



# Church of St. Boniface Martyr

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ July 27, 2025**



*The Importunate Neighbour*

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## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday: 9am, 4pm;  
Sunday: 8am, 10:30am  
Mondays - Fridays: 8am

## **Holy Day Masses**

8am, 7pm

## **Confessions**

Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

## **Church Hours**

6am - 6pm

## **Holy Hours**

3pm Saturdays (Church);  
2pm Wednesdays (Chapel)

## **Parish Office Hours**

Tuesdays thru Thursdays:  
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

## **Parish Information**

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## Liturgy Schedule

### Saturday, July 26

**8am Mass**

**3pm Holy Hour and Confessions**

**4pm Mass:** Elizabeth and Nicholas Fabijanic

The bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the Mass were donated in loving memory of **Donald Sinclair** by Diva and Ed Corbelletta.

### Sunday, July 27

**8am Mass:** Gretchen McNamara Wrape

**10:30am Mass:** Nan Phillips, Donald Sinclair, Eileen Boris, James and Grace Fanning

### Monday, July 28

**8am Mass:** Benjamin Zabicki

### Tuesday, July 29

*Memorial of Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus*

**8am Mass:** Ed and Diva Corbelletta

### Wednesday, July 30

**8am Mass:** Joan Ellen Arnao

**2pm Holy Hour**

### Thursday, July 31: *Memorial of St. Ignatius*

**8am Mass**

### First Friday, August 1

*Memorial of St. Alphonsus Liguori*

**8am Mass:** Timothy Brady

### First Saturday, August 2

**9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena**

## Let Us Pray

### For Our Deceased

Don Sinclair

### For Our Sick

Patrick Baca, Bea Bohm, Agnes Brown, Margaret Geheb, Martha Rendon

*Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com to renew your loved one's name. Requests must be made by a family member.*

### Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

If you know someone who is homebound and would like to have someone bring them Holy Communion, please call Jovanna Lemonda at 516-676-0676 x124.

### For Our Military

Lieutenant Commander Melissa Buffa, US Navy

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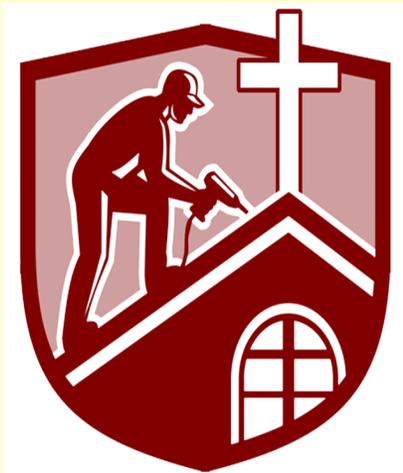
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## ST. BONIFACE NEW ROOF PROJECT

*After years of patches and temporary repairs  
on the Church, School and Rectory roofs,  
it is now time to replace them.*

**Your Support is Needed!**

*Please help us protect our parish buildings  
for future generations.*

## Events This Week

### Monday, July 28

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

### Thursday, July 31

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

## St. Boniface Outreach

Jody Fleischmann & David Meagher: 676-0676 x125

### Outreach Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers 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 Jody at 16-676-0676 x 125

### NEW PANTRY NEEDS

**jelly, cereal, soups, canned beets,**

**solid white tuna, canned spinach,**

**canned mixed vegetables, spaghetti sauce,**

**canned peas and carrots, assorted pasta items,**

**assorted bags of dry beans,**

**assorted personal hygiene items.**

**Thrift Shop:** Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

## St. Vincent de Paul

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our "Father" and just as a parent's love for their children is unlimited, so is God's love and care for us unlimited.

In the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families with grocery, utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7pm. For details, or if you know of a neighbor in need, please contact Jovanna Lemonda at 676-0676 x124.

## Ministry Meetings

### Third Sundays: Bereavement Support Group

Meets in St. Boniface School, 12 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff, monthly at 2pm and is facilitated by two experienced grief counselors, Dr. David Meagher and Linda Rose. No fee, but PRE-registration required. For details and registration, contact David Meagher at davidkmeagher@gmail.com, 516-676-0676 x131; or lrosecsw@hotmail.com.

### Mondays: Youth Group

8th-12th graders are invited to the Youth Center, Room 10 in St. Boniface School, on Mondays 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.

### 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 Group on Summer Hiatus

The Tuesday evening and Friday morning book groups will resume in September. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for more information. Check out our "lending library" shelf in the vestibule for books our groups have enjoyed.

### Thursdays: Knitting Circle

Meets weekly at 7pm in the parish center. Beginners welcome. For details, please call Nancy Furlong 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. Call 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. Email richlucidi40@gmail.com for more information. Next Meeting: September 13.

### 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. Please call Flora at 516-656-9375 or Ann Hunt at 516-676-0330 for more information.

