



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!

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 22, 2022

Mass Schedule

8am Mondays - Saturdays;
5pm Saturdays;
Sundays: 9am, 10:30am, 12pm

Rosary after 8am Mass;

Miraculous Medal Novena
after 8am Mass Saturdays

Holy Hour: 4pm Saturdays (Church)
2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

Confession

Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm

Church Hours

Mondays through Fridays:
8am-2:30pm
Saturdays: 8am-6pm
Sundays: 9am-1pm

Parish Office Hours

Mondays-Thursdays:
9am-3pm; Fridays: 9am-1:30pm
Closed Fridays May 27-September 16

Parish Contact Information

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www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/



*The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told you.*

JOHN 14:26

Outreach Pantry & Thrift Shop

Saturdays 10am-1pm. Contacts: Jody Fleischmann
and David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x125

St. Vincent de Paul Society

If you know parishioners in need, please
call Giovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

Liturgy Schedule

Fr. Kevin Dillon has been reassigned to Our Lady of Hope, Carle Place. His Sending Forth Mass will be at 10:30am on **Sunday, June 26** followed by a light reception (NO NOON MASS that Sunday only). **Baptisms** already scheduled **will take place** at 1pm. The Very Reverend Father Josef Norys, Canon Regular, will become our new pastor as of June 29. All masses are in person. The 8am Masses and 10:30am Sunday Masses are also streamed. To view go here: facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr OR: saintboniface.org/streaming

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Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29
4pm: Holy Hour

5pm Saturday Vigil Mass: Maria & Rocco Lisena
9am Sunday: Lawrence, Marion, & Tommy Cirina
10:30am: Ann Brady, Donald Albin, Jerry Moran, Francis W. Deegan, Thanks to God for the Gift of Life
12pm Sunday Mass: Antonio Rebolledo
1pm-6pm: Feast at the Shore

Monday, May 23

Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a
8am Mass

Tuesday, May 24

Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
8am Mass

Wednesday, May 25: St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15
8am Mass
2pm: Holy Hour (Chapel)
5:30pm: Francis W. Deegan

Ascension Thursday, May 26 (Holy Day)

Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53
8am Mass: Scott Byrne (living)
12:15pm Mass

Friday, May 27

Acts 18:9-18; John 16: 20-23
8am Mass
12:15pm Mass

Saturday: May 28

Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
8am Mass: Chip Sasso and Family (Living)
5pm Mass

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Jean McGurn

For Our Sick

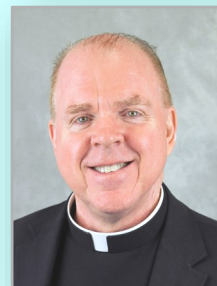
Massi Agosti, Corrine Turner
New requests must be made by an immediate family member through Fr. Kevin.

For Our Military

First Lieutenant Nicholas Cavallone USAF
 Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy
 Christian Pace Laderer, MMN3, US Navy
 Second Lieutenant Conor Lynch, US Army
 Lieutenant Brian McMenamin
 Lieutenant Ian McMenamin
 Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Ragusa, US Navy
 Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve
 Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy
 Major Christina Merrick-Wright
 Major Bradley Wright, US Army. ★

Faith Direct

Dear Parishioners,
 Making plans for the summer? Make sure to plan for your offertory as well! When your summer travels take you away from Sunday services, eGiving lets you continue to support St. Boniface Martyr and the ministries you cherish.



You can sign up from your computer, smartphone or tablet, and set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Recurring gifts sustain our parish through the busy summer months. You'll provide us with consistent support, even if you're away on a Sunday, so the programs, services, and ministries that mean so much to our community will never miss a beat. Sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY820.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You!

Fr. Kevin

Ministries & Meetings

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us:

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

In a spirit of charity, Vincentians make personal home visits to provide advocacy, support and comfort to our neighbors in need. In the month of May, through your generosity, the St. Vincent de Paul Society brought the love and care of Jesus to these neighbors by assisting them with funds for food, utility, rent and other bills. *Thank You!*

Wednesdays: The St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meets the third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm in the church narthex. Please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x12 for more information.

