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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 11, 2026



The Parable of the Wedding Feast; Francisco Goya, circa 1796-97. 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 - Thursdays
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

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Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, October 10

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Bernie McCormack, Joseph Vulpis

*The altar bread, wine, candles and sanctuary lamp used in this week's celebrations of the Mass were donated in loving memory of **Joseph Vulpis** by his family.*

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 11

8am Mass: Edward Eder

10:30am Mass: Jean Quartarolo, Jerry Moran, Bob Truzzolino

Monday, October 12

8am Mass

Tuesday, October 13

8am Mass: Joseph McGarry Costello

Wednesday, October 14

8am Mass: William (Bill) Martin

Thursday, October 15: *Memorial of St. Teresa*

8am Mass: Erika Lauren Serrago

Friday, October 16

8am Mass: Mallory Jasinski

Saturday, October 17: *Memorial of St. Ignatius of Antioch*

9am Mass: Dorothy Gonder

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

For Our Sick

Matthew Gamboa, Rich Martin, Marilyn Martone, 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
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Eucharistic Ministry

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

Sunday Hospitality

Do you have time before or after 10:30am Mass?

Do you love to bake?

If so, you are invited to join us!

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

Where: St. Boniface Martyr Church vestibule

All are welcome!

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

Please consider joining this Ministry. St. Boniface Hospitality is one of the many things that makes our parish so special.

Are you or interested in helping, or are you or your Ministry able to host a weekend? Please email Angeleta at stbonhospitality@gmail.com. Please see "Sunday Hospitality" on page 7.

Banns of Marriage

*Please pray for
Thomas McCarthy and Angela Barbieri
as they prepare to enter into the
Sacrament of Matrimony
at the Church of St. Boniface Martyr
on October 12, 2026*



*Please pray for
Thomas Natal and Kathryn Contrelli
as they prepare to enter into the
Sacrament of Matrimony
at the Church of St. Boniface Martyr
on October 17, 2026*

Reflections on the Readings

The Banquet of Life

Death creeps into our lives secretly. We lose members of our families and close friends. We buckle up in the car as an unreflective admission that each trip poses mortal danger.

We age and experience the gradual loss of our abilities. For those who believe in Christ, death is but a passageway to eternity. The funeral rites of the church help us ritualize our belief even as we mourn our loss.

Isaiah offers images of God's providence that fit the hope of Christians. He imagines a new Jerusalem, settled on God's holy mountain. In his vision, God provides a rich banquet—not just minimal food for the hungry, not just basic sustenance, but a banquet in which God's people taste delight. Isaiah imagines death as a veil that covers everyone, a web woven over all the nations. But in this vision, that veil is fragile, subject to destruction by God's deliberate might.



For Christians, the contrast between death and life is the contrast between hunger and banquet. Whenever the sadness of death threatens to overpower the people we love or our very lives, our belief in Christ brings all the comfort of rich food and drink.

Source of Happiness

Happiness comes from God alone. But that does not seem to stop people from pursuing it in other ways. Many of us think happiness comes from having money and spending it on possessions. The things of this world charm us. They bring joy to dreary days. But they have no permanence, and they cannot bring eternal delight.

Others think happiness comes from human contact. Indeed, friends bring us happiness beyond what material goods can supply. But some people go from friend to friend, from relationship to relationship, seeking something more. The best of friends are committed to friendship, and they learn the nature of love.

Yet even the love of friends is but a symbol of God's love for us. Human love shares in divine life, but human love is never perfect. True happiness comes from God alone. St. Paul had lived in the humblest of circumstances, and he had enjoyed the abundant generosity of benefactors. He told the Philippians, "In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry... I can do all things in him who strengthens me."

All things—we can do all things in God who strengthens us. We can be rich or we can be poor. We can be alone or in the midst of others. We can be hungry or very well fed. But we can only be happy in God.

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St. Vincent dePaul Society



Unlike last year, the 18th Annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk was not blessed with favorable weather and had to be canceled because of the nor'easter. Even so, thanks to your extraordinary generosity, we received a record level of support!

We are deeply grateful for your support, which enables Vincentians to carry out our mission of serving our neighbors in need. What makes the St Vincent de Paul Society so unique is that from its beginnings, the central and most basic activity has been visiting our neighbors in their homes, listening to their concerns, assessing their needs, and developing a plan for assistance.

These visits reflect our respect for the dignity of every person we meet. Vincentians always visit in pairs, underscoring that we serve as a community.

During these visits, we see people facing financial hardship and housing insecurity—people struggling to feed and clothe their families or to pay rent and utility bills. Above all, we see the face of Christ.

If you know someone who needs assistance, please encourage them to contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Our phone number appears in the weekly bulletin, and every inquiry is kept strictly confidential.

Finally, we ask for your prayers and assure you of ours. Please also remember in prayer all those in need and all those who minister to them. Thank you for your generous support!

The St. Boniface Martyr Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
is sustained by the generosity of benefactors like you.

In appreciation,
the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, October 18th,
will be offered for you and your intentions.

Following Mass, please join us in the vestibule for light refreshments.

