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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 16, 2026

Mass Schedule

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

Holy Day Masses

8am, 7pm

Confessions

Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

Holy Hour

3pm Saturdays

Church Hours

6am - 6pm

Parish Office Hours

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

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*"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour." - Matthew 15:28*

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, August 15

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: John & Mary Malone, David & Hilda Palomo, Colin Skelton

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 16

8am Mass: Irenio T. Chichioco

10:30am Mass: Joseph Furlong, Marieanne Keane

Monday, August 17

8am Mass: Dorothy DeLouker -Jay & Family

Tuesday, August 18

8am Mass: Louis DeLouker Sr. & Family

Wednesday, August 19

8am Mass: Ceceila Neumann

Thursday, August 20

Memorial of St. Bernard

8am Mass: Brian Peluso

Friday, August 21

Memorial of St. Pius X

8am Mass: JoAnn McKellar

Saturday, August 22

Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

Chiara Casalino, Wanita Dehney,
Claude Martineau, Francesco Rasizzi, Gloria Swift

For Our Sick

Nicole Wollack

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

For Our Military

Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy
Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF
Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army
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Eucharistic Ministry

If you know of homebound parishioners who would like Communion brought to them, call 516-676-0676.

Banns of Marriage

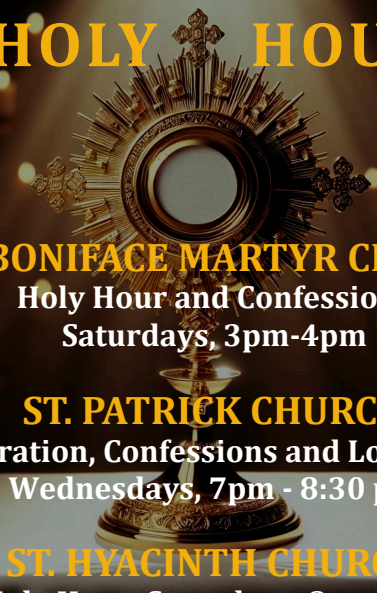
Please pray for

Amanda Pelkey

and

Jonathan Kwan

*as they prepare to enter
into the Sacrament of Matrimony
at the Church of St. Boniface Martyr
on August 30, 2026*



HOLY HOURS

ST. BONIFACE MARTYR CHURCH
Holy Hour and Confessions
Saturdays, 3pm-4pm

ST. PATRICK CHURCH
Adoration, Confessions and Low Mass
Wednesdays, 7pm - 8:30 pm

ST. HYACINTH CHURCH
Holy Hour, Saturdays, 8am-9am

Reflections on the Readings

A Place of Welcome

People different from us can really make us uncomfortable. It is like we do not share the same language or rely on the same experiences. We have different circles of friends and different sources of trust. For any of us, the best way to deal with people different from us is to avoid them.

Tolerance is good, but sometimes even tolerance masks prejudice. We tolerate those who are different as long as they act like we do. If they observe our customs, do not hang out in packs of their own kind, and visit our places with respect, we may accept them. More challenging is to let those who are different from us change our own way of thinking—to let them open our minds to other possibilities and allow us to grow.

God spoke a message of openness through the mouth of the prophet Isaiah. The God known as the originator of the covenant with the Israelites, the God who made them a special possession, offers a different view in this prophecy. God will bring foreigners to the holy mountain and make them joyful in its place of prayer. “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Mercy Beyond Adversity

God can use adversity to bring blessing. No one wants adversity. We pray for bad times to go away. We envision a world with less pain and suffering, and we ask God to accept this vision. God does not always answer those prayers. Sometimes the adversity we seek to avoid comes in spite of our prayer. The weather turns bad. Property is destroyed. Illness is not cured. Death comes to a good friend. If adversity comes in spite of our prayer, we may begin to doubt. We doubt the goodness of God or we doubt the skill of our prayer.

