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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ August 24, 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.

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The Narrow Path and the Wide Path.*
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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, August 23

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Barbara Bolger, Katy Flores,
Eleanor and Joseph Addamo, Julia and Perry Gill

Sunday, August 24

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: James and Lorraine O'Sullivan,
Annmarie Carbone

Monday, August 25

8am Mass: Kelly Dinh

Tuesday, August 26

8am Mass: Bill Schiller

Wednesday, August 27

Memorial of St. Monica

8am Mass: Rosa Chichioco

2pm Holy Hour

Thursday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine

8am Mass: Josephine Frances Breglio

Friday, August 29

Memorial of the Passion of St John the Baptist

8am Mass: Larry Graziöse

Saturday, August 30

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

Teresa Mendoza

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

For Our Sick

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

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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Dear St. Boniface Parishioners,

It is with deep gratitude and joy that I share the wonderful news:

Last weekend we reached our \$300,000 fundraising goal for the new roofs for our church, school, and rectory!

We began this campaign in March, and have reached our goal in just five and a half months. This is a true testament to the extraordinary generosity and commitment of our St. Boniface family.

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your overwhelming support. Your sacrifices, prayers, and gifts have made this possible, and together we have ensured that our parish buildings will continue to serve our community for generations to come. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Josef*

St. Boniface Roof Repair Campaign

THANK YOU!

\$300,000



Events This Week

Monday, August 25

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, August 28

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

St. Boniface Outreach

Contacts: Jody Fleischmann & 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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. In the month of August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing funds for food, utility, rent bills, etc. Thank You!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For details, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please contact Jovanna Lemonda.

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 irosecsw@hotmail.com for details and registration. Next Meeting: **September 21.**

Mondays: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center on Mondays from 6:30pm-8pm in Room 10 in St. Boniface School. 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 Ann at 516-676-0330 or Flora at 516-656-9375 details. Next Meeting: **September 20.**

Reflections on the Readings

Inviting All People

The greatest music ever written appeals to people of every culture. People who do not speak a common language can all enjoy the same music. If the music is well written, it will touch the spirit of any human.

The same can be said of architecture, sculpture, and painting. People of all cultures connect with the same treasures. This is also true of many sports, like soccer, and athletic achievements, like running a marathon.

It is also true of the Gospel. The message of Jesus Christ appeals to believers all over the world because it proclaims the news that all can be saved.

In the prophecy of Isaiah, God promised to gather together people of every language. Representatives from Israel would go to foreign nations and distant coastlands. Foreigners would hear about God and would come back to Jerusalem to make an offering there. New leaders would be raised up from these foreigners. It is a bold vision proclaiming the universality of God's intent.

In both the Old and New Testaments, it slowly became evident that God intended to invite all people of all nations into a holy relationship.

How do you help God's work? Do you know the names of people at church? Do you invite your neighbors and friends? Do you introduce yourself to newcomers? Anyone can understand the Christian message, but first it must be heard.

For Your Own Good

"You'll thank me for this one day." Oh, how a kid hates to hear those words. They often accompany some punishment that kids have to put up with until they get older. Kids seethe under those words. They do not make any sense. They take away fun. And they make them mad.

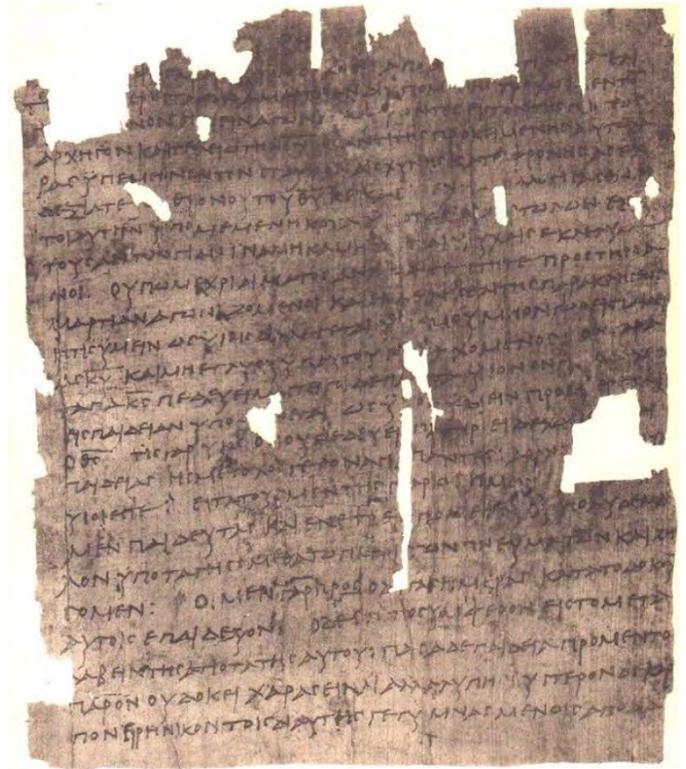
But those words are usually right. Maybe that adds to the frustration. We all hate to do what is "for our own good" when it feels like it is anything but. We do not like being told we did the wrong thing. We do not like to be punished. And we do not like being told to fix our attitude about punishment.

So when the Letter to the Hebrews says God treats us like children, it doesn't quite sound like good news. The author recalls a quote from the Old Testament. It is enough to make you wince: "My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reprov'd by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he acknowledges."

So, here is the advice we get: "Endure your trials as 'discipline.'" We would rather not have to endure trials at all. But when they come, we are supposed to endure them. "At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness."

