

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!

Third Sunday of Advent: December 12, 2021



Mass Schedule 8am Mondays-Saturdays; (Rosary after Mass); 5pm Saturdays; Sundays: 9am, 10:30am,12pm

Confession Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm. **Church Hours** 8am-2:30pm Monday-Friday; 8am-6pm Saturday; 9am-1pm Sunday

Parish Address

145 Glen Ave. Sea Cliff, NY 11579 Phone: 516-676-0676; Fax: 516-674-6742 Email: stbonchurch@gmail.com Website: www.saintboniface.org www.facebook.com/ StBonifaceMartyr/

Parish Office Hours Mondays-Thursdays: 9am-3pm; Fridays: 9am-1:30pm

Outreach Pantry

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society If you know parishioners in need, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 676-0676 x124.

Liturgy Schedule

The 10:30am Sunday mass and 8am masses Mondays through Saturdays are streamed for those unable to attend mass in church. Other masses are in-person only.

Unvaccinated people are required to wear masks. Thank you.

Gaudete Sunday: December 12 Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

Holy Hour: 4pm-4:45pm

The bread, wine, candles and offertory lamp used in this week's celebrations of the mass were donated in loving memory of **Linda Santiago** by Peggy Niper and Tom & Cathy Giordano.

5pm Saturday: Karen Schenck, Mary Moran (living) **9am Sunday:** Linda Santiago

10:30am Sunday (also streamed): Elizabeth Banack Parishioners

12pm Sunday: John & Dorothy Fanning **Catholicism Series:** 2:30pm in church *(see page 6)*

Monday, December 13: St. Lucy Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27 8am Mass (also streamed)

Tuesday, December 14: St. John of the Cross Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Matthew 21:28-32 **8am Mass** (also streamed): Annette Bertolino

Wednesday, December 15

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Luke 7:18b-23 **8am Mass** (also streamed): Ched Byrne **Holy Hour:** 2pm-3pm in the chapel

Thursday, December 16

Isaiah 54:1-10; Luke 7:24-30 8am Mass (also streamed) Penance Service: Thursday, December 16: 7pm followed by individual Confessions.

Friday, December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Matthew 1:1-17 8am Mass (also streamed)

Saturday, December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25 8am Mass (also streamed) Miraculous Medal Novena after 8am mass 5pm Vigil Mass: Tony & Rose Perone, Michelle Judith Nichols.

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased: Annette Bertolino, Curtis Barone Costa

*For Our Sick: Ryan Alexander Aguilar, Margaret Alber, Mattie McEntee-Albin, Lucia Alonso, William Anderson, Brandon Arena, Eileen Bowersock, Richard Brown, Camille Costa, Therese Curry, Hardai Dhandari, Emily Furlong, Daniel Garcia, MaryJo Hauser, Cecelia Hernandez, Kim Jordan, Sairah Khan, Albert Kitchen, Abby Kolkhorst, Toni Lauria, Georgia Leim, Yvonne Lewis, Maryann McDermott, Bobbi McDonald, Bruce McGhee, Jean McGurn, Janet McKinnon, Horst & Gisela Mahr, Josephine Mamantel, Joseph Marra, Michelle Martone, Kenneth Moore, John Moran, Kim Occhiogrosso, John Orozco, Dylan Papocchia, Michelle Perone, Danielle Robinson, Tom Ryan, Jr., Abagail Salva, Pat Sawicki, 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, Angela Zaccagnino.

*Note: The Sick & Military Lists are being updated for 2022. Email stbonbulletin@gmail.com to continue listing your loved one. New requests 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 Joshua 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. 📀

Stewardship

November Sunday Collections

Stewardship: \$19,741 (4 weeks) Maintenance & Repair: \$687; Fuel: \$767 Human Development/Home Missions (DRVC): \$690 Second collection this week: *Religious Retirement Fund*; next week: *Parish Maintenance & Repair*.

November Faith Direct Donations

Stewardship: \$15,552 (4 weeks) Maintenance & Repair: \$953; One Time Gifts: \$560 All Saints: \$472; Fuel: \$982; Human Development/Home Missions (DRVC): \$267 110 families are participating as of 11/24/21

Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the Christmas season, people in need right here in our community turn to St. Boniface Martyr for warm meals, comfort, and shelter during the holidays. We must be there for them and share Christ's love. To do that, we need your help.



Your generous online donations are needed now to help sustain Christmas ministries that reflect the promise of God's love. COVID-19 and news of its variants continue to cause upheaval and uncertainty, giving our ministries added importance. Your kindness will help families all around us. We prayerfully request that you consider signing up for eGiving from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can set up a recurring donation or make a onetime gift. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/ NY820.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family. God Bless You!

- Fr. Kevín

Planned Giving

Consider your Christian responsibility to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future. Call Barbara Kilarjian at the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 to find out how you can pass on your love to your family.