# Reflections on the Readings

## Haggling with God

If your best friend does you a favor, you will want to return it. Sometimes you can get someone to do a favor if you promise some kindness in return. You might have to negotiate. You might have to give up more than you thought. But you can barter and sustain the friendship.

One of the most delightful passages in the Old Testament is the negotiation between God and Abraham. Both have entered a covenant as friends, although they are not at all equals. Still, Abraham negotiates with God about the number of righteous people who might be found in Sodom and Gomorrah. Abraham speaks humbly of himself in the presence of God's majesty, yet he boldly asks for a better and better deal.

The passage is delightful until we realize what they are negotiating over: the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. God has condemned the city for its misdeeds, but Abraham pleads on behalf of the innocent. This dainty conversation concerns the serious business of saving human lives.

In our friendship with God, we often negotiate in a similar way. "Let my mother live, O God, and I will always treat her with respect." "Let me not get into trouble for my sin, O God, and I will always keep my room clean." "Let me get out of debt, O God, and I will give 10 percent of all I own to the church." We barter. The conversation delights God's ears. God loves the people of the covenant

## The Best Policy

Our society may poke fun at lawyers, but there are times when we need them, and a good one is priceless. If you have been wrongly accused, you need help to clear the record. If you have a traffic ticket, you want someone to present your side. If you are guilty, and you know it, and you do not want to get out of it, you just want to admit it, to bring peace to yourself and your neighbor—a good lawyer can help you make courageous steps to a new and rewarding life.

Whenever we sin, we are tempted to lie about it and to get someone to lie with us. Facing the truth seems so horrible that we would rather cover it up.

But that is not freedom. That is slavery to falsehood. Freedom is admitting our wrong, accepting the consequences, and realizing who we are and what we believe.

The Letter to the Colossians says that Christ has taken care of our transgressions. He has forgiven them, "obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us." Christ did more than a typical lawyer could do. He is lawyer, victim, and judge. He is the one against whom we have sinned, the one who advocates on our behalf, and the one who can decide the punishment. With all that power, Christ chooses forgiveness.

When we are honest, Christ makes us free

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# Martha, Mary & Lazarus



*Christ in the House of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus*  
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“Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” is how John’s Gospel describes Jesus’ special relationship with the three siblings we honor on July 29 (John 11:5). Jesus’ authentic humanity included forming friendships and spending time with friends. He ate and laughed with them, listened to them, and loved them. From Heaven, Jesus extends His perfect human and divine love to everyone.

A journey Jesus and His disciples take from Galilee to Jerusalem introduces Martha and Mary. Luke 10:38–42 tells the familiar story of Jesus, the dinner guest, entering their home in Bethany. As Jesus reclines, Mary listens at His feet.

Martha, busy preparing the meal, asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her. Jesus responds, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” Martha would not have spoken so bluntly, in an almost critical way to Jesus, if she did not know Him well. Though she is frustrated, her meal preparation is a labor of love, important to the siblings’ friendship with Jesus. The image of Mary sitting at Jesus’ feet represents the contemplative life to which we are all called. The “better part” reminds us that prayer is most important. Our activity and good works pale in comparison. Only when adoration of God comes first, do good works follow.

In John’s Gospel, the siblings first appear near the end of Jesus’ public ministry, just prior to the first Holy Week (see John 11:1–44).

The story makes clear that Jesus and His apostles know the three siblings from Bethany well. Lazarus is close to death when Martha and Mary summon Jesus. Jesus waits for two days until Lazarus dies before going to Bethany, conversing with Mary and Martha, and raising Lazarus from the dead. In her conversation with Jesus, Martha witnesses to faith, “I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

In contrast, Mary stayed home, sorrowful, perhaps sulking. When Martha tells Mary that Jesus wants to see her, she goes to Him in apparent despair. The Gospel says that Jesus became “perturbed” at Mary’s weeping. The Greek word means, “He snorted in spirit,” perhaps a response to Mary’s lack of hope. After this, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

In John 12:1–8, Jesus is at dinner in Bethany with Martha, Mary, and the risen Lazarus, just six days before Passover and His death. Mary pours a “liter of costly perfumed oil” on Jesus’ feet, drying them with her hair. Though some have associated this act with the tearful sinful woman in Luke 7:36–39, the two women might or might not be the same. Clearly, Jesus’ anointing in Bethany is not the same as the anointing in the Galilee home of Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7. Was Mary of Bethany the sinful woman? Did she anoint Him in Galilee and then again in Bethany? Most modern scholars agree that she is not Mary Magdalene. So, there might be two, or even three, women who have been confused together: Mary Magdalene, Mary of Bethany, and the sinful woman in Luke 7.

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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, 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, Jeff Schneider, 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 676-0676 x130 or [stbonRCIA@gmail.com](mailto:stbonRCIA@gmail.com) for details.

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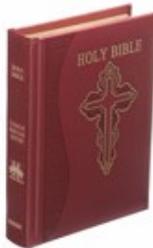
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