



# ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# DEC 3<sup>RD</sup> 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  
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[www.stsbonabene.org](http://www.stsbonabene.org)

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# 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3, 2023**

**FIRST SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7 | 1 Cor 1:3-9 | Mk 13:33-37

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

In a nineteenth-century sermon, St. John Henry Newman wrote of today's Gospel: "[Jesus] mercifully whispers into our ears ... not to share in the general unbelief [around us], not to be carried away by the world but to 'beware, keep alert' and look out for his coming." I love the thought that Jesus is "mercifully whispering" to us. Welcome to Advent! We know that Advent is a time of anticipation and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ, but today's readings also speak to me of training ourselves to be alert for God's presence in the small, everyday moments of our lives. In his Letter to the Corinthians, Paul writes that "[we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift" as we await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are gifted with his grace. Our loving God bestows countless graces on us each day, and with the help of the Holy Spirit we can seek ways to be more aware of these graces. Yes, we can be more "alert" to them, but can also be thankful for these small moments of God's presence with us.

**GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Advent is a season of joyful hope. "I hope I can get my Christmas shopping done in time ... I hope I have time to get my house decorated this weekend." We all have "hopes and dreams" for this time of year, and, God-willing we will be blessed with a truly festive and joyous holiday season with our families. For Catholics, though, this season of "joyful hope" is one that has a much deeper meaning. We long for the return of Christ and our eternal union with him with a hope that is built on the promises of Jesus in the Scriptures. Our hope is not passive, but active. We know that God is always there for us, comforting us in bad times and rejoicing with us in times of happiness. Let us give thanks for our Triune God who desires to be in relationship with us enough that he sent his Son to take on our humanity. And let us silence any noise in our hearts so as to hear Jesus' merciful whisper of encouragement to be on the watch for his coming.

**SING People, look east. The time is near / Of the crowning of the year. / Make your house fair as you are able, / Trim the hearth and set the table. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the guest, is on the way.**

**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.





# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



## Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of November 26, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	321.00
Sunday 10 AM .....	\$	971.00
Sunday 12 PM .....	\$	879.00
Sunday 5 PM .....	\$	302.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,473.00</b>

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](http://WWW.STSBONABENE.ORG) FOR MORE INFO

<b>sunday</b> 3	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Is 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7   PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19   1 COR 13:9   MK 13:33-37 <b>10 AM †Heaven Birthday Remembrance for Lotess P. Cright,</b> <i>Requested by Family &amp; Friends.</i> <b>In Memory of Francisca Rosa Gonzalez, Requested by M. A. McFadden.</b> <b>12 PM For the People of the Parish.</b>
<b>monday</b> 4	<b>MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT</b> Is 2:1-5   Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9   Mt 8:5-11
<b>tuesday</b> 5	<b>TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT</b> Is 11:1-10   Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17   Lk 10:21-24 <b>† Thanksgiving for birthday, Requested by Abdel Paraiso.</b>
<b>wednesday</b> 6	<b>WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT</b> Is 25:6-10a   Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6   Mt 15:29-37
<b>thursday</b> 7	<b>MEMORIAL OF SAINT AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b> Is 26:1-6   Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a   Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>friday</b> 8	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20   Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4   Eph 1:3-6, 11-12   Lk 1:26-38
<b>saturday</b> 9	<b>SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT</b> Is 30:19-21, 23-26   Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6   Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### 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, 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 35% 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.



**Call-in # 1(351)999-3082**  
JOIN US AT 7AM FOR DAILY PRAYER TO  
**END GUN VIOLENCE**



Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.



**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

MINISTRIES  
LEADERSHIP

Fr. Krys would like to get in touch with all leaders of ministries at both churches in order to get more information about their plans, membership, recruitment and any changes. If you head a ministry, please pick up a report outline from Fr. Krys. He is also aware that some ministries are currently without leadership and these positions will be filled soon.

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. 5 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.



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 Tuesday, November 28, 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**

SAVE THE DATE!!!!  
**YOUTH Christmas PARTY**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

**ST. BONAVENTURE HALL, 6:30 PM**

