

Church of St. Boniface Martyr

125th Jubilee: 1898 - 2023

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 17, 2023

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 9am, 4pm; Sunday: 8am, 10:30am

Mondays through Fridays: 8am

Holy Day Mass Schedule

8am, 7pm

Confession

Saturdays 3pm-3:45pm

Holy Hour

3pm Saturdays (Church)

2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

Rosary after 8am Mass Mondays -Fridays

8:30am Saturdays

Miraculous Medal Novena

after 9am Saturday Mass

Church Hours

Mondays through Fridays: 8am-2:30pm

Saturdays: 9am-5pm; Sundays: 8am-12pm

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays -Thursdays: 9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm

Closed Mondays and Fridays

Parish Contact Information

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www.saintboniface.org

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Parable of the Wicked Servant

Domenico Fetti (1589-1623)

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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

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, September 16

Please note: No Confessions or Holy Hour today due to our 125th Jubilee Celebrations.

4pm Jubilee Mass: The Church of St. Boniface
Jubilee Reception in the Garden after Mass

Sunday, September 17

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Roberta Demetroulakos,
Christopher M. Sullivan

Monday, September 18

8am Mass

Tuesday, September 19

8am Mass

Wednesday, September 20

*Memorial of Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions*

8am Mass

2pm Holy Hour in the Chapel

Thursday, September 21

Feast of St. Matthew

8am Mass: John Sebastiano

Friday, September 22

8am Mass: Sr. Vianney (living)

Saturday, September 23

Memorial of St. Padre Pio

9am Mass

Banns of Marriage



THIRD BANNS

Antonio Palmieri
The Church of St. Rocco
Glen Cove, NY
and

Paige Elizabeth Mazzocchi
The Church of St. Boniface Martyr
Sea Cliff, NY



Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Margaret Ahrens, Jacqueline Canardelle,
Michael Notar

For Our Sick

Louis DeLouker, Margaret Lilly, Mary Jo Lilly

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

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to have someone bring them Holy Communion, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

For Our Military

Lieutenant Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy
Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF

Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army

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.

Jubilee Corner



Fr. Mike Torpey (Pastor, 1989-2007)
and Deacon Tom Fox (2003 - present).
Easter Vigil: April 15, 2004.

Hymn: “Honor St. Boniface”

Honor to St. Boniface (sung to the tune “Faith of Our Fathers”)

1. O St. Boniface, our patron saint, In serving God he was not faint!
As a young boy he studied hard, Then gave his life unto the Lord.

Refrain: Honor to Boniface today! As for our church his help we pray!

2. To cold dark Germany he was sent, Bringing God’s Word, in joy he went.
Finding the folk a pagan lot, God’s love and care for them he taught. *(Refrain)*
3. Challenging falsehood was his task; Faith in God’s Truth was all he asked.
When he chopped down the mighty tree Death as a martyr was his fee. *(Refrain)*
4. Our forebears gave this church his name, Rememb’ring deeds that were not tame.
He gave them hope and vision grand. How blest are we with them to stand! *(Refrain).*

Who is St. Boniface?

This great apostle of Germany was born in England, between 672 and 680. When he was small, some missionaries stayed a while at his home. They told the boy all about their work and impressed Boniface because they were so happy and excited about bringing the Good News to people. Boniface decided in his heart that he would be just like them when he grew up. While still young, he went to a monastery school to be educated. Some years later, he became a popular teacher. When he was ordained a priest, he was a powerful preacher because he was so full of enthusiasm.

Boniface wanted everyone to have the opportunity to know about and love Jesus and his Church. He became a missionary to the western part of Germany. Pope St. Gregory II blessed him and sent him on this mission. Boniface preached with great success. Once, to prove that the pre-Christian gods were false, he did a bold thing. There was a certain huge oak tree the local people believed was sacred to their gods. In front of a large crowd, Boniface struck the tree with an axe. The big tree crashed. The people were enlightened when realized that their gods took no action against Boniface.

