



# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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in Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing  
and surrounding communities

**The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg., Pastor**  
**Reverend Stanislaw Choragwicki, C.M, Parochial Vicar**

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

## Gaudete Sunday: December 14, 2025

### 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 thru Thursdays:  
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

### Parish Information

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### Saint John the Baptist

*Being Visited by Two Disciples*

Giovanni di Paolo, 1455-1460.

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*"When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?'" - MATT 11:2-3*

## Liturgy Schedule

### Saturday, December 13

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Donald Sinclair, Jozefina Dunajcanova  
Deceased Members of The Moran Family.

### Gaudete Sunday, December 14

8am Mass: Theresa Connell, The Scott Family

10:30am Mass: Nina Pugliese, Kenneth Moore,  
Donald Albin, Patricia Merrick

### Monday, December 15

8am Mass: Diana Brantuas

### Tuesday, December 16

8am Mass: Eric Tyrkko

### Wednesday, December 17

8am Mass: Fr. Josef Norys

### Thursday, December 18

8am Mass: Cecilia Valdez

### Friday, December 19

8am Mass: Andrew DiSalvo

### Saturday, December 20

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

## Advent/Christmas Schedule

### Sunday, December 21

4:30pm-6pm ~ Christmas Caroling

### Reconciliation Monday, December 22

2pm-4pm and 6pm-9pm ~ Confessions

### Wednesday, December 24

8am Mass

### Christmas Eve Masses

4pm Mass

9:45pm Christmas Carols

10pm Mass

### NO CONFESSIONS CHRISTMAS EVE

### Thursday, December 25

*Holy Day of Obligation*

### Christmas Day Masses

8am Mass

10:30am Mass

### Thursday, January 1

*Holy Day of Obligation*

### The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

9am Mass

## Let Us Pray

### For Our Deceased

Joan Alvarez, Dolores Sinski

### For Our Sick

Patrick Baca

*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.*

### Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

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

### For Our Military

Lieutenant Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy

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## Holy Hours



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

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

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

## Outreach Christmas Baskets

*The distribution of the Thanksgiving baskets was very successful. We gave out nearly 90 turkeys with all the fixin's. Thank you!*

Once again we are reaching out to our parishioners to help us with our Annual Food Drive. All food collected is used for our Christmas baskets, which are distributed to our Outreach families and neighbors. As you all know, economic times make it difficult for some families to purchase food and feed their families and therefore your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Food donations may be left at Church during Sunday Masses or at the Food Pantry Saturdays 10am-1pm.**

<b>turkey gravy</b>	<b>stuffing</b>
<b>cranberry sauce</b>	<b>canned sweet yams</b>
<b>canned soup</b>	<b>instant mashed potatoes</b>
<b>cans of fruit</b>	<b>shelf stable milk</b>
<b>small bags of rice</b>	<b>strawberry or grape jelly</b>
<b>cake mix</b>	<b>cake icing</b>

Thank you for your help in providing food to our needy families and neighbors. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you for always supporting us and our mission. Forgive us when we don't thank you enough for who you are, for all that you do and for all that you have given. **God bless you and your families!**

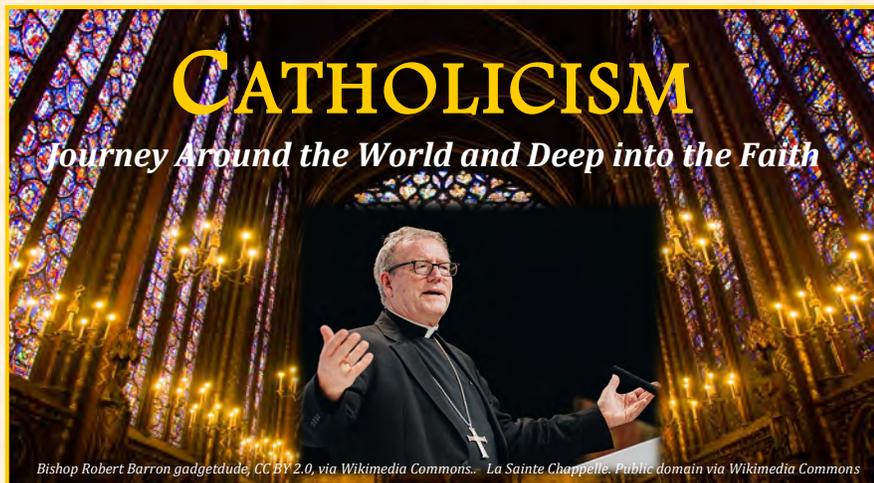
- David, Jody and all the Outreach Volunteers