The Outreach Food Pantry

is in need of the following items:

Pasta
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Progresso Soups
Canned Fruit
Fruit Juice
Raisins
Cake and Brownie Mix



Throughout the difficulties of the last two years, the outreach Food Pantry and our families have appreciated the generosity and continued support of our parishioners and community. All food donations can be dropped off at the Sunday Masses or during the regular food pantry hours on Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. Thank you! For more information, contact Jody Fleischmann and David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x125.

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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, however 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

Zoom with fellow parishioners on Mondays at 7:30pm for a power hour of praise, music, prayer and Scripture. Members intercede in prayer for our parishioners, our church and our world. Please call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for more information.

Tuesdays: Women of Faith Book Group

Meets monthly mornings and evenings in person and via zoom. New members welcome! For more details about meetings and book selections, please contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com.

Thursdays: Scripture Study

Meets weekly via zoom from 7:30pm–8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. We are currently studying the Gospel of John. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767.

Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites

Meets monthly 9am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of Blessed Titus Brandsma share in the mission of the Carmelite Order. The call to Carmel is a call to seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life, seeking God's presence in all circumstances and in solidarity with all God's people. Please call Flora at 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 to learn more about our parish Third Order Lay Carmelites.

Third Saturdays: St. Boniface Men's Group BREAKFAST, PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP

Monthly meetings at 8:30am in Room 10, at the St. Boniface school building. **JOIN US!**

"Do not pray for easy lives, pray to be stronger men . . . Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, pray for powers equal to your tasks." (Phillips Brooks).

Contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com



Toward a Pro-Life Future in the Empire State

A statement by the Catholic Bishops of New York State

Humanity's salvation history was forever changed when a poor, devout Jewish girl from Galilee affirmatively said yes to life and set in motion the birth, ministry, sacrificial death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Mary's fiat ("Thy will be done.") was a gift of love to humanity, given freely in spite of her inability to know all that would entail, but with more faith in the Lord than fear of the unknown. In this month of Mary, we have an opportunity to reflect on her example, even as Americans grapple with gathering societal unrest over the issue of abortion.

Since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade* effectively opened the door to abortion on demand throughout the land, an estimated 63 million unborn babies across the country have been killed in the womb before they could even draw their first breath of air. As we await a decision on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the recently argued Supreme Court case that could potentially overturn *Roe*, we pray for a positive outcome even as we acknowledge that abortion in New York would continue unfettered, and even be actively promoted as a social good by many elected officials. Sadly, New York, which legalized abortion three years before the *Roe* decision, has long been the abortion capital of the country, a tragic and sobering distinction. Through the years, advocates for legal abortion have skillfully framed the narrative as one of "choice," and "reproductive freedom," completely ignoring the biological reality of what abortion is: the intentional killing of an innocent child in the womb. Even as sonogram technology and advances in neonatal medicine clearly show us the truth that what is being "terminated" is a human life, the pro-abortion movement refuses to address the science. The abortion industry has been so successful in its messaging that the right to abortion has become inextricably linked to the notion of women's rights and equality for a significant portion of the country, which is why the prospect of a nation without *Roe* has led to fear and anxiety for many people.

Millions of our fellow Americans – even, it must be said, many of our fellow Catholics – have succumbed to this false notion, and we must respond to it in charity and with sensitivity, but with clarity.

The fears and anxieties of a young woman faced with an unplanned pregnancy are valid. She is likely terrified. She may be overwhelmed with a plethora of legitimate questions: How will she provide for her other children with another baby on the way? Will the father abandon her? Will she be able to continue her education? Where will she and her family live? Who will provide childcare when she goes back to work? For many, abortion seems the only way out. These feelings are real, and the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy are difficult. This presents a pastoral challenge for bishops, clergy, Church leaders and, indeed, for all faithful Catholics. Often, the Catholic Church is unjustly accused of being more concerned with the baby in the womb than with the mother and child once the infant has been born. As false as this notion is, it is incumbent upon us as shepherds to acknowledge and address that misperception.

