

## 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

## First Sunday of Lent: March 9, 2025

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

Holy Day Masses 8am, 7pm

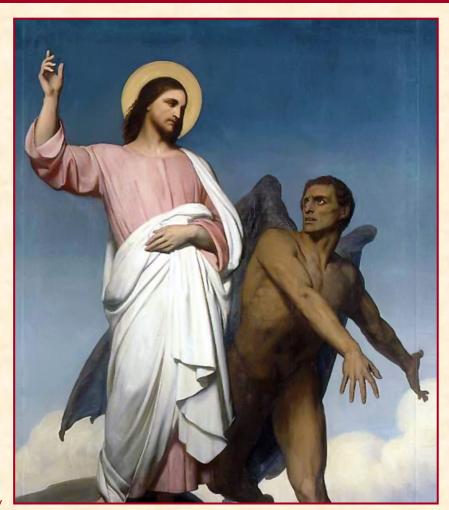
**Confessions** Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

**Church Hours** 6am - 6pm

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

**Parish Office Hours** Tuesdays through Thursdays: 9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

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**The Temptation of Christ** Ary Scheffer, 1854. Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

## Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, March 8 3pm Holy Hour and Confession 4pm Mass: William Gill, Judith Cunnius

#### First Sunday of Lent, March 9

8am Mass 10:30am Mass: Robert Pisciotta, Elsa Garcia-Cano, Sioban Rack

Monday, March 10 8am Mass

Tuesday, March 11 8am Mass

Wednesday, March 12 8am Mass 2pm Holy Hour

Thursday, March 13 8am Mass

Friday, March 14 8am Mass: Irene Raussen 7pm Stations of the Cross

#### Saturday, March 15

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena Jonathan Kavanagh

## Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased Peggy Niper

**For Our Sick** Bea Bohm, Josephine Marra, Lorraine Petschauer, Annette Ragusa.

Names will remain on the sick list for six weeks. Please email stbonbulletin@gmail.com to renew your loved one. 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 Captain Nicholas Cavallone USAF Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army Jake A. Hojnowski, Sailor E-3, US Navy Christian Pace Laderer, MMN3, US Navy First Lieutenant 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.



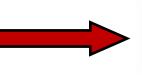
### ST. BONIFACE NEW ROOF PROJECT www.saintboniface.org/roof

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## **Events This Week**

Sunday, March 9 9am Bell Choir Rehearsal 9:15am Faith Formation Family & Gr. 8 Confessions 11:30am The Chosen

Monday, March 10 6:30pm Youth Group 7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Group Zoom

#### Tuesday, March 11

4pm Faith Formation 4th and 5th Grades 5:30pm Faith Formation Gr. 6-8 & Gr. 8 Confessions 7pm Women of Faith Book Group

**Thursday, March 13** 7pm Knitting Circle 7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

**Friday, March 14** 10:30am Women of Faith Book Group 7pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15 10am Lay Carmelites

## St. Boniface Outreach

Jody Fleischmann & David Meagher: 676-0676 x125 <u>OUTREACH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!</u>

We are looking for volunteers to accept deliveries and/or pick up food. Commitment: 1-2 mornings per month for 2 hours on Tuesday or Thursday. For more details, call Jody at 676-0676 x125.

**The Pantry** is in need of: jelly, cereal, mac & cheese, spaghetti sauce, canned corn, canned beets, solid white tuna, canned peas and carrots, soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

## St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As Lent begins, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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**

We meet in St. Boniface School, 12 Main Avenue, Sea Cliff. The group meets monthly 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 and Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

#### **Tuesdays & Fridays: Women of Faith Book Group**

Meets monthly in the Parish Center at 10:30am Fridays, 7pm Tuesdays and 7:30pm zoom the following Tuesday. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for more details.

#### **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**

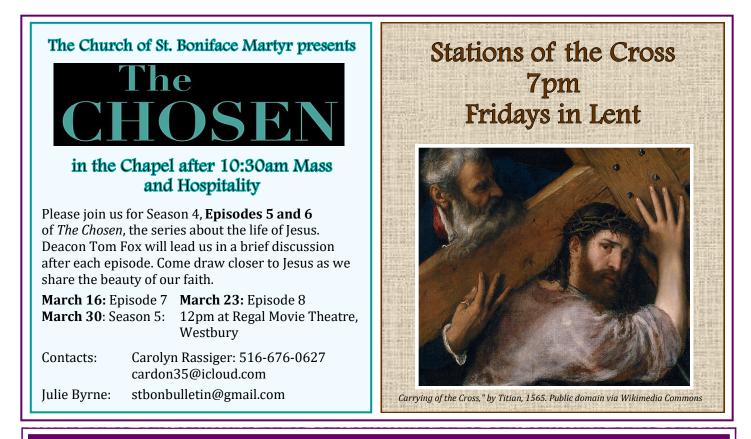
Zooms Thursdays from 7:30pm–8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. Call John and Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

#### Second Saturdays: Men's Ministry

Meets monthly on the second Saturday of the month from 7:30am to 8:45am. Join us in Room 11 in St. Boniface School for a bit of breakfast, prayer, videos and discussion. Next meeting **April 12**. Email richlucidi40@gmail.com for more info.

