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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 23, 2026



Christ gives the keys of the kingdom to Peter. Perugino, circa 1481-1483. Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

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.

Parish Information

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, August 22

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Diane DeLouker

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 23

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: St. Boniface Altar Servers,
John Robert Vancheri

Monday, August 24

Feast of St. Bartholomew

8am Mass: Frank Latawiec

Tuesday, August 25

8am Mass: Rosemary Raymond

Wednesday, August 26

8am Mass: Bill Schiller

Thursday, August 27

Memorial of St. Monica

8am Mass

Friday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine

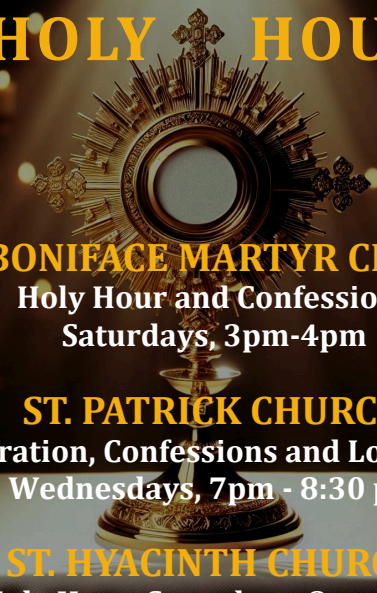
8am Mass: Joanne Leone

Saturday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

9am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass



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

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

Bernard McCormack, 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

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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

The Church of St. Boniface Martyr Faith Formation Registration is Open!



Download Registration Forms & Information:

www.saintboniface.org

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Important Dates:

SEPTEMBER 17 - NEW FAMILIES PARENT NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 27- MONTHLY SUNDAY PROGRAM BEGINS

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PROGRAM INFORMATION



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St. Boniface Martyr Windows

Windows

The beautiful stained-glass windows are among the most striking and cherished design elements of our Church. The eight windows in the transepts (the wide side extensions in the front of the nave) depict events from the life of our patron, St. Boniface Martyr. The window in the rear of the nave illustrates four of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary' and the great rose window over the entrance depicts the last, the Coronation of the Blessed Mother as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

The following are explanations of the scenes depicted in the transept windows.



St. Boniface Enters the Benedictine Monastery

Winfred (the saint's baptismal name) was born in England about 675. As a young person he showed great ability and received a religious education. He entered a monastery and is shown here being received by the Abbot.

Benedictine Order, Winfred was ordained a priest. After serving in Friesland (a country in present day Holland) he was received by Pope Gregory II on May 15, 719 and was granted full authority to preach the Gospel in Germany.



St. Boniface Sent to Germany

by Pope Gregory. At thirty, after professing as a member of the



St. Boniface Baptizing

Following Pope Gregory's instructions, he traveled throughout Germany and found sad conditions. Great numbers had returned to their pre-Christian religions. He traveled about with tireless energy, preaching fearlessly and baptizing as he went.

St. Boniface Consecrated as a Bishop

Winfred, after years of missionary work in Germany, was called to Rome by Pope Gregory and consecrated a regional bishop with the name Boniface, which means a man who does good deeds." He was then sent back to Germany.



St. Boniface Cutting Down The Sacred Oak

In Germany, Boniface saw that converts found it difficult to give up their old religion. Knowing that the people needed a reason to let go, Boniface called the people together. As they watched, Boniface struck with an axe a giant oak previously considered sacred. It fell, but Boniface stood unharmed, demonstrating the value of Jesus' teaching, "Be not afraid!"



St. Boniface Builds a Church

As the number of faithful grew, they assisted Boniface in the building of churches and chapels. Boniface took care to have institutions in which religious life could be fostered.



St. Boniface Dedicates a Monastery in Fulda

Boniface built many other churches and monasteries, notably the great Monastery at Fulda that had been established under his supervision. This would, in time, become his final resting place.

St. Boniface's Martyrdom

On June 5, 754, Boniface prepared to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since

there was not enough room in the church, he decided to conduct the service in an open field. Tents were erected and while Boniface was waiting for the converts, the camp was attacked. Boniface and fifty-two companions were massacred. He held the book with the Gospels to his chest to the last. He was over the age of 70 at the time.



Events This Week

Monday, August 24

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, August 27

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

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."***

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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

Like Peter in today's Gospel, we can find that when we
open our eyes to see, our ears to hear and our hearts to
experience Jesus' presence in our daily lives, God reveals
himself to us. Have you considered answering the call to
help serve the poor by joining 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
lrosecswh@hotmail.com for details and registration.

Next Meeting: September 20 .

