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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 2, 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 through
Thursdays
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, August 1

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Eleanor & Joseph Addamo,
Julia & Perry Gill, Jeanette & John Vigiano

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 2

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Rose Dalesandro, Andrew Gecsed

Monday, August 3

8am Mass

Tuesday, August 4

Memorial of St. John Vianney

8am Mass: Roman Jasinski

Wednesday, August 5

8am Mass: Adam "Doyle" Belyski

Thursday, August 6

Feast of the Transfiguration

8am Mass

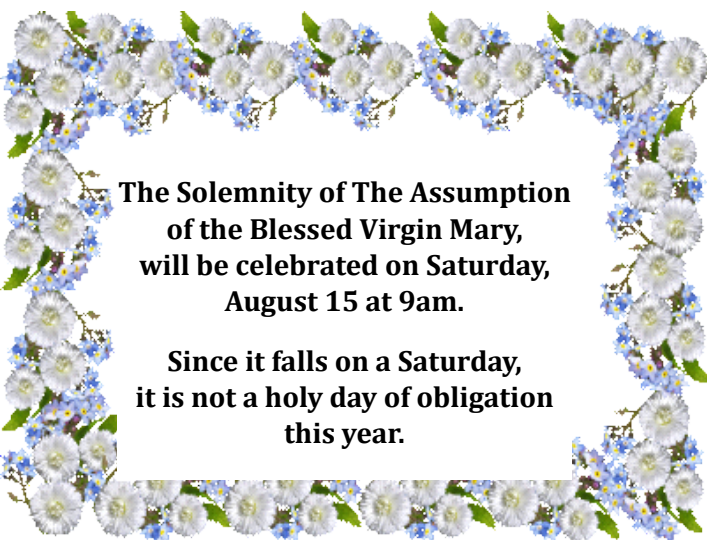
First Friday, August 7

8am Mass

First Saturday, August 8

Memorial of St. Dominic

9am Mass Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass



Please Pray

For Our Deceased

Marie Blaine, Chiara Casalino, Henri Clermont,
Anne Cooney, 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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Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve
Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy
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Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.

Eucharistic Ministry

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

Sunday Hospitality

Our Sunday Hospitality Committee that provides
refreshments after 10:30am Mass on Sundays needs
volunteers.

Do you have time before or after 10:30am Mass?

**Do you love to bake? Other donated items like juice
or water welcome (as are store bought bakery items).**

If so, you are invited to join us!

When: 10am Sundays set up; 11:45am clean up

Where: St. Boniface Martyr Church vestibule

All welcome! Interested in helping or hosting a Sunday?
Email Angeleta at stbonhospitality@gmail.com.

Reflections on the Readings

Can't Buy Happiness

Most people say they could live comfortably if they had just a little more income. That would allow them to buy the pleasures they seek. Surrounded by ads that urge us to buy, we learn over and over again the message that what we have is inadequate, and that money will buy happiness.

Isaiah begs to differ. The joyful passage from the prophet that talks about income says money has nothing to do with happiness. Heeding God's Word will produce all the bliss in the world. Through the prophet, God questions those who spend their wages on what fails to satisfy. It takes no money to hear and heed God's Word.

Throughout the Scriptures, God asks people to care for the needy, to think less of themselves and more for their neighbor. The money we would spend on many of the things we think will make us happy could be given to the poor for the things they need simply to live.

Think about the purchases you made this week. What do they say about your values? How do they express what you think will make you happy? Have you used your time to find satisfaction in God's Word?

Love Unfailing

Love is supposed to last forever, so it is horrifying when it does not. When we love someone, we offer all we have and are. We give our free time, because love enjoys leisure. We share our money, because love is priceless. We reveal our inmost thoughts, because love grows in intimacy. We take great risks when we love. We risk sharing our goodness and shortcomings.

True love accepts what is imperfect because the heart is always good. Sometimes love fails. We stop loving the person we loved, or the one we loved stops loving us. Imperfections come to light. Differences of opinion cannot be resolved. People who confused the warmth of love with love itself discover deceit in the other person or in the cravings of their own heart. The loss of love is a painful lesson in betrayal, misjudgment, and sorrow.

The question St. Paul asks the Romans, then, is fraught with risk. "What will separate us from the love of Christ?" Oh, my. Is this possible? We know from experience that love may depart. In human love, many things may cause separation: political opinions, selfish actions, lost opportunities for mutual sharing, or the attraction of another person.

Love is strong, but other forces can be stronger. Not so with Christ. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. God's love remains perfect and lasts forever, no matter where our heart bends. We sometimes love God less, but God never loves us less. God's love lasts forever.

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Events This Week

Monday, August 3

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, August 6

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Outreach Pantry

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 join the greatest cadre of pantry volunteers 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 Fleischmann 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.



St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

In the Gospel, Jesus says: "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves," and taking the five loaves and two fish, he blest them and gave them to the disciples to feed the crowd. Know that your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help those in need touches many lives just like the loaves and fishes.

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 lrosecswh@hotmail.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 Groups on Summer Hiatus

Meets monthly in the parish center. The morning group meets Saturdays at 10am and the evening group meets first Tuesdays at 7pm. 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.

