



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEC 10TH 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
171-17 110th Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11434

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Peace



2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

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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

HOLIDAY 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.



DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 | 2 Pt 3:8-14 | Mk 1:1-8

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Can you hear it? The voice crying out in the desert? While John the Baptist was the one literally proclaiming, from the desert, the coming of the Lord, we should listen for echoes of his message today. John foretold that Jesus – the Father’s Incarnate Son – was on his way to redeem the world. Through Jesus’ passion and death, the gates of heaven were flung open so all who believe in him would have eternal life. This is the Good News he proclaimed then, and the Church proclaims today: Christ has come! Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again. This is what we prepare for in Advent – to celebrate, on Christmas day, Christ’s coming into the world, and that he will one day return in glory. The Lord gives comfort to his people in his words, and in his presence to us in the Eucharist: “According to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.” So, trust in the Lord, remain vigilant, and take heed of the voices that remind us to “prepare the way of the Lord.”

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each year, we are given the gift of Advent. It is a season that invites us to slow down, reflect on the gift of Jesus and prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Ironically, though, it happens at one of the most frenzied times of the year as we rush to keep up with cookie baking, tree decorating and merry-making. Advent is short – it includes four Sundays but can be three to four weeks long depending on the weekday upon which Christmas falls – and it sometimes doesn’t seem long enough to truly prepare our hearts. This year Advent is three weeks and a day – so we are close to reaching the midway point, which is a good time to ask ourselves: How tuned in are we to John the Baptist’s message? If we feel like we’re being carried along in a wave of consumerism, it’s not too late to make a course correction. We can step away from the fray and carve out time to enjoy the stillness of Advent and truly listen to the voice crying out in the desert.

SING Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, / One more seed is planted there: / Give up your strength the seed to nourish, / That in course the flower may flourish. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the rose, is on the way

JOIN US FOR THE YOUTH Christmas PARTY

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
ST. BONAVENTURE HALL, 6:30 PM**



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of December 3, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	413.00
Sunday 10 AM	\$	1,024.00
Sunday 12 PM	\$	715.00
Sunday 5 PM	\$	343.00
Total	\$	2,495.00

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

Pledged	\$	18,567.00
Goal	\$	27,596.00
Paid	\$	17,581.00
Balance	\$	986.00

Generations of Faith

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

3 Ways to Give



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

STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Call-in # 1(351)999-3082

JOIN US AT 7AM FOR DAILY PRAYER TO
END GUN VIOLENCE



Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.



sunday 10 **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
IS 40:1-5, 9-11 | PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 | 2 PT 3:8-14 | MK 1:1-8
† For the people of the parish

monday 11 **MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**
Is 35:1-10 | Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 | Lk 5:17-26

tuesday 12 **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
ZEC 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab | JUDITH 13:18BCDE, 19 | LK 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

wednesday 13 **MEMORIAL OF SAINT LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR**
Is 40:25-31 | Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 | Mt 11:28-30

thursday 14 **MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Is 41:13-20 | Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab | Mt 11:11-15

friday 15 **FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**
Is 48:17-19 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Mt 11:16-19
† In Memory of Kadiri Anakhua. Requested by the Anakhua Family.

saturday 16 **SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT**
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 | Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 | Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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, Margaret McFadden, Linda Mercer, Naida Njoku, Roy Pinkard, Jean Prioleau, Julia Reid, Evan Smelley, Neil Sussman, Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wilkes, Mary Williams, Steven Wilson



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are continuing this year's edition of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Despite the soon approaching end of the year, we are still roughly \$10,000 away from our goal. Please consider donating to the ACA. Should we not meet our goal, the Parish will have to fill the remaining portion from its operating account.



Grupo de Oracion Unidos
Enunasolafe, R, C, C

Todos los Lunes
7:30pm a 9:00pm



Santo Rosario Alabanza Predica



Iglesia St Benedict the Moor

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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:

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
St. Benedict: Harriet Scott &
Paulette Atkins

ROSARY SOCIETY
St. Bonaventure:
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

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are looking for new Altar Servers and both worship sites. Any boy or girl who received First Communion can join. Please speak to Fr. Krys if interested.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Young Adults will have their next meeting **Tuesday, Dec. 19 at 7:00 PM at St. Bonaventure Rectory.**

No sign-up or jackets required. Come as you are and enjoy a nice evening with your peers.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

All Parishes of our diocese will offer opportunities to make Confessions on Monday, December 18 at the same time at all locations. We will have it from 2 PM to 4 PM at St. Benedict the Moor, and from 6 PM to 9 PM at St. Bonaventure. Due to Reconciliation Monday, the Vineyard is moved from December 18 to Wednesday, December 27.



MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE

We are collecting men's clothing items for the migrant men at the Creedmoor Center in Queens. Currently, there is approximately 1,000 men housed there. You can bring your items to St. Bonaventure Church or Rectory.



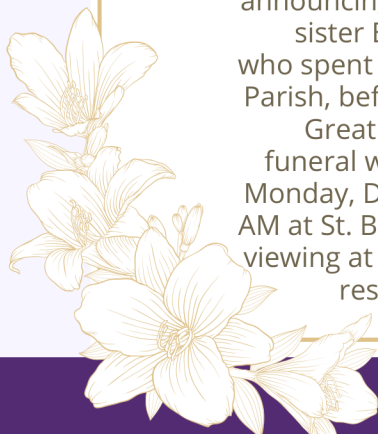
VINEYARD

We invite all adults to join us at the Vineyard for an hour-long discussion about faith, spirituality, and the Church. The Vineyard is also a tool for those who would like to complete their sacraments, or those who wish to become Catholics. The next meeting will take place this **Wednesday, December 27 at 6:30 PM at St. Bonaventure Rectory**, or you can join us over zoom by scanning the QR code, or by entering the following information at zoom.us:
Meeting ID: 847 111 4647, Passcode: "Vineyard".

You can also call in over the phone **(646) 931 3860. Meeting ID: 847 111 4647, Passcode: 04452054**

BERYL HOLLIDAY

With profound sadness we are announcing the death of our sister Beryl Holliday, who spent many years in our Parish, before she moved to Great Neck. Beryl's funeral will take place on Monday, December 11 at 10 AM at St. Bonaventure with a viewing at 9:30 AM. May she rest in Peace.



A Prayer for the Second Sunday of ADVENT

God of patience, show us your wisdom in time, that we may grow to expect your action on your time. Teach us to be gentle and patient with ourselves. Make us receptive to your timing in others. Help us see the long view when we are caught in the frustration of waiting. Amen.

Together as a family of faith, let us celebrate #Our Advent
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