

St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church

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and surrounding communities.

Reverend Kevin J. Dillon, Pastor

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

Join us!

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 22, 2021

Mass Schedule

8am Mondays-Saturdays; Rosary after 8am Mass. Sundays: 5pm Vigil Saturdays; 9am, 10:30am,12pm Sundays

Confession

Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm.

Church Hours

8am-2:30pm Monday-Friday; 8am-6pm Saturday; 9am-1pm Sunday

Parish Address

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Parish Office Hours

Mondays-Thursdays: 9am-3pm

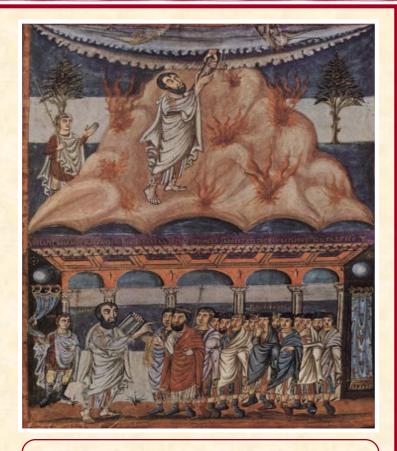
Fridays: 9am-1:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you know parishioners needing assistance call Jovanna Lemonda at 676-0676 x124.

Outreach Pantry

Saturdays 10am-12pm. Contacts: Jody Fleischmann & David Meagher at 676-0676 x125.



Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel... and addressed all the people, "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve..."

Joshua 24:1-2,15

Liturgy Schedule

All the unvaccinated are required to wear face masks. As of this printing, mask wearing for fully vaccinated people is at one's discretion.



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Josh 24:1-18; Ps 34:1-21; Eph 5:21-32; John 6:60-69

5pm Saturday Vigil Mass: Bob Jantzen **9am Sunday Mass:** Vicente Castillon

10:30am Mass: Arthur Merrick, Antonia Marchese,

Sioban Rack, Parishioners

12pm Sunday Mass

Monday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima

1 Thess 1:1-10; Ps 149:1-9; John 10:27; Matt 23:13-22 8am Mass (streamed): Karen Schenck

Tuesday, August 24: St. Bartholomew

1 Thess 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Heb 4:12; Matt 23:23-26 8am Mass (streamed)

Wednesday, August 25: St. Joseph Calasanz

1 Thess 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12; 1 John 2:5; Matt 23:27-32 8am Mass (streamed)

Thursday, August 26

1 Thess 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-17; Mt 24:42, 44; Mt 24:42-51 8am Mass (streamed)

Friday, August 27: St. Monica

1 Thess 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-12; Luke 21:36; Matt 25:1-13 8am Mass (streamed)

Saturday, August 28: St. Augustine

1 Thess 4:9-11; Ps 98:1-9; John 13:34; Matt 25:14-30 8am Mass (streamed) 5pm Mass

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased: Catherine Eileen Doherty

For Our Sick

Ryan Alexander Aguilar, Lucia Alonso, William Anderson, Brandon Arena, Bea Bohm. Richard Brown, Camille Costa, Therese Curry, Carmela DelGaudio, Hardai Dhandari, Anna Dirienzo, Emily Furlong, Gina Galante, Daniel Garcia, Gary Gullo, Mary Jo Hauser, Cecelia Hernandez, Sairah Khan, Abby Kolkhorst, Toni Lauria, Georgia Leim, Yvonne Lewis, Maryann McDermott, Bobbi McDonald, Bruce McGhee, Jean McGurn, Ianet McKinnon, Horst & Gisela Mahr, Josephine Mamantel, Joseph Marra, Michelle Martone, Kenneth Moore, John Moran, Fr. Daniel Nash, Kim Occhiogrosso, John Orozco, Michelle Perone, Ray & Kathy Peters, Danielle Robinson, Tom Ryan, Jr., Abagail Salva, Linda Santiago, Pat Sawicki, Bill Schiller, Vincenza Scire, Anna Fiora Seda, Karl Sederholt, Teresa Staccone, Anna Stella, Katrina Stern, Steven Taibbi, Steven Tipton, Glenn Van Pelt, Sr., Joe Vulpis, Lisa Vulpis, Scott Warner, Angela Zaccagnino.

