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The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 7, 2024

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

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

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, January 6

3pm Confession

3pm Holy Hour

4pm Mass

Sunday, January 7

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Tom & Anne Gilhooly,
Ernesto & Ana Vitiello, Larry Kaslow

Monday, January 8

8am Mass

Tuesday, January 9

8am Mass

Wednesday, January 10

8am Mass

2pm Holy Hour in the Chapel

Thursday, January 11

8am Mass

Friday, January 12

8am Mass

Saturday, January 13

9am Mass: Robert Norys

Events this Week

Monday, January 8

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Wednesday, January 9

2pm Holy Hour (Chapel)

7pm Women of Faith Book Group

Thursday, January 11

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Saturday, January 13

7:30am Men's Ministry



Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Douglas Hines, Vincent Puzio

For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Theresa Connell, 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

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Christian Pace Laderer, MMN3, US Navy

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Major Bradley Wright, US Army.

Look Back, Look Forward

Little is known about the three visitors from the East who paid the Holy Family homage. Still we can't help but marvel at their determination to meet Jesus despite the distance and that their only guide was a star.

In many cultures, Epiphany is celebrated with as much festivity as Christmas. Create annual traditions to make Epiphany special in your household. The liturgy offers a house blessing on this day. Inscribe 20+C+M+B24 with chalk on the door frame. It stands for Christus mansionem benedicat, "let Christ bless this house" and the current year. Custom attributes the letters to the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

The Christmas season ends at sundown on the Baptism of the Lord. This weekend invites us to look back upon our journey since the beginning of Advent. From waiting for the coming of Christ, to welcoming him anew into our lives, and then making a permanent home for him in our hearts, we also traveled far. What new insights did you uncover along the way about the in-breaking of God into humanity? How will your faith journey bring you closer to Christ in the coming year?

St. Boniface Outreach

Food Pantry

Due to the growing need for more food, we continue to rely on the generosity of our parishioners. We are in need of the following:



Shelf stabilized milk
Chef Boyardee
Peanut Butter & Jelly
Instant Potatoes
Ready-to-Serve Soup
Canned Corn
Personal Hygiene Products

St. Boniface Martyr Thrift Shop

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. All proceeds benefit our food pantry.

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families "grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them."

This month, through your gifts, our Vincentians were able to bring Christmas to the those in need by assisting families with funds food and bills. Thank you!

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.

Men's Ministry:

NEW DAY AND TIME
Second Saturday Mornings

Next meeting: Saturday, January 13
7:30am to 8:45am

Contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com

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! For details about meeting times and dates, contact Pat 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.

Second Saturdays: Men's Ministry

Next meeting: Saturday, January 13 from 7:30am to 8:45am. 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.

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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Christmas 2023

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!



In recent years at Christmas, I have meditated on the relationship between the Nativity of the Prince of Peace and the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

I have been especially inspired by Pope Francis' analysis of the Parable of the Good Samaritan in the second chapter of his 2020 encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. It is powerful and provocative, and I would recommend it for your mental prayer.

The short phrase in the Christmas Gospel narrative in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke reads: "She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." "No room for them in the inn." No Good Samaritan stepped up to help the Holy Family. They were ignored and treated perfunctorily and impatiently. Some passed them by. Some pretended not to notice their plight. Remember too that in the Parable of the Good Samaritan an "inn" is also mentioned. Luke 10 reads: "But a Good Samaritan while traveling came near him, and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him."

The inn that the Holy Family approaches on the way to Bethlehem is a sign of rejection and indifference. The inn in the Parable of the Good Samaritan is a sign of the Good Samaritan's compassion and commitment to go the extra mile and to make sure that the wounded man is taken care of until he is completely healed. Contemporary literary criticism might very well emphasize that the use of "inn" by the Gospel writer in both the Nativity in Luke 2 and the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 is not by accident. In a sense, the phrase "there was no room at the inn" in the Nativity foreshadows and connects with the phrase in the Parable of the Good Samaritan describing the callous indifference of both the priest and the Levite toward the wounded man on the side of the road: "[H]e passed by on the other side."

