



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY
30TH
2023

OUR MISSION

St. Bonaventure-St. Benedict the Moor is a welcoming Catholic Faith community.

We are EXPERIENCING Christ in our lives through the Gospel, Sacraments, and lifelong faith formation.

We are LIVING our faith through worship and stewardship. And we are SERVING God's people to reveal the presence of Christ in our community.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesdays:
8:30 am - St. Benedict the Moor

Thursday & Friday:
8:30 am - St. Bonaventure

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Sunday Mass:
10:00am St. Bonaventure
12:00pm St. Benedict the Moor
5:00pm St. Benedict the Moor

PARISH INFO

ST. BONAVENTURE
114-58 170th Street
Jamaica, NY 11434

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
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*The kingdom of
heaven is like a
treasure buried
in a field...*

MT 13:44-52

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday: 10:00am-3:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

HOLYDAY LITURGIES:
See listing in the bulletin

BAPTISM: Parental instruction required. Please contact the Parish Office for arrangements and Registration.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND
Contact the Parish Office

MARRIAGE
Contact the Priest at least Six months in advance by calling the parish office: 718-526-0040

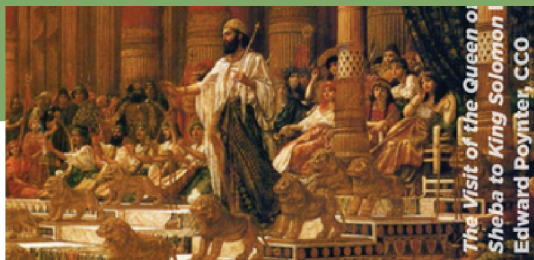
RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 pm
At St. Bonaventure or by Appointment: Call the Parish Office.

FAITH FORMATION
Sunday School: For Children
RCIA: For Adults
Contact DRE:
Fr. Krystian Piasta
pastorbonabene@gmail.com
718-526-0040
Office Hours
Tuesdays: 11:00am – 4:00pm
Wednesdays: 11:00am – 5:00pm

PARISH REGISTRATION:
New members are most welcome.
Please contact the Secretary at 718-526-0040 to register



PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY
Join your fellow parishioners every Sunday.
St. Bonaventure: 9:30 am
St. Benedict: 11:30 am.



JULY 30, 2023

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52
Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It is no secret that Jesus often taught using parables; last Sunday we heard three, and today there are more. Today's parables seemed obscure until I focused on the repeating phrase "kingdom of heaven," which is likened to treasure, a pearl of great value, and then a fish net. What a contrast! But when I thought about it longer, it made perfect sense: The kingdom of heaven is the greatest treasure, one that should compel us to give up everything like the person who finds treasure buried in a field or the merchant who buys the pearl, just to make sure we have it in our possession. The kingdom is also something that requires hard work, hence the analogy with fishermen throwing nets into the sea to capture fish and then sort the good from the bad. Think of that net as the predestination St. Paul mentions in today's epistle. God predestined mankind to be called to him, to be justified and glorified in his name, yet we all maintain free will to choose otherwise. So, at the end of the age, when the angels "separate the wicked from the righteous," each of us will learn how precious the treasure of heaven is according to the way we chose to pursue it during our lifetime.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

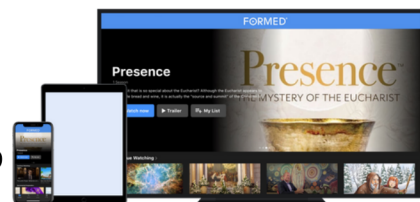
In the midst of the daily grind, heaven can seem so far removed from our lives until it's Sunday and we're standing in pews during Mass. But the kingdom of heaven isn't contained within the single act of attending Mass on Sundays. Jesus didn't say "attend church for one hour each week and you're all set" – the parables he speaks today show people who put in work, searching for treasure until they found it and did everything they could to ensure they kept it. Jesus taught in parables in order to extend his invitation to the kingdom of heaven to everyone who would listen. With these parables, the kingdom is more of an encounter than an end goal. When we are in a loving, prayerful relationship with God, we are able to recognize and know the joy and the infinite value of the kingdom. We are able to experience God's kingdom in the day-to-day experiences of our lives. We know that the kingdom can be found in Jesus, who is the way. And we know that Jesus is here with us now.

INVITATION In the first reading Solomon said to God: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart." Take a few minutes and read Solomon's Prayer of Dedication for the temple that occurs a few verses later in 1 Kings (8:22-61). In it, he asks God to be with his people always – a prayer for us today as well.

RESOURCES FOR DEEPENING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

The parish has subscribed to FORMED, an online resource for everything Catholic. Please follow these simple steps to register and stay informed.