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 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 Second Lieutenant Conor Lynch, US Army Lieutenant Brian McMenamin Lieutenant Ian McMenamin Private First Class Ioshua McMillan Lieutenant Michael R. Ragusa, USN SPC Jennifer Sinski, US Army Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve Petty Officer, 1st Class Corey Tag, US Navy Ensign Joseph Varello, USN Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy Sgt. Luke Whitting, US Army Major Christina Merrick-Wright Major Bradley Wright, US Army. 🗘

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Month of July Sunday Collections

Stewardship: \$17,198 (4 weeks) Maintenance & Repair: \$477

Month of July Faith Direct Donations

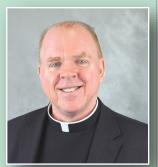
Stewardship: \$14,289 (4 weeks) Maintenance and Repair: \$888

One-Time Gifts: \$290 Faith Stream Ministry: \$75

110 families are now participating as of 7/23/21

Dear Parishioners,

Summer is almost over – have you made the switch to eGiving? It's a great way to support St. Boniface Martyr and grow our ministries that share the Good News of God's love. You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and



set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

Recuring gifts can streamline your stewardship and sustain our parish in the "dog days" of summer and throughout the year. You'll provide consistent support that helps us always be at the ready with programs, services, and ministries for our church families and for those in need throughout the community. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct NY820.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You!

Fr. Kevin

We welcome two new musicians to our parish, **John and Jane Benstock.**

They will be serving as organist and cantor at the Saturday 5pm mass.

We look forward to hearing your music and worshipping with you.

Welcome to St Boniface!



St. Boniface Ministries

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets the third Sunday of the month at 3pm in Room 10 of the St. Boniface Martyr school building, 12 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff. The group is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher and Linda Rose. There are no fees, but PRE-REGISTRATION is required. For information and registration, contact David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x 131 or davidkmeagher@gmail.com or lrosecsw@hotmail.com.

Mondays: Charismatic Prayer Group

Looking for a deeper relationship with God? You are invited you to be touched by God's love in a weekly evening of praise, prayer, music and scripture. We will continue to meet via zoom from 7:30-8:30pm until further notice. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

Tuesdays: Women of Faith Book Group

Meets monthly mornings and evenings. New members welcome! For details contact Pat Fox at pattomfox@gmail.com.

Third Wednesdays: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meets at 7:30pm in the church narthex. To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society? Call 516-676-0676 x124 for more information.

Thursdays: Scripture Study

We will continue to meet via zoom from 7:30pm-8:30pm until further notice. We are studying the Gospel of John. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

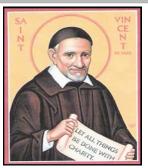
Third Saturdays: St. Boniface Men's Group

Next meeting is on **September 18** in the school building, first floor, room 10 (across the hall from the Religious Ed office). All subsequent meetings will be there as well unless otherwise notified. Contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com.

Third Saturdays: Lay Carmelites

Lay Carmelites of Blessed Titus Brandsma meets monthly at 9am-12pm in the parish center. Contact Flora at 516-676-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 for information.

St. Vincent dePaul



When the Great Depression hit the country, it seriously affected St. Boniface Martyr Parish. Few could meet pledges made in good faith, and the church was burdened with debt.

In 1932, the pastor, Fr. Ford, organized a

"conference" of the St. Vincent de Paul Society as one bulwark against personal need suffered by the parishioners and others in Sea Cliff during those stark days.

The St. Boniface Martyr St. Vincent de Paul Society continues to provide aid and comfort to our neighbors in need. Through your generosity, the St. Boniface Vincentians are able to provide help for people in our community who require spiritual and material assistance.

The principal source of financial support for the Society is people like you, who share Jesus' love of the needy with Vincentians. Your generous donations make you partners with St. Vincent de Paul Society members in following Christ's teachings to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and shelter the homeless.

Save the Date: September 25



Stay tuned for details...

Night of the Living God

In my memory, it is the most miserable night of my life. My job that summer was at a canoe trip camp. I was a lifeguard and water safety instructor, but I had never paddled a canoe in my life. During staff training, I did learn to paddle, but when we left base camp for five-day trips into the wilderness, I was without doubt the junior guide on board.

The first two trips were great. We chose and charted our destinations, planned and packed meals and headed out Monday mornings, returning in paddling formation to base camp on Friday afternoons. Then there was trip three. The group was small, the trip was a bit more difficult, but the lead guide was the most experienced in camp. Our first two days out were fine. But on Thursday we hit foul weather. Strong winds made it impossible to make any progress and after hours of paddling in place, we were blown into a rocky shore. Everything we had was drenched—tents, clothes, sleeping bags, camp boxes, food, matches—nothing was spared. To top it off, the lead guide lost it, screaming that we were all going to die.