#### **Third Saturdays: Third Order Lay Carmelites**

Meets monthly 10am-12pm in the parish center. Lay Carmelites of St. Titus Brandsma 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.



# **LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE:** Fridays are obligatory days of abstinence from meat for those age14 and older. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence, obligatory from age 18 to 59. When fasting, a person may eat one full meal and two smaller meals that together are not equal to one full meal.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE 2025

#### PALM SUNDAY: April 12-13

Saturday: 4pm Mass Sunday: 10am Mass begins with Blessing of Palms and Procession at the Parish Center (NO 8am Mass) Easter Egg Hunt after 10am Mass

#### **RECONCILIATION MONDAY: April 14**

2pm-4pm and 6-9pm Confession

SPY WEDNESDAY: April 16

4pm Stations of the Cross for Children

#### HOLY THURSDAY: April 17

9am Morning Prayer 7pm Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration at Altar of Repose until 10pm 10pm Night Prayer; Conclusion

#### GOOD FRIDAY: April 18

9am Morning Prayer 3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 7pm Stations of the Cross

#### HOLY SATURDAY: April 19

9am Morning Prayer 12pm Blessing of the Food NO CONFESSIONS ~ NO 4pm MASS 8:30pm Easter Vigil

#### EASTER SUNDAY: April 20

9:30am Mass 11:30am Mass

#### DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Lent 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is no coincidence that the global inauguration of our 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope occurred on the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The Jubilee Year of Hope in this 2025 Lenten season runs through the family and fidelity to the splendors of the liberating and objective truths of Christ and the Catholic Church on Marriage and the Family.

Lenten prayer, fasting and almsgiving lead individual family members to Christ's light of conversion and repentance. Conversion and repentance, in turn, open families to a family spirit and daily chemistry animated by the Holy Spirit. Family patterns ensnared in the ruts of sin become family patterns transformed by the grooves of grace. humility, charity and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Jubilee Year of Hope runs through every family experiencing Christ's Cross: grief, tragedy, crisis, tension, alienation and transition.

Pope Francis emphasized: "All of us have received the gift and task of bringing hope wherever hope has been lost, lives broken, promises unkept, dreams shattered and hearts overwhelmed by adversity. We are called to bring hope to the weary who have no strength to carry on, the lonely oppressed by the bitterness of failure, and all those who are broken-hearted. To bring hope to the interminable, dreary days of prisoners, to the cold and dismal lodging of the poor, and to all those places desecrated by war and violence. To bring hope there, to sow hope there."1

The Holy Family was a refugee family and they are deeply present today to every struggling refugee family in the world to rekindle their hope. The Lenten season of the Jubilee Year of Hope reminds us that while all families are imperfect and have their problems and challenges, all families are called to grow together in holiness and a missionary spirit.

And so we heed the powerful words of St. Paul as they apply to our daily family life: "Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness. humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another... Let the peace of Christ control your hearts... Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (Colossians 3:12-17)

Our Lady invites us to have a pondering heart as we contemplate God's providential design in the past, present and future of our families, especially as we begin this Lenten season in the Jubilee Year of Hope. In unity with the Holy Family, our own families are called to transform the world and history with Christ's love and the mission of mercy of the Church which He Himself founded.

In the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, the Church presents us with the canonizations of soon-to-be Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006), and Saint Piergiorgio Frassati (1900-1924). As children, teenagers and young adults, they helped Christ transform their own families with their faith and their holiness as they helped Christ transform the Church and the world to this day. Together, they are asking every young Catholic to do the same in their time, in their place and in their own family.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for us and our extended families to east the nets of Eucharistic charity throughout Long Island. understanding that the Eucharist is a "Fountain of Charity" -- a Fountain of the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, a Fountain of the Gospel of Life and a Fountain of every dimension of Catholic Social Justice teaching.

As the Successor of the Apostles on Long Island, I want to thank every Catholic family on Long Island and beyond for being Lights of Christ's Hope and Lights of Catholic evangelization to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,

Joh O Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres Bishop of Rockville Centre

Francis, "Opening of the Holy Door and Midnight Mass: Homily" (1/24/24). https://www.vatican.va/content]francesco/en/homilies/2024/documents/20241224-omelia-natale. html

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## This WEEK at HOME

#### Monday, March 10

#### Lord, When Did I Serve You?

Almsgiving during Lent is often solely thought of as donating money to those who are impoverished. This is a partial understanding of almsgiving; during Lent, we are also called to give of our time, performing acts of charity and serving others. Today, set aside time to pray with the Gospel. Contemplate how you might feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the ill, or visit the imprisoned. Commit to an act of service, and schedule a time to serve this week.

