

## Church of St. Boniface Martyr

Established 1898 ~ Sea Cliff, New York

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

The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg., Pastor

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

Join us!

# Gaudete Sunday ~ December 11, 2022

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 9am and 4pm Sunday: 8am and 10:30am Mondays through Fridays: 8am

Holy Day Mass Schedule Eve: 4pm; Day: 8am, 7pm

> Christmas Eve: 4pm, 10pm

**Confession** Saturdays 3pm-3:45pm

No confessions Christmas Eve

Holy Hour 3pm Saturdays (Church) 2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

Rosary after 8am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena after 9am Saturday Mass

**Church Hours** Mondays though Fridays: 8am-2:30pm; Saturdays: 9am-5pm; Sundays: 8am-12pm

**Parish Office Hours** Tuesdays - Thursdays: 9am-3pm; Closed Mondays and Fridays

Closed December 26 - January 9

#### **Parish Contact Information** 145 Glen Avenue, Sea Cliff, NY 11579 516-676-0676; stbonchurch@gmail.com

www.saintboniface.org www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/

## THIRD SUNDAY





**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.

## OUR PARISH ONLINE CALENDAR is now available to the public!

The link can be found on our website: www.saintboniface.org

# Liturgy Schedule

#### Saturday, December 10

**3pm Holy Hour** 

**4pm Mass** Isa 35:1-10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Matt 11:1-11

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 her children and grandchildren.

#### Sunday, December 11

8am Mass 10:30am Mass: Henry Becker, Julia Pica, Martha Ulman, Donald Albin

Monday, December 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Num 24:1-17; Ps 25:4-9; Matt 21:23-27 8am Mass

Tuesday, December 13 Memorial of St. Lucy Zeph 3:1-13; Ps 34:1-23; Matt 21:28-32 8am Mass

Wednesday, December 14 Memorial of St. John of the Cross Isa 45:6-25; Ps 85:9-14; Luke 7:18-23 8am Mass: Martha Carolina Gonzalez Salavarrieta Holy Hour: 2pm (in the Chapel)

Thursday, December 15 Isa 54:1-10; Ps 30:1-13; Luke 7:24-30 8am Mass: Diana Brantuas (living)

**Friday, December 16** *Isa 56:1-8; Ps 67:1-8; John 5:33-36* **8am Mass:** Eric Tyrkko

### Saturday: December 17

Gen 49:1-10; Ps 72:1-17; Matt 1:1-17 9am Mass

# Let Us Pray

### For Our Deceased

Carmela Bertino

### **For Our Sick**

Patrick Baca, Fr. Mike Torpey

Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please call 516-676-0676 x128 or email stbonbulletin@gmail.com if you would like your listing continued. New requests must be made by an immediate family member.

## 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 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. 📀

# Holy Family Corner

This is a space for our young families to come and collect books to bring back to their pews to keep the kiddoes engaged during Mass.

You may spend a few minutes here with your child to "cool down", do a coloring page or read a book.



Please DO NOT bring crayons back into the church or pews.

Your children should never be left here unattended. We want you to be comfortable back here, but please remember, voices carry.

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## **Events this Week**

Sunday, December 11

Monday, December 12 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

**Tuesday, December 13 4pm** Religious Education Classes **7pm** Women of Faith Book Group

#### Wednesday, December 14

2pm Holy Hour in the Chapel
10am Women of Faith Book Group
4pm Religious Education Classes
7pm Religious Education Classes

### Thursday, December 15

**7pm** Knitting Circle **7:30pm** Scripture Study Zoom

#### Friday, December 16 Saturday, December 17

## St. Boniface Martyr Outreach Thrift Shop

Please come visit our thrift shop Saturday from 10am to 1pm. There are great bargains on clothing and shoes for the whole family. The housewares department has a wide assortment of dishes, glassware, pictures, linens and toys. It's our End of Season sale! All proceeds benefit our food pantry.

### St. Boniface Martyr Food Pantry

Thank you to all for your ongoing food donations. We have a critical shortage of certain food items:

## Canned Fruit Cereal Pasta Chick Peas

*Shelf Stable Milk Kids Treats Fruit Juice* Food donations may be bought to Sunday Mass or to the Food Pantry on Saturdays 10am to 1pm.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are in need can know the good news of Jesus.

#### The St. Boniface St. Vincent de Paul Society

meets the third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30pm in the parish center. Please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124 to learn how you can help.

# **Ministry Meetings**

#### Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets monthly 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. Call John and Rosemary Murello for more information at 516-676-2767.

