

# 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*

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ February 1, 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 thru Thursdays:  
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

### Parish Information

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Sermon on the Mount. Carl Bloch, 1877.  
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# Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, January 31**

**3pm Holy Hour and Confessions**

**4pm Mass:** William Gill

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 1**

**8am Mass**

**10:30am Mass:** Marianne Degen

**Monday, February 2**

*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

**8am Mass**

**Tuesday, February 3: Memorial of St. Blase**

**8am Mass:** Gaffney Family

**Wednesday, February 4**

**8am Mass**

**Thursday, February 5**

**8am Mass**

**First Friday, February 6**

*Memorial of St. Paul Miki & Companions*

**8am Mass**

**First Saturday, February 7**

**9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena**

Dorota Sierzega

# Let Us Pray

## For Our Deceased

Barbara D'Alessio, Terence McCormack,  
James O'Donnell, Jr., William Palumbo

## For Our Sick

Bea Bohm

*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.*

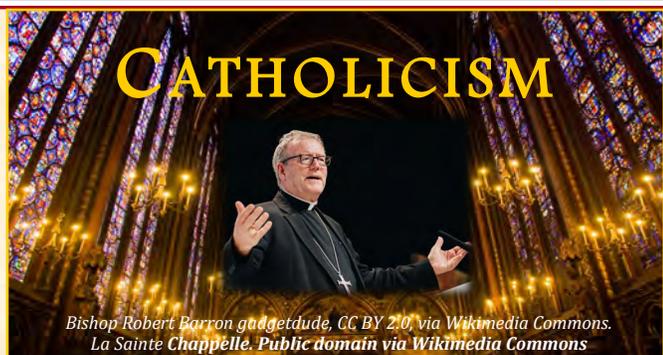
## Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

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

## For Our Military

Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy  
Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF  
Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army  
Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy  
Captain Conor Lynch, US Army  
Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Ragusa, US Navy  
Colonel Bryan Schiller, Army Reserve  
Lieutenant Commander Drew Whitting, US Navy  
Lieutenant Colonel Christina Merrick-Wright  
Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.

# Holy Hours

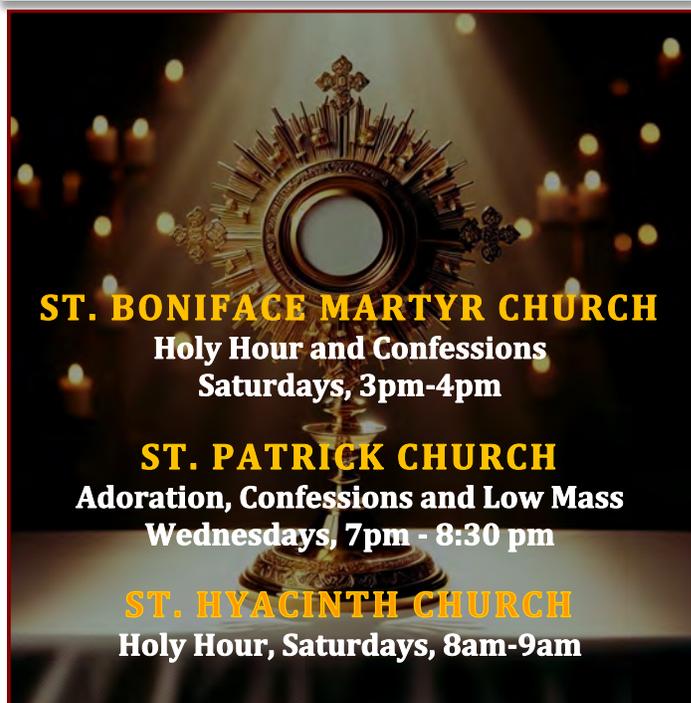


**Parish Center**  
**Moderator: Deacon Tom Fox**  
**Sunday, February 1**  
**9 am-10:15 am**

*Episode 6: Body Both Suffering and Glorious:  
The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church*

Join us as we journey deep into our faith to more than fifty locations through fifteen countries via DVD episodes with acclaimed author, speaker and theologian, now Bishop, Robert Barron, and experience the beauty, goodness and truth of Catholicism. **Next Episode ~ February 8**

Check the bulletin board for the complete schedule.



