

# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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**Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 21, 2025**



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#### **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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## Liturgy Schedule

### Saturday, December 20

**3pm Holy Hour and Confessions**

**4pm Mass:** Matthew and Marguerite Zavaró,  
Gay and Joy Zavaró, Stephen Szemerényi

*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 and Family.*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 21

**8am Mass:** Frank Miritello, Christina Scott

**10:30am Mass:** Donald Sinclair, Charlotte Beisser,  
Kenneth Moore

**4:30pm:** Christmas Caroling

### Monday, December 22

**8am Mass:** John Radicone

### Tuesday, December 23

**8am Mass:** Camille Miritello

### Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

*No Confessions Christmas Eve*

**8am Mass**

**4pm Mass**

**9:45pm** Christmas Carols

**10pm Mass:** Christmas Novena

### Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**8am Mass:** Christmas Novena

**10:30am Mass:** Christmas Novena

### Friday, December 26: Feast of St. Stephen

**8am Mass:** Christmas Novena

### Saturday, December 27

*Feast of St. John the Apostle*

**9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena**

## Let Us Pray

### For Our Deceased

Kevin Roth, Dolores Sinski

### For Our Sick

Patrick Baca

*Names remain on the sick list for six weeks. Please email [stbonbulletin@gmail.com](mailto: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

Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF

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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

## MARY, MOTHER GOD

The Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God,  
is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass will be celebrated  
Thursday, January 1  
at 9am.



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!*



## CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

*Christmas Around the World* was fantastic! It has become my personal kick-off to the Christmas season. Everything puts me in the right mood:



- ♦ A tight-knit parish community coming together to share love, laughter and food
- ♦ The Christmas pageant by the Faith Formation students that reminds us that we are celebrating the birth of Jesus
- ♦ And the generosity of all of you -- giving of your time, culinary skills, muscle (climbing ladders, setting up tables, etc.), and donations

While CATW is not meant to be a fundraiser, the event raised \$1000+ for St. Boniface through the raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle, and beverage sales. In addition, *Trees of Joy*, in partnership with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, raised almost \$1000 during CATW for families in need during the holidays.

I hope that CATW also put in you in the Christmas spirit. This event is becoming one of the signature events of St. Boniface and its success is all thanks to you.

*Merry Christmas!*

With much gratitude,  
Nan

## Giving Tree Thank You!

*The St. Boniface Martyr Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks you for your overwhelming generosity.* Through our Giving Tree initiative and your support, Vincentians were able to help 19 families: 35 adults, 14 children! Our parishioners shopped for items such as: coats, toys, clothes, boots, shoes and gift cards to specific eateries.

Every one of our gift recipients was overjoyed and grateful to our conference. We heard the following comments: "I am overwhelmed!"... "This is beyond!"... "Wow!"... "How lovely!"... "Everything is perfect!"... "Thank you so much for everything have a blessed Christmas."

Special thanks to Susan Winslow who gave our program its soul and thoughtfulness. This kind attention to detail made these gifts not just "things" but acts of love.

Our parishioners are so generous. Our wish is that your hearts could know the gratitude which our SVdP conference members received making these deliveries. We get to see the face of Jesus in our neighbors.



*"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).



# Trees of Joy

## THANK YOU!

Our first-ever Trees of Joy initiative was an outstanding success! With a goal of sponsoring 15 trees at \$100 each, our parish family not only met the goal — we nearly doubled it, thanks to your overwhelming generosity! Our children lovingly colored wooden ornaments, and Fr. Josef blessed all the trees during our *Christmas Around the World* celebration before they were delivered to families in need. Each family received a decorated tree, gift cards and a Christmas card with a special prayer.

Thank you to everyone who donated, decorated, prayed, and served. Your kindness brought real joy and dignity to families this Christmas season.

Christmas Blessings,  
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
and The Faith Formation Program



# Trees of Joy

PRAYER OF HOPE AND BLESSINGS



Heavenly Father,

As this Christmas tree brings light and beauty into this home, may Your love bring warmth, peace, and joy to every heart within it.

Bless this family with comfort in times of challenge, hope in every new day, and faith that carries them through the year ahead.

May the coming season be filled with laughter, good health, and the blessings of friendship, provision, and grace.

Shine Your light upon this home, Lord, and guide each step they take into a new year of abundance and peace.

We thank You for Your endless love and for the gift of Your Son, whose birth reminds us that light always overcomes darkness.

Amen.



## Events This Week

### Sunday, December 21

8:45am Faith Formation Family Program  
9am Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
2pm Bereavement Group  
4:30pm Christmas Caroling  
6:30pm Youth Group

### Monday, December 22

2-4pm and 6-9 pm Reconciliation Monday  
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

## 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, please 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, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those in need to find Emmanuel and come to know "God is with us."

