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in Sea Cliff, Glen Cove, Glen Head, Glenwood Landing
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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

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ September 7, 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 thru Thursdays:
9am-12pm; 12:30-3pm.

Parish Information

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Birth of Mary (detail). Domenico Ghirlandaio, 1486-1490. Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons

Liturgy Schedule

First Saturday, September 6

3pm Holy Hour and Confessions

4pm Mass: Theresa Amato, Janet Costello,
Marguerite Zavaro

Sunday, September 7

8am Mass

10:30am Mass

Monday, September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8am Mass: Mary Ann Wright

Tuesday, September 9

Memorial of St. Peter Claver

8am Mass: David Palazzoli

Wednesday, September 10

8am Mass: John Scarpinito

2pm Holy Hour

Thursday, September 11

8am Mass

First Friday, September 12

8am Mass: Mary Ann Wright

Saturday, September 13

Memorial of St. John Chrysostom

9am Mass and Miraculous Medal Novena

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Please remember that there are scammers out there trying to steal your money through email and text messages. Often, they can be pretty convincing, because they will make it look like the email is coming from me. However, my email address is domjosef@gmail.com, which is not the address scammers use. Please don't let them fool you.

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Fr. Josef

Let Us Pray

For Our Deceased

For Our Sick

Kenneth Moore, Bea Bohm, Agnes Brown,
Margaret Geheb, Patrick Baca, Martha Rendon.

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.

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound

If you know of homebound parishioners that would like Communion to be brought to them, please call 516-676-0676, ext. 7.

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

Captain Conor Lynch, US Army

Lieutenant Commander Michael R. Ragusa, US Navy

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Lieutenant Colonel Christina Merrick-Wright

Lieutenant Colonel Bradley Wright, US Army.

First Banns of Marriage

Mike Marchese

St. Patrick Church
Glen Cove, New York

and

Kimberly Battaglia

Church of St. Mary
Manhasset, New York



AND ^{now} these
THREE remain:
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE.
But the greatest of
these is LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13, NIV

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The Nativity of Mary

The Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary (September 8), is celebrated exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8); just as Christmas is celebrated nine months after the Church remembers the Son of God's Incarnation on the Solemnity of the Annunciation.

The feast we celebrate tomorrow is believed to have been first celebrated in the fifth or sixth century in the East and was tied to the dedication of a Byzantine church near the Pools of Bethesda in the Old City of Jerusalem. The church was built over what was believed to be Mary's birthplace and the home of Joachim and Anne, a short distance from the Temple. In the twelfth century, the current Basilica of Saint Anne was built on the same site. Beneath the basilica lie what are believed to be the caves in which the Mother of God was born and lived.

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FAITH FORMATION 2025

Registration Forms and Information Packets
and are available in the Parish Office and via our website:

www.saintboniface.org

PARENTS' NIGHT

7PM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18
IN CHURCH



Please come for a complete overview of our new program.
For more information, please use our new email: StBonFaith@gmail.com

Events This Week

Monday, September 8

6:30pm Youth Group

7:30pm Charismatic Prayer Zoom

Tuesday, September 9

7pm Women of Faith Book Group

Thursday, September 11

7pm Knitting Circle

7:30pm Scripture Study Zoom

Friday, September 12

10:30am Women of Faith Book Group

Saturday, September 13

7:30am Men's Ministry

St. Boniface Outreach

Contacts: Jody Fleischmann & David Meagher

Outreach Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers to accept deliveries and/or to pick up food. Commitment: 1-2 mornings per month for 2 hours on Tuesday or Thursday. For details, please call 516-676-0676, ext. 4.

PANTRY NEEDS: jelly, cereal, soups, canned beets, solid white tuna, canned spinach, canned mixed vegetables, spaghetti sauce, canned peas and carrots, assorted pasta items, assorted bags of dry beans, assorted personal hygiene items.

THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturdays 10am-1pm.

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ." Have you considered answering the call to help serve those in need by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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 call 516-676-0676., ext. 6.

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 21.**

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 & Rosemary Murello for details at 516-676-2767.

Women of Faith Book Group

The Tuesday evening group will resume **September 9** at 7pm to discuss *Beloved*, by Toni Morrison. The Friday morning group will resume **September 12** at 10:30am to discuss *An Invisible Thread*, by Laura Schroff with Alex Tresniowski. New members welcome! Contact Pat at pattomfox@gmail.com for more details. Check out our "lending library" shelf in the vestibule for books our groups have enjoyed.

