

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!

The Holy Family: December 26, 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

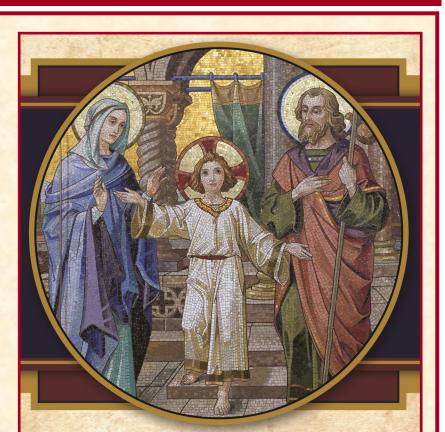
Parish Office Hours Mondays-Thursdays: 9am-3pm; Fridays: 9am-1:30pm

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/

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 •



Jesus said to his parents, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Luke 2:49

Liturgy Schedule

The Governor of New York State has included houses of worship in her recent directives. Therefore, since the Church does not require parishioners to present proof of vaccination in order to worship God, we ask that all parishioners (two years of age and older) comply with the requirement to wear masks when participating in any activities on parish grounds. This State requirement is currently in effect through January 15, 2022.

Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, December 26

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52

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 **Annette and Joseph Bertolino and Family** by Fr. Kevin.

9am Sunday: Christmas Novena

10:30am Sunday (also streamed): Annette Bertolino, Stephen Szemerenyi

12pm Sunday: Parishioners

Catholicism Series: 2:30pm in church (see page 5)

Monday, December 27

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8 **8am Mass** (also streamed): Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 28 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 **8am Mass** (also streamed): Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 **8am Mass** (also streamed): Christmas Novena **Holy Hour:** 2pm-3pm in the chapel

Thursday, December 30 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 8am Mass (also streamed): Christmas Novena

Friday, December 31 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 **8am Mass** (also streamed): Christmas Novena

First Saturday, January 1: Mary, Mother of God Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 8am Mass: (also streamed): Christmas Novena No Confession/ No 5pm Mass New Year's Day.

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

*Please Note: The sick and military lists are being updated for 2022. If you wish to have your loved one included on either of these lists, please call the Parish Office at 516-676-0676. New requests must be made by an immediate family member through Fr. Kevin. Names on the sick list will be published for 4 weeks and may be renewed by calling the Office.

*For Our Sick: Cathy Baka, Hilda Malone,

Dianne Niper, Thomas Niper, 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, Marylo 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.

*For Our Military

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 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 Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve Petty Officer, 1st Class Corey Tag, US Navy Ensign Joseph Varello, USN Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy 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

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 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 one-time 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

What do bequests, life insurance gifts, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, life estate arrangements, and life time giving have in common? They're ways you can pass on Your Catholic Heritage, Faith, and Love for St. Boniface Martyr Church. Give a call to Barbara Kilarjian at the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 to learn more.

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. Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other. At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are in need. *Thank you!*

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.



Christmas 2021

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

On December 1, 2019, Our Holy Father Pope Francis issued Admirabile Signum, an Apostolic

Letter On the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene. It is a beautiful reflection that I draw on every Christmas season and one which I urge you to read and pray. (1)

In it, the Holy Father reminds us that the simple act of arranging our Nativity set links us to the past, opens questions for the present, and orients the future. It is an act that has an existential impact.

Pope Francis says: "Setting up the Christmas creche in our homes helps us to relive the history of what took place in Bethlehem. Naturally, the Gospels remain our source for understanding and reflecting on the event. At the same time, its portrayal in the creche helps us to imagine the scene. It touches our hearts and makes us enter into salvation history as contemporaries of an event that is living and real in a broad gamut of historical and cultural contexts."

The beautiful scene of parents and grandparents setting up creches together with children and grandchildren is a powerful multi-dimensional experience of catechesis – the teaching and passing on of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ to the next generation.

Parents and grandparents have that wisdom of teaching children and grandchildren how to assemble and situate the creche, but at the same time, they also have the catechetical and relational sensitivity to let children and grandchildren make choices about where the shepherds, the sheep, the three kings are to be placed.

Children are encouraged to place the Holy Family – Mary, Joseph and the Prince of Peace – with their own hands into the center of the creche. How often children then enjoy, sometimes on their own and sometimes with brothers and sisters and family members, moving and interacting with the figurines. How often their biblical imaginations and souls are set on fire with God's love as they play with their family Nativity sets.

The Holy Father continues: "I would like now to reflect on the various elements of the nativity scene in order to appreciate their deeper meaning. First, there is the background of a starry sky wrapped in the darkness and silence of night. We represent this not only out of fidelity to the Gospel accounts, but also for its symbolic value. We can think of all those times in our lives when we have experienced the darkness of night. Yet even then, God does not abandon us, but is there to answer our crucial questions about the meaning of life. Who am I? Where do I come from? Why was I born at this time in history? Why do I love? Why do I suffer? Why will I die? It was to answer these questions that God became man. His closeness brings light where there is darkness and shows the way to those dwelling in the shadow of suffering (cf. Luke 1:79)."

We can drift through life dodging and repressing these critical existential questions of life. We can live blindly and superficially.

Our Catholic belief in the unity of the Nativity and the Crucifixion, the Creche and the Cross, Bethlehem and Golgotha keeps our lives centered and focused on the things that really count in our short time on earth – the Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell) and a belief in the Eternal Joy of Heaven, our true home.

