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

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

December 10, 2023

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 9am, 4pm;

Sunday: 8am, 10:30am

Mondays - Fridays: 8am

Holy Day Masses:

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 - Fridays: 8am-2:30pm

Saturdays: 9am-5pm;

Sundays: 8am-12pm

Parish Office Hours

Tuesdays - Thursdays:

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

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SECOND SUNDAY

OF
Advent

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill shall be made low.

Isaiah 40:3-4



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 neighbors in need, please call
Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, December 9

3pm Confession

3pm Holy Hour

4pm Mass: Russell Link, Maddalena Giambrone.

5pm Creche Blessing and Tree Lighting;

5:30pm Children's Pageant & Christmas
Around the World (in the gym)

Sunday, December 10

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: John Moran, Larry Kaslow,
Peggy McGowan Ahrens

Monday, December 11

8am Mass: Margaret Canning

Tuesday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

8am Mass: Dorothy DeLouker Jay

Wednesday, December 13

Memorial of St. Lucy

8am Mass

2pm Holy Hour in the Chapel

Thursday, December 14

Memorial of St. John of the Cross

8am Mass: Robert Norys

Friday, December 15

8am Mass: Diana Brantuas

Saturday, December 16

9am Mass: Joseph Sheehan

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Joseph Allario, Ernie Franck, Catherine Ann Godleski,
Mary Kinney, Robert Norys

For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Margaret 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.

Events this Week

Saturday, December 9

4pm Mass, Creche Blessing/Tree Lighting; **5:30pm**
Children's Pageant & Christmas Around the World

Sunday, December 10

9am Handbell Rehearsal

3pm Bereavement Group

Monday, December 11

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Prayer Group Gathering

Tuesday, December 12

9:45am Women of Faith Book Group

7pm Woman of Faith Book Group

Thursday, December 14

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study

Saturday, December 16

10am Lay Carmelites



Early Deadlines

Friday, December 15
for the December 24 bulletin.

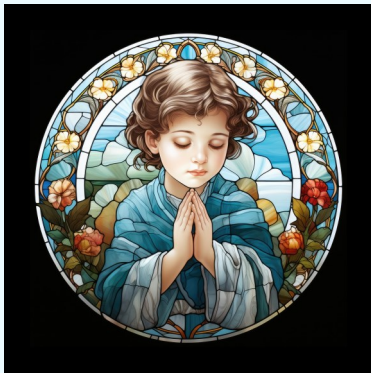
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for the December 31 bulletin.

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St. Boniface Outreach

*Dear Lord,
Let us pray for those struggling
from hunger and neglect
all over the world.
May we share and extend our blessings
to empower those to flourish.
Lord, hear our prayer.
Amen.*



St. Boniface Martyr Thrift Shop

Christmas Shopping? Come visit our Parish Thrift Shop on 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 just in time for your holiday shopping. All proceeds benefit our food pantry.

The thrift shop is accepting new or slightly used winter clothing, especially sweaters, jackets and coats, in infant, children and adult sizes. The thrift shop also accepts shoes, sneakers, jewelry, purses and household items that are in good condition. As always, thank you for your generosity!

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help them celebrate Christmas

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

Ministry Meetings

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Next Meeting: January 21 at 3pm in Room 11, first floor of St. Boniface School, 12 Main Ave., Sea Cliff. The group is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher and Linda Rose. No fee PRE-registration required. For details and registration, contact David Meagher at 516-676-0676 x131, davidkmeagher@gmail.com or lrosecsw@hotmail.com.

Mondays: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center, Room 10 in St. Boniface School, on Mondays from 6:30pm-8pm. Follow us on instagram username: stbonyg. Join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group'. Contact 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 the parish center mornings, evenings and via zoom. New members welcome! Contact Pat for details about meeting dates and times at pattomfox@gmail.com.

Thursdays: Knitting Circle

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. 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.

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.

NEW DAY AND TIME

Men's Ministry: Second Saturday Mornings

**Next meeting: Saturday, January 13
from 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM**

Join us in Room 11 in St. Boniface School for a bit of breakfast, prayer, videos and discussion. Contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com.

Outreach Christmas Baskets



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. 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 Saturdays from 10am to 1pm. Food needed:

**Jiffy muffin mix
cans of sweet yams
small bags of rice
cans of green beans
cans of fruit
cake mix**

**strawberry or grape jelly
cans of corn
canned soup
instant mashed potatoes
shelf stable milk
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

St. Vincent de Paul Society Giving Tree

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Annual Giving Event to benefit our neighbors-in-need has begun!

Cards designating new gifts for you to purchase have all been taken. Thank you!

In order for presents to be delivered in time for Christmas, we request that gifts be returned no later than **Sunday, December 10.**

Please tape the original card to the outside of your unwrapped gift along with the gift receipt.

Please place your unwrapped gift under the Advent Tree by the statue of St. Joseph in the front of the church. You may bring your gift up to the altar at Mass during the Offertory Procession, if you wish.