God looks at things differently. Sometimes adversity brings new hope and promise. People rely less on themselves and more on the Spirit. They accept illness and death and live with less selfishness. They realize what matters in life and they thank God for the blessings that abound.

St. Paul rehearses for the Romans how God brought good out of adversity for them. God called everyone to salvation, but not everyone has accepted. Paul tells the Gentiles about the Israelites: “Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.”

When the Gentiles rejected the covenant, God gave it to the Israelites. When the Israelites rejected it, God offered it to the Gentiles in Christ. God still looks beyond our adversity and offers mercy.

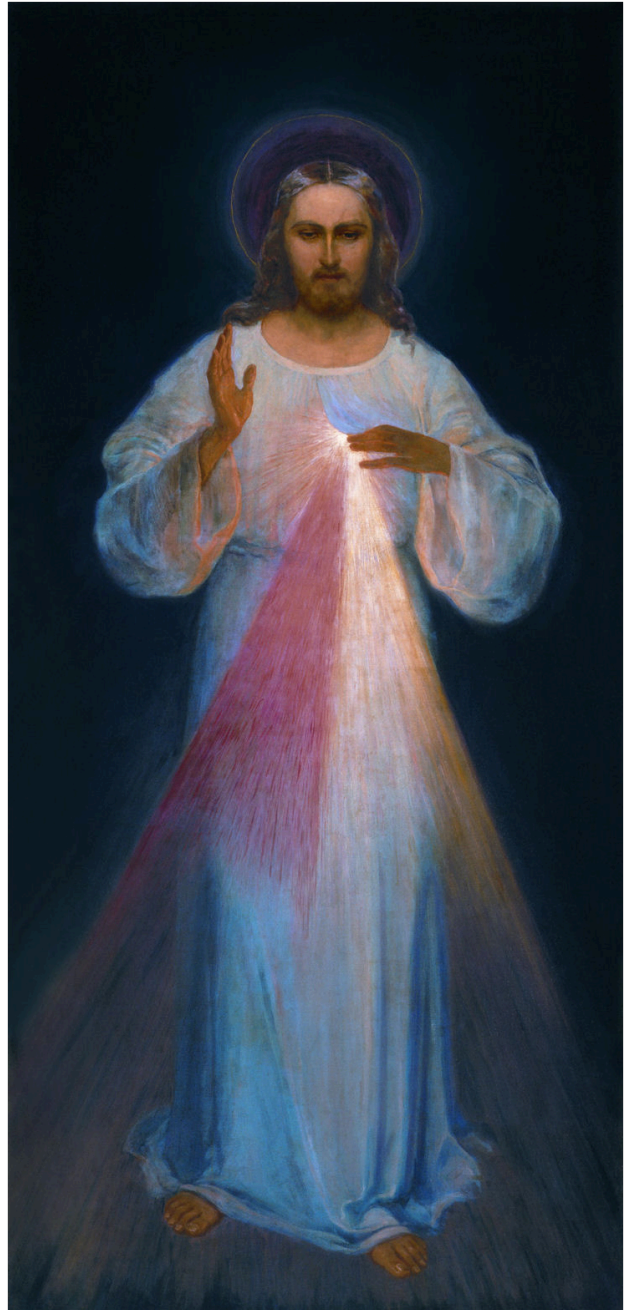


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Events This Week

Sunday, August 16

2pm Bereavement Group

Monday, August 17

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Wednesday, August 19

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

Thursday, August 20

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Saturday, August 22

10am Lay Carmelite Meeting

St. Boniface Outreach

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

To quote Randall Wallace, author and film director: ***"There's just nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."*** We are looking for people to the greatest cadre of pantry to work at the pantry one Saturday morning for 3 hours every 5 weeks. Stop by any Saturday to see how we work or contact Jody or David Meagher.

Pantry Needs: Small bags of white rice; canned peas and carrots, beets, and spinach; canned fruit, jelly, paper goods, bath soap, cleaning products, tooth paste, books for children ages 2 to 10 only.