#### **Tuesday, March 11**

#### Do Not Babble

Jesus warns the disciples not to babble when they pray. Today, spend time in silence, just you and God. Begin by praying the Our Father. It may be easy to breeze past this prayer we hear often, so spend time sitting with the words. What stands out to you? Share this in conversation with God. End your prayer with a phrase of gratitude.

#### Wednesday, March 12

#### A Clean Heart

Though we are part of a different generation than the crowd gathered around Jesus in today's Gospel, much evil is still in our generation. Consider how you might repent and condemn the evil you encounter. If you are able, make plans to go to confession sometime this week. Pray with today's psalm, focusing on the request to God: "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; / in the greatness of your compassion, wipe out my offense. / Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. / A clean heart create for me, O God, / and a steadfast spirit renew within me."

#### Thursday, March 13 *Come to Help*

In today's first reading, we hear Esther cry out to the Lord for help. The psalmist praised the Lord, for he answers our prayers. Today, instead of lifting up your petitions to God, shift your attention to the needs of others. Who is crying out in anguish in your community? How can you work with the Lord to answer their call for help?

#### Friday, March 14

#### **Be Reconciled**

Jesus reminds his disciples that reconciliation is crucial to living out our faith. In today's first reading, the prophet Ezekiel calls us to reflect: "Is it my [the Lord's] way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair?" Today, reflect on a relationship you have with someone you may have hurt. Write an apology down. Bring your reflection to confession, the person to whom you are apologizing, or both.

#### Saturday, March 15

#### Love Your Enemy

It is easy to love those who love us. Today, we hear Jesus challenge his disciples to turn to those who persecute them and love them. As Christians, we are called to do the same—even when it is difficult to do so, we are called to love others. If you are able, go to daily Mass today. Spend time praying for someone who has hurt you. Ask God for the strength to let go of your hurt and for the grace to love even those who have hurt us.

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## Reflections on the Readings



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#### **Offering the Fruits of Our Labor**

Very few people pay their taxes willingly. We try to find ways around paying income tax. We often contribute to charities, not just because we will feel good about supporting their cause, but because our gift is tax deductible. Some people give only to save.

Imagine a different kind of society. Imagine a place where people know their taxes provide good roads, good schools, a fire department, and a recycling service. Imagine people believing so strongly in these goals that they gladly pay their taxes and even contribute additional funds. Imagine that as they pay taxes each year, each person makes a statement renewing citizenship, professing a belief in the community's goals and reverence for its past. In such a society, individuals would care more for the community than for themselves. In the Old Testament, Moses instructed the people to perform this kind of action. They prepared a basket of their first fruits and brought it to their religious leader.

There they made a statement of faith, beginning with, "My father was a wandering Aramean." They recounted the history of God's interventions in the lives of their ancestors. They acknowledged their dependence on the faith of their parents and on the goodness of God. Consequently, they brought their gift in gratitude.

Did everyone really do what Moses asked? If they were like us, probably not. But just imagine. Imagine if we did this as a society. Or as a church.

#### **Heart and Mouth**

On the First Sunday of Lent the catechumens of the church gather at the cathedral for the rite of election. Their godparents testify that the catechumens have prepared for Baptism, and the bishop announces that the church chooses them ("elects" them) for the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The catechumens set an example of faith at the beginning of Lent. Throughout this season we all rely in faith on the forgiveness of Christ. He who chose us will forgive us and redirect our steps. All it takes from us is faith.

Paul's Letter to the Romans says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." The belief we hold in our hearts rises up to our lips. In what we do and say, we demonstrate to all around us what we believe: that Jesus is Lord.

The catechumens will make that belief explicit at the Easter Vigil. Three times they will be asked, "Do you believe?" And three times they will answer, "I do." Then all of us will be asked the same—three times, "Do you believe?" And three times we will answer, "I do." Between now and then we spend our days in repentance and prayer, anxious for any chance to proclaim with our lips the faith in our hearts: Jesus is Lord.

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# **COFFEE with JESUS**

#### Lenten Reflections on the Meaning of Season in Christian Life



## Join Bishop Andrzej

All Fridays of Lent March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11 at 3 pm for Webinar Lenten Reflections

> Registration Required Call Suzanne at 516.744.6850 or email - <u>westernvicariate@drvc.org</u> to receive Zoom Webinar Link



## Monthly Donations

#### **February**

Stewardship: \$28,327 Maintenance & Repair: \$1,497

#### **Faith Direct**

Signing up for e-giving is easy. You can set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

## **Parish Information**

Our parish online calendar is available to the public! Go to our website: www.saintboniface.org and be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule for upcoming events not listed 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, Kevin Burke, Julie Byrne, Donna Calamis, John Canning, Karen Croce, Jody Fleischmann, Kevin Kelly, Maryellen Kerr, Eileen Krieb, Jovanna Lemonda, Rich Lucidi, 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 for details.

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