

# 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 Baptism of the Lord ~ January 11, 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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### Baptism of Christ

Bartolome Murillo, 1655  
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## Liturgy Schedule

**Saturday, January 10**

**3pm Holy Hour and Confessions**

**4pm Mass:** Jozefina Dunajcanova. Dorothy Cutajar

**The Baptism of the Lord, Sunday, January 11**

**8am Mass:** Linda Davidsen

**10:30am Mass:** Tom and Anne Gilhooly,  
Charlotte Beisser

**Monday, January 12**

**8am Mass**

**Tuesday, January 13**

**8am Mass:** Carol DeLucia

**Wednesday, January 14**

**8am Mass**

**Thursday, January 15**

**8am Mass**

**Friday, January 16**

**8am Mass**

**Saturday, January 17**

*Memorial of St. Anthony*

**9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena**

## Let Us Pray

### For Our Deceased

Thomas Costa, Sadie Saracino Mule,  
Michael Romano

### 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.

## Thank You!

*Words cannot express my gratitude for all your prayers during my medical emergency at Christmas Mass. In addition to Fr. Josef's anointing, I know they were responsible for a positive outcome. I felt safe in God's house surrounded by you, my St. Boniface family.*

*Thank you and God bless you!*

*Julie Byrne*

## Holy Hours

### 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

# Reflections on the Readings



*The Baptism of Christ.*

Andrea del Verrocchio and Leonardo da Vinci, 1470-1475.  
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## **The Spirit of Justice**

The last line of today's Gospel refers to the first line of today's first reading. When Jesus was, a voice proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Isaiah opens his prophecy today with the voice of God proclaiming, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased."

Oh, to bring God pleasure! What marvelous joy!

Isaiah envisions that God takes joy in the chosen one. God's choice of a people started the whole story of salvation. When the covenant worked well, the chosen people responded like good servants, stewards of the Word of God. When Israel was pleasing, God put upon the people the Spirit. That Spirit helped them bring forth justice to the nations.

For Christians, all the baptized are God's chosen people, those chosen by God for union with Christ. Upon us God has given a Spirit, to help us bring forth justice to the nations. God's Spirit is anxious to use you to make the world a fairer place.

Have you opened your heart? Can you hear God speak of you, "Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased"

## **New Beginning**

Something happened at the baptism of Jesus. John had been using baptism as a way of ushering people into a new way of life. They turned down a new path on life's journey and placed themselves completely at the service of God.

When Jesus accepted baptism by John, his public ministry began. He worked wonders. He preached about the reign of God. He acquired disciples. He foretold his death and Resurrection. He prayed. He lived for God alone.

When the evangelists searched out how this ministry began, they all turned back to the same moment: the baptism by John.

In Acts of the Apostles, Peter went to the house of Cornelius the Gentile, because Cornelius wanted to know more about Jesus. Peter began teaching by summarizing the life of Jesus.

He did it the same way the evangelists did: God proclaimed peace, "beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached," where "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power."

Many of us can point to a moment when something happened in our lives too. Perhaps there was one day when we started looking at the world a lot differently. We saw more clearly who we were and what God wanted us to be. We pledged to be faithful to the God who loves us, and ever since, we have striven to live out our commitment. No one did it as perfectly as Jesus, but we are all called by God for some purpose.

# Baptism of the Lord

Christmas Time comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, an event recorded in all four Gospels. To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the Divine Son.

Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. The evangelists must have thought the same; as a whole, they downplay the incident. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God.

Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the "epiphany" events or the "manifestations" of Jesus, newly arrived on the biblical scene: the visit of the Magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Prior to 1969, we heard all three of these Scriptures in successive weeks: January 6, January 13, and on the following Sunday. All three stories form a unit because they progressively reveal the identity, the authority, and the power of Jesus.

In today's liturgical calendar, the Sunday readings spread over a three-year cycle. On the Baptism of the Lord, we hear a different evangelist's account each year. Only in year C does the following Sunday feature the Gospel of the Wedding Feast at Cana to unify the three celebrations.

In the United States, we celebrate Epiphany on a Sunday. But in countries where the Epiphany is a holyday of obligation, it is celebrated on January 6. In the United States, the Baptism of the Lord is usually the Sunday after the Epiphany, but if Epiphany comes late, falling on January 6 or 7, the Baptism of the Lord goes to the next day, January 7 or 8, a Monday, in order to make room for the weeks of Ordinary Time.