**ST. BONIFACE MARTYR CHURCH**

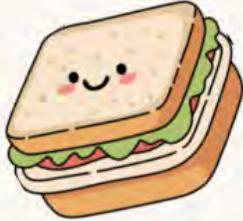
**Holy Hour and Confessions**  
**Saturdays, 3pm-4pm**

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

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

# SANDWICH MAKING SATURDAYS

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Join us on the  
**first Saturdays of the month**  
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NEXT DATE

**February 7, 2026**

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It's quick, meaningful, hands-on service for kids and families  
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# The CHOSEN

## **“The Last Supper”**



*The Last Supper*  
Juan de Juanes. 16th century. Public domain, via Wikimedia Com-

**Sundays after the 10:30am Mass**

**Moderator: Deacon Tom Fox**

**First Episode: February 8**

**Parish Center**

*Join us each week to view each of 8 episodes of Season 5 of The Chosen:  
The Last Supper. It will be a very appropriate lead in to Holy Week.*

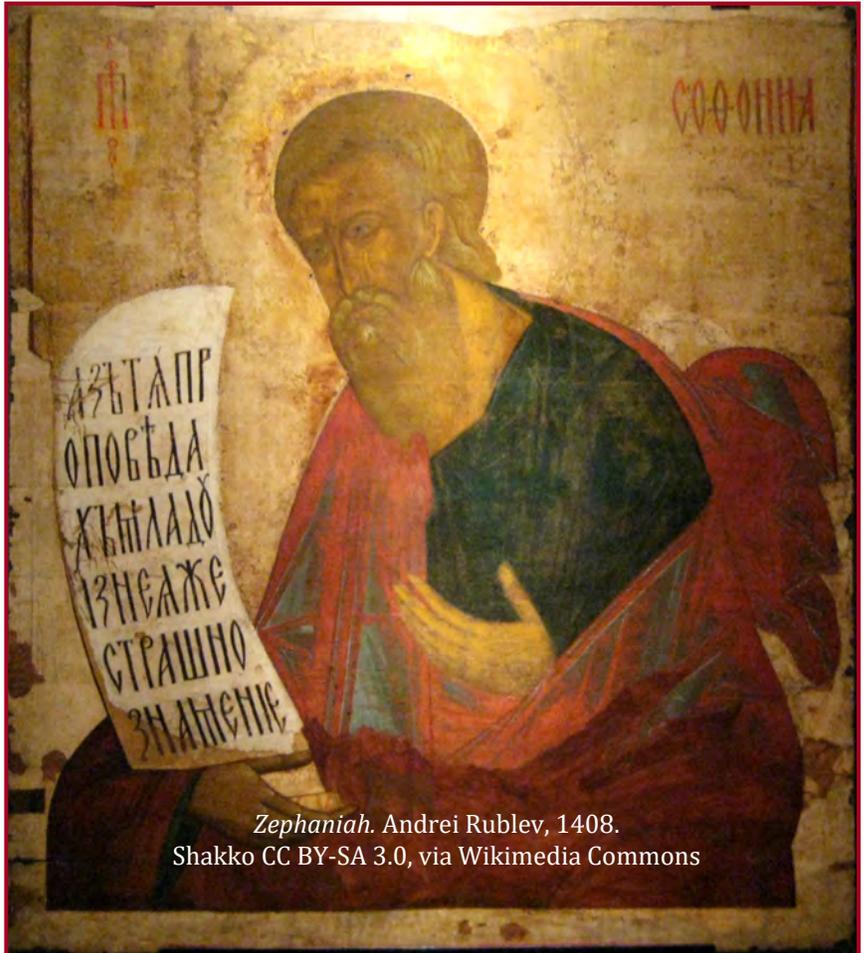
# Reflections on the Readings

## Seek Justice, Seek Humility

People who have had a close encounter with death often feel like God has saved them for some reason. They cannot explain it. They do not know what that reason might be. Whether they were preserved from an accident, aggressive violence, or a near-fatal illness, they believe that God has some future purpose for them. The experience often makes them appreciate every day. It makes them humble.