*"Charity is the cement that unites God and individuals to each other
so that he who contributes to the union of hearts
in a community binds it indissolubly to God."*

- St. Vincent de Paul

St. Ignatius of Antioch



Details about Ignatius of Antioch's early life are uncertain. What was later written about him was based on oral tradition. An early disciple of Saint John the Apostle, Ignatius might have been born in Syria. Antioch in Syria was one of the earliest Christian communities and a center for trade, culture, and administration within the Roman Empire. Around AD 66, obedient to Saint Peter's instructions, Ignatius became the third Bishop of Antioch, serving in that capacity for approximately forty years.

Bishop Ignatius and his flock in Antioch survived two major persecutions under Emperor Nero and Emperor Domitian, reportedly through the bishop's deep prayer and extreme penances. The third major persecution took place under Emperor Trajan from 98–117. Christians who refused to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods were to be executed. Around 107, Trajan came upon Bishop Ignatius while traveling through Antioch. He questioned Ignatius about his faith and ordered him to offer sacrifice to the Roman gods. When Ignatius refused and confidently professed his faith, the emperor condemned him to be devoured by wild beasts.

Bound in chains, Ignatius was taken more than 1,500 miles by land and sea, from Antioch through modern-day Turkey, across the Aegean Sea, through Greece, across the Ionian Sea to Italy, and by foot to Rome. Along the way, fourth-century Church historian, Eusebius, tells us, he gave "homilies and exhortations," warning the people to guard against heresies and hold to apostolic tradition.

Also along the way, Bishop Ignatius wrote seven letters, six to various churches and one to his friend and future saint, Bishop Polycarp. The letters, which have survived, mirror Saint Paul's faith and his concern for the newly established churches. In the letters, Ignatius expresses his burning desire to become "a sacrificial victim for God" and pleads with the Christians in Rome not to stand in the way of his martyrdom - death by lions in the Flavian Amphitheater, Rome.

Ignatius is thought to be the first to refer to the Church as "Catholic," meaning universal and full. He offers one of the earliest references to the celebration of the Eucharist in his letter to the Church in Smyrna, stating, "the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, flesh which suffered for our sins and which that Father, in his goodness, raised up again."

Saint Ignatius of Antioch is one of three Apostolic Fathers, that is, one of three saints who had direct ties to the Apostles and who left behind some writing. Saint Polycarp of Smyrna and Saint Clement of Rome (the fourth pope) are the others. On October 17th, we honor Saint Ignatius, while honoring and giving thanks to God for all of the early evangelists, bishops, martyrs, confessors, and members of the early Christian communities who helped lay the foundation of the Church.

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Events This Week

Wednesday, October 13

7pm Women of Faith Book Group Meeting

Thursday, October 15

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Saturday, October 17

7:30am Men's Ministry Meeting

10am Lay Carmelite Meeting

St. Boniface Outreach

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

Volunteers Needed at the Pantry!

Because of the growing need in our community and the holidays heading our way, we need volunteers to help with receiving deliveries during the week.

We also need help on Saturdays from 10am-1pm during our pantry hours. The Saturdays are on a 5-week rotation; we currently have (5) teams.

We welcome Middle School and High School Students that are looking to lend a hand. Call us today to become part of our pantry family!

There are plenty of tasks to be done! You can assist in giving out food, arrange the stock room, assist clients with their packages, help in the Thrift Shop or start to organize the Thanksgiving food baskets. Thank you!

Thrift Shop: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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: October 18.

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 Group

Meets monthly in the parish center. The evening group meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7pm; Next Meeting: **October 13**. The morning group meets first Saturdays of the month at 10am; Next Meeting: **November 7**. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for more information.

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

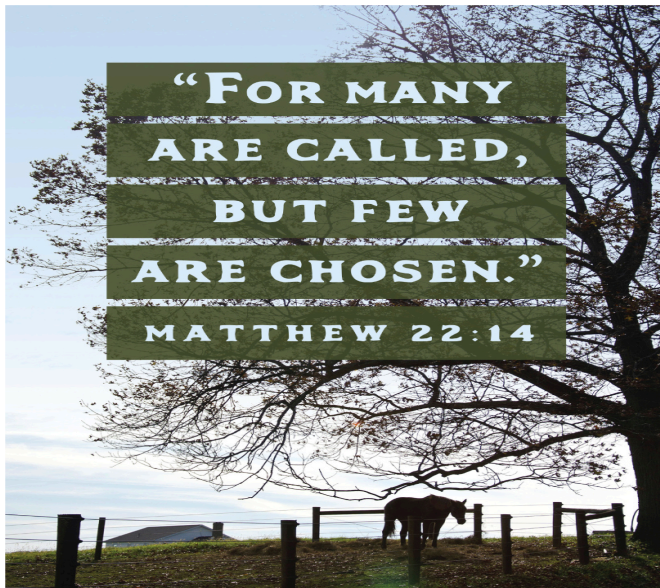
Zooms Thursdays from 7:30pm-8:30pm to deepen and share our appreciation of the Word of God. Contact John & Rosemary Murello at 516-676-2767 for details.

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: October 17** (not October 12).

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 516-676-0330. Next Meeting: **October 17**.



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

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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.

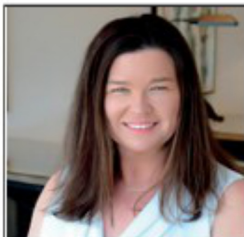
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA): Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? We welcome those not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion Confirmation to join our inquiry class. Contact Jane Serpico at stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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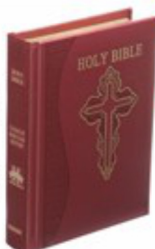
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