rom 12:1-2; I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

**ALLELUIA:** Eph 1:17-18: *R Alleluia, Alleluia*. Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart. *R*.

**GOSPEL:** Matt 16:21-27; Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

NICENE CREED: I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father: through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**APOSTLE'S CREED:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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# Let Us Pray

## For Our Deceased: Elizabeth LaPorte

### **For Our Sick**

Lucia Alonso, William Anderson, Brandon Arena, Charlie Brackenridge, Richard Brown, 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, Janet McKinnon, Michelle Martone, Kenneth Moore, John Moran, Fr. Daniel Nash, Kim Occhiogrosso, John Orozco, Michelle Perone, Danielle Robinson, Tom Ryan, Jr., Abagail Salva, Pat Sawicki, Vincenza Scire, Anna Fiora Seda, Katrina Stern, Steven Taibbi, Steven Tipton, Eric Tyrkko, 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 First Lieutenant Nicholas Cavallone, USAF Lance CPL Matthew B. Christman Second Lieutenant Mario Coronel, US Army Second Lieutenant Matthew Coronel, US Army Flight Lieutenant Joseph Dovle 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 Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve Ensign Joseph Varello, USN Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy Sgt. Luke Whitting, US Army Captain Christina Merrick-Wright Captain Bradley Wright, US Army.



# **Second Banns of Marriage**

Michael Ferrante St. Rita's, Staten Island and *Tina Golster* 

# News & Notes



Please Be Courteous and park your car in a designated spot that does not block anyone's driveway during Mass.

Thank you.

## **Sunday Donations**

Thank you for your *Stewardship Donation of \$3254* last week.

#### Month of July Faith Direct Donations

Stewardship: \$13,577 (4 weeks) Maintenance & Repair: \$943; One Time Gifts: \$1,225 100 families now participating (\$3,347 per week for Faith Direct Stewardship)

## **Religious Education 2020-21**

Visit **www.saintboniface.org** to **REGISTER NOW** for online classes. Contact Karen Croce at stbonccd@gmail.com with questions or for a form.

**Confessions:** Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm in the Parish Center. Wait on the porch socially distanced. Masks required. Face-to-Face Confession only, with plexiglass separating priest and penitent.

Masses: 8am Mondays through Saturdays. Seating in side pews and first two center pews on the left. Sunday: 5pm Saturday; 9am10:30am,12pm Sunday.

**Church Entry** via main doors. Masks Required.

## Bathrooms closed.

**Communion:** Come forward masked and socially distanced. After you say Amen, step aside and consume the host. You may receive on the tongue by kneeling and removing your mask.

## **First Banns of Marriage**

Andrew Curiale St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa and Justyne Passarelli St. Boniface Martyr, Sea Cliff



# PREPARE

# Learn to Díscern

Today's epistle has me wondering what it would be like if Saint Paul reappeared today in, say, New York or L.A. After a chance to watch some TV, surf the internet, catch up on the major issues in the news, I imagine his message would be the same as it was in the first century. "Do not conform yourselves to this age."

Then, as now, one of the best antidotes to some of the more negative influences of the age is family. At least it can be. Saint Paul's advice is "be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may discern what is the will of God." Family can be both the place of such transformation and a school of discernment. Discernment means developing the ability and the inclination to see, judge, and act in right ways.

But families must be intentional—we need to make choices about how we set our priorities and how we spend our time. Our culture offers many wonderful and valuable gifts, and also a lot of shallow and empty promises. One of the best gifts you can give your children and other family members is support in learning to tell the true gifts from the empty promises. One quick "next step"? Make sure they know and absorb the message of Jesus in order to counter the thousands of ads they're exposed to everywhere thev turn. -Tom McGrath is a veteran Catholic publisher, recently retired from Loyola Press. He was cofounder of TrueQuest Communications, Director of Publishing at Claretian Publications and author of Raising Faith-Filled Kids and The Meal Box.

# We Deserve Better, Don't We?

Who among us hasn't thought: "I've worked so hard, been honest and true, I deserve rest and reward." That only seems fair and reasonable. Good people deserve good lives—it's the presupposition of most cultures—and the essence of the American Dream.

Like Peter, we find it hard to believe that decent people could end in ignominious failure. Who wants to see themselves or their heroes ridiculed and reviled? Peter's "say it ain't so, Lord," is a very human response to such disheartening news. But Jesus says not only is it so but to think otherwise is the work of the devil. The minute we begin to believe that we are entitled to a life free from sacrifice, we are not thinking as God does—for our God continually offers himself in sacrifice to us. Throughout his years of ministry, Jesus reminds us that true joy and rest come with discipleship—with following God's ways of compassion and justice.

So perhaps it's time to take stock of your expectations. If you are hoping for your just rewards, you will be sorely disappointed, no matter how much money you make or fame you achieve. If, on the other hand, you are preparing for the many difficult days ahead by strengthening your love and commitment to others and to God, then you have already tapped into your heavenly treasure.

- Patrice Tuohy, co-founder of TrueQuest Communications and publisher of PREPARE THE WORD, is an award-winning writer, editor, designer, and author.

