

# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

Serving the People of God

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*

## The Feast of the Holy Family: Sunday, December 28, 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.

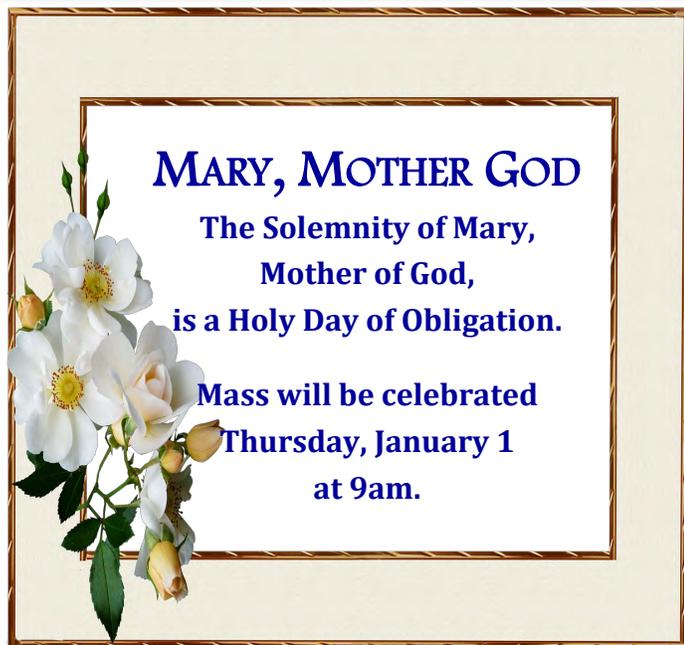
### Parish Information

145 Glen Avenue  
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# Liturgy Schedule



## **Saturday, December 27**

**3pm Holy Hour and Confessions**

**4pm Mass:** Christmas Novena

## **Feast of the Holy Family, December 28**

**8am Mass:** Christmas Novena

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

## **Monday, December 29**

**8am Mass:** Christmas Novena

## **Tuesday, December 30**

**8am Mass:** Christmas Novena

## **Wednesday, December 31**

**8am Mass:** Christmas Novena

## **Thursday, January 1**

*The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**9am Mass:** Christmas Novena

## **First Friday, January 2**

*Memorial of St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*

**8am Mass:** Christmas Novena

## **First Saturday, January 3**

*Feast of St. John the Apostle*

**9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena**

# Let Us Pray

## **For Our Deceased**

Patrick Baca

Kevin Roth

## **For Our Sick**

*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

Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF

Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army

Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy

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Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy

Lieutenant Colonel Christina Merrick-Wright

Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.

# 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**

## Events This Week

**Monday, December 29**

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.

### New Pantry Needs

Tuna, cereal, small bags of white rice, canned peas and carrots, canned fruit, jelly, toothpaste, ready-to-eat soups, paper goods (towels, toilet tissues), cleaning products, books for children age 2 to 10 only.



### Thrift Shop

Open Saturdays  
10am-1pm.

## St. Vincent de Paul

CONTACT: JOVANNA LEMONDA

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We hear the words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." During this New Year may we also grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon us by remembering to take care of our brothers and sisters in need. In the month of December, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the spirit of Christmas to those in need by assisting them with funds for groceries, utility, rent and other bills.

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 lrosecswh@hotmail.com for details and registration.

**Next Meeting: January 18.**

### 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: January 4.**

### 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 9** (time TBD), to discuss Scott Hahn's *Angels and Saints*. The evening group meets Tuesdays at 7pm. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pathomfox@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.**

