



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

SEPT
17TH
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

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Jamaica, NY 11434

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
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*"Forgive us our
trespasses as we
forgive those who
have trespassed
against us"*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday: CLOSED
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: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Thursdays: 9:00am – 3:00pm

PARISH REGISTRATION:

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



PRAY WITH US THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Sunday

St. Bonaventure: 9:30 am
and

St. Benedict: 11:30 am.



SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sir 27:30—28:7 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Forgiveness. It seems like a relatively simple concept, doesn't it? We ask our merciful Father for it every day when we pray the Our Father: "... forgive us our trespasses..." Then reality hits, as we remember the second part of that phrase: "...as we forgive those who trespass against us ..." As we forgive others. Oh, that long, hard road of forgiveness! Easier said than done. Sometimes those old sayings have some merit, don't they? And when we look at today's readings, there is nothing cryptic about them: forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times, let go of wrath and anger, forgive your brother and sister from your heart. Yes, forgiveness is a simple concept, but it's not easy. Perhaps the answer is to re-read today's Scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to give us the strength to put in the hard work if there is someone in our lives to whom we need to offer our heartfelt forgiveness.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Bishop Robert Barron, in his Word on Fire Bible on the Gospels, has four suggestions related to this Gospel on how to become "a better forgiver." The one that stood out to me immediately is "forgive offenses quickly." Don't let them fester and "settle deeply into your psyche." This seems like very sage advice because we can all have a tendency to "stew" about things that are bothering us, which rarely makes them better. Bishop Barron's other suggestions are: Pay attention to your own sins, go to confessions regularly, and offer forgiveness through a concrete act or sign. Which brings us back to the simplicity of it all: God will always forgive us, so we must always forgive others. Doesn't it make sense that to live in the house of our merciful Father, we must emulate him and have loving hearts rather than vengeful hearts?

PRAY Examine your heart and take a hard look at whether you are holding on to a wrong that was committed against you. Take it to God in prayer. The more we open our hearts to forgive others, the more at peace we can be. Ponder the last words of today's reading from Sirach: Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekly Offering Report As of September 10, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	276.00
Sunday 10 AM	\$	1,495.00
Sunday 12 PM	\$	1,152.00
Sunday 5 PM	\$	221.00
Total	\$	3,144.00

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<https://stsbonabene.org/giving>

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Pledged	\$	17,687.00
Goal	\$	27,596.00
Paid	\$	14,808.00
Balance	\$	2,879.00

Generations of Faith

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



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END GUN VIOLENCE



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sunday **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
17
Sir 27:30—28:7 | Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 | Rom 14:7-9 | Mt 18:21-35
† For the People of the Parish

monday **MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
18
1 Tm 2:1-8 | Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 | Lk 7:1-10

tuesday **TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
19
1 Tm 3:1-13 | Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 | Lk 7:11-17

wednesday **MEMORIAL OF SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST,
AND PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**
20
1 Tm 3:14-16 | Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Lk 7:31-35

thursday **FEAST OF SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**
21
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Mt 9:9-13
† Healing Blessing for Marion Neptune, *Requested by Marion*

friday **FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
22
1 Tm 6:2c-12 | Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 | Lk 8:1-3

saturday **MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST**
23
1 Tm 6:13-16 | Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 | Lk 8:4-15

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 Dorvilly, Juanita Dotson, Paula Ellis, Helen Edwards, James Edwards, Ceclia Enordbloy, Merita Gordon, Beryl M. Holiday, Joyce Hunt, Dolly Jankee, Linda Mercer, Naida Njoku, Roy Pinkard, Jean Prioleau, Evan Smelley, Neil Sussman, Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wilkes, Mary Williams, Steven Wilson



SISTER THEA BOWMAN CHOIR

The Sister Thea Bowman Choir is coming back to our Parish. They will not be singing during our regular Masses; the choir will be using our parish for rehearsals on Sundays at 3:00 PM at St. Bonaventure. Anyone who would like to join the choir is requested to show up at any of the rehearsals.



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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: Devin Olivas

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

Kindra Coleman, 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

DISCIPLES IN MOTION PRESENTS...

BACK TO SCHOOL PALOOZA

SEPTEMBER 17 AT 1:30 - 4:00 PM

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR HALL

FOOD, GAMES & FUN!

SECOND ANNUAL
FAMILY FUN DAY!
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23

We invite you to join us at the Second Family Fun Day and BBQ on Saturday, September 23 rd , from 12 noon to 4:30 PM by the Grotto at St. Bonaventure. You can still make monetary donations this weekend.. Please give your form or donations to Paulita Da-Costa-Campbell today.

INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR FR. KRYSYAN PIASTA

There will be an official installation of Fr. Krys as our pastor on Sunday, October 22. That Sunday there will be only one Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Bonaventure followed by a reception and fellowship at St. Benedict Hall. Note: There will be no 5:00 PM Ghanaian Mass at St. Benedict that day, however, we will keep the Vigil Mass on Saturday, October 21 at St. Bonaventure.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & IMPORTANT NEWS

Before the October 22 installation, Fr. Krys would like to meet separately with the Parish Council and the Financial Council. Also, there will be two townhall meetings: St. Benedict on Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM St. Bonaventure on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 PM.

Also, as a matter of transparency, the financial budget and actual expenses report will be published for all to see.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next Sunday we are beginning instructions at the Sunday School. There will be a meeting after 10 AM Mass at St. Bonaventure and after 12 PM Mass at St. Benedict to organize future Sunday classes. There will be a last-minute occasion to register for Sunday School at the Family Fun Day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPONSORSHIP

As previously practiced, we are accepting sponsorships for the Sunday School students. The cost of the instruction is \$50 per student, per year. If you want to sponsor a student, please contact our Parish Office.