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Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 4, 2026



Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen. Marten van Valckenborch, 1580-1590, 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 3

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Reina Diaz

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 4

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

8am Mass: Kathie Kennedy

10:30am Mass: Joe & Nellie Furlong, Jean Quartarolo, Edward Eder

Monday, October 5

8am Mass

Tuesday, October 6

8am Mass

Wednesday, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8am Mass

Thursday, October 8

8am Mass: Maximiano P. Chichioco

Friday, October 9

8am Mass

Saturday, October 10

9am Mass: Edward Joseph Eder

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

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Captain 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.

Eucharistic Ministry

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

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

Please Join Us

Sunday, October 18, at 10:30am
for a Mass of Thanksgiving
in gratitude for your support
of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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is sustained by the generosity
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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

Reflections on the Readings

God's Vineyard

We hate to hear that we have failed. But it is better to face failure than to ignore it. If we have sinned, it is better to confess to God than to imagine that we are righteous.

Isaiah's parable of the vineyard is a story of failure. It is hard to hear. He tells of a friend who planted a vineyard, cared for the ground, cleared the stones, and built a watchtower for its protection. The friend did all the things you should do if you want a successful crop. But the vineyard did not cooperate. The vineyard produced wild grapes, not good ones.



So Isaiah's friend tore up the plants, broke down the protective wall and reduced the field to grazing. The one who loved the field so much gave up on it.

Isaiah tells this sad story about ancient Israel. God had nourished the chosen people like a vine grower, but they did not produce the desired fruit. They rebelled against the God who loved them. The vineyard of God was trampled by enemies who took over the land.

Our sins cause pain to ourselves as well as to others. When we fail, God can use our misfortune to turn our hearts back to the divine command.

Practicing Peace

Peace can be yours. It is hard to find peace in a busy life with many commitments, noisy neighbors, and angry streets. But peace can be yours. Peace is as attainable as good health and good friendships. It requires work. But there is a formula. If you want good health you develop habits of eating and exercising. If you want good friends you work at relationships and practice selflessness. These goals require work, but they are within reach.

So is peace. St. Paul advises the Philippians to have no anxiety at all and to make their needs known to God. "Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

That's it. Put anxiety away and make your requests known to God. If you have needs, do not dwell on them. Give them to God. Let God take it from there. Meanwhile, Paul says, think about what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, and excellent—not about what you are lacking.

When you practice peace by thinking of peaceable things, peace can be yours. No one decides what goes into your mouth except you. You can diet if you want to. No one decides what friends you have except you. You can make and break relationships. No one decides what goes into your mind except you. You can think about the things that bring peace, and peace can be yours.

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St. Francis of Assisi



One of the Church's beloved saints, Francis of Assisi, was likely born in 1181 in Assisi, about 100 miles north of Rome. Born into the merchant class, the lively youth enjoyed parties, singing, and being the center of attention. He showed only disinterest in joining his father as a silk merchant.

Francis dreamed of doing great things, chiefly to become a knight. In 1202—fitted with fine armor, a sword, and a horse—Francis was sent into battle against the town of Perugia. Success would prepare him to become a Crusader in the pope's army, but the short battle ended with his capture and imprisonment. Francis suffered captivity for a year until his father paid the ransom for his release; when freed, he spent months battling a serious illness. Francis' imprisonment and illness led him to reevaluate his life. Even so, outfitted for another battle in the Count of Brienne's army in 1205, Francis had a vision that caused him to turn around, return to Assisi, and seek God's will for his life.

For a year, Francis prayed and sought God's will, while his father insisted that he become a knight or work in the family business. During that time, Francis grew in his love for the poor and served the lepers at a nearby hospital. While praying one day in the dilapidated Church of San Damiano, Francis heard a voice from Heaven say to him, "Go, repair my house which, as you see, is falling completely to ruin." With that, he began to physically repair that church, live in solitude, and pray continually.

In 1206, when Francis was twenty-five, he and his father formally parted ways in the presence of the Bishop of Assisi. Francis renounced his inheritance and began to live a life of poverty, prayer, and service of God. Most of the townspeople ridiculed Francis, believing he was out of his mind. But as time passed, Francis attracted followers. He and his followers spent much time praying, listening to the voice of God, serving the poor and lepers, and repairing abandoned churches.

In 1209, Francis and eleven followers wrote a Rule for their common life, secured papal approval, and returned to Assisi, taking up residence in a small church called the Portiuncula. From there, Brother Francis and his Friars Minor began their life of prayer and missionary preaching. Instead of rebuilding physical churches, they began to rebuild God's Church, the spiritual Body of Christ.

Over the next ten years, the Order of Friars Minor grew from twelve to five thousand, spread across Europe. Francis preached and was the instrument of countless miracles. In 1223, the pope approved the definitive Rule of the Friars Minor, and Francis entered into the final years of his life. In 1224, while on a forty-day retreat, Francis received the stigmata, the visible wounds of Christ in his hands, feet, and side. In his final two years, he suffered from various illnesses and lost his sight.

On October 4, 1226, Francis died from his many illnesses, surrounded by his brothers in Assisi at the Portiuncula. Two years later, Pope Gregory IX canonized him a saint, and his legacy grew.

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**Mini Mart Sunday: October 4
10am to 5pm.**

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Please Patronize Our Parish Booths
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Respect Life Sunday Stand Up for Life: October 4 2pm - 3:30pm

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Scammers!

Hi Everyone!

Please remember to be on the lookout for email and text message scams - they are getting more and more frequent. Often, they can be pretty convincing, because they will make it look like the email or text message is coming from me or someone you know. Please don't let them fool you. Here are some important guidelines to follow:

1. Trust your spidey-senses! As good as these scammers are, their messages always feel a bit off.

They use bad grammar, it doesn't sound right, and they are asking you to do something strange or unexpected. If it sounds odd, then it is most likely a scam.

2. Look at the sender's email address. If the message seems strange, then look at the sender's actual email address - most of the more recent scams are not actually hacks, they are sending the email from their own fake email address and using the name of someone you know, hoping you won't notice.

3. NEVER click on a link in an email unless you are sure it is not a scammer - clicking their link is how they compromise your computer. One of the more recent scams is an email asking you to click a link to view shared photos or documents, which seems perfectly normal. If you weren't expecting anything from that person, then be suspicious.

4. Most importantly, always remember: I would NEVER contact you via text message or email and ask you to do ANYTHING that costs you money. If you get a text or an email that involves you spending your money, then you know it's not me.

- Fr. Josef

Events This Week

Sunday, October 4

10am Mini Mart

Monday, October 5

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, October 8

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

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, help clients with their packages, lend a hand 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

The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest. Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to our neighbors 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 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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THAT THE
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REJECTED
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MATTHEW 21:42

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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.

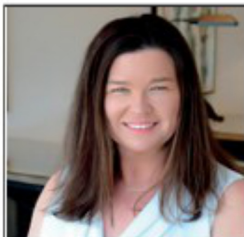
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Catholics who have not received First Communion
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Serpico at stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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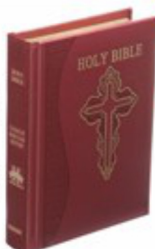
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