

## St. Boniface Martyr Roman Catholic Church

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Serving the people of God in Sea Cliff, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing, Glen Cove and surrounding communities.

The Very Reverend Father Josef Norys, Canon Regular, Pastor

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

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 14, 2022

#### Mass Schedule

8am Mondays through Saturdays; Vigil Mass: 5pm Saturdays; Sundays: 9am, 10:30am, 12 noon

Holy Day Vigil Mass 5pm Holy Days: 8am, 12:15pm

Rosary after 8am Mass; **Miraculous Medal Novena** after 8am Saturday Mass

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

#### Confession

Saturdays 4pm-4:45pm

#### **Church Hours**

Mondays though Fridays: 8am-2:30pm Saturdays: 8am-6pm

Sundays: 9am-1pm

#### **Summer Parish Office Hours**

Tuesdays - Thursdays: 9am-3pm; Closed Mondays and Fridays

#### **Parish Contact Information**

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Assumption of the Virgin Mary (1637), by Peter Paul Rubens

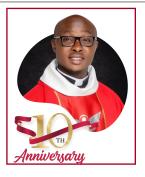
#### **Outreach Pantry & Thrift Shop**

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 Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

## Liturgy Schedule



### **Please Join Us**

at the 10:30am Mass today, August 14, 2022 for the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Rev. Augustine Ibeh.

Light reception after Mass.

**Streamed Masses:** All masses are in person; 8am and 10:30am masses are also streamed: **facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr** OR: **saintboniface.org/streaming** 

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 14, 2022** *Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53* 

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the mass were donated in loving memory of **Camille Miritello**, by Neil Miritello, her children and her grandchild.

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**4pm Holy Hour** 

**5pm Saturday Vigil Mass:** Camille Miritello

9am Sunday Mass: Mauro Angeci

10:30am Sunday Mass: Fr. Augustine's Anniversary

12pm Sunday Mass: Parishioners

#### Monday, August 15: Assumption of Mary

This solemnity is not a holy day of obligation in 2022. *Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians* 

15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28

8am Mass: Anna & Ernest Vitiello

Tuesday, August 16

Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30

8am Mass: Ralph Perone

Wednesday, August 17

Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 8am Mass: Tamara Wolbers Holy Hour: 2pm (in the Chapel)

Thursday, August 18

Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14

8am Mass: Anna Di Rienzo

Friday, August 19

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 8am Mass: William Kearney

Saturday: August 20: Memorial of St. Bernard

Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12 **8am Mass:** Karen Byrne (living)

## Let Us Pray

#### For Our Deceased

Olga Seng

#### For Our Sick

Nora Harris, Baby Eleanora Peters

To keep or return your loved one the sick list, please call the office at 516-676-0676. New requests must be made by a family member through Fr. Josef.

#### For Our Military

Captain 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
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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.

Recurring 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.

Please sign up today by visiting faith.direct/NY820. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

God Bless You, Fr. Josef

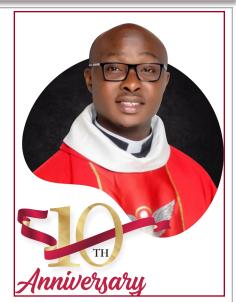


## Congratulations, Fr. Augustine!

"Who am I, O Lord GOD, and what is my lineage that you have brought me thus far" (2 SAM 7:8).

It is with gratitude to the Most Holy Trinity and the Blessed Virgin Mary that I celebrate the 10th anniversary of my priestly ordination. It is truly ten years of unmerited favor.

It was on August 4th, 2012 (Feast of St. John Mary Vianney - patron of priests) that I was ordained a Catholic priest by Most Rev. Richard E. Pates (Bishop Emeritus of Des Moines diocese, Iowa, U.S.A.). On that day, a mere mortal like me was configured into the person of Christ - "in persona Christi" to represent Christ in the celebration and administration of the Sacraments and to mediate and be a bridge between God and humanity. Hence, the universal church teaches "It is the same priest, Christ Jesus, whose sacred person his minister truly represents. Now the minister, by reason of the sacerdotal consecration which he has received, is truly made like to the high priest ad possesses the authority to act in the power and place of the person of Christ himself" (virtute ac persona ipsitus Christi, cf CCC1548). What an unmerited favor!



For these ten years God, through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, has been so generous and merciful to me - blessing my little efforts with success and protecting me from harm. It suffices to say that I am a living testimony of Divine Mercy. Worthy of note was the ghastly car accident I had on February 22nd, 2017 that ought to have claimed my life. It was a collision between a Toyota Camry (my car) and a heavy duty vehicle; my car damaged badly that one would hardly believe the driver came out alive, but I came out without a single cut or fracture. What an unmerited favor!