#### **Tuesdays: Women of Faith Book Group**

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

#### Thursdays: Men's Ministry

Now meets the **LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**, in Room 10 on the first floor of the St. Boniface school building at 6:30pm. If a holiday falls on that day, we will meet the following Thursday. Please contact Rich Lucidi if you are coming to any meeting at richlucidi40@gmail.com. **Next meeting: 1/26**. *Hope to see you there!* 



#### Thursdays: Knitting Circle

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Experienced knitters and beginners welcome. Join us! For information, contact Nancy Furlong at 516-759-5869 or brknit@optonline.net.

**Thursdays: Scripture Study:** No zoom December 8 Zooms weekly from 7:30pm–8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. We are studying the Book of Hebrews. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

**Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites** Meets monthly 10am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of St. Titus Brandsma seek God's will and presence in the ordinary circumstances of life in solidarity with others. Call Flora at 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 to learn more about this ministry.

# **Outreach Christmas Baskets**



**DAVID MEAGHER & JODY FLEISCHMANN** 

Once again we are reaching out to our parishioners to help us with our annual food drive. All food collected is used for our Christmas baskets which are distributed to our Outreach families and neighbors in need.

As you all know, economic times make it difficult for some families to purchase food and feed their families and therefore your assistance is greatly appreciated.

All food donations may be left at Church during Sunday Masses or dropped off at the Food Pantry every Saturday from 10am to 1pm.

#### **Canned Hams**

cans of soup, sweet yams, green beans, corn, fruit, cranberry sauce turkey gravy, stuffing, dinner rolls, salad dressing small bags of rice, instant mashed potatoes condensed milk, shelf stable milk pie filling, cake icing

Thank you for your help in providing food to our needy families and neighbors. 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 when we don't thank you enough for who you are, for all that you do and for all that you have given.

God bless you and your families! David, Jody and all the Outreach Volunteers

## Volunteers Needed

#### *Volunteers are L* ve in Motion

For many people, there's not a lot of free time left in a typical week after subtracting out hours spent working and fulfilling other responsibilities. The question is how do you spend your precious time? Do you curl up on the sofa to catch up on missed ty shows, go to the gym or spend time texting your friends describing how you are spending your free time? Why not choose something that gets you out into the community, meet new people, provide necessary assistance to those in need, and make a difference.

Where and how, you ask, can I do that? Right here in St. Boniface Martyr parish. Volunteer to participate in the outreach program. Volunteering is



great for your mental health and has been shown to help with depression and boost self esteem. Taking time out from your own stresses and problems to help others can really lift your mood and make you feel good about yourself. That sense of satisfaction you get when you know you are part of something that's making a difference is priceless.

Would you like to join members of your parish family in helping those in our community who desperately need food? Are you able to contribute 3 hours on a Saturday once every 4 to 5 weeks? If so, come into the pantry any Saturday between 10am and 1pm and see the pantry in action, or contact David (516-458-0596) or Jody (516-322-3347). 4

# The St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

Our Annual Giving Tree to benefit the St. Boniface Martyr Conference of St. Vincent de Paul Society is set up in the church vestibule for Advent.

The Giving Tree will be adorned with tags and this year you can choose:

**1.** A tag designating a specific gift

**2.** A tag designating a gift card with which Vincentians will buy presents for our neighbors.

**3.** Or if you prefer making a monetary donation, please write a check to "St. Vincent de Paul Society" with "Giving Tree" in the memo area.

So that gifts may be delivered in time for Christmas, we request that the presents , gift cards, checks be returned by Sunday, **December 11**.

→ Unwrapped presents may be placed under the Giving Tree at masses. Please tape the original tag to your present.

→ Deposit your gift card or check in the St. Vincent dePaul Donation Box in the vestibule.

#### Please do not leave checks or gift cards on or under the Giving Tree.

Your donation will go a long way in helping our neighbors who are served by our Vincentians.

If you have any questions, please call Susan Winslow at 516-671-7058. Thank you for your generosity!

# **COFFEE with JESUS**

#### **Advent Reflections**

From the comfort of your home, with a cup of coffee and ZOOM connection, join Bishop Andrzej at 10:00 am on Friday mornings during the Advent Season:

December 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2022

for Advent Scripture Reflections

#### ...WORD made FLESH...

This is a great opportunity to prepare and nourish your mind, spirit and heart in anticipation of Christmas.

REGISTRATION: Call 516-744-6850 or email www.westernvicariate@drvc.org



To register for **Coffee with Jesus** please call Suzanne at 516-744-6850 or email westernvicariate@drvc.org. Once you are registered, you will receive the ZOOM information prior to each session.