# Getting Behind Jesus

I can't sleep. I can't let go. I don't understand. I am heartbroken and Nancy is completely inconsolable. Two days ago, our son Robert told us that he was being re-deployed to Afghanistan. "Try to convince him not to go," Nancy told me, "He's already been twice. What if this time he doesn't come back? Why are we fighting a war that's not even our war?" "I did speak to him," I insisted. "He said that he's a soldier and that this is his job. He said that we are fine here, but who is defending those poor people over there? I told him to think of his family, that he has kids now. He said it was his duty to serve." Nancy just glared at me and left the room in tears. That was this afternoon. Now, lying awake in bed, the conversation plays over and over again in my head. Nancy has finally fallen asleep, yet I lie here praying, "God, please God, don't let my son go back to war. Why him? Send someone else." Then it hits me like a ton of bricks, "I did not want my son to die either." What? "I did not want my son to die either."

And now I understand. Here I am begging for my son to be spared to a God who did not spare his own son. Now I understand that no one loves Robert more than our Father, who is in Heaven. Now I understand what picking up your cross means; why the grain of wheat has to die. Now I am able to let go and get behind Jesus and with a renewed peace, finally fall asleep.

-Deacon Pedro Guevara-Mann is producer and host of The Salt + Light Radio Hour in Toronto.

## Take Five for Faith Daily renewal for busy Catholics

#### 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 30, 2020

Suffering is no one's first choice. But some things are worth suffering for. When women give birth, when parents head off to sometimes grueling employment, when soldiers defend against aggressors, when missionaries leave their homeland, when young adults embrace religious vocations, they all accept that a certain amount of pain and loss will accompany these decisions. So Jesus accepts that the way to defeat the grip of sin and death is through a bitter reckoning in Jerusalem. Peter wanted a safer route and a happy ending. But sometimes the happy ending is only reached by the road we're avoiding.

#### Monday, August 31

"When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people," says the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. What an honor then to be a reader at Mass! The Missal recommends that readers be "people who are truly suited to carrying out this function and carefully prepared, so that by their hearing the readings from the sacred texts the faithful may conceive in their hearts a sweet and living affection for Sacred Scripture." Are you up to the task? Consider volunteering to proclaim the word of God in your parish if you are able, and in any case, thank those who already do so.

#### **Tuesday, September 1**

How do we pray for creation's care? First, we praise the Creator, who shines in every tree, drop of water, patch of sunlight. God's meticulous, elegant creation nourishes us with food and sustains us with beauty. Second, we educate ourselves to the "urgent challenge to protect our common home," as Pope Francis puts it in Laudato si'. Third, we join prayer with action. Understanding the damage of climate change, air and water pollution, loss of biodiversity, consider: What to do personally? As a family? A neighborhood? A church? A nation?

#### Wednesday, September 2

One of the many striking features of Jesus' ministry is the fact that he turned no one away. Whether at a meal or preaching and teaching, Jesus welcomed everyone to share in the experience. All who needed counsel or healing received it, regardless of rank or stature. Contrast this with policies in so many areas of society that restrict those who can receive services, support, and aid. What does it mean to really follow Jesus? At the least it means following his example and building a society that discriminates less, shares more, and places the emphasis on responding to the needs of all people rather than the desires of a few.

#### Thursday, September 3: St. Gregory the Great

Gregory was born around 540 in Rome, in an era when priests were still allowed to marry. Born into Roman nobility, he came with quite a clerical pedigree, including at least one papal ancestor, Pope Felix II, who reigned a century before Gregory was chosen pope by acclamation (another tradition of that era) in 590. We don't memorialize Gregory for his lineage, however, but rather for his humility. He preferred monastic life to high office, resisted the trappings of power, and referred to himself as a "servant" of God—language that was unprecedented coming from a member of the nobility. We can thank Gregory not because he was great, but because he was good.

#### Friday, September 4

Marriage customs were quite different in biblical times than they are now, involving some customs that today would seem unsavory, to say the least, such as death by stoning for women who failed to pass a "proof of virginity" test during the consummation of a marriage. Of course, no such proof was available or expected of the groom. Not every custom from biblical days deserves to be admired, much less perpetuated. A historical approach to biblical literature helps us separate the wheat from the chaff in our heritage.

#### Saturday, September 5: Blessed Virgin Mary

The tradition of dedicating Saturdays not already set aside as memorials to Mary dates to the ninth century. Though the origins of the tradition are not clear, Saturdays serve to remind us that Mary was steadfast in her witness in the dark time between Jesus' Good Friday Crucifixion and his Easter Sunday Resurrection. Mary neither fled nor denied the son she loved and followed. We can recall her resolute discipleship today and every Saturday and commit ourselves to stand vigilant in our own faith, even if at times we stand alone.

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Hello! My name is Deacon Art Candido!

As DIRECTOR OF DIACONATE FORMATION, my ministry is to FORM CATHOLIC MEN INTO DEACONS who serve in our Diocese of Rockville Centre.

If you have ever thought about **SERVING GOD AND THE CHURCH** as a deacon, I invite you and your wife to attend one of our **INFORMATION SESSIONS** so I can share about the diaconate with you. There are three meeting dates to choose from—



# 7:00 PM Tuesday, September 15th 4:00 PM Sunday, September 20th OR 7:00 PM Thursday, September 24th

at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743.

# To reserve a place at one of the meetings,

contact my assistant, Carol, at 631-423-0483 Ext. 179 or email diaconateformation@drvc.org

# **Parish Information**

**Registration:** We welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the office.

**Baptism:** Please contact the office to arrange an interview and class. Godparents must have received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and live in harmony with the Catholic Church.

**Matrimony:** Engaged couples are to call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed.

**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.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Call David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x131.

**CYO:** Call Kevin Kelly at 516-676-0676 x 122.

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