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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 9, 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 8

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: John W. Sadowski, Jr.

*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.*

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 9

8am Mass: Jane McAlpine Altmann

10:30am Mass: Jean Quartarolo

Monday, August 10

Feast of St. Lawrence

8am Mass

Tuesday, August 11

Memorial of St. Clare

8am Mass: John Robert Vancheri

Wednesday, August 12

8am Mass

Thursday, August 13

8am Mass: Sebastian Jasinski

Friday, August 14

Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe

8am Mass: Camille Miritello

Saturday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9am Mass: Rosa T. Chichioco

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass



The Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
will be celebrated on Saturday,
August 15 at 9am.

Since it falls on a Saturday, it is
not a holy day of obligation.

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

Marie Blaine, Chiara Casalino, Wanita Dehney,
Claude Martineau, Franceso 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

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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*

Reflections on the Readings

Acts of God

There is a legal term for a natural disaster. It is called an “act of God.” It is a little unfair to libel God with deeds of destruction. Even so, when the forces of nature reveal their strength, people become aware of their own weaknesses and meditate on the power of God.

But when people go in search of God, they rarely go to the place of an earthquake, a fire, or a tornado. They go to a quiet place. They watch the sunrise. They pick a wayside chapel. They sit by the ocean. They find God’s majestic voice in whispers of peace.



When Elijah fled the grasp of the angry and murderous Jezebel, he eventually found himself in a cave on the mountain of God, Horeb. There he witnessed God passing by. Not in the strong wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire did Elijah behold God’s presence—but in a tiny whispering sound. Noise surrounds much of our day. The radio or television breaks the morning silence. Ambient music filters through elevators and grocery stores. Our cars cannot block out the cacophony of traffic.

It may not take an act of God for us to be able to find God. It may just take a quiet space.

Relative Faith

When someone you love is in trouble, you desire their freedom so strongly that you might say, “I would gladly trade places.” For example, parents looking at a sick child in a hospital bed would accept the sickness themselves if they could—if only it would free the child they love. Your love for the afflicted is stronger than the force that renders them helpless.

St. Paul felt this way about those not believing in Christ. He says to the Romans, “I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.” Paul’s own kindred had not all joined him in faith. Ironically, Jesus had the same kindred. To the Israelites belonged the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the law, the worship, and the promises. Christ was theirs also, according to the flesh. Paul regretted that his relatives did not all embrace Christ according to the Spirit. He loved these people so much that he was willing to trade places. He loved them more strongly than the forces of unbelief.

In our society many people have still not accepted Christ. They do not hear his voice in the Scriptures. They do not experience his love in the community. They do not lift their voices in prayer. They do not join him at table for the Eucharist. The pain we feel renews our conviction to proclaim Christ.

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Events This Week

Monday, August 10

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, August 13

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."***

We are looking for people to 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 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

In this Gospel, Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to those in need, and you will bring them faith and hope!"

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

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: August 22.**

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.

Traditionally, this 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; 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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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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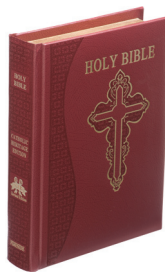
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