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 irosecsw@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

Both groups meet monthly. The day group meets on Fridays. Next meeting: **January 9th** (time TBD) to discuss Scott Hahn's *Angels and Saints*. The evening group meets Tuesdays at 7pm. Stay tuned for more information. 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: January 17.**

# Reflections on the Readings

## God's Signs

For Christians, the most famous prophecy of Isaiah is this: “The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.”

Isaiah spoke these words to a king worried about the future of his dominion. God invited Ahaz to ask for a sign of favor, but Ahaz refused. In so many words, Ahaz did not want to put God to any trouble. Isaiah, exasperated, tells the king that God will give him a sign anyway. Whether or not Ahaz wants one, God will give a sign.

The sign Isaiah promises is a child born to a young woman. The child will be given a name that would carry a message to the king and his people: Emmanuel. God is with us.

When Matthew wrote about the birth of Jesus in the first chapter of his Gospel, he said it fulfilled this prophecy from Isaiah. Jesus is the sign that God is with us. The young woman, his mother Mary, conceived the child while remaining a virgin.

Where in the world do people not want to trouble God? How can you bring them a sign of comfort? No matter how impossible the situation might be, God is with us.

## Exchanging Gifts

Christmas presents are gathering under trees. The opening of gifts opens hearts as well. Gifts are given in love, and they promote love in return. We love all year round, not just on Christmas Day. We may not give wrapped gifts every day of the year, but we love every day. We say it, show it, and feel it. At Christmas we will celebrate the greatest gift of all, the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the human race. It is not Christmas every day, but God is good to us every day, showing love in many and marvelous ways.

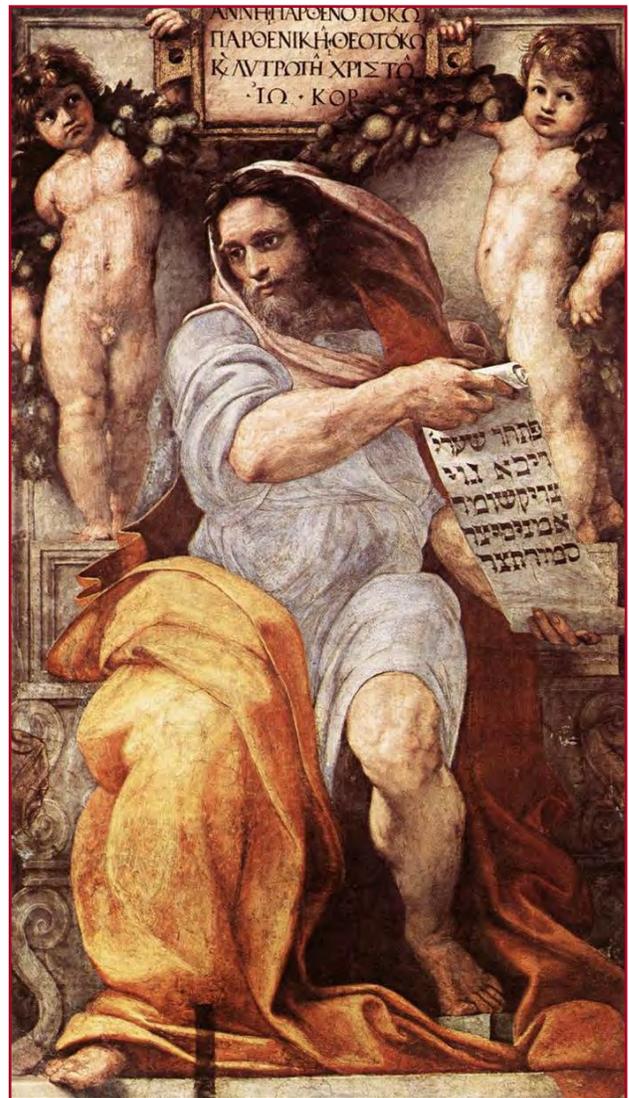
A Christmas gift of love prompts a response—a hug, a kiss, a note of thanks, or a favor in return. The greatest Christmas gift also prompts a response—a desire to live in ways that please Christ.

St. Paul calls himself an apostle “set apart for the gospel of God,” the Gospel promised through the prophets in the Scriptures, the Gospel about God’s Son, “descended from David according to the flesh.”

Throughout Advent, we have heard prophecies foretelling the birth of Jesus. They help us experience the full wonder of Christmas Day: that God took on flesh and was born into a human family descended from David. That is the Gospel, the good news. So great was that Gospel that Paul became its apostle.

And so did we. In all we say and do, we tell others how much the Christian faith means to us. It is the natural response to the greatest gift of all.

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The Prophet Isaiah, Raphael, 1511-12.  
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## 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 - \$32,026  
Diocesan Collections - \$1,921

### 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.

**Pastor:** The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg.; [domjosef@gmail.com](mailto:domjosef@gmail.com)

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**\*\*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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