As far back as the 1980s, the late John Cardinal O'Connor, a giant of the pro-life movement, made a pledge that we reaffirm today: ***Any woman – regardless of age, religious belief or affiliation, marital status or immigration status – who is pregnant and in need, can come to the Catholic Church and we will give you the services and supports you need to carry your baby to term, regardless of your ability to pay.*** Furthermore, we will not abandon you and your baby after delivery, but, rather, we will see to it that you have the resources that you and your child both need and deserve. No one will be turned away from life-affirming care. If you have had an abortion that you regret, whether recently or in the distant past, please come to us as well, so that we may offer you services to help you to heal.

We ask every Catholic parish, every Catholic Charities program, every Catholic health facility, every Catholic school, every Catholic college and university, and every religious community in our state to proactively engage with us in this pastoral effort. Together, through the New York State Catholic Conference, we have gathered a list of many of the available resources at www.nyscatholic.org/HelpForMoms. You can also find a map to all Catholic parishes, schools and Catholic Charities agencies in the state at www.nyscatholic.org/ →

But our state and local governments must do their part as well. Elected officials constantly fall over themselves in rushing to announce new initiatives to ever expand abortion in order to garner votes. New York has long been one of the few states to require taxpayers to fund abortion through Medicaid. Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers have access to endless state funding streams. Perhaps the most egregious piece of abortion expansion legislation anywhere was the 2019 Reproductive Health Act. Championed by our previous governor, this act legalizes abortion on demand through nine months of pregnancy, declares abortion to be a fundamental right, allows non-physicians to perform abortions, and even removes criminal penalties for forced or coerced abortions. This year, our current governor codified a provision in the state budget requiring all health insurance plans to cover abortion, with virtually no exemptions for religious employers. Most recently, significant taxpayer funds were redirected to increase abortions in New York State.

Meanwhile, programs to support women who make the choice to keep their babies, to the extent that they exist at all, are starved for funding and are not well promoted. Yet many political leaders typically cater more to abortion providers and advocates than to women who might well make a different choice, if only they were aware of and had other options. We understand full well that no Supreme Court decision will reduce the availability of abortion in New York. With that reality as a backdrop, state government has nothing to lose and everything to gain by working toward reducing the rate of abortion. There is common ground to be found, even in a state like New York. The recent state budget provision dramatically expanding postpartum Medicaid eligibility is proof of this. But why not work together to do more.

- ♦ We envision a New York where a woman in a crisis pregnancy is never made to feel that she has no choice but to abort.
- ♦ We envision a New York where parents, husbands or partners, as well as society at large, do not put undue pressure on a woman to abort her child.
- ♦ We envision a New York where access to quality prenatal care and healthy birth outcomes are the same whatever your ZIP code, the color of your skin or your country of origin.
- ♦ We envision a New York where employers and educational institutions fully accommodate the needs of pregnant women and new mothers so that they can carry their babies to term without fear of negative financial, professional or academic consequences.

♦ We envision a New York where public policies promote adoption through tax credits and other incentives for both birth mothers and adoptive parents.

♦ We envision a New York where tax policies aimed at reducing poverty, like an expansion of the Child Tax Credit, enable single mothers and poor families to provide for the basic needs of their children.

♦ We envision a New York where no mothers or children fall through the cracks of the social safety net, and quality health care is guaranteed for all.

♦ We envision a New York where quality childcare is affordable and accessible for all.

♦ We envision a New York where marriage between one man and one woman is promoted as a societal good geared toward the stable raising of children.

♦ We envision a New York where boys and men are taught to respect women and to accept and embrace the financial, physical, and emotional responsibilities of fatherhood.

♦ We envision a New York where post-abortive women who are suffering emotionally are given the services they need to heal, and the acknowledgment that their pain is real.

♦ We envision a New York where religious organizations can provide needed services to pregnant women and moms while remaining true to the tenets of their faith.