## St. Boniface Martyr CHRISTMAS CAROLING for the Whole Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**  
**4:30pm ~ 6:00pm**

*We will meet in the Church  
and wander  
around the neighborhood.*

*We will have cider and hot chocolate.  
Dress warmly!*



## St. Boniface Martyr School

**Sunday, December 14**  
**9 am~10:15 am**

**Moderator:**  
**Deacon Tom Fox**

**December 14, Episode 4:**  
**Mary, the Mother of God**

*Join us in the gym as we journey deep into our faith to more than fifty locations through fifteen countries and watch each of ten one-hour DVD episodes with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian, now Bishop, Robert Barron, and experience the beauty, goodness and truth of Catholicism.*

**January 11, Episode 5: Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure**

*Check the bulletin board for the complete schedule*

*"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

- Lk 15:10

# Reconciliation Monday

*Experience the liberating grace of the  
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).*

**December 22**  
**2pm - 4pm and 6pm - 9pm**

Confessions will be heard at all parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, the Diocese of Brooklyn and the Archdiocese of New York.

To find a parish near you, visit: [drvc.org](http://drvc.org).



# St. John of the Cross

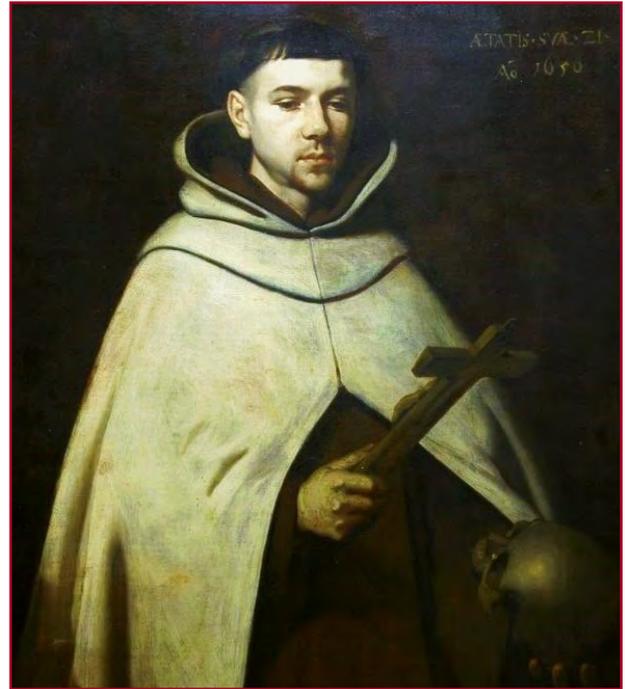
***Today is the Memorial of Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor, c. 1542–1591. His is the patron saint of contemplatives, mystical theology, and Spanish poets. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIII on December 27, 1726 and declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XI in 1926. He is commonly referred to as the “Mystical Doctor.”***

Juan de Yepes y Álvarez was born in Fontiveros, Ávila, Spain. At age three, he suffered his father's death. Juan's father's wealthy family refused to help, and one brother died of malnutrition. His mother moved to Medina del Campo and worked as a weaver to support her other two sons. Juan's excellent marks at a boarding school for poor children earned him admission to a nearby Jesuit school. Four years later, he entered the Carmelite order as John of Saint Matthias at age twenty-one.

After professing vows, John received permission to follow the ancient, stricter Carmelite rule. In 1567, he met Teresa of Ávila. The Carmelite superior shared her ideas for reform, hoping that he would become her first friar. Father John accepted her invitation to assist in reviving the ancient rule. With Mother Teresa in Valladolid, Father John underwent formation, founded a house for friars, and took a new name, Father John of the Cross. In May 1572, Father John became the sisters' spiritual director at the Monastery of the Incarnation in Ávila. For five years, he worked closely with the nuns and grew in his own spiritual life. He acted as spiritual director to Mother Teresa who, in many ways, acted as his spiritual guide. Soon after Father John became her spiritual director, Mother Teresa entered into the spiritual transformation of the Divine Union.