In his lifetime, Boniface converted great numbers of people. In place of the statues of the pagan gods, he built churches and monasteries. In 732, the new pope, St. Gregory III made Boniface an archbishop and gave him another mission territory, Bavaria. He and some companions went there to teach the people about Christianity.

Then, one day, he was preparing to confirm some converts. A group of armed inhabitants swooped down on the camp. Boniface would not let his companions defend him. “Our Lord tells us to repay evil with good,” he said. “The day has come for which I have waited so long. Trust in God and he will save us.” The warriors attacked, and Boniface was the first one killed. He died a martyr on June 5, 754. His wish, stated in his will, that he be buried at the famous monastery he had started at Fulda, Germany were carried out.



Did St. Boniface invent the Christmas Tree?

The specific origin of the Christmas tree is lost in the distant past. It may have started when pre-Christian rituals involving evergreen boughs were merged with Christian celebrations and beliefs. It seems to be generally recognized that the people who lived in what is now Germany were the first to develop the tradition of the Christmas tree. One tradition is that when Boniface cut down the famous oak tree that he was surprised to find a fir tree growing in its place. The fir was thereafter associated with the primacy of the Christian faith.

St. Boniface Martyr Parish History

In 1995, St. Boniface became a one priest parish when Father Camilleri (Reggie), who had won the hearts of parishioners in his seven years here, left St. Boniface to do further study. However, we gained **Sr. Kathleen Murphy, O.P.**, who was appointed pastoral associate and proved to be an invaluable asset to the parish as it continues to grow. Sr. Kathleen assisted the pastor in the many aspects of running a parish and also conducted some liturgical services. Besides supporting parish programs already in existence, in 1996, Sr. Kathleen started a new program, M.O.M.S n' Tots, for mothers of preschoolers.



In 1996, the parish embarked on a diocesan Stewardship Program. Consciousness-raising on its theme of giving back time, talent and treasure in thanksgiving for all God has provided has been an impetus for parish growth. This program not only improved the parish's financial situation, but put new blood into volunteerism. Consequently, appreciation for the many gifts already shared within the parish community has grown among parishioners.

Our Parish at the start of the New Millennium

The dawn of St. Boniface Martyr Parish's second century began not long before the end of the 20th Century, as the Church prepared for the Jubilee Year declared for 2000 by Pope John Paul II. On Christmas Eve, 1998, the front doors of the church were closed and draped with a Jubilee Banner, by our then Pastor, Fr. Michael J. Torpey, to remain closed until Christmas Eve 1999, when they were ceremoniously reopened, just as the Pope opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, to symbolize the Church's "Opening Wide the Doors to Christ" at the dawn of the Third Millennium.

The Internet Age

Our parish also marked the coming of the new millennium by becoming one of the first parishes on Long Island to establish a presence on the internet, launching a website at www.saintboniface.org, on October 15, 1999. With the rise of "social media", the parish also developed Facebook pages and used such tools as Twitter, Instagram, and a YouTube channel.

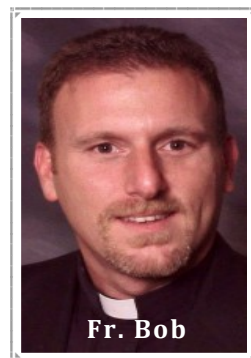
The weekly parish bulletin and newsletters were distributed digitally on these platforms and also sent by email to about 900 online subscribers. The parish's head-start in the world of digital communication was a blessing with the advent of the COVID-19 crisis and the need to provide safe live-streamed Masses and virtual replacements for face to face meetings and social activities curtailed by the crisis.

As St. Boniface Martyr Parish celebrated its Centennial in 1997 and 1998, and the Jubilee in 1999 and 2000, the same strong sense of community that had started this parish was still going strong. Many prayers and thanks go to those who have gone before us and have provided the faith community with all that it needed to sustain its first one hundred years. We pray that God will continue to bless our parish, providing it with the gifts it needs to flourish in the future. In 2003, **Tom Fox** became the first St. Boniface parishioner to be ordained a permanent Deacon, and continues to serve in that capacity. He was joined in the early years by the late Deacon **Ted Kolakowski**.