Through this miraculous event, I realized more that GOD IS ALL, MAN IS NOTHING (Libermann). I would have been dead and even long buried but God, through the intercession of our Mother of Perpetual Help, out of His infinite mercy, gave me another chance to live. Another chance to fulfill more of His purpose for creating me - to love Him by loving my neighbor, and in a special way as a priest, to win souls for Him in order to merit being with Him perpetually in heaven.

The major purpose of our creation can only be effectively achieved through prayer and charity. To love God, we must be close to God by developing personal relationships with Him. Moreover, to be truly successful and fulfilled in life, we must be in constant communication with God through prayer. This is basically due to our constant need of divine grace for cut off from Him we can do absolutely nothing (Jn 15:5).

These ten years would not have been a huge success without the intercession of our Mother of Perpetual Help, to whom I dedicated my priesthood. In gratitude for her unconditional intercession, I reconsecrate my life and vocation to her Immaculate Heart. To my patron saints, I owe eternal debt of gratitude. To my biological mother and siblings, I am grateful. To the all the worshiping community of St Boniface Martyr especially Fr. Kevin Dillon (immediate past pastor), Fr. Josef Norys (pastor), Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, the nuns and the entire parish, I say thanks a bunch! May God continue to bless you abundantly and exceedingly beyond your imagination.

Finally, I ask for your prayers especially for the grace of holiness and fidelity to God. May the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of my Priestly Ordination, bring all of us God's abundant divine favors, through Christ our Lord. Amen!

You are all invited to celebrate with me on August 14, 2022 at 10:30 Mass.

Rev. Augustine Ibeh, C.S.Sp. Graduate Student Media Department Duquesne University

## Ministries & Meetings



In today's Gospel Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my

anguish until it be accomplished!

Your gift to the Society to assist those suffering in poverty will help set the earth on fire with the of God's love.

The St. Boniface 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 to learn more.

**Thank you to all who have donated so generously to our Food Pantry!** If you are able, please keep the Food Pantry on your shopping list. The following items are still needed:

Pasta
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Cereal
Canned fruit
Fruit Juice
Kids Treats



Food donations may be dropped off at Sunday Mass or during the Food Pantry hours every Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm. For more information, please contact Jody Fleischmann and David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x125.

#### **Honor Roll**

*Congratulations to the following parishioners:* 

#### KELLENBERG MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Emma Bavaro Michael DiStefano Catherine Lilly

#### CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen: Thomas J. Reynolds, Nathan E. Strong

Sophomore: Riley J. Harding

Juniors: Gregory J. Coppola, Jack W. Reardon

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 14 at 3pm in Room 10, first floor of the St. Boniface school building, 12 Main Ave., Sea Cliff. The group is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher and Linda Rose. No fee PRE-REGISTRATION is required. For details and registration, contact David Meagher at davidmeagher@gmail.com, 516-676-0676 x131 or lrosecsw@hotmail.com.

#### **Mondays: Charismatic Prayer Group**

Zooms weekly at 7:30pm for a power hour of praise, prayer, music and Scripture. Members intercede in prayer for our parishioners, our church and our world. 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**

Zooms weekly from 7:30pm–8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. We are currently studying the Book of Hebrews, using *Threshold Bible Study*, by Stephen J. Binz. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

#### Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites

Meets monthly 9am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of St. Titus Brandsma seek God's will in the ordinary circumstances of life and His presence in all circumstances in solidarity with others. Call Flora at 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 to learn more about this ministry.

## 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



# Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow . . .

**Sunday, August 14, 2022:** Civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Congressman John Lewis hoped young Americans might get in trouble. "Good trouble, necessary trouble," he specified. Lewis wished that a passion for what's right might compel our young citizens to "find a way to get in the way" of injustice. A young prophet named Jeremiah once got in the way, winding up at the bottom of a well and nearly starving to death for causing trouble for his king.

Monday, August 15: The Assumption of Mary

Given that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was likely in her teens when she gave birth, she was probably only in her late 40s when Jesus died 33 years later. Life expectancy was a lot shorter then, but potentially Mary could have been alive for many years after seeing her son for the last time. One ancient historian wrote that she died 11 years later. It must have been a time of intense longing for her. Whether she died before she was bodily assumed into heaven or was assumed before she died is left open-ended by the church. Either way, it was an extraordinary reunion with the Lord befitting her status. Consider your own reunion with God. Plan ahead!

Tuesday, August 16: Brother Roger Schütz, founder of the Taizé movement, died on this date in 2005. Brother Roger began Taizé in 1940 in the French countryside, envisioning a humble monastic community to respond to the needs of war-torn refugees—but also to welcome followers from all Christian denominations. The simple house he purchased eventually blossomed into a global place of pilgrimage, especially for young people. Taizé is especially known for beautiful chants still used in congregations all over the world. "The Church is a mystery of communion," Brother Roger wrote, where we "can discover an aurora of reconciliation and the practicing of a simple joy." Pray with Taizé through their website.