The prophet Zephaniah spoke to people who had had that kind of experience. He spoke not just to individuals who felt they had been spared. He spoke to a people who felt that way. They had survived a war. They had endured persecution. They had lived through exile. These people had a name for themselves. They called themselves “the remnant.”

The experience deepened their faith. It kept them humble. When Jesus blessed “the poor in spirit” (Mt 5:3) he addressed the descendants of the people who had escaped this danger. They formed a remnant who had remained faithful after years of persecution and waiting. They were humble.



*Zephaniah.* Andrei Rublev, 1408.  
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What calamity has your community survived? How has God protected you? Has it made a difference in your life? Has it kept you humble?

## God's Choices

Jesus did not choose the best. He chose disciples who were dense, who fought with each other, who jockeyed for leadership, who asked stupid questions, and who ran away while he hung dying. They were not the best. They had no experience in public speaking, anger management, catechesis, team building, or chairing committees.

And yet the church survived. One of the proofs that Christianity is divinely inspired is that our founders did not know what they were doing, and still the faith spread far and wide.

St. Paul told the Corinthians that God chose “the foolish of the world to shame the wise,” “the weak... to shame the strong,” “those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something.” He was not talking about the apostles. He was talking about the Corinthians. God chose them, even though they were not the best. God did this so that people would not trust in their own strengths, but would trust in God. God can use people no matter how limited their gifts are.

All around us are people God has chosen for ministry. They may not be the best at what they do, but they do it because God wants it done. God does not always choose the best. But God chooses people anyway. God wants you for something too. Have you ever said no because you thought you could not do it? Might it be that God will do it, once you say yes?

## Events This Week

### Sunday, February 1

8:45am Family Faith Formation  
9am Catholicism with Deacon Tom  
6:30pm Youth Group

### Monday, February 2

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

### Thursday, February 5

7pm Knitting Circle  
7:30pm Scripture Study

## 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

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

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



## St. Vincent de Paul

CONTACT: JOVANNA LEMONDA

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to our neighbors in need.

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 lrosecs@hot.com for details and registration. **Next Meeting: February 15.**

### 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: February 1.**

### 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 monthly, The day group meets on Fridays. The evening group meets Tuesdays 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

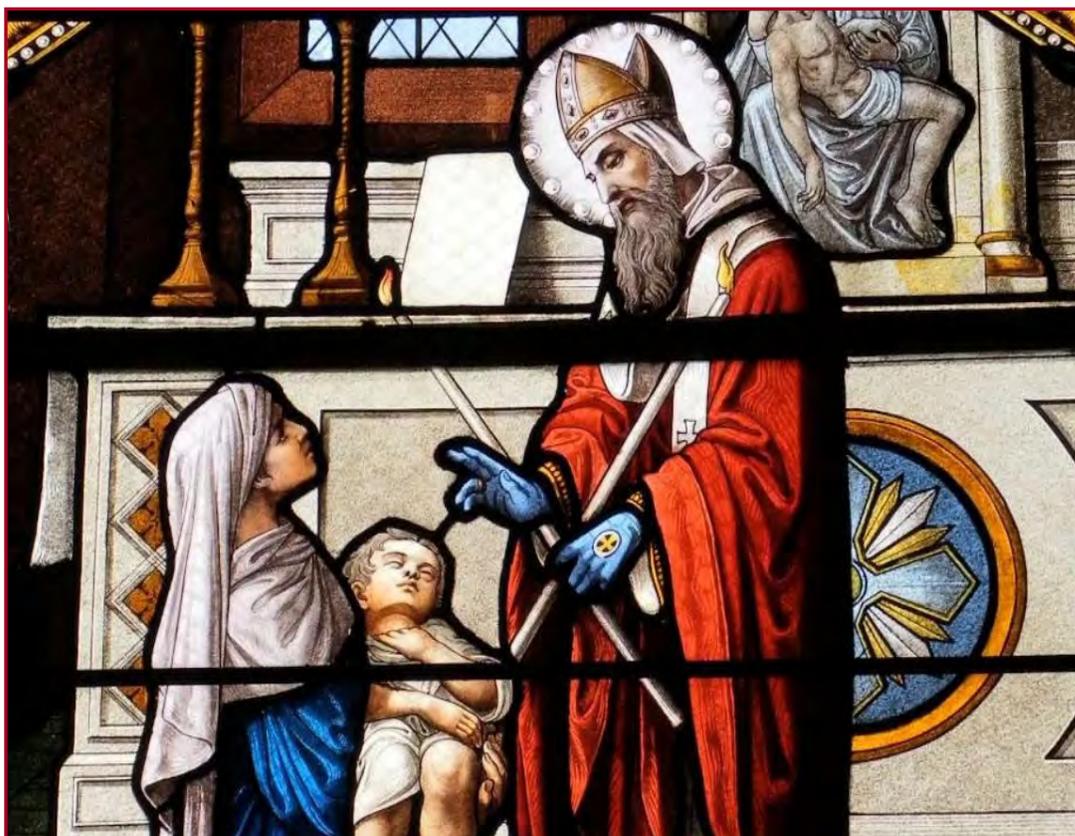
Meets September through June the second Saturday of the month from 7:30am to 8:45am in St. Boniface School, for a bit of breakfast, prayer, videos and discussion. For details, contact Rich Lucidi at richlucidi40@gmail.com **Next Meeting: February 14.**