Ministry Meetings

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets at 3pm in Room 10 on the first floor 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 x131 or davidkmeagher@gmail.com or lrosecsw@hotmail.com.

Mondays: Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Tuesdays: Women of Faith Book Group

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

Third Wednesdays: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meets monthly at 7:30pm in the church narthex. Call 516-676-0676 x124 for details. In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..." Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so those in need may share in the blessings of Christmas.

Thursdays: Scripture Study

We meet weekly via zoom from 7:30pm-8:30pm. 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

Meetings are monthly at 8:30 am in Room 10, in the St. Boniface school building. 2022 is going to be an exciting year for the men in our parish and it is going to take a dedicated TEAM of brothers to make it happen. C'MON FELLAS, IT'S TIME TO GET TO WORK...FOR JESUS. JOIN US! 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 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 for more information.

Holiday Pantry Needs

The pandemic has prevented the pantry from collecting food for the upcoming holiday gift baskets distributed to our clients. As a result, we are turning to you for help. You have been generous in the past. We have appreciated your response. We hope we can count on you once again.

Here is a list of items to fill Christmas Baskets:

1 lb. canned hams	small bags of rice
cranberry sauce	turkey gravy
cans of corn	cans of fruit
dinner rolls	canned soup
pumpkin pie filling	canned fruit
potatoes	cans of green beans

shelf stabilized milk stuffing cake icing salad dressing pie filling



cans of sweet yams condensed milk instant mashed

Thank you for your help in providing food to our needy families. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you for always supporting us and our mission. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. We ask God's blessings on you and your families this holiday season.

- David, Jody and all the outreach volunteers



A Special Request from our St. Vincent de Paul Society A young adult male neighbor in need requires a bicycle to get to and from work. Please call Susan Winslow at 516-671-7058 if you are able to help.

ST. BONIFACE CYO

Girls Travel Volleyball

Grades 5-8

Sign Up Online at: Stbonifacecyo.org

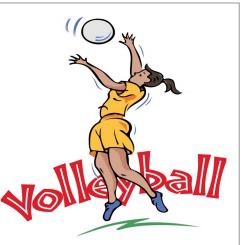
Registration Fees: \$275.00

The last day for registration is January 1, 2022

The season starts the middle of February and ends in April

Practices are during the week with games during the weekend

Any questions? Please email stbonifacevball@gmail.com



Take 5 for Faith

Gaudete Sunday, December 12, 2021

Queen of Mercy, watch over us

Often, we seek guidance, wondering like those around John the Baptist: *What should we do?* The answer's a simple one: show mercy. Our adversaries, family members, and we ourselves may be in need of such compassion. When La Virgen Morena (the Brown Virgin) appeared to Juan Diego in Mexico and left her image on his cactus-fiber cloak, her promise of mercy to all who appealed to her was sealed on the Americas. Our Lady of Guadalupe, now patroness of Mexico and empress of the Americas, extends her reign across two continents and around the globe. Respond with mercy today.

Monday, December 13: St. Lucy

In these darkening days of December, the Scandinavian festival of light held on Saint Lucy's feast day is a cheerful sight to brighten spirits. In these countries—and wherever Scandinavians are found girls dress as Lucy in long white gowns with wreaths of candles on their heads, carrying sweets in procession as songs are sung. Similar practices can be found in Italy and Croatia. Whether you belong to those ethnicities or not, why not incorporate the festival into your family holiday traditions? Saint Lucy is the patron and protector of eyesight—ask her to help you focus yours, to see more clearly the coming of the radiant king.

Tuesday, December 14: St. John of the Cross

Saint John of the Cross was named a doctor of the church for his profound, poetic writings on Christian mysticism. As a spiritual phenomenon, mysticism is difficult to explain. Central ideas, though, connect love and suffering. Today, pause to remember the tragic school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary and contemplate this meditation by John and remember to love: "I saw the river over which every soul must pass to reach the kingdom of heaven, and the name of that river was suffering. And I saw a boat which carries souls across the river, and the name of that boat was love."

Wednesday, December 15

The coming of Jesus into the world was ultimately the coming of true justice and peace. In today's psalm, these two virtues are said to have "kissed" when the Messiah arrived on Earth. What an incredible image! Every promise of God finds its yes in the One who frees us from sin and death. In the gospel reading, Jesus proves by his miraculous love that he is the long-hoped-for Messiah. Today, remember that as we anticipate Christmas, the fulfilment of all our hopes and dreams is the justice and peace of Jesus. Perhaps not what we expected, but what we need!

Thursday, December 16

Today's first reading refers to an idea repeated many times in the Bible: that children are a blessing from God. Catholic teaching on situations where bearing children is not possible is not the inverse, however. The church has never taught that infertility or any other limitation is a punishment or "curse" from God. To the contrary, Catholic tradition emphasizes that persons in every situation or condition deserve our full attention, respect, and caring concern. How can you practice empathy toward those whose family life has taken a less common direction?

