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Solemnity of Christmas, December 25, 2022

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

No confessions Christmas Eve

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 9am and 4pm Sunday: 8am and 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)

Rosarv after 8am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena

after 9am Saturday Mass

Church Hours

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

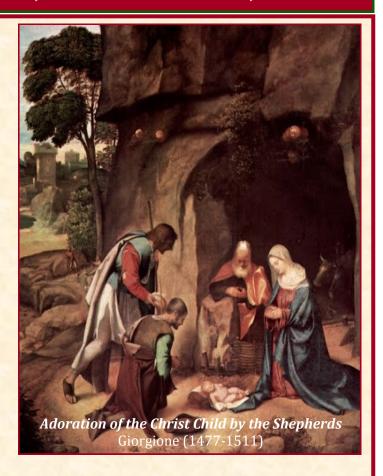
Parish Office Hours

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

Closed December 26 through January 9

Parish Contact Information

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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

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

Have a blessed ChristmasI

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

www.saintboniface.org

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, December 24

Isa 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

3pm Holy Hour

4pm Mass: Camille Miritello

10pm Mass: Stephen Szemerenyi; Lucyann Lopez,

and Abdiaz & Maria Barbosa

Sunday, December 25

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

10:30am Mass: Joseph Gremelsbacker

Monday, December 26 Feast of St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-17; Matt 10:17-22

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Tuesday, December 27

Feast of St. John the Apostle

1 John 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-12; John 20:1-8

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Wednesday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents

1 Iohn 1:5-2:2: Ps 124:1-8: Matt 2:13-18

8am Mass: Christmas Novena **Holy Hour:** 2pm (in the Chapel)

Thursday, December 29

1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-6; Luke 2:22-35

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Friday, December 30

Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:3-17; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Matt 2:13-23

8am Mass: Christmas Novena

Saturday: December 31

1 John 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-13; John 1:1-18

9am Mass: Christmas Novena

Fr. Azubuike has been accepted as a Military Chaplain to the Military Archdiocese and will leave for boot camp on January 18.

Sad news for us, but good news for the military!

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

Masses for Christmas and The Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 24

4pm Mass, 10pm

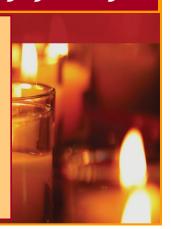
Sunday, December 25

8am Mass, 10:30am

Saturday, December 31

4pm

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



Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Helen M. Caliolo, John Damiano, Elizabeth Reddan Franck, Carolina Gonzalez

For Our Sick

Patrick Baca

Names will remain on the list for six weeks. Please call 516-676-0676 x128 or email stbonbulletin@gmail.com. New requests must be made by a family member.

For Our Military

Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy Christian Pace Laderer, MMN3, US Navy First 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

Ministry Meetings

Sunday, December 25

Monday, December 26

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

2pm Holy Hour in the Chapel

Thursday, December 29

6:30pm Men's Ministry

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Friday, December 30

Saturday, December 31

Thank 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 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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, hearing the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy." Today, and throughout the new year, may we take care of our brothers and sisters in need, bringing hope, dispelling fear.

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.

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:** 12/29.

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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To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre: *Merry Christmas to you and your families!*



In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, and in a non-judgmental spirit of mercy, humility and charity, I invite everyone who will be present at our Christmas Masses, or watching our Christmas Masses via the Catholic Faith Network or CBS, or not present at all: If your life has been far from the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist, I invite you with Pope Francis to return.

I invite you to experience the power and liberation of Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and to cross the bridge into the full practice of your Catholic Faith through a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass and an ever-deepening love for the Holy Eucharist.

Perhaps you are not a Catholic and yet have some mysterious attraction to the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist.

You are not alone! Many saints — think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the pioneering American Catholic educator and convert — had the same experience and were drawn to enter the Church through their intuitive experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our parish churches! Be open to the Eucharistic movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Our celebration of Christmas 2022 occurs this year as every Catholic diocese, every Catholic parish, every Catholic hospital, university, and institution in the United States is engaged in an evangelizing *Eucharistic Revival*.

What do we mean by the phrase "Eucharistic Revival" and why is it so important for our celebration of Christmas?

What does a love for the Eucharist and an openness to being a 21st Century Eucharistic missionary have to do with our celebration of Christmas 2022?

Pope Francis points out the relationship between the Birth of Christ and the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. The very word Bethlehem means "house of Bread."

Pope Francis states: "Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. There God, in the house of bread, is born in a manger. It is as if he wanted to say: 'Here I am, as your food.' He does not fake, but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. To us, who from birth are used to taking and eating, Jesus begins to say: 'Take and eat. This is my body.' (Matt. 26:26) The tiny body of the Child of Bethlehem speaks to us of a new way to live our lives: not by devouring and hoarding, we can be reborn in love, and break the spiral of grasping and greed.