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## St. Boniface School

**Moderator: Deacon Tom Fox**  
**Sunday, January 11**  
**9 am-10:15 am**

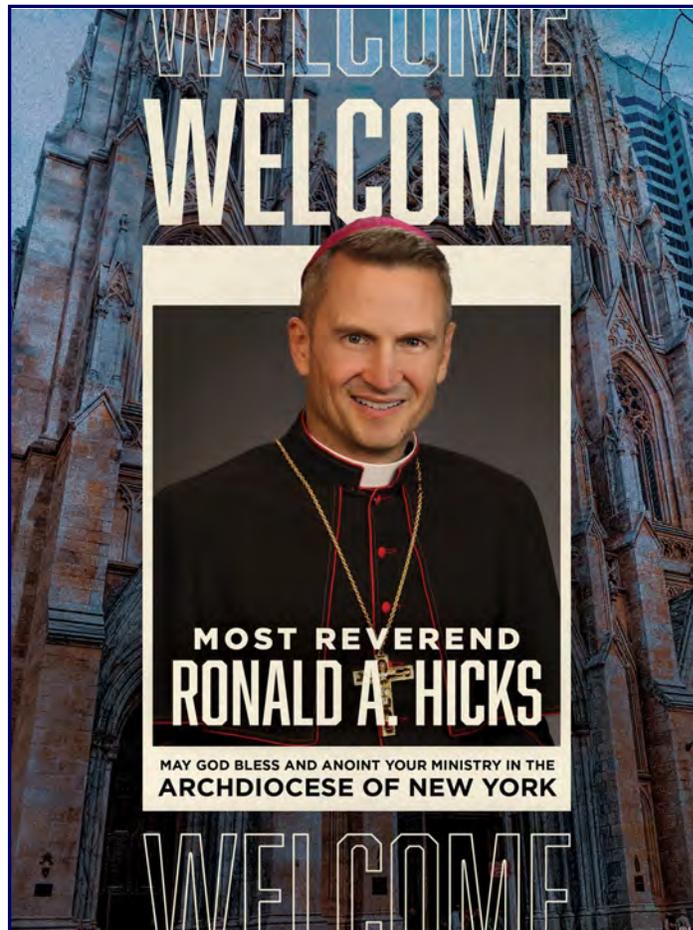
*Peter, Paul, and the Missionary Adventure*

*Join us 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:**

*The Mystical Union of Christ and The Church*

*Check the bulletin board for the **complete** schedule.*



## Events This Week

### Sunday, January 11

9am Catholicism with Deacon Tom

### Monday, January 12

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

### Thursday, January 15

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study

### Saturday, January 17

10am Lay Carmelites

## 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, 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

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?

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: 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 12.**

### 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. Next Meeting:

**January 20**, to discuss *Trusting God in the Present*, by Fr. Jacques Philippe. 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: January 17.**



# MARCH FOR LIFE

**“Life is a Gift”**

*With Every Woman,  
For Every Child.*

**Join us Friday, January 23, 2026 in  
Washington, D.C.**

**Prayer Invitation**

Please join a nationwide prayer effort for the end of abortion and the protection of women and preborn children.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

*Explanation from  
Bishops Broglio and Burbidge  
available by clicking on the QR code*

DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
**Office of Human Life,  
Family and Bioethics**

"We pledge to persevere in prayer, fasting and witnessing to the sacredness of every human life."

- Bishop Barres' statement regarding the U.S. Supreme Court Decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*, June 24, 2022

**Rosary for Life**

JOIN the OFFICE of HUMAN LIFE, FAMILY and BIOETHICS in PRAYER

**Every Friday - 3:00 PM**

Scan for Zoom link:

Email [lhonkanen@drvclife.org](mailto:lhonkanen@drvclife.org) if you would like the link sent to you each week.

Call In #: 1 (646) 876-9923

[www.drvclife.org](http://www.drvclife.org)

## NOTICE FOR FAITH DIRECT USERS

Faith Direct was bought out by ParishSoft. Over the last few months, they have been moving us over to the ParishSoft giving portal and converting all our users to the new system.

If you are encountering any difficulties or issues, please call their Donor Support Line: **866-930-4774 Option 6**, or email [donorsupport@parishsoft.com](mailto:donorsupport@parishsoft.com).

Sorry for any confusion or inconvenience.

Fr. Josef

## 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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**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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