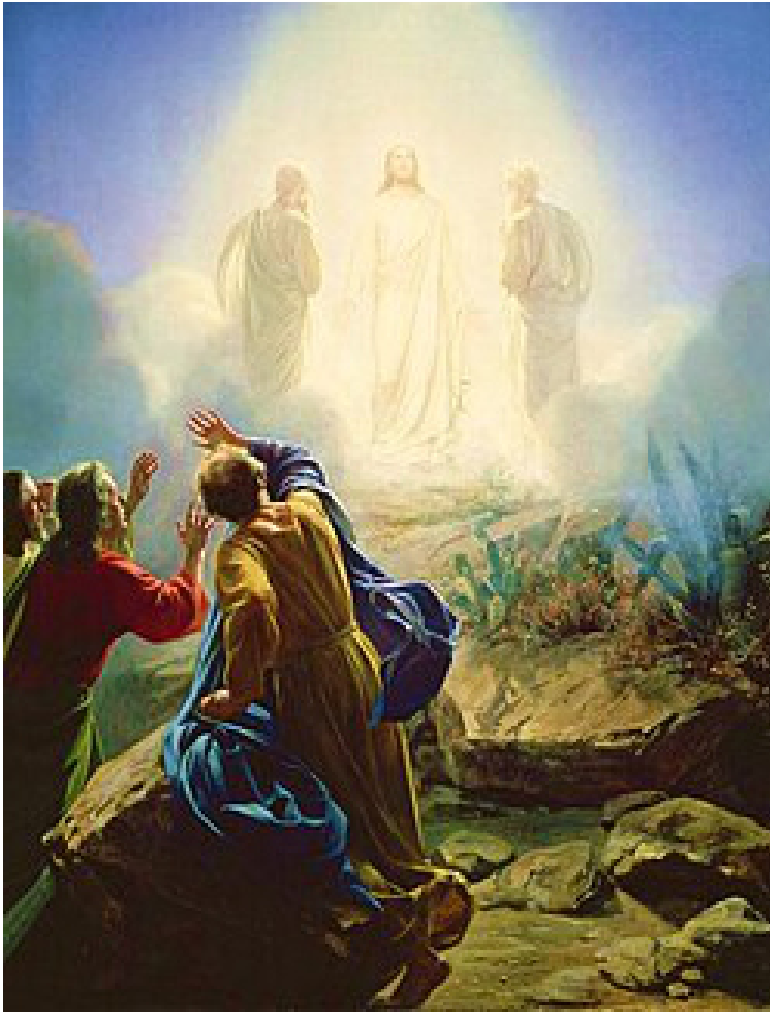
Men's Ministry on Summer Hiatus

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. For details, contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com.

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.**

The Transfiguration



All three Synoptic Gospels record the event of the Lord's Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–8, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36). Just prior to the Transfiguration, the three Gospels also record Jesus' trip with His disciples to Caesarea Philippi, about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee. Caesarea Philippi was a primarily pagan Greek town occupied by the Romans. The Greek god Pan was worshiped there in a cave thought to be bottomless and often referred to as the gate to the netherworld because of its association with the pagan god. It was there that Jesus asked His disciples who they thought He was. Peter declared, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus then blessed Peter and announced His intent to build His Church upon Peter, declaring that "the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it..." (Matthew 16:16–18).

After this exchange, Jesus began revealing to His disciples His impending fate—His journey to Jerusalem to suffer and die. Jesus responded sternly to Peter's resistance, correcting his human thinking with divine wisdom (Matthew 16:22–23).

This is the context of the Feast of the Transfiguration. First, Jesus proclaimed the triumph of His Church over evil. Second, He informed the disciples that this victory would be achieved through His own suffering and death. Although the first message is encouraging, the second one is challenging to accept. According to the Gospels, Jesus allowed His disciples about a week to grapple with these teachings.

Understanding their struggle, Jesus took His three closest companions, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain. There He was transfigured before them, radiating pure white light, conversing with Moses and Elijah, and being affirmed in His identity by the Father.

This event was likely meant to reinforce the disciples' faith after a week when they pondered Jesus' foretelling of His suffering and death, along with His exhortation that they must follow Him. The Transfiguration affirmed Jesus' divinity and His relationship with the revered figures of Moses and Elijah. Further, the Father in Heaven confirmed Jesus as His divine Son with whom He was well pleased.

After the Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, these three Apostles shared their experience of the Transfiguration, fortifying others in the faith. This story is shared today to strengthen us as we bear our own crosses.

The Feast of the Transfiguration is strategically placed forty days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross. Thus, the Transfiguration should be seen as a preparation for both the Cross of Christ and our participation in that triumph. According to the Gospel, we are called to take up our crosses and follow Jesus for the glory of the Father, the fulfillment of His will, and the good of the Church, which will always prevail against the gates of hell.

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

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Parish Trustees: Donna Calamis, Vincent Agosta

Pastoral Council Members: Vincent Agosta, Nan Bischoff, Kevin Burke, Julie Byrne, Donna Calamis, John Canning, Karen Croce, Jody Fleischmann, Kevin Kelly, Maryellen Kerr, Eileen Krieb, Jovanna Lemonda, Robert Lynch, Carolyn Rassiger, Bill Schiller, 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.

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 Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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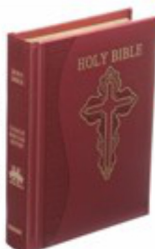
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