Wednesday, August 17: On this day in 1887, Marcus Garvey, one of the most influential black activists of his generation, was born in Jamaica. Founder of Universal Negro Improvement Association, a fraternal organization that he grew into an international powerhouse after emigrating to the United States, he is credited with coining the term "Black is beautiful" to encourage racial pride.

Though controversial in many of his views, he is remembered for his advocacy for racial equality and economic justice. Be a voice for equality and justice as you live out your unique Christian mission.

#### Thursday, August 18

On this day in 1998 the renowned Holocaust scholar Harry James Cargas died. Most of his teaching and writing focused on the Christian response to the Holocaust. What haunted him, he once said, was that "probably every Jew killed in the Holocaust was murdered by a baptized Christian." Cargas could have chosen an easier academic path, but instead he forced Christians to take stock of their complicity. Today's Psalm is a good help for examining our own cooperation with contemporary sin: "A clean heart create for me, O God."

#### Friday, August 19

Saint John Eudes, a 17th-century priest and mystic, worked tirelessly to spread the gospel message, which he feared was being corrupted by various heresies. For Saint John, Christianity wasn't complicated: "The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on Earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus." And just what was Christ's work? Look no further than the two great commandments he gave us: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

#### Saturday, August 20: Memorial of St. Bernard

In 1130, Pope Honorius II was dying. In anticipation of his death, a group of cardinals agreed on Cardinal Gregory Papareschi as the next pope. Upon Honorius' death, Papareschi was elected Pope Innocent II. But another group of cardinals had another cardinal in mind for the position, Cardinal Pietro Pierleoni, and elected him as Pope Anacletus II. The church then had a pope and an antipope. Question was, which was which? Saint Bernard of Clairvaux threw his considerable weight and hard work behind Pope Innocent, who eventually prevailed, preventing what easily could have spiraled into a schism. Remember this lesson from Bernard: "If you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a sceptre but a hoe."

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## The Blazing Fire of Faith

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" LUKE 12:49

This passage reveals two things to us. First, it reveals Jesus' intention to "set the earth on fire." Second, it reveals that He desires "it were already blazing."

What does it mean when Jesus says that He came to set the world on fire? Fire is a powerful image that offers much insight into the Christian life. First, fire consumes. So it is with Christ. He came to consume us. He came to transform our little lives into blazing fires. This reveals that there is much potential in each one of our lives. We have potential to become something totally new if we allow the spark of grace to ignite our souls.

Fire also has the potential to make a difference. Its heat keeps us warm, its light allows us to see in darkness and its energy produces power in various ways to help us in our daily lives. So it is with grace. God's grace transforms our cold hearts, leads us through the darkness of life and provides us with all we need to live productive lives.

It's interesting to note that Jesus did not only say that He came to set the world on fire; rather, He said that He wished it were already blazing. This desire of our Lord is an invitation to move out of a mediocre and lukewarm existence into a life of radical Christian living. We are not called to be partly transformed, or even mostly transformed. No, we are called to become blazing fires of faith, transformed by God to make a true difference in the world!

Reflect, today, upon the fire within your own soul. How brightly is that fire burning? You need to feed that fire on a daily basis, fanning it into flame with complete commitment. Seek to become that blazing fire that the Lord desires of you and you will be amazed at how fully you can become transformed by grace.

Lord, set my heart on fire with the brightness of Your love and mercy. Help me to be open to the complete transformation of life that You desire of me. I give myself to You without reserve, dear Lord. Use me as You will. Jesus, I trust in You.

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"The Journey of Hope..."

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to join us to walk or make a donation to help.

Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>
Cedar Creek Park, Seaford
Check-In: 8:30 AM Walk Start: 10 AM

## Stewardship

## Help for Ukraine

#### **July Church Collections**

Stewardship: \$20,616 (5 weeks) Maintenance and Repair: \$1,031



#### **July Faith Direct Donations**

Stewardship: \$15,378 (5 weeks)

One Time Gifts: \$100

Maintenance and Repair: \$878

105 families are participating as of 7/30/22

This week there will be a second collection for our *Maintenance and Repair Fund*.

Thank you for your continued and generous support!

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, Advil, Tylenol, aspirin, etc.)
- Thermal Clothing
- † Military style clothing
- **† Boots** (dark colors)
- + Empty boxes / Packing tape

**Volunteers are needed** to assist in this humanitarian drive.

There is a collection box in church.

Thank you for your prayers.

Call Andrew DiSalvo at 516-759-3370 with any questions.



## Parish Information

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office before any other arrangements are made.

A minimum of six months is needed.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? We welcome those who are not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation to join our inquiry class and have your questions concerning the Catholic faith answered! We will meet weekly beginning in September. Contact Jane Serpico at stbonRCIA@gmail.com or call 516-676-0676 x130.

**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.

**Director of Religious Education (DRE):** Karen Croce 516-671-0418 or email stbonccd@gmail.com

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

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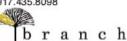
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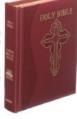
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