From the 'house of bread,' Jesus brings us back home, so that we can become God's family, brothers and sisters to our neighbors. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. The Lord knows that we need to be fed daily. That is why he offered himself to us every day of his life: from the manger in Bethlehem to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Today too, on the altar, he becomes bread broken for us; he knocks at our door, to enter and eat with us (cf. Rev. 3:20). At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life." 1

Eucharistic Revival in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, is a rediscovery of "Eucharistic Amazement" and Eucharistic Devotion. Eucharistic Revival means that we understand deeply that every Mass has a cosmic significance, and every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the world — the Altar of Ukraine and every war torn and injustice-ridden area of our world.

Eucharistic Revival is an effective catechesis of the theology and spirituality of the Catholic Mass that moves the hearts, minds, souls and imaginations of the People of God. Eucharistic Revival in our Catholic schools means the cultivation of a radical fidelity to the Sunday Catholic Mass on the part of our teachers, our staff and our families.

Eucharistic Revival is a rekindling of Pope Benedict XVI's insight that every period of Church reform and effective Catholic evangelization and mission throughout history can be traced to a rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. 2

As we celebrate the birth of Christ and his rebirth in our hearts and families at Christmas, we pray for a renewal of our faith in Christ's Eucharistic presence. We pray that each of us could be Divine Mercy instruments of bringing many, many people back to a full fidelity to the Eucharist and the Catholic Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are being called to be intentional, compassionate, understanding and listening Eucharistic missionaries. Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the love of the Christ child and the love of the Holy Family light your remaining steps on earth and light your path to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Sincerely in Christ,

t John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

1. Pope Francis Homily for Midnight Mass, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018.. 2. See Pope Benedict WI's 2017 Apostolic Exhortation Sacramentum Caritatis 6: "Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people."



Reflections on the Readings

Salvation's Eyewitnesses

Whenever you see something great, you can feel the excitement. Whenever you hear about something great, it just is not the same. Travelers give eyewitness accounts of their journeys, the people they have met, the places they have seen, and the events they have experienced. If something exciting happens on your street, you will want to see it for yourself. Then you can feel the excitement.

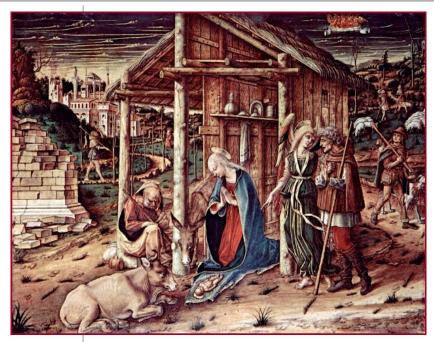
Christmas is a celebration for the eyewitnesses of salvation. We have not just heard about it. We have experienced it. We know the fulfillment of God's promises, the presence of Christ and the hope of believers. We have experienced the wonder of God in our families, our friends, our church, and our community. God is redeeming people.

Isaiah says, when those announcing good news about God come to the mountain of Jerusalem, they are beautiful to behold from head to toe. Even their feet are beautiful. "They see directly, before their eyes, the Lord restoring Zion." These eyewitnesses bring back to the city the exciting reports of God's work. It is not enough for us to hear about it. We look, see, and experience firsthand the marvels God has done.

This Christmas we reflect on God's action in our lives. We experience the birth of salvation within us. We know from our own experience that God saves us. When we share that good news, we are beautiful. Even our feet are beautiful.

Veiled Messages

On the surface, many Christmas customs have little to do with Christ. We spend more money on one another than we do on charities and the poor. We decorate our homes with artificial evergreen rather than the natural symbols of eternal life. We sing songs about Santa Claus rather than the birth of Jesus. Even our postage stamps make us choose between sacred and secular. Some of our Christmas customs seem to turn away from Christ.



Or do they? The giving of gifts expresses love of neighbor. Festive decorations set this season apart from all others. Santa Claus is St. Nicholas, a bishop remembered for his generosity. Every letter sent and received bears the stamp of a special season, tidings of good will, and a reminder that those who are far away are close to us in mind and heart.

The customs of this season are veiled announcements of one message: Christ is born for us. To remove the veil, to hear the good news, we gather at church. There the message of Christmas speaks loud and clear.

The Letter to the Hebrews says, "In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son."

The customs of Christmas speak the message in partial ways, but God speaks the message clearly through the Son, who is born in our midst this day.

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

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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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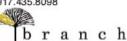
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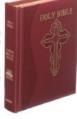
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