# Mary, Mother of God

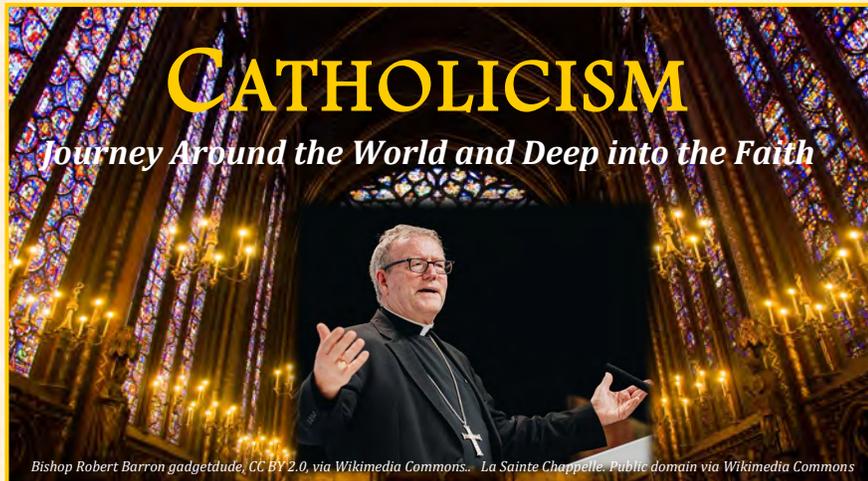
Scripture tells us three times that Mary “pondered” or “treasured” the words that she heard about her Son. The first is in Luke’s Gospel (2:19) when, after Jesus’ birth, the shepherds came to adore her Child and recounted how a multitude of heavenly hosts appeared to them, revealing that Mary’s child was the Messiah. We can be certain that Mary pondered Him over and over, entering ever more deeply into the mystery of her motherhood of the Son of God.

Our Blessed Mother is given the unique title of “Mother of God,” first and foremost, to express our faith in the divinity of Jesus. Jesus was both human and divine, but in Him these two natures were perfectly united. Therefore, one cannot say that Mary was only the mother of the humanity of Jesus, she was the mother of the Person. And that one Person was, at the same time, God and man.

Mary was not only Jesus’ mother in a biological sense. She wasn’t blessed just because she bore Him in her womb. Rather, her deepest union with her divine Son came from her spiritual union with His will and that of the Father in Heaven. She said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38). She heard the word of God and observed it perfectly. She did that at the Annunciation, she continued to do so as she raised her Child, and she did it most perfectly as she stood before the Cross, offering her dying Son to the Father for the salvation of the world. Mary’s motherhood was one that encompassed her whole being. It was one that united her to her Son in ways we will never fully comprehend.

Mary is the Mother of God and, therefore, is the mother of all of God’s children, including you. Honor and love your heavenly mother on January 1, and rejoice as you reflect upon this glorious queen and holy mother. As we celebrate this greatest saint in the history of the world, ponder the ponderer. Ponder her love for her Son. Ponder her obedience to His divine will. Ponder Him as her Savior. Ponder every human and divine aspect of their loving relationship.

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## St. Boniface Martyr School

Sunday, January 11  
9 am-10:15 am

Moderator:  
Deacon Tom Fox

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

*Join us in the first floor classroom 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 18~ Episode 6: Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church

**Christmas 2025**



To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas!

Throughout this year, we have marked many significant milestones in the life of the Church leading us to the Lord's Nativity and this holy season of Christmas, most especially the passing of Pope Francis at Easter and the election of Pope Leo XIV in May.

What a gift it has been to walk these months with our new Holy Father, to learn from his teaching, and witness his example.

On October 4th, the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, Pope Leo released his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexit Te - I Have Loved You*. It is a profound meditation on love for the poor and speaks powerfully to the mystery of the Lord's Birth and the grace of this season.

The Holy Father reminds us: "The Gospel shows us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus' life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that 'there was no place for them in the inn' (Lk 2:7). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. Mt 2: 13-15). At the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf. Lk 4:14-30). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. Mk 15:22). Indeed, that is how Jesus' poverty is best described: he experienced the same exclusion that is the lot of the poor, the outcast of society. Jesus is a manifestation of this *privilegium pauperum*. He presented himself to the world not only as a poor Messiah, but also as the Messiah of and for the poor." (n. 19)

Before these words of Pope Leo, we recall the wonderful truth: Christ became poor so that we who are poor might become rich (cf. 2 Cor. 8:9). This is the good news of Christmas. We are not alone. We are not left to ourselves. A Savior has come - Christ the Lord.

