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Fourth Sunday of Lent: Laetare Sunday ~ March 15, 2026



Healing of the Man Born Blind. Orazio de Ferrari, 17th Century. Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

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 through
Thursdays
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, March 14

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Vincent & Sofie Martone,
Bernadette Salvador

Laetare Sunday: 4th of Lent, March 15

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Lorraine Muller, Jasper Cutrone,
Salvatore Anselmo

Monday, March 16

8am Mass: Fr. Matthew

Tuesday, March 17

Feast of St. Patrick

8am Mass: Jacqueline Mc Gloughlin

Wednesday, March 18

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary

8am Mass: Helene Russo

Thursday, March 19

8am Mass: Lisa Marie Cooper

Friday, March 20

8am Mass

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

In Thanksgiving for Warren "Chip" Sassa

Banns of Marriage

*Thomas Cavese
and
Lauren Martinez*



Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat. The norms concerning abstinence are binding on those from the age of 14 onwards. GOOD FRIDAY is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

John Sweeney

For Our Sick

Bobby McDonald, Jenna Solomito

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

Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy

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Eucharistic Ministry

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

Join us
for the Stations of the Cross
7pm Fridays in Lent



St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



*Master of the Female Half-Lengths, circa 1520-1540
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Of all the men in Israel that the Father in Heaven could have chosen to be Jesus' foster father, He chose Joseph of Nazareth, a carpenter. His solemnity on March 19 honors Joseph and points us to his marital union with the Blessed Virgin Mary and the effect that their marriage had not only on the Holy Family, but also upon us as members of the Body of Christ.

Joseph was born in the small town of Bethlehem but moved to Nazareth with Mary and Jesus after returning from Egypt in order to keep Jesus safe from Archelaus, the ruler of Judea. Nothing is known about Joseph for certain except what is contained in the Gospels. But the Gospels tell us all we need to know about this holy, obedient, and just man, who was given authority over the Son of God and continues to exercise a holy authority over the entire Church.

Saint Joseph was obedient to the Father in Heaven, and that obedience deepened his union with Mary his spouse, making their marriage the ideal family for the Son of God. Saint Joseph's obedience is clearly seen in his response to four dreams by which an angel instructs Joseph how best to guard and protect the Son of God. Joseph acts immediately, in obedience, to the angel's instructions.

St. Joseph's obedience to the Father enables him to become a powerful instrument of the Father's authority on earth, exercised through him. Saint Joseph exercised the authority of the Father by protecting the Son of God and expecting obedience from the Son as His earthly father. That Jesus was obedient to Joseph is made clear in the Gospels: "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them..." (Luke 2:52).

On December 8, 1847, Pope Pius IX declared Saint Joseph to be the Universal Patron and Protector of the Catholic Church. This unique title reflects the same truth that Mary is the Mother of God and the Mother of the entire Church. Since Joseph was the father of the Son of God, His guardian and protector, over whom he was given authority, and from Whom he received obedience, then we, too, can trust in Joseph's guardianship over us.

Saint Joseph was not perfect, but his absolute obedience to the Father's will and his unity in marriage to the Mother of God makes him our father, just as he was the father of Jesus. As a loving father, he will direct us with the authority of God the Father, will protect us in times of trouble, and is the one uniquely chosen to be the father of the family to which we belong.

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**The St. Boniface Faith Formation Program
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**The
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"The Last Supper"

Moderator: Deacon Tom Fox

Sundays after 10:30am Mass

Parish Center Chapel

March 15 March 22 March 29

Bishop Barres Celebrated Mass February 28



Bishop Barres' Lent Letter

Lent 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In this Lenten season 2026, we offer our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving for the Light of Christ's peace and justice to heal the many troubled parts of our nation and world.

Amid so many global and national crises, it is essential that we be guided and inspired by the Word of God. This Lent, let us rededicate ourselves to being deeply biblical Catholics on fire with the Word of God.¹

In Saint Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (2:8-10), the Apostle writes: "The Word of God is not bound," or as another translation renders it, "The Word of God cannot be chained."

The Church of Santa Maria in Via Lata in Rome, near to both the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon, is traditionally taken as the site of Saint Paul's imprisonment in the Eternal City. Beneath this holy church stands an ancient, freestanding granite column that I visited and prayed at on May 17, 2024.