As the reforms garnered other Carmelite orders' opposition, Father John was imprisoned twice. The second, in the Carmelites of the Observance monastery prison in Toledo, lasted nine months. He received no change of clothing and little food, endured a severe case of lice, and had only his breviary to read. He endured winter's cold and the summer heat in a small dark cell with but one tiny window high on the wall. In the prison darkness, Father John composed poems, including [Dark Night of the Soul](#) and parts of the [Spiritual Canticle](#). In August 1578, Father John miraculously escaped.

First finding refuge with Mother Teresa's sisters in Toledo, he was nursed back to health in Santa Cruz.



John of the Cross, Unknown Artist, 1656.  
Archdiocesan Museum in Katowice,  
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His suffering and deep prayer led to his writing four of the Church's great works on mystical theology: [Ascent to Mount Carmel](#), [Dark Night of the Soul](#), [Living Flame of Love](#), and [Spiritual Canticles](#).

In 1580, Mother Teresa's Discalced (shoeless) Carmelites received independence from the Carmelites of the Observance. The Carmelite reform charisms attracted many new nuns and friars for their 1) strong Marian devotion, 2) daily plan for a life of continual prayer, and 3) strict rule of enclosure focused on solitude, manual labor, perpetual abstinence, fasting, and fraternal charity.

In September 1591, Father John developed gangrene on his leg. At a monastery in Ubeda to receive care, Father John endured the superior's cold treatment. Hours before Father John's death, he humbly begged the prior's forgiveness for being a burden, an act of humility that completely transformed the prior. At midnight, the saintly friar completed his mystical journey to divine union.

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## Events This Week

### Sunday, December 14

9am Catholicism with Deacon Tom  
9am Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal

### Monday, December 15

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

### Wednesday, December 17

7pm St. Vincent de Paul Society Dinner Meeting

### Thursday, December 18

7pm Knitting Circle  
7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

### Saturday, December 20

10am Lay Carmelite Meeting

## St. Boniface Outreach

CONTACTS: JODY FLEISCHMANN & DAVID MEAGHER

**OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to accept deliveries and/or to pick up food. Commitment: 1-2 mornings per month for 2 hours on Tuesday or Thursday. For details, call 516-676-0676.

**PANTRY NEEDS:** jelly, cereal, soups, canned beets, solid white tuna, canned spinach, canned mixed vegetables, spaghetti sauce, canned peas and carrots, assorted pasta, assorted bags of dry beans, assorted personal hygiene items.

**THRIFT SHOP:** Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

## St. Vincent de Paul

CONTACT: JOVANNA LEMONDA

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those in need can know the good news of Jesus.

We meet the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For details, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please call 516-676-0676.

## 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 lrosecsw@hotmail.com for details and registration.  
**Next Meeting: December 21.**

### Sundays or Mondays: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center, Room 10 in St. Boniface School, on 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. **Next Meeting: December 21**

### Mondays: Prayer Group

Zooms Mondays 7:30-8:30pm. Praise with us! Contact John & Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

### Women of Faith Book Groups

Meets once monthly during the day the first week of the month (date TBD), the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm and zoom session the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for details. Check out 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: January 10.**

### 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: December 20.**

## Girls CYO Volleyball

**The Spring Season Registration is Open now through December 22.** We have teams from 5th through 8th grade. Practices start in January and will take place once a week. Games are generally on weekends from late February through May. There are also instructional options for girls in 3rd and 4th grade.



**Registration links at <https://stbonifacecyo.org/>**

## Monthly Donations

### November

Parish Stewardship - \$32,922.00  
Diocesan Collections - \$899.00

### ParishSOFT (formerly Faith Direct)

Signing up is easy! You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift. Call 866-930-4774 option 6, or email [donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com) for details.

## Parish Information

**Our parish calendar is available online! Go to our website: [www.saintboniface.org](http://www.saintboniface.org). Please check the vestibule bulletin board for upcoming events that may not be in the bulletin.**

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**Bulletin Editor:** Julie Byrne. Deadline: Monday 10am.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: EARLY DEADLINES\*\***

**Thursday, December 18 for the December 28 bulletin; Thursday, December 26 for the January 4 bulletin.**

After you receive approval for your submission from Fr. Josef, please email [stbonbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:stbonbulletin@gmail.com). Intentions requested after deadline will not appear in the bulletin.

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

**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.

**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 [stbonRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:stbonRCIA@gmail.com) for details.

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