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Select your parish (using zip code is easiest)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED





WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS

Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of July 23, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	307.00
Sunday 10 AM.....	\$	931.00
Sunday 12 PM.....	\$	854.00
Sunday 5 PM.....	\$	316.00
Total	\$	2,408.00

To make a donation online visit:
<https://stsbonabene.org/giving>

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Pledged	\$	15,572.00
Goal	\$	27,596.00
Paid	\$	11,452.00
Balance	\$	4,120.00

Generations of Faith

Pledged		
to Date	\$	497,370.00
Paid to Date	\$	206,651.00
Balance	\$	193,297.30

sunday 30	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 † For the People of the Parish
monday 31	MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35
tuesday 1	MEMORIAL OF SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 13:36-43
wednesday 2	WEDNESDAY OF THE SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46
thursday 3	THURSDAY OF THE SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53
friday 4	MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58
saturday 5	SATURDAY OF THE SEVENTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Charles & Ethel Adams, Teresa Addai, Ethel Boyd- Journette, Helen Broady, Georgeann Campbell, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Bernadette Creswell, Rose Marie Dorvilley, Juanita Dotson, Paula Ellis, Helen Edwards, James Edwards, Ceclia Enordbloy, Merita Gordon, Beryl M. Holiday, Joyce Hunt, Dolly Jankee, Linda Mercer, Mary Mitchell, Naida Njoku, Roy Pinkard, Jean Prioleau, Evan Smelley, Neil Sussman, Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wilkes, Mary Williams, Steven Wilson



3 Ways to Give

In Person | In the Mail | Securely Online
VISIT WWW.STSBONABENE.ORG FOR MORE INFO



Fall BBQ

We are planning a parish BBQ in September. More information will come in August. Please consider helping and making this event great for your family and our Parish family.

COVID PROTOCOLS

While we continue to take all the necessary precautions, masks are no longer required indoors due to the expiration of the mask mandate. This means individuals may choose to wear or not to wear a mask inside the Church or at functions in the parish hall. Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will continue to disinfect their hands before distribution of Holy Communion and wear a mask while distributing Holy Communion. We still strongly encourage reception of Holy Communion by hand and there will be no distribution of the precious blood. Finally, we shall continue to avoid physical exchanges of the sign of peace.

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PARISH LEADERS & MINISTRIES

CLERGY

Fr. Krystian Piasta
Pastor

PARISH SECRETARY

Kathleen Webb

FAITH FORMATION

DRE: Fr. Krystian Piasta

MUSIC MINISTRY

Director: Julie Milgram

SACRISTANS

St. Bonaventure: Anthony Osuji
St. Benedict: Annete Hunt -Walker

ALTAR SERVERS CORDINATORS

St. Bonaventure: Anthony Osuji
St. Benedict: Annette Hunt-Walker

YOUTH MINISTRY

DIM: Warren Rolling
YAMS: Gabrielle Rolling

DANCE MINISTRY

Parish Liturgical Praise Dancers:
Paulita Da-Costa-Campbell
Rhymes Lowery Theater Arts Guild:
Terri Rhymes Lowery

GIRLS SCOUTS

Angela Robinson, Sandy Robinson
& Gabrielle Rolling

ALTAR GUILD

St. Bonaventure: Lorraine Simpkins
& Kassandra Wilson
St. Benedict: Harriet Scott &
Paulette Atkins

ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Bonaventure: Patrice Gibbs
St. Benedict: Denise Francis

VINCENT DE PAUL

Julia Reid

MENS MINISTRY

Roy Pinkard

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Renee Hartwell

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY

CORDINATORS
George Yeboah & Samuel Turkson

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

CORDINATOR
Raphael Monfunaya

SPANISH COMMUNITY

CORDINATOR
Angel Mora



Religious Education Registration 2023-2024

We are continuing registration to the Religious Education Program for the School Year 2023-2024. You can register online at stsbonabene.org/faith-formation or on paper forms available at both churches and the Parish Office. The deadline for registration is September 1, and the instructions will begin during September 23/24 weekend.

King Solomon's Dream Cross-Word

God _____ (19d) to the young _____ (24a) Solomon in a dream, " _____ (21d) _____ (23d) for whatever you want me to _____ (16d) you."

Solomon knew that he was only a young _____ (8d) and couldn't rule God's people without His help. So he said _____ (5d) God, "O _____ (20d), I am a _____ (10a) youth, not knowing _____ (1d) to _____ (4a). I _____ (18d) you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be _____ (22a) or counted.

Give your _____ (18a), therefore, an _____ (3d) _____ (17a) to _____ (2a) your people and to distinguish _____ (11d) from _____ (12a). For _____ (6a) is _____ (4d) to _____ (14d) this vast _____ (9d) of yours?"

_____ (15a) was pleased with Solomon's request and told him that He would grant him _____ (7a) greater than anyone else had ever had or would have.

Use the words from this list to fill in the blanks and figure out the cross-word.

- UNDERSTANDING
- ME NUMBERED
- TO SERVANT
- ASK WISDOM
- ACT GOVERN
- GIVE WRONG
- SAID PEOPLE
- GOD JUDGE
- WHO HEART
- MAN RIGHT
- KING SERVE
- HOW LORD
- ABLE MERE

