



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
We are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the Kingdom of God

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 20, 2026



Parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard, Rembrandt, 1637 . 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.

Parish Information

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StBonifaceMartyr/](https://www.facebook.com/StBonifaceMartyr/)

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday, September 19

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: John Ertola. Josephine Coppola

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 20

8am Mass

10:30am Mass: Bill & Carmen Katsikas

Monday, September 21: Feast of St. Matthew

8am Mass

Tuesday, September 22

8am Mass: John & Dorothy Talotta

Wednesday, September 23: Memorial of St. Padre Pio

8am Mass: Slawomir Chlebek

Thursday, September 24

8am Mass: Mary Louise Graziose

Friday, September 25

8am Mass

Saturday, September 26

9am Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena following Mass

The Church of St. Boniface Martyr Faith Formation



September 27
Sunday Family Program Begins

Scan QR Code, Download Registration Forms and
Information at: www.saintboniface.org,
or pick up in the parish office



Questions? StBonFaith@gmail.com

Please Pray

For Our Deceased

Edward Eder

For Our Sick

Matthew Gamboa, 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

Fr. Azubuike Igwegbe, Chaplain, US Army

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

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

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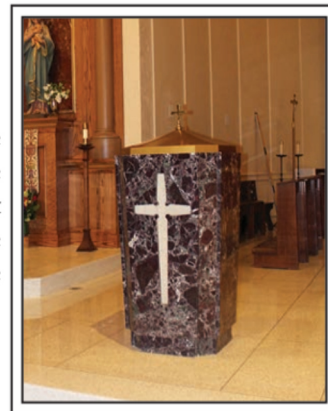
Eucharistic Ministry

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

Baptismal Font

On June 11, 1899, the cornerstone of Saint Boniface Martyr Church was laid; today, the statue of St. Boniface now stands on that very stone. Completed in 1900, the original church welcomed about 300 worshippers. The Diocesan Commission on Parish Boundaries expanded St. Boniface's boundaries in 1959, paving the way for a larger church, which was completed in 1964.

The baptismal font, first placed in a separate baptistry in keeping with the liturgical practice of the time, was moved into the sanctuary during the 1985 renovation. There, it continues to stand after the 2015 renovation, as a visible sign of baptismal grace and the sacramental life of the Church.



Events This Week

Sunday, September 20

2pm Bereavement Group Meeting

Monday, September 21

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Thursday, September 24

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

St. Boniface Outreach

Contact Number: 516-676-0676

To quote Randall Wallace, author and film director:

"There's just nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer."

We are looking for people to the greatest cadre of pantry to work at the pantry one Saturday morning for 3 hours every 5 weeks. Stop by any Saturday to see how we work or contact Jody or David Meagher at the number above.

Pantry Needs: Small bags of white rice; canned peas and carrots, beets, and spinach; canned fruit, jelly, paper goods, bath soap, cleaning products, tooth paste, 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 Jesus tells us a parable to teach us how great God is and how generous, and then he calls us to this same greatness and generosity. As you put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's box, know that you are putting your faith into action.

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: September 20.

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

Meets monthly in the parish center. The morning group meets first Saturdays of the month at 10am. Next Meeting: **October 3**. The evening group meets monthly on Tuesdays at 7pm. Stay tuned for details. 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. ***DATE CHANGE - Next Meeting: October 17th** (instead of October 10th).

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.**



*Last Sunday, Jovanna Lemonda spoke about the vital mission of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, highlighting how the upcoming **Walk for the Poor** will raise essential funds to enable our Vincentians to serve our Neighbors In Need. Following Mass, Fr. Josef expressed our gratitude for her devoted leadership as president. (Please see page 5.)*

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul ***Friends of the Poor Walk***



Saturday, September 26

Heckscher State Park, East Islip

9am Check-in | 10am Walk Begins

Scan the QR code OR Register & Donate online

<https://secure.qgiv.com/event/2026friendsofthepoorwalk/team/1035374/>

***Green SVdP Envelopes are in the pews and vestibule
for placement in the collection basket or SVdP Donation Box.***

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**The St. Vincent de Paul Society
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Mini Mart Sunday: October 4
10am to 5pm ~ Rain or Shine ~ Free Admission!

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2pm - 3:30pm



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Reflections on the Readings



Trust in God's Wisdom

It is hard to figure God out. Looking around creation we see beautiful places but also areas of devastation. We meet charitable people but also others who are unkind. We see homes of the rich and the streets of the homeless. One family prospers. Another suffers multiple tragedies. What was God thinking by creating such inequality?

Our own lives are also filled with blessing and sorrow. Momentary incidents have forever shaped us. Friends have rescued us. Death stalks us. It is hard to figure out what God has in mind.

God spoke to Isaiah, “My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways.” You can say that again. As hard as it is to read the mind of God, God does not choose to act the way we think a divine, loving Being should.

Through the prophet, God does not apologize for the way things are. Instead, God simply tells us we will never quite figure it out. The best we can do is turn to God for mercy. To accept the wisdom of God requires faith and humble admission of our own inability to fully probe God's plan. It also takes trust that God will ultimately bring about the good that awaits all creation.

Matter of Life and Death

When death threatens to overtake us, we fight for life. We love the life we have received from God. We treasure it. We make every effort to preserve it. As Christians, we do not fear death. We believe it leads to peace. But we do not advance death either. People who have no fear of death are awesome figures. At their best, they risk their lives for their family, their faith, or their country. But simpler heroes choose not to fight the approach of death, whether it comes by stealth of disease or by the onslaught of an enemy's hand.

It is riveting to hear the opening of St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians: “For to me life is Christ, and death is gain . . . I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit.”

Death or life—Paul could take either one. His life helped people who needed his example and preaching. But his death would bring him to Christ. Given the choice, Paul preferred living in Christ. After all, his work had brought more than its share of torment and torture. Glorious peace awaited him. But he had work to do, and he accepted it.

We fight to preserve our lives, but in faith we accept what awaits us in death. Life is Christ. Death is gain.

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

Sunday Hospitality: Angeleta Dhandari-Donovan; 631-219-5050; stbonhospitality@gmail.com

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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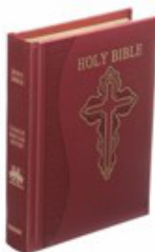
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