Etched into that ancient column is the Latin phrase for "The Word of God is not bound." The column also has rust marks indicating that a chain — possibly the one discovered archaeologically in an adjacent well — was wrapped around it.

How powerful it was to place my hands on that granite column and to touch with my fingers the words of Saint Paul! In my ecclesial mission as the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, that memorable day I asked Saint Paul for his intercession that each one of us in the Diocese of Rockville Centre could be as bold and as audacious in proclaiming that the Word of God cannot be chained!

The Word of God cannot be chained in our own lives and in the lives of our families! The Word of God bursts through our sin, paralyses, and resistances to change, and ignites our own Road to Damascus conversions! The Word of God breaks down the self-imposed prison doors of addiction, ego, pride, selfishness, and narcissism, and refocuses our lives on Christ and his call to rejoice! The Word of God cannot be chained by sin, war, terrorism, racism, injustice, poverty,² or disrespect for the sanctity and dignity of human life!² The Word of God cannot be chained in the global mission of the Catholic Church, regardless of the 21st century persecutions and martyrdoms she experiences!³

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, and in communion and mission with our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, I thank each of you for the way you "cast fire on the earth" (Luke 12:49) through your daily reading, meditating, praying, contemplating, and living the inspired Sacred Scriptures.

Be assured of my prayers for a blessed Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres

Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ See Bishop Barres' Pastoral Letter *God's Word is Living and Effective* available at www.drvc.org. ² See Pope Leo XIV's 2025 Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexit Te (On Love of the Poor)* available at www.vatican.va. See *Antiqua et Nova, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Culture and Education's January 14, 2025, Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence* available at www.vatican.va. See Robert Royal, *The Martyrs of the New Millennium: The Global Persecution of Christians in the Twenty-First Century*, (New York: Sophia Institute Press, 2025).

Events This Week

Sunday, March 15

11:30am The Chosen: *The Last Supper* with Deacon Tom
2pm Bereavement Group

Monday, March 16

6:30pm Youth Group
7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Wednesday, March 18

7pm St. Vincent dePaul Society Meeting

Thursday, March 19

7pm Knitting Circle
7:30pm Scripture Study

Friday, March 20

7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21

10am Lay Carmelite Meeting

See the bulletin board in the vestibule for more events.
Visit www.saintboniface.org for the parish calendar.

St. Boniface Outreach

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to accept deliveries and/or to pick up food for 2 hours
1-2 mornings per month for 2 hours on Tuesday or
Thursday. For details, call Jody Fleischmann and David
Meagher at the number above.

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

THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe. Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of those in need. 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 lrosecswhotmail.com for details and registration.
Next Meeting: March 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](https://www.instagram.com/stbonyg). Join our facebook page 'St. Boniface Martyr Youth Group'. Contact Youth Minister, April, at 516-297-9886 or stbonym@gmail.com.
Next Meeting: Monday, March 16.
Please see the full schedule posted in the vestibule.

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 next day meeting is TBA. The evening group meets on 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 brkmit@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: April 11.**

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: March 21.**

Parish Parking

You may have noticed that we recently placed a “No Parking” sign at the entrance to our parking lot. This was added to prevent long-term parking by neighbors, and to ensure that spaces remain available for AHRC, CYO, parishioners attending Mass, and those coming for parish events.

Please know that this sign is not intended to restrict parish use of the lot in any way.

Monthly Donations

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Stewardship: \$32,940

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Early Deadlines: Palm Sunday, March 29 deadline:

Thursday, March 19. Easter Sunday, April 5 deadline:

Thursday, March 26. Once you receive approval from Fr. Josef, please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com. For best results, submit prior to deadline. Intentions requested after deadline will not appear in the bulletin.

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CYO: Kevin Kelly; stboncyo@gmail.com

Virtus Coordinator: Christine Whited; stbonvirtus@gmail.com

Bereavement Support: David Meagher; davidkmeagher@gmail.com

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.

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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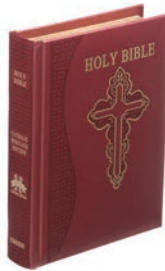
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