### 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: February 21.**

## St. Blaise ~ Bishop and Martyr

From 1346 to 1353, a bubonic plague commonly referred to as “Black Death” ravaged Europe, Asia, and North Africa. It was the most deadly pandemic in human history, with conservative estimates of its deadly toll reaching higher than 25 million people. Almost half of the people in Europe died in this pandemic. During that plague, many Catholics prayed fervently. Out of that chaos, a new devotion to the “Fourteen Holy Helpers” emerged. Those holy helpers were fourteen saints who were believed to be powerful intercessors, especially to cure illness. Among those fourteen is Saint Blaise.



Very little is known about Saint Blaise. The earliest mention of his life did not appear until about 200 years after his death, by the medical writer Aëtius Amidenus, who spoke of Saint Blaise’s intercessory power to help dislodge objects stuck in the throat. Whether or not the stories written of him are true, what is certain is that the faithful have devoutly sought his intercession for centuries. That practice continues today in the form of the blessing of throats on his feast day.

Legend says that Blaise was an excellent physician in his hometown of Sebaste, Armenia, modern-day Silvas, Turkey. When the Bishop of Sebaste died, Blaise was chosen as the new bishop by the popular acclaim “of all the people.” He was said to be a man of great faith and virtue, caring for his people in both body and soul. Many came to him as a physician for physical healing but also received many miracles. Others came to him for spiritual healing, imparted by his deep faith.

Even though Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire in 313, the Governor of Cappadocia began to arrest and kill Christians in 316. Bishop Blaise was among those arrested.

While Blaise was on his way to jail, the mother of a boy who was choking on a fishbone sent her son to Blaise for his prayers. Bishop Blaise miraculously cured him on the spot. Another story relates that on that journey to jail, a woman begged him to save her pig that had been seized by a wolf. When Bishop Blaise ordered the wolf to release the pig, the wolf obeyed. Out of gratitude, the woman brought Blaise two wax candles to light his prison cell.

When Bishop Blaise refused to renounce his Christian faith, he was ripped apart by metal combs used to comb wool and then beheaded.

Today, Saint Blaise is the patron saint of wool combers and animals. More famously, he is the patron saint of diseases of the throat and other illnesses because he healed the boy with a fishbone stuck in his throat, was a physician, and miraculously healed many others of their ailments. Two wax candles are used to bless throats today in memory of the candles that the grateful woman brought to Blaise’s jail cell.

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## Spirituality for Singles

The next *Spirituality for Singles* gathering is 7pm, Saturday, **February 7** and will feature an engaging presentation by the renowned **Tony Bellizzi**.

Join us at **St. Aidan Parish**, 510 Willis Ave., Williston Park.

Ages 40+; \$10 donation. Snacks, pizza and beverages served. Contact Ray 516-561-6994 or [spiritualityforsingles.com](http://spiritualityforsingles.com). If possible, please bring a can or box of food for the St. Aidan Food bank. Thank you.

## Monthly Donations

### December

Parish Stewardship: \$39,544.00

Christmas: \$40,633

National Collections: \$1,723.00

### 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)

## 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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**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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