New Growth in a New Millenium

In June, 2007, St. Boniface bid a fond farewell to Fr. Mike Torpey, who had been Pastor since 1989. Fr. Mike had led the parish through some momentous times, assisting in the founding of All Saints Regional Catholic School and helping parishioners explore their baptismal roles as Catholic Christians by helping them grow into new responsibilities as St. Boniface became a "one priest parish." That same month, St. Boniface welcomed a new



Pastor, **Fr. Robert A. Romeo**. St. Boniface was Fr. Bob's first assignment as Pastor of a parish, but he soon proved to be more than equal to the job and to be a great blessing to the parish, ushering in a renewed spirit and an era of great growth, much of which is detailed in this publication. Father Bob served as Pastor of St. Boniface Parish from June 21, 2007 to June 24, 2015, when he was assigned as the new Pastor of the Parish of St. Mary, Manhasset.

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St. Boniface Martyr Parish History

Father Kevin Dillon

St. Boniface welcomed a new Pastor to Sea Cliff with the arrival of **Father Kevin Dillon**.

An energetic man with a passion for fitness and exercise, Father Kevin fit somewhat the same mold as Father Bob before him: a good Associate Pastor who developed into a Great Pastor when assigned to his own parish at St. Boniface.

The parish came to know Father Kevin as a spirited homilist with a flair for connecting with his congregation by weaving relatable tales of his own day-to-day experiences into his talks.

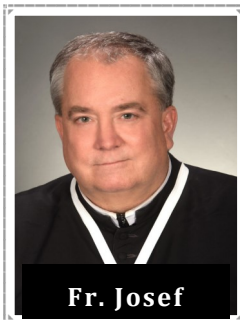
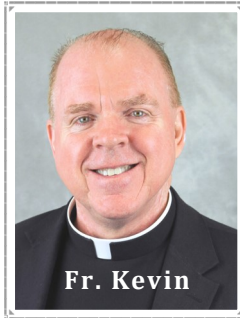
The highlights of Father Kevin's stay with us were his inspired guidance during the COVID crisis and his assistance to the parish during the "listening process" stage of the current Synod.

Father Kevin helped us formulate a process for compiling and passing along information requested from local Churches around the world for consideration by those attending the Synod, called to meet in Rome in October of 2023.

Father Josef Norys, Can. Reg.

In addition to having a new Pastor, the appointment of Father Josef Norys, Can. Reg., to serve St. Boniface brought something new to the parish: leadership by a member of an order of Religious Priests.

Father Josef is a Canon Regular of St. Augustine and belongs to the Canonry of St. Leopold, a foundation of the Abbey of Klosterneuburg, Austria. The Canonry was founded in 2011, and its Canons have, since then, cared for the parishes of St. Patrick, St. Rocco and St. Hyacinth—neighboring parishes to St. Boniface Church.



Soon after being appointed Pastor by Bishop Barres on June 29, 2022 it became clear to the people of St. Boniface that he is a good listener and a charismatic man of action. Father made appointments, ministry heads, pastoral council members and anyone wishing to meet with him.

Through consultation with parishioners, Father Josef revised the Mass schedule, restored the Bell Choir, the Sunday Family Program and Hospitality after 10:30am Sunday Mass.

Until her recent retirement to her native Ireland, **Josie Harte** provided Hospitality after Mass and devoted much time to tending the garden in front of the church. **Kathleen Reynolds** is now in charge of Hospitality aided by her family and parish volunteers.

Father Josef hired the first Religious Education Assistant, Catechist **Lorraine O'Sullivan**, to assist the beloved and longtime Director of Religious Education, **Karen Croce**. Karen retired in June of 2023, and Lorraine is now St. Boniface's DRE. In addition, Father hired Cantor **April Beisser Meier** to reinstate the Youth Group.

In Father Josef's words, he is here "to celebrate the sacraments, to preach the Gospel, and to be a part of this faith community, growing together in our love for Jesus Christ and His Church."

