

# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 10, 2025

### Mass Schedule

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

### Holy Day Masses

8am, 7pm

### Confessions

Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

### Church Hours

6am - 6pm

### Holy Hours

3pm Saturdays (Church);  
2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

### Parish Office Hours

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

### Parish Information

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*The Assumption of the Virgin Mary.*

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# Liturgy Schedule

## First Saturday, August 9

**8am Mass**

**3pm Holy Hour and Confessions**

**4pm Mass:** Kailey Popowitz; John and Mary Mallone

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the Mass were donated in loving memory of **Camille Miritello** by Neil Miritello.

## Sunday, August 10

**8am Mass:** Geraldine McGann

**10:30am Mass:** Sioban Rack

## Monday, August 11

*Memorial of St. Clare*

**8am Mass:** Erin Lily LaRosa

## Tuesday, August 12

**8am Mass:** Catherine Perciballi

## Wednesday, August 13

**8am Mass:** Camille Miritello

**2pm Holy Hour**

## Thursday, August 14

*Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe*

**8am Mass:** Thomas Cobb

## ✠ Friday, August 15: Holy Day of Obligation

*The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

**8am Mass:** Mary Ann Wright

**7pm Mass**

## Saturday, August 16

**9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena**

Stephen Leahy

The Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated on Friday, August 15 at 8am and 7pm.

## Let Us Pray

### For Our Deceased

Kathleen Kiaer

### For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Bea Bohm, Agnes Brown, Margaret Geheb, Kenneth Moore, Martha Rendon

*Names remain on the sick list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com to renew your loved one's name. Requests must be made by a 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 the office.

### 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

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# ST. BONIFACE NEW ROOF PROJECT



*After years of patches and temporary repairs on the Church, School and Rectory roofs, it is now time to replace them.*

**Your Support is Needed!**

*Please help us protect our parish buildings for future generations.*

## Events This Week

### Monday, August 11

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

### Thursday, August 14

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

### Saturday, August 16

10am Lay Carmelite Meeting

## St. Boniface Outreach

Contacts: Jody Fleischmann & David Meagher

**To parishioners who left messages on the parish phone extensions 125 (Outreach) or 131**

**(Bereavement Support):** I apologize for not returning your call. I was not ignoring your call; I did not know it was recorded. There was a problem with the extension process that was to contact me informing me of your message, so I was unaware of your call. The parish has a new telephone system that includes an improved and more reliable extension process: 4 ( Outreach/Pantry) and 5 (Bereavement Group). - David Meagher

**Outreach Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to accept deliveries and/or to pick up food.

Commitment: 1-2 mornings per month for 2 hours on Tuesday or Thursday. For details, please contact Jody.

**Pantry Needs:** jelly, cereal, soups, canned beets, solid white tuna, canned spinach, canned mixed vegetables, spaghetti sauce, canned peas and carrots, assorted pasta items, assorted bags of dry beans, assorted personal hygiene items.

**Thrift Shop:** Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

## St. Vincent de Paul

Jesus says "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy." Please help our Vincentians bring respite to those unable to find relief from the heat, and you will indeed find "treasure in heaven!"

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets monthly. For details, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please contact Jovanna Lemonda.

## Ministry Meetings

### Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets in St. Boniface School, 12 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff, monthly at 2pm and is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher and Linda Rose. No fee, but PRE-registration required. Contact David Meagher at davidkmeagher@gmail.com, or lrosecs@hot.com for details and registration. Next Meeting: **August 17.**

### 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 Minister, April, at 516-297-9886 or stbonym@gmail.com.

### Mondays: Prayer Group

Zooms Mondays 7:30-8:30pm. Praise with us! Call John & Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

### Women of Faith Book Group on Summer Hiatus

The Tuesday evening group will resume **September 9** at 7pm in the Parish Center to discuss Beloved, by Toni Morrison. The Friday morning group will resume **September 12** to discuss An Invisible Thread, by Laura Schroff with Alex Tresniowski. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for more details. Check out our "lending library" shelf in the vestibule for books our groups have enjoyed.

### Thursdays: Knitting Circle

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Beginners welcome. For details, please call Nancy Furlong at 516-759-5869 or brknit@optonline.net.