Please call Susan Winslow at 516-671-7058 with any questions. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Reflections on the Readings

Paving a Direct Route

Isaiah 40:1–5, 9–11

Whenever a highway changes from two lanes to four, you can often see the improvements. The old highway follows the dips and curves of the landscape. The new highway better controls the landscape. It is straighter and more level. The engineers have figured out how to improve the road, and citizens have supported the additional expense.

People like straight highways. They are quicker, safer, and more pleasant.

In the prophecy of Isaiah, a voice cries out, “In the desert prepare the way of the Lord!” John the Baptist quoted this passage to prepare people for the coming of Jesus.

Make a straight highway in the wasteland. Fill in the valleys and lower the mountains. Make a smooth, direct road in your spiritual life.

During Advent we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ in our lives. In the past we formed habits as sturdy as two-lane roads. They get us where we want to go, but sometimes not by the most direct route.

We have only a few weeks until Christmas. It is time to move the roadblocks and detours that keep us from encountering Christ. Hardness of heart, stinginess of time, or unbending habits—which of these needs repair on your highway toward Christ

Delays, Delays

2 Peter 3:8–14

We wait for many reasons. We wait because others got in line before us, or because the staff is shorthanded. We wait because someone hasn’t come home yet, or because the soup isn’t hot. Children can’t wait to be treated like adults, but they must. They must wait until they mature, learning more about life, the character of others, and the character of themselves.

It is this kind of waiting—the waiting for children to mature—that is one of the characteristics of Advent.

When the Second Letter of Peter was written, people had been expecting the imminent return of Jesus Christ. He had promised to come again. His disciples believed him. Many thought they would live to see him return, but it hadn’t happened yet. Now a new confusion arose. Where is Jesus? Why does he delay? What is he waiting for?

The letter says, “The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard ‘delay,’ but he is patient with you.” Jesus is not dragging his feet because he is slow. He is taking his time because we are slow. He does not wish “that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

The day of the Lord will come, and we’d better be ready. But one reason for the “delay” is to give us time to repent, reform our lives, and awaken our expectation for Christ. That is what Advent is for.

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This WEEK at HOME

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Christ Will Come Again

Today's readings paint a hope-filled picture of the way Christ comes to us at the end of time, often referred to as the parousia. At this time, illness, disability, drought, hunger, sin, conflict, and every source of discord will be wiped away and the full glory of the Lord will be revealed. Prayerfully, reflect on today's readings, resplendent with the promise that our God comes to save us.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Today we continue to celebrate Mary's radiant appearance to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill, Mexico, in 1531. Mary, whose features were those of a Mesoamerican Indian, offered hope to the oppressed native peoples, who in turn, named her Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is widely celebrated around the world. Venerate our patron saint of the Americas in a special way today: place her image near the Advent wreath, prepare a special meal, pray the Rosary, recall the miraculous story of her apparition and all that followed.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy

The Church remembers St. Lucy, a fourth-century martyr whose name means "light," as the patron saint for those with eye disease. Many cultures celebrate St. Lucy with festive customs. In Sweden, this day is called Luciadagen. The eldest daughter of the family dresses up as St. Lucy and greets the family with special breads. Legends tell of St. Lucy's handing out bread in the time of famine. Make or purchase two loaves of braided bread and adorn them with candles. Enjoy one and surprise a neighbor with the other.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

St. John of the Cross

Today the Church commemorates this saint from sixteenth-century Spain: St. John of the Cross, whose spiritual writings continue to offer inspiration. Severe persecution and suffering in prison unlocked his poetic gifts. His memorial is placed in Advent because his writings so often highlight Christ as light penetrating the darkness. Light a candle to remember John of the Cross as a reminder that Christ, our light, illuminates our hearts especially in times of suffering.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Follow the Lord

The response of today's responsorial psalm proclaims, "Those who follow the Lord will have the light of life." Catholics often celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation each Advent as an essential element of their spiritual preparation for the celebration of Christmas. We need help to resist the temptation to sin and to grow in holiness. Do not delay. Seek reconciliation this Advent and make room in your heart to welcome Jesus.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Las Posadas

Las Posadas (from Spanish meaning "the inns") is a widely observed Advent tradition celebrating Christian hospitality beginning December 16 and continuing for nine days until December 24. The posadas symbolize Mary and Joseph's difficult search for a place to stay. There are many creative ways to observe Las Posadas. Through the celebration we are reminded that by welcoming the poor and needy, we also welcome Jesus.

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November

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All Saints Day: \$1,093

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (DRVC): \$671

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Family Corner

This is a space in the vestibule for young families to come and collect books to bring back to their pews to keep the kiddos 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. Your children should never be left unattended.

We want you to be comfortable, but please remember, voices carry.

Parish Information

Our parish online calendar is available to the public! Go to our website: www.saintboniface.org and be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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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, 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.

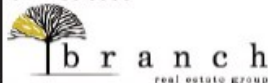
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? We welcome those who are not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion and/or Confirmation to join our inquiry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

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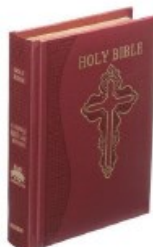
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