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 & 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. Email richlucidi40@gmail.com for more information. Next Meeting: **September 13.**

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. Call Ann at 516-676-0330 or Flora at 516-656-9375 for details. Next Meeting: **September 20.**

Reflections on the Readings

Knowledge Beyond Us

As painful as it is sometimes to know the truth, not knowing is worse. If someone we love is rushed to the hospital, the greatest agony comes from not knowing what is wrong. Is it serious? How extensive are the injuries? Are they life threatening? Will they cause further suffering?

Not knowing the answers is very painful. Once we know, even if it is bad news, the situation is easier to accept. We can start to make adjustments, to deal with the truth. But when truth is unknown, chaos reigns. It terrifies us. There are things we do not know. You can be the smartest kid in your class, the expert in your field, the parent who knows the habits of your children better than they do, but there are still things you do not know.

Only with difficulty, the Book of Wisdom says, do we understand the things of this world. “But when things are in heaven, who can search them out?” As hard as it is to understand the things of earth, it is impossible to grasp the mystery of God.

The closer we come to God, the more awesome is the mystery. The more we understand about God, the more we realize we do not know. Some people quit their relationship with God in despair of ever learning the truth. Others go into that mysterious relationship, deeper and deeper.

Runaway Slave

The shortest book of the Bible is Paul’s Letter to Philemon. It is only one chapter long. Paul became friends with Philemon, probably on a missionary journey. Paul probably stayed with Philemon, where he got to know a young fellow named Onesimus. Onesimus was one of Philemon’s slaves.

Some time after they said farewell, Paul was arrested and landed in prison. There he continued his ministry of evangelization. He wrote letters to the communities and individuals he had met along the way.

One day Paul received a visitor to his prison cell. It was Onesimus! He had run away from Philemon!

Paul continued to instruct the young man and probably baptized him. In prison, Paul had become the “father” of Onesimus.

But Onesimus had to go back. So Paul pulled out pen and paper and wrote a letter to Philemon on behalf of the runaway. “Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while,” Paul wrote, “that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a brother.”

Paul signed the letter—a handwritten, autographed, original copy of one of the books of the Bible—and passed it through the bars of his prison into the humble hands of a runaway slave, who brought it home. It is the shortest book in the Bible. But it has a big theme. If you can free someone else by writing a letter, do it.

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Onesimus returns to Philemon with Paul's letter in his hands. Artist unknown. Medieval. Public Domain via Wikimedia Commons.

*Together we walk, together we give.
One step at a time, one neighbor at a time.*



**Saturday
September 27, 2025**
**Heckscher State Park
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CHECK IN:

8:30 AM

WALK START

10AM

REGISTER AT:



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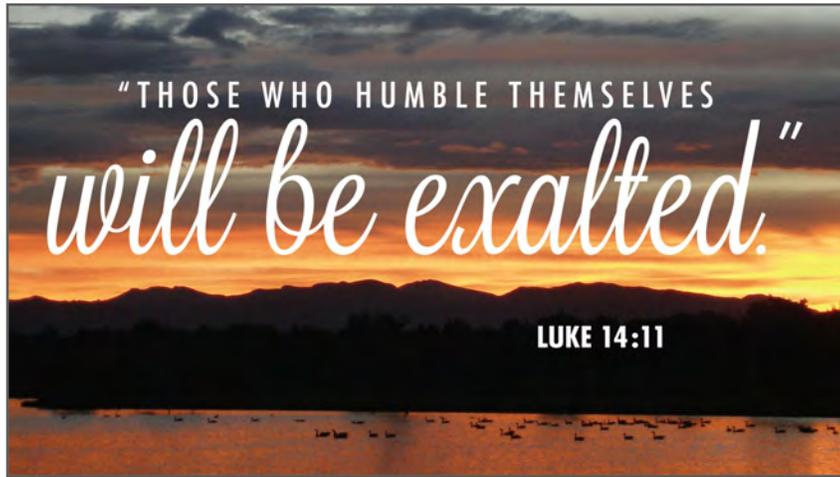
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Parish Information

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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, 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, 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 stbonRCIA@gmail.com for details.

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