### Thursdays: Scripture Study

Zooms Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. Call John & Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

### Men's Ministry on Summer Hiatus

Meets September through June the second Saturday of the month from 7:30am to 8:45am in St. Boniface School, for a bit of breakfast, prayer, videos and discussion. Email richlucidi40@gmail.com for more information. Next Meeting: **September 13.**

### Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites

Meets monthly 10am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Titus Brandsma Chapter, seek God's will and presence in the ordinary circumstances of life in solidarity with others. Please call Flora at 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 for more information.

# Reflections on the Readings

## Making Ready

What if tomorrow were the day?  
What if tomorrow someone in  
your family died? What if  
someone were to offer you a new  
job? What if an old friend  
resurfaced? What if you learned  
you were free of cancer? What if  
you were to hear this tomorrow?  
What would you do today?

Our ancestors knew in advance  
the night of Passover. They knew  
that their enemies would be  
destroyed and the just would be  
saved. On Passover night, they  
knew that freedom would follow  
the next day. They knew all along  
that God would rescue them one  
day, and now they prepared with  
courage—for tomorrow.

We do not always know on what  
day God will shower new  
blessings upon us. We do not  
know how God will act. But we  
have learned through the  
testimony of our ancestors and  
through our own experience that  
God will do just that: God will  
destroy the enemy and rescue the  
just.

While we wait, we spend our days  
reflecting on God's good deeds.  
We develop our friendship with  
God. We train ourselves in the  
courage that comes from a strong  
faith. If tomorrow becomes the  
day of our deliverance, we shall  
be prepared.

## Stepping Out in Faith

Sometimes you go with your gut.  
You cannot reason why. You feel  
this is the right decision. You have  
thought and prayed about it. You  
have weighed the pros and cons.  
You cannot see on paper which is  
the right way. So you go with your  
gut. You step out in faith. One of  
the greatest stories of faith is  
Abraham's.

While he was living in Ur,  
contented but childless, God  
asked him to move. To entice him,  
God promised Abraham  
descendants. On one level, it  
made no sense. If you can't have  
children in Ur, how could you  
have them in a foreign country?  
But something about that  
conversation with God moved

Abraham. And Abraham moved.  
The Letter to the Hebrews says,  
"By faith Abraham obeyed when  
he was called to go out to a place  
that he was to receive as an  
inheritance; he went out, not  
knowing where he was to go."

Ultimately, it worked. God made  
good on the promise. Abraham  
received "descendants as  
numerous as the stars in the sky  
and as countless as the sands on  
the seashore."

We often think of faith as  
something irrational, as what we  
have when there is no evidence.  
But Hebrews says something else:  
"Faith is the evidence of things  
not seen." We have faith because  
God put it there. Faith is evidence  
of God. It makes sense when  
nothing else does.

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# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Within Church history, one fascinating and inspiring phenomenon is the incorruptibility of some saints' bodies. In the course of history, when certain saints' bodies (e.g., Clare of Assisi, John Vianney, and Padre Pio) have been exhumed, the bodies have been found to be incorrupt, meaning they have not decayed. The Blessed Virgin's body, however, is unique. Not just incorrupt, it is alive, resurrected, transformed, and shares in eternal glory. Other than her Divine Son, the Mother of God is the only one to have been granted this privilege.

Today's Solemnity has been referred to variably as the Blessed Virgin Mary's rest, birth into Heaven, entombment, and falling asleep. The earliest written references to Mary's Assumption date back to the third and fourth centuries. In the seventh century, Saint John Damascene wrote beautifully about Mary's Assumption in three sermons. He relates a tradition that Mary died in the presence of the Apostles, but that when her tomb was opened at St. Thomas' request, it was found empty

Today, just outside Jerusalem, next to the Garden of Gethsemane, pilgrims can find an ancient church, believed to have been the Blessed Virgin's burial site, from which she rose and was assumed into Heaven. Like Christ her Son, her tomb is empty.

The ancient belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was elevated to the level of a dogma in 1950. As a dogma, the Church proclaimed that all the Catholic faithful must hold this belief as true and divinely revealed. It did not begin to be true in 1950; rather, that which had always been true was given great solemnity and clarity within Church teaching. The one deposit of faith—the truths in the mind of God revealed to us in Christ Jesus—does not change. Truth doesn't change; rather, our comprehension of the Truth deepens over time.

In regard to our Blessed Mother, the Church teaches four dogmas. First, the Council of Ephesus, in 431, definitively taught that the Blessed Virgin Mary was properly called the "Mother of God."

A second dogma of the Blessed Virgin is that of her perpetual virginity. This belief, held and taught by the earliest Church Fathers, was definitively taught at the Council in Constantinople in 553 when Mary was referred to as "ever-virgin."