The Holy Father continues to press the existential questions: "The presence of the poor and the lowly in the nativity scene remind us that God became man for the sake of those who feel most in need of his love and who ask him to draw near to them. Jesus, 'gentle and humble in heart' (Matthew 11:29), was born in poverty and led a simple life in order to teach us to recognize what is essential and to act accordingly. The nativity scene clearly teaches that we cannot let ourselves be fooled by wealth and fleeting promises of happiness. We see Herod's palace in the background, closed and deaf to the tidings of joy. By being born in a manger, God himself launches the only true revolution that can give hope and dignity to the disinherited and the outcast: the revolution of love, the revolution of tenderness. From the manger, Jesus proclaims, in a meek yet powerful way, the need for sharing with the poor as the path to a more human and fraternal world in which no one is excluded or marginalized."

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness, and solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering. May our commitment to "holiness and mission" bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families .

Sincerely in Christ, **+** John O. Barres Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

1 https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/ documents/papa-francesco-lettera@ap_20191201_admirabile-

CATHOLICISM

Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith



Deacon Tom is the moderator of 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 on Sundays from 2:30pm to 4pm.

Next presentation: January 9 at 2:30pm in the church.

Episode 3: January 9, 2022: The Ineffable Mystery of God

Future Episodes: January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27; March 6, 13.

Take Five for Faith

Sunday, December 26: Feast of the Holy Family

Holy families aren't necessarily picture-perfect. But they are faithful and consistent in their values and goals. Like Mary and Joseph and biblical parents before them, holy families consecrate their children early and often to the care of God. They do this by baptizing them and seeing to their sacramental preparation. They do this by praying for and with their little ones. They provide them a religious education and share faithfilled practices of compassion and charity. All the children in our lives look to us for love and acceptance, guidance and Christian example. Teach the children well.

Monday, December 27: St. John

John the Apostle is credited with being the author of the Gospel of John. He is also believed to have been the "Beloved Disciple" of Jesus mentioned in that gospel and is presumed to have outlived the other apostles, perhaps being the only one to die of natural causes rather than martyrdom. Imagine being the last survivor, and the heartache he endured on losing his peers to violent deaths for their faith. Perhaps it was John's job to live to tell the story—"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name"—as he says in his final line. Take John's mission to heart and embrace his good word today.

Tuesday, December 28: Holy Innocents

Nowadays when we think of Christmas pageants, we envision adorable children in bathrobes dressed as shepherds. But in the Middle Ages, religious pageants were a serious business. The whole community gathered to enact mystery plays that told the stories of birth, death, resurrection, and the lives of the saints. It's from such a mystery play that we get the haunting words and melody of "The Coventry Carol"—a song about King Herod's slaughter of the Holy Innocents that asks plaintively, "What may we do to preserve . . . this poor youngling for whom we sing?" Pray today for children who continue to suffer and face certain death without our help.

Wednesday, December 29: St. Thomas Becket

Everyone must at times make the choice of serving God or something less. Today we remember Saint Thomas Becket, bishop of Canterbury. Thomas was faced with such a dilemma when his friend the king, Henry II, continuously tried to interfere with church matters. Allowing the king to interfere with the church would have allowed Thomas to be in the king's good graces. Instead, Thomas chose to serve God above anything and anyone else, even at the cost of martyrdom. "When is constancy required," Thomas writes, "except under persecution. Are not friends then proved? If they always yield, how can they ever succeed? They must, one time or other, make a stand."

Thursday, December 30

Today we continue as a church to honor the feast of our Savior's birth. It is day six in the octave of Christmas the eight-day liturgical focus on the birth of Christ. The entrance of the Christ into human history is such a significant event that the church notes its magnitude by keeping our gaze on it through the specified readings, psalms, and prayers during these eight days. Take a moment today to allow the wonder of God-among-us to continue to sink in.

Friday, December 31

The end of the year gives us pause to reflect on the past and change for the future. Typically, we find something new to embrace or resolve to do. But if it's true that there's really nothing new under the sun, then perhaps we should look to the old! This is exactly what the church does, as it moves into the new year, not with any newfound epiphany, but instead with a commitment to the very old-school value of peace. As we anticipate the World Day of Peace tomorrow, January 1, what are some deeply held and longstanding values that you would like to deepen during the coming year? How might you go old school?

Saturday, January 1, 2022: Mary, Mother of God

People in every age have their particular way to celebrate the new year. These days we might change old eating habits to be healthier; get on track financially; spend more time with family. But maybe this year it could be about what young Catholics refer to as "rocking with Mary," that is, getting to know the mother of Jesus on a deeper level. Understanding her courage, strength, and faithfulness can help us realize our own potential as bearers of the Good News. On her feast day and in the days ahead, reflect on Mary and strive to imitate her in bringing Good News to the world.

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Girls CYO Volleyball

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 mid-February and ends in April.

Practices are weekdays; games are on weekends.

Any questions? Email stbonifacevball@gmail.com

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

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

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Bulletin Editor: Julie Byrne x128. Deadline: 9am Mondays. **Early deadlines: Dec 26 deadline: Dec16; Jan 2 deadline: Dec 22.** Email stbonbulletin@gmail.com after approval from Fr. Kevin. Intentions requested after deadline will not appear in the bulletin.

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.

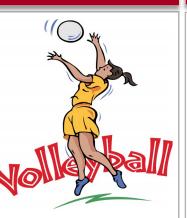
Matrimony: Engaged couples are to call the parish office before any other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed.

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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