All of these goals can come to pass, even in a state like New York. Let us not put our trust in mere judges, legislators, governors, or presidents. Rather, let us put our faith in God, for whom nothing is impossible. Politicians can change policies and laws, but only God can convert hearts and minds. So, in this month of Mary, mother of Jesus and mother of us all, let us pray through her intercession for an end to abortion in our lifetime and let us work toward making New York a state where even if abortion is not illegal, it will one day be unthinkable.

—May 12, 2022

Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan, Bishop of Brooklyn

Most Rev. Michael W. Fisher, Bishop of Buffalo

Most Rev. Terry R. LaValley, Bishop of Ogdensburg

Most Rev. Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester

Most Rev. John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre

Most Rev. Douglas J. Lucia, Bishop of Syracuse

Most Rev. Edward B. Scharfenberger,
Bishop of Albany

Religious Education Registration Form

Religious Education Registration 2022-2023

Date: _____

St. Boniface Martyr, Office of Religious Education, 145 Glen Ave., Sea Cliff, NY, 11579

Religious Education Office: (516) 671-0418/ Parish Center Office (516) 676-0676

Email: stbonccd@gmail.com. Website: www.saintboniface.org

Please complete the form and return it by July 15.

*All Registrations must include Baptismal Information.

Last Name: _____ Parish ID Number (From envelopes): _____

Father's First Name: _____

Mother's First Name: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Additional Phone Numbers: (cell, work): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

1. Child's Name: _____ Grade: ____ Age: ____ Birth date: _____

*Baptism: Church _____ Date: _____

*Place of Birth (city, state): _____

2. Child's Name: _____ Grade: ____ Age: ____ Birth date: _____

*Baptism: Church _____ Date: _____

*Place of Birth (city, state): _____

3. Child's Name: _____ Grade: ____ Age: ____ Birth date: _____

*Baptism: Church _____ Date: _____

*Place of Birth (city, state): _____

Please check off your preferred classes:

Tuesdays 4-5pm: Kindergarten ____ Grade 1: ____ Grade 2: ____

Wednesdays 4-5pm : Grade 3: ____ Grade 4: ____ Grade 5: ____ Grade 6: ____

Wednesdays 7-8 pm Grade 6: ____ Grade 7: ____ Grade 8: ____

No Sunday sessions available / NO ONLINE CLASSES AVAILABLE

Additional CATECHISTS NEEDED for all classes. Please volunteer to help. Please REGISTER EARLY.

Religious Education Fee: Prior to July 15: \$110 per child (Catechists submit only \$50);

Late fee after July 15th is \$50. Please note child's name and grade with payment

Please submit your payment via Faith Direct at:

<https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/NY820/25277>

Or make checks payable to St. Boniface Martyr and mail with this form to the address above

Tentative Parent Meeting: Friday, September 9, 2022 at 6pm in the church.

Read the Parish Bulletin for updates.

BOOK PICK UP DAY is Sunday, September 11, 2022: 11am to 1pm.

CLASSES BEGIN September 20th & 21st

Stewardship

Month of April Church Collections

Stewardship: \$15,841 (4 weeks)

Easter Sunday: \$16,750

Holy Land (DRVC): \$1,792

Maintenance & Repair: \$1,349

*Catholic Communications Collection: May 29**



Month of April Faith Direct Donations

Stewardship: \$13,877 (4 weeks)

Easter Sunday: \$5,238; Holy Land (DRVC): \$432

One Time Gifts: \$1,050; Faith Stream Ministry: \$100

Maintenance and Repair: \$898

107 families are participating as of 4/22/22

As per the **Ukrainian Catholic Monastery of St. Josephat**, there is an urgent need for the following to be sent to the Ukrainian people (*new unopened items, please*):

- † **Medical Supplies**
(first aid kits, aspirin, Advil, Tylenol, etc.)
- † **Thermal clothing**
- † **Military style clothing**
- † **Boots** (dark colors)
- † **Empty boxes &**
- † **Packing tape**



Volunteers are also needed to assist in this humanitarian drive. There is a collection box in church. Thank you for your prayers. Any questions? Call Andrew DiSalvo at 516-759-3370.

*Next week our special collection supports the **Catholic Communications Campaign**. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/cc.