Thrift Shop: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds. With love for your neighbors in need, look around your house to see what furniture, household items, and clothing you no longer use . . . and donate it to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the number above.

Ministry Meetings

Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets at 2pm in St. Boniface School, 12 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff, 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@hotmai.com for details and registration.

Next Meeting: August 16.

Sundays or Mondays: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center, Room 10 in St. Boniface School 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 for upcoming activities.

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

Meets monthly in the parish center. The morning group meets Saturdays at 10am. Next meeting: **September 5** to discuss *"Theo of Golden"* by Allen Levi. Next Tuesday meeting: 7pm on **September 15** to discuss *"I Am a Son of Saint Augustine; Pope Leo XIV on His Favorite Saint."* New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for details. See our lending library shelf in the vestibule.

Thursdays: Knitting Circle

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Beginners welcome. Contact call Nancy Furlong for details 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. Contact John & Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

Men's Ministry

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. For details, contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com. Next meeting: **September 12.**

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. Contact Ann at 516-676-0330 or Flora at 516-656-9375. **Next Meeting: August 22.**

Queenship of Blessed Virgin Mary

The twentieth century saw a resurgence in devotion to the Mother of God. Several decades prior, on December 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX declared the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. This was confirmed in 1858, when the Blessed Mother appeared in Lourdes, France to Bernadette Soubirous, a fourteen-year-old peasant girl. The Heavenly Lady told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." Lourdes became a frequent pilgrim site where many miracles have occurred.

In 1916, three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal received three apparitions from the Angel of Peace, the Guardian Angel of Portugal. In 1917, they received six apparitions from the Lady of the Rosary. At her final apparition, 70,000 witnessed the promised miracle. A pouring rain suddenly stopped, the sun danced and plunged to earth, and everything and everyone were immediately dry.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII issued an apostolic constitution, declaring as dogma that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. Since Jesus, as King of Kings, sits on His throne at the Father's right hand in Heaven and Mary was assumed into Heaven, today's memorial is the logical conclusion.

On October 11, 1954, four years after proclaiming the Assumption, Pope Pius XII instituted the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary in his encyclical, *Ad Caeli Reginam* (The Queen of Heaven). This memorial was assigned to May 31, following the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but in 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the date to August 22, eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption. Largely this was done to create an octave of anticipation and to show that the Assumption results in the Mother of God being also the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth.

As Queen, Mother Mary intercedes for us and acts as His mediator. From her heavenly throne, the Queen Mother of Heaven and Earth is entrusted with God's grace. Not the source, she is privileged to be the instrument of distribution. As a mother, she is pleased to lavish every good thing upon her earthly children. She longs to gather them together in Heaven, with and in her divine Son.

The heart of this week's memorial is simple. We have a Queen Mother in Heaven. We turn to her with childlike faith and simplicity. As a young child runs to his mother in time of need, never questioning her love, protection, and care, so we run to her. She is our protectress, our refuge, our hope, and our sweet delight. Her affection is perfect and her motherly love unmatched.

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Image: The great rose window over the entrance of St. Boniface Martyr Church depicting the Coronation of the Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth. Photo by Michaela Byrne with assistance from Liam Byrne.





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PSALM 67:6, ESV

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Registration: We welcome new members to our
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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.

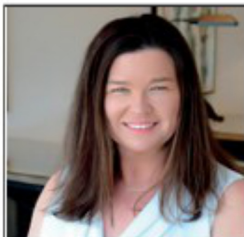
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Are
you or someone you know curious about the Catholic
faith? We welcome those not baptized, those baptized
in another Christian tradition and those baptized
Catholics who have not received First Communion
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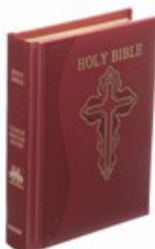
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