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

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ January 4, 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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Adoration of the Magi

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They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - MATTHEW 2:10-11

Liturgy Schedule

First Saturday, January 3

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: April Meier

The Epiphany of the Lord, January 4

8am Mass: Mary Lou Martin, The Scott Family,
Theresa Connell

10:30am Mass: Kenneth Moore

Monday, January 5: Memorial of St. John Neumann

8am Mass

Tuesday, January 6

8am Mass: Theresa Connell

Wednesday, January 7

8am Mass: Caterina Rabak

Thursday, January 8

8am Mass

Friday, January 9

8am Mass: Sister Alice O'Shaughnessy S.J.

Saturday, January 10

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

Patrick Baca, Thomas Costa

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

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.

Baptisms



*Please pray
for our recently baptized
children and their families:*

John Ciampi IV

Elizabeth Flori

Matthew Gioino

Luke Grossjung

Patrick Kwapisz

Joseph Lambiaso

Cooper Lapone

Brunello Minichino

Mateo Montojo

Jackson O'Day

Noah, Eloise, Rory Parent

Genevieve Riebling

Soren Rober

Kye Seaman

Alexandros Troulakis

Charlotte Verbanac

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

Reflections on the Readings

Caravans of Camels

About those camels, we are not too sure about them. Yes, every nativity scene shows the Magi seated on stately dromedaries, or leading their beasts of burden by bit and rein. But, quite honestly, the story of the Magi never tells us how they got there. They could have traveled on foot, in chariot, on horseback, on elephants, or by camel—but we just do not know. The reason we keep putting them on camels in our art is because of Isaiah’s prophecy. He predicted that caravans of camels would fill Jerusalem and that people from the East would come bearing gold and frankincense. “Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!” he proclaims. “Your light has come.”

In Matthew’s story, the Magi realize that Jerusalem’s light has come. They follow the star and bring their gifts of gold and frankincense. Myrrh, too. By telling about these gifts, Matthew turns our attention back to Isaiah. Reading that prophecy, we realize that the light Isaiah mentioned is the Light of the World, Jesus Christ.

When we see the Magi seated on camels, we are remembering Isaiah. When we remember Isaiah, we remember the light that came to shatter the darkness of our world. Those camels carry hope.

Secret Plan

The birth of Jesus became the worst-kept secret in the history of the world. All along, people knew God had a plan. God had told everyone from Adam and Eve, to Abraham and Sara, to Moses and Miriam, to David and Bathsheba, to Hosea and Gomer, to Mary and Joseph that there was a plan. Nobody fully understood it. Nobody knew how God would bring the plan to fulfillment. But they all believed. They had seen God work mighty deeds in their lives, and they believed that one day the promise of redemption would be fulfilled.

Jesus was God’s secret. When Jesus was born in humble surroundings outside of royalty and pageantry, only a handful of people even began to realize what God had done. But the secret got out. Angels appeared in the sky. Shepherds showed up. And Magi traveled from a faraway land. Everyone was finding out God’s two great surprises: Jesus was born as the promised Messiah, and he came not just for his own race but for all the people of the world. The Letter to the Ephesians says, God’s mystery “was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.” Jesus was born, and he came to save each of us, no matter what family we come from, what we believe, or how we behave. The mystery of God’s love is open now to the whole world.



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Christmas Time

When Does Christmas end?

It depends. If you are asking about the social celebration in the United States, it comes to an end on Christmas Day. Stores take down their decorations. “After Christmas” sales begin. Holiday music disappears from radio stations. And in many homes, people pull down the tree, package up the manger, and tuck away the stockings.

Food is about the only thing left. You’ll probably still have Christmas cookies and leftovers from the big family dinner. But otherwise, evidence of Christmas goes into hiding until sometime next autumn.

It’s different at church. Most Catholic churches in the United States will leave their Christmas decorations up through the end of the liturgical Christmas season, which extends from Christmas Day through the Solemnities of Mary, Mother of God (January 1); Epiphany (the following Sunday); and the Baptism of the Lord (usually the Sunday after Epiphany, but in some years the very next day). The priest and deacon will switch from white vestments to green ones when Ordinary Time begins in earnest after observing the Baptism of the Lord.

This is why you may still see poinsettias and other decorations lasting well into January—but only at church. The decorations are one way that we express our complete belief in the meaning of this day. We have too much to celebrate on December 25. To grasp the full meaning of that day, we extend Christmastime well into January.

You could do the same at your home. Leave some decorations in place—both inside and outside the house. Let your home be a place where Christmas is too big to be restricted to one day. Let the spirit of the season extend into the New Year, spreading its joy that Christ is born for us.

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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

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Events This Week

Sunday, January 4

6:30pm Youth Group

Monday, January 5

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, January 8

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study

Friday, January 9

Women of Faith Book Group

Saturday, January 10

7:30am Men's Ministry

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 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.

St. Vincent de Paul

CONTACT: JOVANNA LEMONDA

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

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 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

Next day group meeting: **Friday January 9** (time TBD), to discuss Scott Hahn's *Angels and Saints*. 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: 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.**

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Fr. Josef

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Parish Information

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****Please note: Early Deadline****

December 26 for the January 4 bulletin. After you receive approval for your submission from Fr. Josef, please email 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 for details.

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