Parish Information

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

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We welcome submissions to the bulletin. Entries are due by 10am Mondays and may be edited for content, clarity, and/or size. Please E-mail stbonbulletin@gmail.com after Fr. Kevin's approval.

Baptism: Fourth 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.

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Invest just five minutes a day,
and your faith will deepen and grow ~ a day at a time

Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 22: The first step to peace is to ensure the hungry are fed. This requires that workers are fairly compensated. Labor priest George G. Higgins, who died on this day in 2002, recognized a vital connection between workers' unions and Catholic social teaching. He actively supported Cesar Chavez in arbitrating for farm workers. Higgins also advocated for the United Auto Workers and Kentucky coal miners. Higgins acknowledged that, "All members of the white community and especially those of us who have benefited most from the system are responsible, in varying degrees, for the tragic plight of black Americans." Learn about the seven themes of Catholic social teaching

Monday, May 23: We hear a lot about "inclusion" these days—in our schools, workplaces, churches, and communities at large. For Christians, inclusion isn't just a buzzword—it's at the heart of our faith. Jesus didn't just include the marginalized, he put them front and center. Saint Paul emphasized repeatedly that we are one in Christ. The very word catholic means "universal." And yet, humanity has never been more rife with division—from the world stage down to our own families. How can we strive to overcome differences? To respect the dignity of every person? To celebrate diversity while living in solidarity? Everyone belongs. Let's commit to that much, at least.

Tuesday, May 24: Today marks the World Day of Prayer for the Church in China, established in 2007 by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Benedict's original proclamation included pastoral guidelines for a church that had been driven underground by years of Communist rule, plagued with complicated issues relating to the separation of church and state. One year later, the pontiff penned a special prayer for today, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Sheshan—the Chinese equivalent of "Mary, Help of Christians," whose feast is also today. Use Benedict's prayer as you ask God to guide and further bless China's embattled Catholic community.

Wednesday, May 25: The life of a mystic may seem romantic and exciting, with ecstatic visions and union with God at your fingertips. The reality is something else, as the life of Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, 16th-century Carmelite mystic from Italy, attests. It was truly a tale of agony and ecstasy. After a period of visions, at the tender age of 19 she experienced five long years of desolation.

She referred to her heart as a pitch-dark room with only a feeble light shining that only made the darkness deeper. Thankfully her trials ended in 1590 with mystical union once again. Though perhaps not so dramatic, trials of one sort or another visit all of us. Hold onto the feeble light if that is all you see at the moment. Have faith that it will brighten.

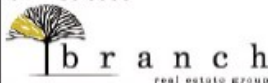
† Ascension Thursday, May 26: The epic movie version of the Ascension, today's feast, is exciting to imagine: Christ floating upward, astonished disciples gaping, full orchestra swelling as the Earth becomes a blue ball below Jesus. However it happened, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says the point is that "Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain." He is there, says the catechism, preparing a place for us. The mystics tell us that we don't have to wait for death for that place next to Jesus; we can go there in prayer. Now that's epic!

Friday, May 27: Nobody ever sets out to be a prophet. And why would they? Scripture and history have both taught us that prophets are often treated poorly because people don't want to hear their message, especially when it calls them to change their ways. Prophets in scripture were people called to speak on behalf of God. Like prophets today, they called people and communities to be their best selves, to truly live as people of God and people for others. Today's prophets include folks like Pope Francis and Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. They may even include you. Search your own heart. How is God calling you?

Saturday, May 28: People of faith have been debating the precise nature of Jesus—fully human? fully divine? both?—since the earliest days of the church. It's understandable—after all, Jesus could not be contained by our existing categories. He broke the mold, with stunning insights, powerful works, and unlimited compassion. After centuries of debate, the church at the Council of Nicaea settled the question as best we mere mortals could manage, deciding that Jesus can only be understood as fully human and fully divine. How fortunate are we that he is both relatable and unsurpassable. Spend some time with him today; he is always available!



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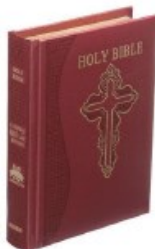
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