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The Very Reverend Dom Josef Norys, Can. Reg., Pastor

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 26, 2026



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Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 9am, 4pm
Sundays: 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 through Thursdays
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, July 25

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Cecelia Morales, Leo Thomas Mahoney

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time: July 26

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Monika Buczkowski, Salvatore
Alselmo

Monday, July 27

8am Mass

Tuesday, July 28

8am Mass: Benjamin Zabicki

Wednesday, July 29

Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8am Mass

Thursday, July 30

8am Mass

Friday, July 31

Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola

8am Mass: Margaret Torre

First Saturday, August 1

Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori

9am Mass: Tim Brady

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

Marie Blaine, Henri Clermont, Anne Cooney

For Our Sick

Nicole Wollack

*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.*

For Our Military

Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy

Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF

Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army

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Eucharistic Ministry

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

Volunteers Welcome

Our Sunday Hospitality Committee that provides
refreshments after 10:30am Mass on Sundays needs
volunteers.

Do you have some time before or after 10:30am Mass?
Do you love to bake?

Other donated items like juice or water welcome (as are
store bought bakery items.)

If so, you are invited to join us!

When: 10am Sundays set up; 11:45am clean up.

Where: St. Boniface Martyr Church vestibule

Why? Why not?

Benefits: Builds connections between parishioners
and encourages great conversations!

All are welcome! Interested in helping or hosting a
weekend? Email Angeleta at stbonhospitality@gmail.com
(Please see "Sunday Hospitality" on page 7.)

Romans 12:13 - "Practice hospitality."

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**Cathedral, our envelope supplier,
is still having printing issues
and will not be able to mail out
the July envelopes. They hope
to get the August envelopes
out in time. I apologize
for the inconvenience.**

- Fr. Josef



Reflections on the Readings



Knowing What Is Right

The beginning of wisdom is its absence. When we reach inside ourselves and realize what we do not have, we start the journey to attain what we need.

When we speak about someone having “the wisdom of Solomon,” we mean he or she is wise beyond measure. Solomon won that wisdom by first acknowledging he was not smart enough to do the job God had given him to do.

Solomon’s father was David, the greatest of the kings. Solomon followed him while still a youth. He was placed in charge of numerous people. Solomon, not wishing to disappoint God, feared that he lacked the skills necessary for the task. So, he asked God for wisdom to tell right from wrong.

Another leader would have asked for a long life and personal gain, or for riches and pleasure, or for the death of enemies and the removal of fear. But Solomon realized he needed something much more practical for the people he was to lead: the wisdom to know right from wrong.

When we face a decision, the first step may be to acknowledge we do not know the answer. We ask God not for personal gain, but for the gift of knowing what is the right thing to do. That will bring peace.

Good at Faith

If you are good at what you do for a living, you know the joy of being the right person for the right job. Sometimes we grow into the task we have been given. Other times it seems as though we have been predestined for it all along. Somehow the skills we possess and the experiences we have had all led up to the person we are and the job we do.

Throughout our lives we get better at being Christian. We develop skills for prayer, love, service, and understanding. We use them to please God and build up the community. We also experience the joys and depths of the spiritual life. Life’s successes and losses have refined our image of God and the church, making us more mature in faith.

St. Paul tells the Romans that God knew them long ago and predestined them to be conformed to the Son’s image, “so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.”

In God we are predestined, called, justified, and glorified. God knew us from the beginning, called us into service, justified us for salvation, and glorified us in eternal life. As we journey through life, we realize that God knew some things about us long before we did. God knew what tools we would need for the place and time we live. We have hope that God is still working with us and will help us with whatever challenges lie ahead. The reward of glory awaits those who are good at the task of faith.

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Events This Week

Monday, July 27

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, July 28

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

St. Boniface Outreach

Contact Number: 516-676-0676



To quote Randall Wallace, author and film director: "There's just nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." We are looking for people to join the great cadre of pantry volunteers to work at the pantry one Saturday morning for 3 hours every 5 weeks. Stop by any Saturday to see how we work or call

Jody Fleischmann or David Meagher at the number above.