As we celebrate the Christmas season, we remember with Pope Leo that "Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity." (n. 76)

How beautifully the followers of Christ have responded to the cry of the poor and looked with love upon the most vulnerable among us. As we rejoice in Christ's Birth, we renew our commitment to love others as he has loved us.

On Sunday, December 28th at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we will conclude our Jubilee Year of Hope.

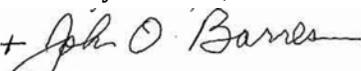
We thank both Pope Francis and Pope Leo XIV for igniting hope within our families, the global mission of the Church, and the human family, and we contemplate the light and grace that radiates from the refugee Holy Family (73) and that radiates to every family.

Our Catholic biblical and sacramental worship, especially at the Catholic Mass, focuses and ignites both our global mission to the poor (n. 42) and our humble openness to being evangelized by the poor (n. 102), the treasures of our Church (n. 38).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your families!

May the Light and love of the Christ Child animate and guide our global Catholic missionary spirit this Christmas and throughout the New Year.

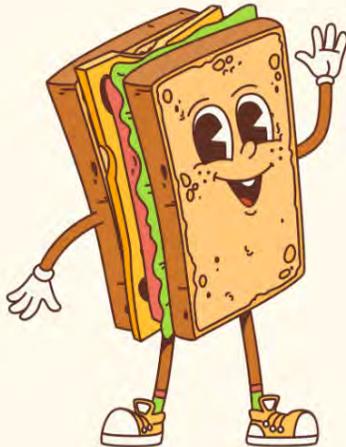
Sincerely in Christ,

  
Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre



**SANDWICH-MAKING SATURDAYS**  
**for our Outreach Pantry**  
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**Starts January 3**

# Reflections on the Readings

## *Honor Your Father and Your Mother*

Our first experience of family is dependence. As children we need the help of parents. As children we get lots of attention. We do not earn it. We just receive it because of who we are. Then our eyes are opened. We recognize the sacrifice our parents have made. We see how they thought less of themselves in order to give us life. Our respect for them grows.

Today we remember the care that Mary and Joseph gave to Jesus. We recognize the sacrifice they made. We imagine the many ways they thought less of themselves to improve the life of the son entrusted to their care.

Our respect for them grows too. Sirach proclaims that those who honor their parents atone for their sins and keep themselves from evil. Their prayers reach God's ears. The benefits of satisfaction return to those who honor their fathers and mothers.

The Christmastime feast of the Holy Family celebrates the model of home life, but it also reminds us to honor our parents. Kindness to them will not be forgotten. How will you honor your parents this coming year? How will you keep their memory?

## *The Forgiving Family*

The Christian family is a symbol of forgiveness and love. Every family has its rough spots. Within one family not everyone believes the same and prays the same.

Some show love comfortably; others, with embarrassment. Some naturally look out for someone else; others are concerned about themselves. Some boast about their accomplishments; others are humble. Some have old hurts that still ache; others have healed and forgiven. Families are not perfect, but they are designed for love.

On Holy Family Sunday, we remember that the model of family love is the love that Christ gives us. The Letter to the Colossians says, "As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

All society is a symbol of forgiveness and love. At least it should be. God loved us all enough to send Jesus into the world. He came to save us. We do not always respond to this love the way that we should. But at least we have a model for what love is like. It is compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Within the world, we have our differences, but we hold this in common: the ability to live in peace and the grace of God's forgiveness.

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness, Christ, our redeemer. We try to imitate that forgiveness as individuals, as families, and as a community. If the forgiving Christ dwells in each family, each family will bring forgiveness to the world.

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"When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you."

Matthew 2:13, ESV

## Monthly Donations

### November

Parish Stewardship - \$32,026  
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## 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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**\*\*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. 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 for details.

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