I barked at her to calm down as I realized I was now leading the group on my own. We put up the wet tent, assessed the damages, and determined our only option was to get inside the tent and hope for help with the dawn. Though I laid awake all night, too cold and miserable to sleep, I did not give in to fear or give up. In this crisis moment, I trusted that we would be found. If God could bring Israel out of bondage, God could see us home too.

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The Inner Word: What's in Your Heart?

Some of the disciples are so turned off by the Lord's teaching on the bread of life that they leave him and return to their former way of life.



- What kind of response do you get when you speak about the church's teaching on issues like war, immigration, and the death penalty?
- How has becoming more like Jesus affected how others think of you?

Take Five for Faith

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 22, 2021

Songwriter Bob Dylan had a come-to-Jesus moment in 1978 in a hotel room in Tucson, Arizona. More accurately, it seemed like Jesus came to him, as he felt "a presence in the room that couldn't have been anybody but Jesus." For four years, Dylan wrote songs critics panned as "God-awful gospel," and fans mourned the loss of what they'd come to expect from him. By 1981, Dylan had returned to his Jewish and folk-rock roots. Yet he never retracted his vision: "Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody." The choice remains ours.

Monday, August 23: St. Rose of Lima

Parents have expectations of their kids, and kids want to make their own choices—it's part of the painful growing-up process. Rose of Lima was like a lot of teenagers who clashed with her parents about her future, and she was like a lot of saints who rankled family by refusing to marry. They never let her join a convent, but they didn't force her to wed either, finally relenting to her choice of chastity. She lived out her brief life as she had wished, in prayer and penance. She is the patron saint of family problems. Everyone has them, so ask Rose for help.

Tuesday, August 24: St. Bartholomew

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was one of the original 12 apostles and later, a traveling missionary. He embodied what it means to become a missionary disciple—one who, upon being led to Jesus, wishes to lead others to him, too. As the U.S. bishops say in Go and Make Disciples, Jesus "gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate." Where can you stir interest in Jesus today?

Wednesday, August 25

Today, we are becoming aware of the deep truth that wrongs committed in the past, even generations ago. Such is the sin of racism, which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have called "an evil which endures in our society and in our Church." Each of us is called to help dismantle racism, to reject the oppression of others, and to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced too long.

Thursday, August 26

Wakefulness is a term often used in spiritual writing. In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Stay awake! You do not know on which day your Lord will come." The of the Catholic Church contains at least 20 references to being awake, usually in regard to "awakening faith." The church wants its members to be vigilant and tells us in the catechism that the "Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch!" Ask the Holy Spirit to help you awaken to God's presence today.

Friday, August 27: St. Monica

Sometimes it feels like all of our small choices and actions will never amount to anything. Go big or go home, we're told. Yet the stuff of transformation, healing, and love is knitted together one small thing at a time. Our call is to have faith and persist. Take a look at Saint Monica, a laywoman from North Africa, who day in and day out offered "small" acts of kindness, love, and care for her beloved yet wayward son Augustine. She never tired of believing in him, even storming heaven on his behalf. Persisting in the small things that are good, beautiful, and true can make a big difference. What small things are you called to persist in?

Saturday, August 28: St. Augustine

Like all larger-than-life historical figures, Saint Augustine and his legacy are subject to debate. Some find in his vast work reason to take a pessimistic view of humanity. But he was quite life-affirming in his conviction that the happiness found in following God is indeed the only worthy and lasting happiness. "Happy is [the one] who has God," he succinctly put it. To "have" God for Augustine meant to love God, citing Psalm 72: "For me it is good to cling to God." Or, as Pharrell Williams put it in his blockbuster song "Happy" a few years back, "Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth."

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The Moment of Decision

Our lives are filled with moments that present definitive forks in the road. Should I go to college or take that job at my uncle's shop? Should I pop the question with this romantic partner or continue to look for a spouse? Is it time to relocate with the company or would I be wise to stay put? Would Mom be better off in assisted living or moving in with us? Will surgery make my back problems go away or will I be worse off?

Of course, every hour of our lives is replete with decisions mostly made unconsciously. What distinguishes the rarer moments of decision is that we are aware of a certain finality in them. We recognize that we are at a turning point upon which the future will revolve. Some options will no longer be available to us after this decision is made. Once committed to this path, there is no turning back. Even if the marriage or the career is later reconsidered, the consequences of having made this choice remain, and the life we left behind is changed as a result.