## St. Boniface CYO Girls Travel Volleyball

Sign Up Online: Stbonifacecyo.org

5th through 8th Grade Girls Registration Fee: \$300

Registration has begun Ends December 22, 2022

Any questions? Please email bonifacevball@gmail.com

Season starts mid-February Ends in April

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> Games on weekends



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Alex Chebuske MyFamilyPack43@gmail.com

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# Monthly Donations

#### November

Collections: \$30,224; Maintenance and Repair: \$2,265 Fuel: \$1,642; All Saints Day: \$617 Human Development/Home Missions (DRVC): \$985 Archdiocese for Military Services (DRVC): \$778 This week's second collection is for *The Religious Retirement Fund*. Next week's second collection is for our parish *Maintenance and Repair*. Thank you for your support!

#### **Faith Direct**

Signing up for e-giving is easy. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Visit Faith.Direct/NY820.



## **Parish Information**

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EARLY DEADLINES: Dec.15 for Dec. 25 bulletin; Dec 22 for the Jan1 bulletin.

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stbonvirtus@gmail.com; 676-0676 x132 Bereavement Support: David Meagher

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

Parish Trustees: Donna Calamis, Vincent Agosta

**Pastoral Council Members:** Vincent Agosta, Kevin Burke, Julie Byrne, Donna Calamis, John Canning, Karen Croce, Jody Fleischmann, Joseph Giordano, Noel Griffin, Kevin Kelly, Maryellen Kerr, Eileen Krieb, Jovanna Lemonda, Rich Lucidi, Robert Lynch, Carolyn Rassiger, Bill Schiller, Jeff Schneider, Jane Serpico, Frank Sujecki, Christine Whited

Faith Stream Ministry: 8am, 9am; Sunday10:30am, Holy Day Masses are streamed via facebook.com/ StBonifaceMartyr or saintboniface.org/streaming; email stbonstreaming@gmail.com

**Baptism:** Fourth Sunday of the month at 11:30am. 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):** 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. Contact Jane Serpico at 676-0676 x130 or stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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# **Reflections on the Readings**

### If Only ...

We all have our own "if onlys." If only my hands didn't shake. If only my knees were stronger. If only I weren't afraid. If only we had enough rain. If only I could see more clearly. If only I could hear as I used to. If only I didn't feel trapped. God understands. Even though life is not perfect, and even though our property and bodies deteriorate, God promises a restoration of all that is beautiful.

The struggles of this life cause us to yearn for another, more glorious life. Isaiah prophesies a day when God's glory will come. "Here is your God," Isaiah says. "God comes to save you." These words brought hope to those in exile, a people powerless and poor. When Christians hear this text, we hear a promise that echoed all the way to the birth of Jesus. Jesus, whose name means "savior," is coming, and all will be made new in him.

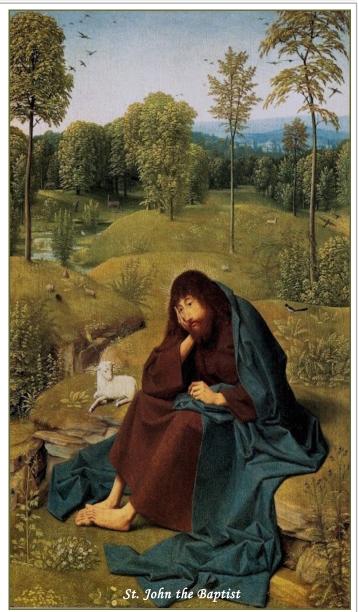
Every time we strengthen the weak, help the needy, water the plants, or shovel the snow, we remove someone's "if only." We help them witness the coming of Christ.

## **Patient Waiting**

Some things just take time. It takes time for crops to grow, for bread to rise, and for wine to age. It takes time to learn how to play a musical instrument or to develop athletic skill. Some things cannot be rushed.

We do what we can to prepare the earth and strengthen our bodies for the tasks at hand. But in the end, we wait. It is hard to wait, especially when we anticipate good results. We wish that children would master the lesson, that the beloved would return from a journey, and that God would answer a prayer. It is hard to wait for what we want.

Sometimes we do not behave our best while we are waiting. We grow impatient and irritable. God is slow. It took thousands of years for God to deliver on the promise to Abraham. Eventually, the child was born in Bethlehem. Then people had to wait for the child to grow up. Then Jesus died on the cross, and people had to wait for the Resurrection. Then he rose, appeared, and promised to come back again. But people had to wait. We are still waiting.



The Letter of James says, "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord." We know we must be patient for Christ to come again.

While we are waiting, we strive to live in harmony, because it is in our community where we experience even now the coming of our God.

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