



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEC 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

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

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
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Joy

3rd 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



DECEMBER 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | 1 Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

“Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.” Such simple words from today’s second reading. And yet it is not always easy to put them into practice. It is difficult to rejoice if we or people we love are hurting. It can be hard to pray when life is pulling us in a thousand different directions. But on this Gaudete Sunday, the Sunday of rejoicing, we are asked to focus on a truth that can make both rejoicing and praying easier: Jesus entered humanity in flesh and blood to save us from our sins. This truth means that even if we don’t feel like there is much gladness or joy in our lives today, we can rejoice in the knowledge that we all have the chance to spend eternity in a place where pain, disappointment and suffering will be no more. With our eyes focused on that prize, praying can become a natural part of our days.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Sometimes, I can make everything so complicated. I want to create charts and checklists to ensure that I am doing everything just right. But St. Paul’s words today make me realize that living well is really not that complicated. He writes: “Retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil.” That’s it! Of course, while this is not complicated, it does require us to make prayerful, faithful efforts toward this end – and it is an end for which God has given us his grace, the help of the Church, and the prayers of our brothers and sisters in Christ. This includes St. Paul, who prays for us, “May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This is what is good in these dark days of Advent: the light of Christ is coming into our world. The Gospel says that John the Baptist testified to this truth – to the light. We can too! Let us continue to pray, to rejoice and to give thanks for God’s gifts, especially the gift of his Son.

SING Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim / One more light the bowl shall brim, / Shining beyond the frosty weather, / Bright as sun and moon together. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the star, is on the way

DONALD BRODERICK

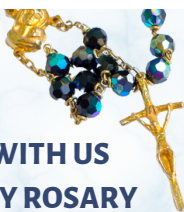
With profound sadness we are announcing the death of our brother Donald Broderick, who died at the age of 88.

Donald’s funeral will take place on Tuesday, December 19 at 11 AM at St. Benedict the Moor. The viewing will be on Monday, December 18 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Tuesday at 10 AM at St. Benedict the Moor. May he rest in Peace.

PRAY WITH US THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Sunday

St. Bonaventure: 9:30 am
and
St. Benedict: 11:30 am.



WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of December 10, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	344.00
Sunday 10 AM	\$	1,212.00
Sunday 12 PM	\$	472.00
Sunday 5 PM	\$	289.00
Total	\$	2,317.00

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

Pledged	\$	18,567.00
Goal	\$	27,596.00
Paid	\$	17,711.00
Balance	\$	856.00

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 **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

17
Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 | Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 | 1Thes 5:16-24 | Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
10 AM † In Loving Memory of Yvette Carter. Requested by Leah Griffin
12 Noon † Happy 24th Wedding Anniversary to Terri & Brett Lowery.

monday **MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

18
Jer 23:5-8 | Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 | Mt 1:18-25

tuesday **TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

19
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a | Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 | Lk 1:5-25

wednesday **WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

20
Is 7:10-14 | Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | Lk 1:26-38

thursday **THURSDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

21
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a | Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 | Lk 1:39-45

friday **FRIDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

22
1Sm 1:24-28 | 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd | Lk 1:46-56

saturday **SATURDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

23
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 | Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 | Lk 1:57-66

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.

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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.

JOIN US FOR THE
YOUTH

Christmas PARTY!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

ST. BONAVENTURE HALL, 6:30 PM

A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of
your birth fill us with
overflowing joy.
May our excitement and
anticipation be a sign to
the world that you are
always near.
AMEN.



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