We do not like hearing it, but it is true: Some day we will thank God for these trials

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Epistle to the Hebrews

Unknown Author. 3rd or 4th Century.
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St. Monica and St. Augustine

Saint Monica was the mother of one of the Church's greatest saints: Saint Augustine. Monica was most likely born in Thagaste, present-day Souk Ahras, Algeria, North Africa, a member of the Berber tribe. Raised in a Christian home, Monica became quite devout. She married Patricius (Patrick), a pagan, said to have had a violent temper and an immoral lifestyle. Patricius' mother, who had the same violent temperament, lived with the couple. Monica and Patricius had three children: sons Augustine and Navigius and a daughter whose name is unknown.

Early in her life, Monica overcame addiction to alcohol. Her husband opposed her Christian faith and prayer life but also saw in her something that made him respect her. His refusal to grant her permission to baptize their children broke her heart. Monica's only recourse was prayer. She prayed fervently for her family's conversion, and her prayers took hold. Patricius was converted and baptized around 370, one year before he died. Patricius' mother also converted.

Saint Augustine, the oldest child, was around sixteen when his father died. At seventeen, he was sent to Carthage, in modern-day Tunisia, to study rhetoric. There, Augustine searched for truth. After reading Cicero's dialogue *Hortensius*, his thirst for truth grew stronger. He became a Manichean, believing that the material world was a union of light and darkness, good and evil, and that the goal of life was to release the light trapped within the darkness of the material world. Around this time, Augustine met a woman with whom he lived and had a child, despite his mother's strong warnings.

After teaching in Carthage, Augustine decided to open a school of Rhetoric. Around age thirty-one, he informed his mother that he was going to Rome, and Monica said she was going with him. Augustine, however, sneaked away to Rome without her. Not giving up, Monica followed. By the time she arrived in Rome, Augustine had left for a prestigious teaching position in Milan, and she followed him there.

Over the next four years in Milan, Monica prayed for her son through tears. Impressed with intellectuals, Augustine was drawn to the Catholic Bishop of Milan and future Saint Ambrose. Augustine converted to Christianity at age thirty-three, and Bishop Ambrose baptized him in 387.

Augustine and his mother decided to return to Thagaste, but Monica would not complete the trip. Monica fell ill and died in Ostia, just outside of Rome.

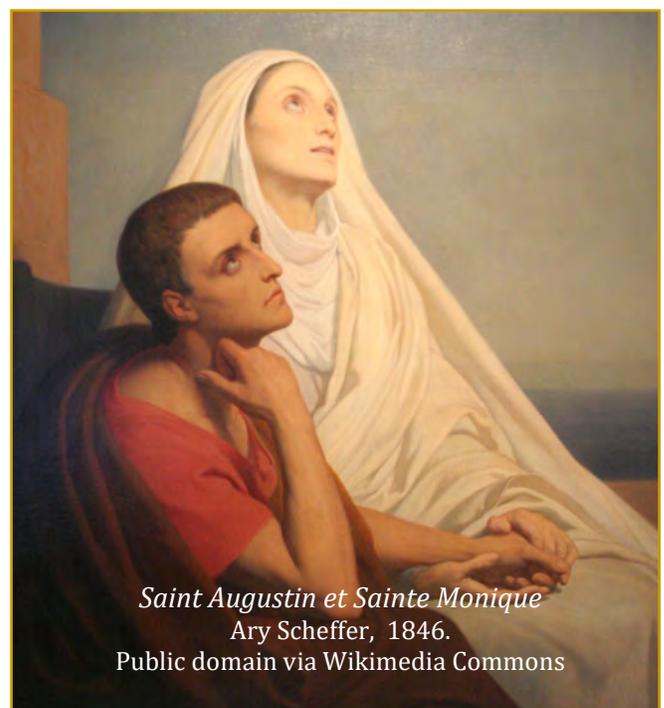
Upon returning home, Augustine formed a religious community with his friends. He became a priest in 391 and was consecrated as bishop of the nearby town of Hippo in 396. One of the greatest theologians in Church history, Augustine's pastoral work, sermons, and attentiveness to people's needs changed their lives.

In *City of God*, Augustine defends the faith and points society to the ideals to which it is called. His autobiographical *Confessions* traces his conversion, interspersed with theological insights with the beautiful story of his mother. He shares her early struggle with alcohol. When Augustine went astray at Carthage, he recalls how she wept for him as mothers weep over the death of a child. Augustine recounts how fervently his mother prayed while they were in Milan and sought Bishop Ambrose's counsel.

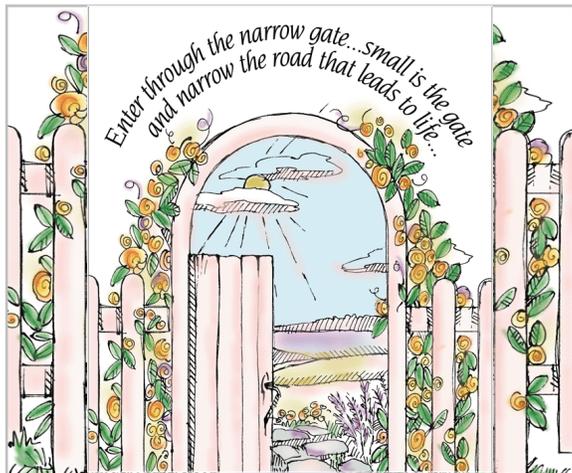
Augustine's tender description of his mother describes his relationship with her after his conversion, their conversations, and her death. She had a profound impact upon him, and he, in turn, has had a profound impact upon the Church.

Augustine went on to become one of the most influential theologians in Church history. Over five million words written by Augustine have survived until today, numbering over 1,000 documents.

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

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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.

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
 who have not received First Communion Confirmation to
 join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at
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