Immediately after his arrival as our current Pastor, Father Josef invited the people of St. Boniface Martyr Parish to a "Meet the Pastor" reception after Mass to meet each other "as we begin this faith journey together." "As a parish under the patronage of St. Boniface Martyr, a storied missionary who traveled far from home to spread the faith and serve God's people, the fact that "We are a Pilgrim People on a Journey to the Kingdom of God" has long been one we, the people of St. Boniface, have held close to our hearts. As such, Father's reference to the life-long journey all Christians undertake struck a chord with us,

And the Journey continues . . .

- Julie Byrne and Robert P. Lynch

Events this Week

Sunday, September 17

3pm Bereavement Group

Monday, September 18

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 19

7pm Women of Faith Book Zoom

Wednesday, September 20

7:30pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Thursday, September 21

7pm Knitting Circle

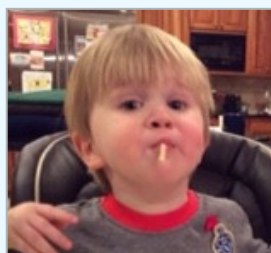
7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Thank You from the Food Pantry!

Thank you for your generous response to our pantry!

We are currently in need of:

cereal
boxed pasta
canned peas
instant potatoes
peanut butter & jelly
personal hygiene products

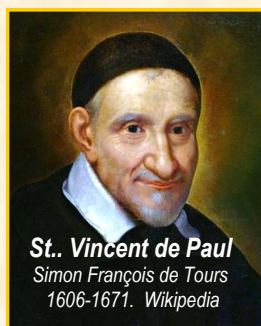


Items may be brought to Sunday Mass or food pantry in the parish center Saturdays from 10am to 1pm.

Thrift Shop

Visit our parish thrift shop in the parish center on Saturday from 10am to 1pm for great bargains for the whole family! All proceeds benefit our pantry.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



St.. Vincent de Paul
Simon François de Tours
1606-1671. Wikipedia

The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God.

Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please leave a message

for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society—we want to help!

We meet at 7:30pm the third Wednesdays of the month in St. Boniface School. For more information, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

Ministry Meetings

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets monthly at 3pm in Room 11, first floor of the St. Boniface school building, 12 Main Avenue, 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: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the new Youth Center, Room 10 in the St. Boniface School building, now on Mondays from 6:30pm-8pm. Follow us on instagram username: stbonyg. Join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group'. Contact our new Youth Ministers, April and Leo at 516-297-9886 or stbonym@gmail.com.

Mondays: Charismatic Prayer Group

Zooms weekly at 7:30pm. Praise with us! Call John and Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

Women of Faith Book Group

Meets monthly in person Tuesday evenings 7-8pm, Wednesday mornings 10-11am and via zoom Wednesday evenings 7-8pm. New members welcome! For details, contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com.

Thursdays: Knitting Circle

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Experienced knitters and beginners welcome. For details call 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. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

Men's Ministry: Resumes September 28

Meets the last Thursday of the month, at 6:30pm in Room 11 on the first floor of the St. Boniface school building. If a holiday falls on that day, we will meet the following Thursday. If you plan to come to any meeting please contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com. **Next meeting: Thursday, September 28. Hope to see you there!**

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 for more information.

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Thank You, Fr. Peter Damian!

Fr. Peter Damian Akpunonu, who has been with us since May, will be leaving on September 20. He will be celebrating his last weekend Mass at St. Boniface's 125th Jubilee Anniversary at 4pm Saturday, **September 16**. Please join us and bid a fond farewell to Fr. Peter Damian.



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Mass Stream Ministry: All masses are in person. 8am, Saturday 9am and Sunday 10:30am masses are streamed via facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr OR: saintboniface.org/streaming. Questions? Email stbonstreaming@gmail.com.

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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, 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

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of the month at 10:30am Mass. 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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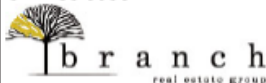
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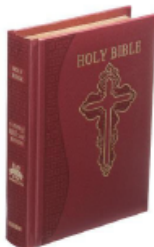
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