The life of faith has many such definitive moments. We mark them with sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders. As the old song goes, we have decided to follow Jesus, and there is no turning back. We renew that commitment in our every Eucharist, the celebration of reconciliation, and the witness of courage in anointing our illness to Christ. Being for Christ also means standing against many of the ways and values of our culture. As the song also says, "The cross before me, the world behind me." No turning back!

Joshua gathers the nation together at the end of their years of wandering. The promised land awaits, as well as a new season of stability, prosperity, and hope. But one thing needs to be determined before the nation takes root on the soil: Who is their God? Whom will they serve?

It's no idle question; actually, it's an idol question. Most ancient peoples worshipped the god of the land, and each god was considered attached to his or her particular patch of ground. The God of the Hebrews had caught up with them in a foreign land, Egypt, but that was an aberration to be sure. The powers of Egyptian religion and magic had been no match for this God, nor had the desolation of the desert years. But now as the people stood poised on the brink of a new world, full of Canaanite gods and well-established cults that worked just fine, should they bank on the God that had delivered them thus far, or would it be more practical to adopt the tried-and-true gods of Canaan?

The nation before Joshua was composed of sons and daughters of those who had once stood before Moses and addressed a similar moment of decision: "I set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live." It may seem like a false dichotomy: Who would choose death and the curse that goes with it? But we who live in the modern culture of death, as Pope John Paul II termed it, are in no position to scoff at the question. Many choose the way of death, and most of us suffer under the curse that emanates from it. Our children inherit a world in which gross inequality, violence, poverty, abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, irresponsible genetic research, environmental negligence, and war are all givens. The love of money and power has replaced the love and respect for life. And as every generation learns to its sorrow, there is a point where there is no turning back. "Do you also want to leave?"

When Jesus turns his face toward Jerusalem, he is not innocent of the ramifications of that path. The Synoptics, and Luke in particular, ramp up the Passion predictions as the ministry moves inexorably toward the city that slays its prophets. But in the tradition of John, Jesus is in and out of Jerusalem since Chapter 2, and the crisis of decision comes early on, in Chapter 6. At that point, after the bread of life discourse, "many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied" Jesus. The gospel proclamation had taken a turn for the extreme: It had become a life-or -death matter, a with-me-or-against-me proposition. A lot of people don't care much for extremes in religion. They just want a concise set of moral rules to teach their children and enforce on adults—the sort that will permit them to continue in their present course more or less unimpeded. Who wants religious cataclysm and life-changing conversion? In the time of Jesus and in the present, many would say: Moderation in all things, including religious expectation!

So, folks walked out on Jesus wholesale when the going got tough, as they often do today. Jesus turns to the 12 apostles and invites them to consider this moment of decision for themselves. Peter answers for the rest: Where would we go, if we turned away from the source of life? We believe in you. The other way is darkness. .

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Mass Stream News

Thanks to your generosity the Faith Stream Ministry has been able to upgrade our streaming capabilities! With this improvement, we are able to stream more Masses seamlessly and now stream Mass every day! In addition to the 10:30am Sunday mass, the 8am Mass on Mondays through Saturdays are streamed for those unable to attend mass in person. We also stream other special liturgies, and families may arrange for the streaming of weddings and funerals by emailing stbonstreaming@gmail.com.

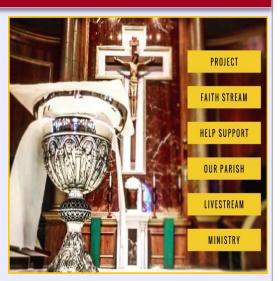
Facebook Live does have some audio issues which we can not resolve. We have noticed that these audio issues do not occur on the SaintBoniface.org website. Feel free to use that site to avoid the audio issues you may be experiencing on the Facebook platform.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/

Without Facebook: https://www.saintboniface.org/streaming/

To follow along with the daily readings, go here: https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading

Thank you for your continued support and generosity! A huge thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers who helped keep our parish connected during the pandemic and continue to improve the streaming experience for our parishioners.



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Baptism: Last Sunday of the month at 1pm. 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):

A process of formation to become a Catholic. Contact Jane Serpico at stbonRCIA@gmail.com or call 516-676-0676 x130.

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

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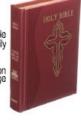


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