Friday, December 17

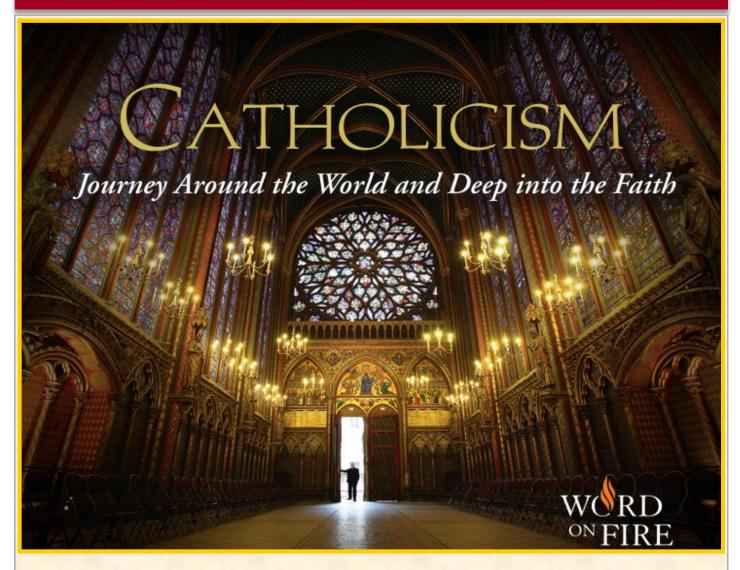
Today the church begins to sing the O Antiphons to accompany the Advent evening prayer of Mary's Magnificat. These short, sung phrases remind us of our need for salvation and our desire to embody the divine characteristics of our Savior. Today we pray for knowledge. This is not the knowledge that wins arguments around the dinner table, but the knowledge that shines a light on who we are, where we came from, and what we are called to do. It is the knowledge that comes with discernment and brings us peace. May wisdom be our teacher.

Saturday, December 18

The theme for this year's International Migrants Day is "Reimagining Human Mobility." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres calls upon citizens of the world to "seize the opportunity of the recovery from the pandemic to implement safe, orderly, and regular migration and enable migrants to build more inclusive and resilient societies." Today's O Antiphon recalls the migration of Israel from Egypt to Palestine and asks God to guide the movement of peoples. Because we all can trace our ancestry back to migrating people at one time or another, it is appropriate today to pray for people on the move seeking new homes and new lives in new lands.

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Catholicism: The Journey of a Lifetime



Deacon Tom will moderate the presentation of this acclaimed series by author, speaker and theologian, Bishop Robert Barron. It is a stimulating and compelling exploration of the spiritual, moral and intellectual treasures of our Catholic Faith presented in a clear and understandable manner, using locations, scripture, art and literature.

We will watch a 55–minute episode on Sunday afternoons (at 2:30pm), followed by a short discussion. It will be a nice way to reconnect with our Catholic Faith after the pandemic.

Come to any or all of the ten sessions, which will be held in the Church so people may spread out and feel more comfortable.

Teens and adults are invited to join us in church on Sundays from 2:30pm to 4pm beginning December 12, 2021. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to stbondcntom@gmail.com, or by calling the parish center at 516-676-0676 to allow for sufficient hand-outs.

Episode 1: December 12: *Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man* Future Episodes: December 19; January 9, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13.

Save the Dates

Individual Confessions: Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm and Thursday, **December 16**: 4pm-5pm.

Penance Service: Thursday, **December 16**: 7pm, followed by individual Confessions. *No confessions December 25 or January 1.*

Christmas Eve Masses: Friday, **December 24**: 4pm, 5:30pm, 10pm

Christmas Day Masses: Saturday, **December 25**: 9am, 10:30am, 12pm

Feast of Mary, Mother of God Mass: Saturday, **January 1**: 8am (not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2022)

Mass Streaming

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 every day! In addition to the 10:30am Sunday mass, the 8am Mass on Mondays through Saturdays are streamed for those unable to attend in person. We also stream other special liturgies. 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 and that do not occur on the SaintBoniface.org website.

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!

Parish Information

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Virtus Coordinator: Christine Whited stbonvirtus@gmail.com; 516 676-0676 x132

Office Administration: Karen Croce: Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays; Joan Schiller: Tuesdays, Wednesdays

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

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

Webmaster: Robert Lynch; www.saintboniface.org; stbonweb@gmail.com; text/call 516~782~7494

Bulletin Editor: Julie Byrne x128. Deadline: 9am Mondays. EARLY deadline for Dec. 26 bulletin: Thursday, Dec.16. E-mail stbonbulletin@gmail.com after approval from Fr. Kevin. Submissions may be edited for content, clarity and/or size.

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):

Interested in becoming a Catholic? Need to receive Communion or Confirmation? 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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