Pantry Needs: Small bags of white rice; canned peas and carrots, beets, and spinach; canned fruit, jelly, paper goods, bath soap, cleaning products, tooth paste, books for children ages 2 to 10 only.

Thrift Shop: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

In the Gospel, we find that the demand of daily Christian living is to spend our life primarily searching for the kingdom of God. This month through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families in need by providing funds for food, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You! We meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please call the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the number above.

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 lrosecsw@hotmail.com for details and registration.

Next Meeting: August 16.

Sundays or Mondays: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center, Room 10 in St. Boniface School 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 for upcoming activities.

Mondays: Prayer Group

Zooms Mondays 7:30-8:30pm. Praise with us! Call John & Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

Women of Faith Book Groups on Summer Hiatus

Meets monthly in the parish center. The morning group meets Saturdays at 10am and the evening group meets first Tuesdays at 7pm. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for details. See 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 on Summer Hiatus

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.

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: August 22.**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola



Íñigo López de Oñaz y Loyola (Ignatius in Latin) was born at the Castle of Loyola in Azpeitia, in modern-day Gipuzkoa, Spain. After his parents' deaths, Ignatius' duties as a page for a noble family fed his dream of becoming a great military officer. Becoming a soldier at age seventeen, he fought in many battles and rose in rank over the next twelve years. Wounded in 1521, Ignatius lay bedridden for months as his leg healed. Desiring books on chivalry and romance to combat boredom, he instead was given *The Life of Christ* and *Flowers of the Saints*. Reading and re-reading the two books led him to imagine living a saintly life. As his mind wandered between Christ and the saints and then romance and chivalry, he noticed that the worldly thoughts left him feeling dry and sad, but his thoughts about Christ and the saints inspired and enthused him long after his daydream ended.

After his recovery, Ignatius journeyed to the town of Montserrat. For three days, he prepared for a general confession of the sins of his whole life. During his confession, Ignatius revealed his intention to devote his life to God's service. After his confession, he consecrated himself to our Lord and our Blessed Mother, and spent the night in prayer.

Ignatius then journeyed to the town of Manresa where he spent much time in silence and solitude, devoted long hours to prayer, attended daily Mass, engaged in severe penances, sought spiritual counsel, and studied the Gospels. Ignatius experienced deep spiritual insights and consolations from God, followed by intense interior trials that left him agitated and struggling. In his struggles, he sensed the evil one saying that he could never keep up his holy life. The evil one tried to lead him to doubt and despair, but Ignatius ultimately rebuked his lies and resolved to follow God's will. Ignatius also suffered scruples, recalling sins he had committed that he feared

he had never confessed. The severe struggle led him to briefly consider suicide. In the end, God helped Ignatius discern that his irrational thinking was from the evil one, freeing him from that burden.

In Manresa, Ignatius fasted and communicated regularly with Mary and Jesus, who revealed deep truths to his soul, and began writing a spiritual classic in the Church: *The Spiritual Exercises*. The *Spiritual Exercises* are a guide for a structured retreat. Ideally, an individual enters into silence and solitude for thirty days. A spiritual director leads the individual through Saint Ignatius' structure that provides the retreatant with daily directions and rules to help discern God's will. [The 19th Annotation, or *Retreat in Daily Life*, adapts the *Spiritual Exercises* for people who cannot make a 30-day retreat by spreading the Exercises over several months through weekly prayer, readings, and meditation.]

After this period of prayer and completing the first draft of his exercises, Ignatius spent several years studying in Spain and Paris where he met future saints Francis Xavier and Peter Faber. In 1537, Ignatius and his companions moved to Venice and were ordained priests. In 1540, the three co-founded the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. The following year, Ignatius was elected superior, a role he would hold until his death. Over the next two decades, the Jesuits grew to 1,000 members, served in thirty-five schools they founded, and became missionaries. Over the next century, they played a significant role in the Catholic Counter-Reformation, staunchly defending orthodoxy and the pope.

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Registration: We welcome new members to our parish family. Please contact the parish office.

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Parish Trustees: Donna Calamis, Vincent Agosta

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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.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): 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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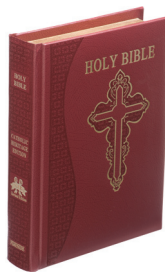
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