A third dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary was solemnly defined in 1854 when Pope Pius IX declared her to be the Immaculate Conception.

Finally, the fourth dogma of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated today, is the logical consequence of the previous three, especially the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. If the Mother of God was free from sin and did not suffer the consequences of original sin—such as the pains of childbirth—then she would also, necessarily, not suffer the effects of sin, which are death and bodily decay.

Did Mary die and was placed in a tomb? Or, did she not die and was taken body and soul while she was alive? The Church has not definitively answered this question. Regardless of the answer, what is proclaimed is that her body never experienced decay. If she died, then, just like her Son, her body slept as it anticipated sharing in the Resurrection, perhaps a few days later, or perhaps immediately.

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# SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ISLAND

*If I shall but touch his garment, I shall be made whole.*

- MARK 5:22-34

## RETREAT DAY

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## RETREAT SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Felix Phiri, SMM

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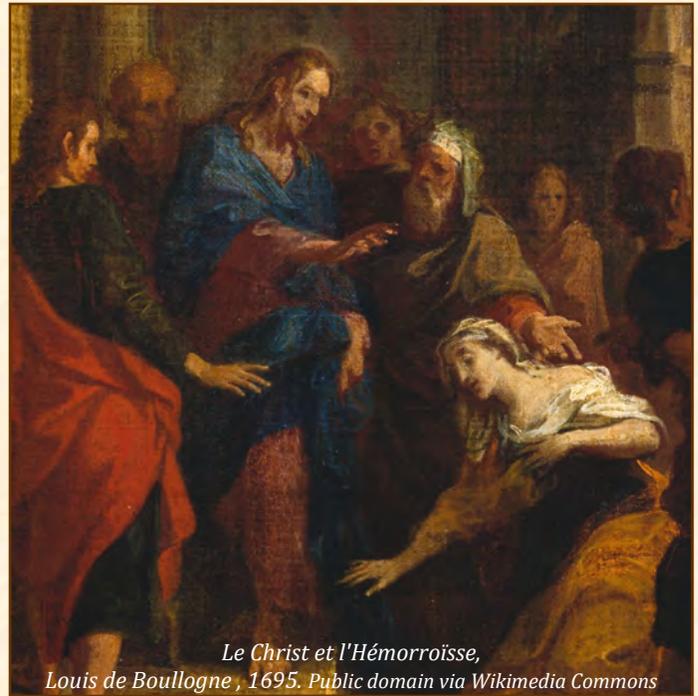
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*What might be holding you back from going out into the world with what is given to share?*

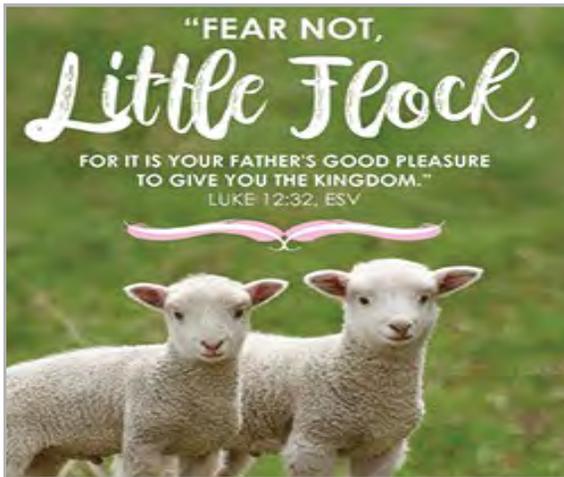
*What stands in your way and prevents you from moving toward others?*

**This retreat will explore how reaching out to touch the tassel of Christ's garment in our need is an act of faith which can change our lives forever.**

**Father Felix Phiri SMM**, is serving at Our Lady of the Island Shrine, and originally from Zambia. He holds a doctorate in Sacred Theology from Boston College and until his appointment as an Assistant to the Superior General of his Order, he taught Systematic Theology and Liturgy at Hekima University College, a Jesuit School of Theology, Peace and International Relations in Nairobi, Kenya

Sobornost is honored and looking forward to partnering with Fr. Felix in this retreat day.

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

**Parish Trustees:** Donna Calamis, Vincent Agosta

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Jovanna Lemonda, 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 register. 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 not baptized, those baptized in  
another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics  
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[stbonRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:stbonRCIA@gmail.com) for details.

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