

# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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# December 18, 2022

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

SATURDAY DECEMBER 24: 4PM, 10PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25: 8AM, 10:30AM

No confessions Christmas Eve

#### **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 9am4pm; Sunday: 8am, 10:30am

Mondays through Fridays: 8am

#### **Holy Day Mass Schedule**

Eve: 4pm; Day: 8am, 7pm

#### Confession

Saturdays 3pm-3:45pm

#### **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

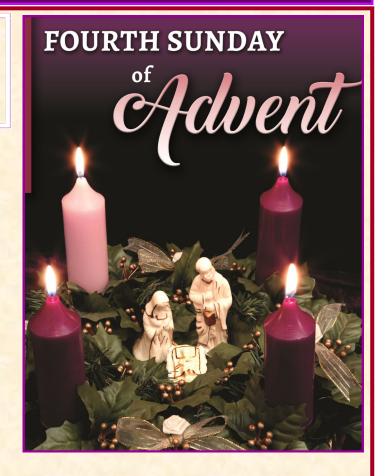
#### **Parish Office Hours**

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

Closed December 26 through 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/



#### **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.

### **Christmas Office Hours**

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The Parish Office will be closed from December 26 through January 9.

Have a blessed Christmas!

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Our parish online calendar is now available to the public! The link is on our website:

www.saintboniface.org

# Liturgy Schedule

#### Saturday, December 17

**3pm Holy Hour** 

4pm Mass

Isa 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:18-24

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the mass were donated in loving memory of **Ann and Tom Brady**.

#### Sunday, December 18

8am Mass

**10:30am Mass:** Tom and Ann Brady, Frances Bain, John Moran, Lynn Ryan

11:30am Baptisms

#### Monday, December 19

Judg 13:1-25; Ps 71:3-17; Luke 1:5-25

8am Mass: Donald Austen

#### Tuesday, December 20

Isa 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38

8am Mass

#### Wednesday, December 21

Song 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18; Ps 33:1-21; Lk 1:39-45

8am Mass

**Holy Hour:** 2pm (in the Chapel)

#### Thursday, December 22

1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1-8; Luke 1:46-56

8am Mass

#### Friday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4:6; Ps 25:4-14; Luke 1:57-66

8am Mass

#### **Saturday: December 24**

2 Sam 7:1-16; Ps 89:1-29; Luke 1:67-79

9am Mass

# Masses for Christmas & The Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 24

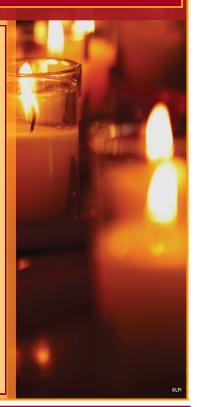
4pm Mass 10pm Mass

Sunday,
December 25

8am Mass 10:30am Mass

Saturday,
December 31
4pm Mass

Sunday, **January 1** 8am Mass 10:30am Mass



# Let Us Pray

#### For Our Deceased

#### 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.

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### Events this Week

#### Sunday, December 18

11:30am Baptisms

3pm Bereavement Support Group

#### Monday, December 19

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

#### Tuesday, December 20

7pm Women of Faith Book Zoom

#### Wednesday, December 21

 ${\bf 2pm}$  Holy Hour in the Chapel

**7:30pm** St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

#### Thursday, December 22

**7pm** Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

### **Thanks You from Food Pantry Volunteers**

The food pantry volunteers want to thank the parishioners of St. Boniface Martyr Church for their support. Your generosity helped us provide the basic nutritional requirements for families in need. We wish all the parishioners a very Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

### St. Boniface Outreach Thrift Shop

Please come visit our thrift shop Saturdays 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.

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those in need to find Emmanuel - to know that "God is with us."

#### 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: 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**

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.

#### Last 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.** 

#### **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.

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Fr. Azubuike has been accepted to the Military Archdiocese as a Military Chaplain and will be leaving for boot camp on January 18. Sad news for us, but good news for him!

We will celebrate a Farewell Mass for him on Sunday, January 15, at 10:30am followed by a reception.

After a period of discernment and deep prayerful consideration, and with the full approval of my Ordinary, Most Rev. Paulinus Ezeokafor, the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Awka, Nigeria, I write to inform you of my sincere desire to join the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA as a military chaplain. This desire was facilitated by the urgent need for Catholic priests who will continue to provide the pastoral and spiritual services to those serving in the armed forces of the United States and their families and dependents.

This desire comes with mixed feelings. On the one hand, I am deeply grateful for the hospitality, kindness and the rare opportunity the Diocese of Rockville Center has offered me throughout my eleven (11) years of serving here as a hospital Chaplain at the Glen Cove Hospital Northwell Health. I am also grateful for the opportunity of being in residence and assisting for all these years at St. Boniface Martyr Church, Sea Cliff. At the same time, I cannot help but feel a sense of grief to depart from this diocese especially the Clergy, members of the Consecrated Life and the Lay Faithful, and in particular the faithful of St. Boniface Martyr Church, with whom I have enjoyed a nourishing and fruitful collaborative ministry.

Therefore, I sincerely and deeply thank you and the Diocese of Rockville Center for everything. I have grown more in my priestly spirituality and ministry during my time here and so I will always carry with me the fond memory of this beautiful Diocese. I will always keep this diocese in my thoughts and prayers. I request for your prayers too, dear Bishop.

All things being equal, I will depart here for the chaplain's basic military training on <u>January 18, 2023</u> in South Carolina.

Thank you very much. Father Azubuike Igwegbe

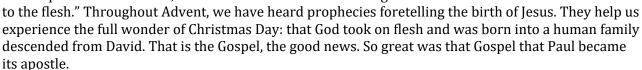
# **Exchanging Gifts**

Christmas presents are gathering under trees. The opening of gifts opens hearts as well. Gifts are given in love, and they promote love in return. We love all year round, not just on Christmas Day. We may not give wrapped gifts every day of the year, but we love every day. We say it, show it, and feel it.

At Christmas we will celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the human race. It is not Christmas every day, but God is good to us every day, showing love in many and marvelous ways.

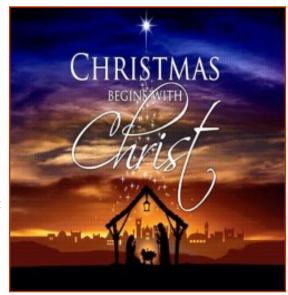
A Christmas gift of love prompts a response — a hug, a kiss, a note of thanks, or a favor in return. The greatest Christmas gift also prompts a response — a desire to live in ways that please Christ.

St. Paul calls himself an apostle "set apart for the gospel of God," the Gospel promised through the prophets in the Scriptures, the Gospel about God's Son, "descended from David according



And so did we. In all we say and do, we tell others how much the Christian faith means to us. It is the natural response to the greatest gift of all.

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# 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.

### St. Boniface CYO Girls Travel Volleyball

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### **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 tv 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).



# Monthly Donations

# Hospitality

#### **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 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.

### **Calling all Bakers!** Hospitality has

**resumed after 10:30 Mass** (except for the fourth Sunday of the month, due to Baptisms).

Bakers, baked goods and volunteers are needed for setup, running the tables and clean-up. Donations will be accepted before mass in the vestibule - no need to contact us in advance. Please email Kathleen Reynolds at kmptcreynolds@gmail.com if you would like to help. *Thank you!* 

### Parish Information

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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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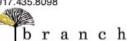
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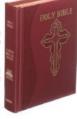
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