As Pope Francis says in *Fratelli Tutti*: "Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders." Our Lady, St. Joseph and the unborn Christ Child experienced the reality of people who decided to be indifferent bystanders. The Christmas Gospel narrative from Luke 2 poses a question which is posed again later in the Parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10. Will we be Good Samaritans? Or will we be indifferent bystanders? As the Holy Father reminds us, we make that choice every day.

May our prayer, silent contemplation and creative family catechesis of the Nativity scene help us to be instruments of a Nativity Mystery. May the Good Samaritan Gospel revolution of humility, charity, mercy, tenderness and peace unite us in solidarity with the sick, the poor and the suffering, especially in the Middle East, Ukraine and all war-ravaged areas of the world. May our commitment to "holiness and mission" bless our contemplative Synodal listening and our Eucharistic Revival and Evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and Love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic Missionary Spirit this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

† *John O. Barres*

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



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This WEEK and BEYOND

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

The Baptism of the Lord

The Scriptures turn from Christ's infancy to his initiation and mission. At his baptism the Holy Spirit anointed and revealed Jesus as the Son of God. We are invited to ponder our baptism, which welcomed us into the community of the children of God. Pull out baptismal pictures, garments, and mementos, and recall the stories of baptisms in your family. Reach out to godparents and godchildren with a note or a call. Remember our baptismal commitment to keep the light of Christ burning brightly in our lives.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9—FEBRUARY 13

Ordinary Time

Our six-week journey from the First Sunday of Advent to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord has come to an end, and the Church now enters the season of Ordinary Time. There is nothing ordinary about Ordinary Time. It is named after ordered or counted time. There are five Sundays, thirty-eight days of time before Lent. Change your prayer space colors to green and reflect on how you hope to grow spiritually in the not-so-ordinary weeks ahead.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

St. Frances de Sales

St. Francis de Sales served the Church in sixteenth-century Europe with his extraordinary gifts of communication about the spiritual life for the laity. He was tenacious in evangelizing through his humility, wisdom, teaching, and eloquent writing. Some of his letters to the faithful are collected in the book *The Introduction to the Devout Life*. Francis de Sales is the patron saint of writers and journalists.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

Conversion of St. Paul

A brilliant, highly educated Jewish Roman during the first century, Paul was converted from a zealous persecutor of the early Christians to the most prolific and compelling disciple of Christ. Without a doubt, Paul accelerated the growth of the Christian community like no other evangelist. He was beheaded in Rome for his tenacious faithfulness. Read Acts, chapters 9–28, to recall his full story.

Wednesday, January 31

St. John Bosco

St. John Bosco followed his call to minister to poor and neglected youth in Turin during the early nineteenth century. His patience and compassion for children seemed limitless. He opened a church and a home and school for boys who would otherwise have been without care. He founded the Salesian order, named after his favorite saint, St. Francis de Sales, as well as an order of women to do similar ministry for girls. John Bosco is remembered as the patron saint of children.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

The Presentation of the Lord

Today's feast commemorates the purifying of Mary according to Jewish law, forty days after the birth of a male child, as well as the consecration of the child in the temple. This feast is always celebrated with candles (it used to be known as Candlemas) because of Simeon's recognition that in the person of Jesus, God has given us "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people, Israel" (Luke 2:30–32). Prepare a special meal, light candles for the table, and read chapter 2 of Luke's Gospel at prayer time.

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Monthly Donations

November

Stewardship: \$31,353

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.

Pastor: The Very Reverend Father Josef Norys, Can. Reg.; domjosef@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, 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.

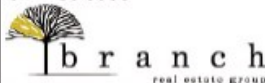
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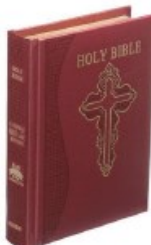
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