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 brknt@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: **September 19.**

Reflections on the Readings

Accepting Responsibility

If you have ever received the responsibility somebody else once had, you know the rush of emotions that can come with a transfer of authority. Maybe it was a job you worked hard for. Maybe you were chosen for a task you never envisioned you would do. But there you are, hoping to fulfill the expectations somebody has for you and the work.

According to Isaiah, this experience happened to Eliakim, son of Hilkiah. He replaced Shebna as master of the palace. God did not like the job that Shebna was doing. (If God is your supervisor, you had better do the work well.)

Isaiah says that God thrust Shebna from office and put Eliakim in his place, dressed him in Shebna's robe, girded him with Shebna's sash, and gave him Shebna's authority. God really did not like Shebna's work.

God gave one more sign of authority. God placed the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder. You have heard of getting the key to the city. Eliakim got the key to the nation. When God gives us a responsibility, we may be part of a major transition. But if the work comes from God, we can assume the task with assurance.

Rich in Wisdom

We cannot completely figure God out. God dwells in ultimate mystery. We believe strongly in God's presence, and we experience this divine majesty in spiritual ways. But we do not understand it or fully grasp it.

God created with unending variety. Consider the many plants and flowers in bloom, the various animals that roam the earth, the fish that swim, and the birds that fly. Consider the differences in human beings alive today and in generations past. Consider the stars of the sky and the planets unseen. God's creativity knows no end.

In the course of our lives we sometimes question God's judgments, but we also stand in awe at our blessings. God has given us the gift of life in the midst of a wondrous creation. God has given us freedom to choose our actions, to develop good friends, and to pray in faith.

Life brings its challenges, but in the end, all of life is in God's hands. St. Paul tells the Romans, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!"

We cannot completely figure God out. We do not always know why God creates the good and tolerates the evil we see. But it is not ours to know. It is not ours to understand. It is ours to be in awe. It is ours to give glory. It is God's to be rich in wisdom.



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The Passion of St. John the Baptist

John, the son of Zechariah and Elizabeth, was likely born in Ein Karem in the hill country five miles west of Jerusalem roughly six months before Jesus was born. Present at his birth were the Son and the Mother of God. Saint Thomas Aquinas and other Catholic theologians believe that John was sanctified in the womb immediately after the Blessed Virgin Mary greeted his mother (Luke 1:41). What we know of John's childhood is in Luke 1:80: "The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel." Raised as a devout Jew, John eventually entered the desert to pray, practice penance, and prepare for his mission.

First, John is the precursor of the Lord. As the last Old Testament prophet and the first New Testament prophet, he bridges the gap to Christ. Sometime between 27 and 29, John gathered disciples from all walks of life whom he taught, called to repentance, and baptized with water.



John's life reached its earthly climax when Jesus approached while he was baptizing. John exclaimed, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel...Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God" (John 1:29–31; 34). After John reluctantly baptized Jesus, the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove and the Father's voice thundered, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17). With that, John's life receded into the background, "He must increase; I must decrease" (John 3:30).

The Memorial of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist prefigures Jesus giving His life sacrificially on the Cross. John's death resulted from his bold proclamation of the truth. He had condemned Herod Antipas, the tetrarch and ruler of Galilee and Perea, for his unlawful marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife. Herod extended his power to have John arrested and imprisoned.

Two Gospels narrate the story of John's death: Matthew 14:1–12 and Mark 6:14–29. Though Herod seemed to fear John's popularity and his powerful words, he appeased Herodias' hatred of John. On Herod's birthday, Herodias' daughter, traditionally named Salome, performed a dance for Herod and his guests that so pleased him that he promised her anything she asked, up to half his kingdom. Seeing her chance for revenge, Herodias convinced Salome to ask for the Baptist's head on a platter.

After the weak Herod complied and had John beheaded, the Bible says that "His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus" (Matthew 14:12). Jesus then withdrew to a deserted place to pray. Grieving the death of his cousin, Jesus came face-to-face with His own fate. In prayer, He renewed His fidelity to His Mission to give His life for the salvation of souls. John might have been buried in Sebaste, fifty miles north of Jerusalem. Tradition says that his head is preserved in the Church of San Silvestro in Capite, Rome, but this is impossible to confirm.

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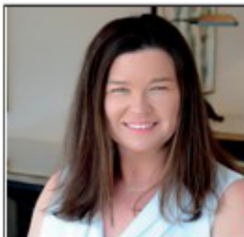
Baptism: Fourth Sunday of the month at 10:30am
Mass. Please contact the office to register. Godparents
must have received the Sacraments of Initiation
(Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) and live in
harmony with the Catholic Church.

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

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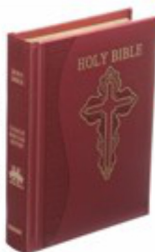
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