



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEC 23RD 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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Love



4th 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:

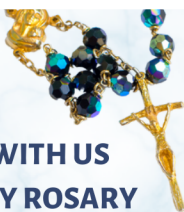
Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 pm
At St. Bonaventure or by Appointment: Call the Parish Office.

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

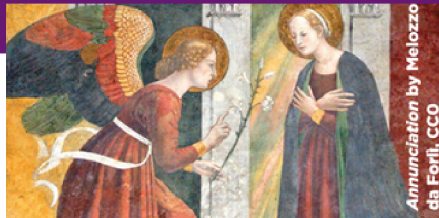


PRAY WITH US THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Sunday

St. Bonaventure: 9:30 am
and

St. Benedict: 11:30 am.



DECEMBER 24, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.” The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen – who wouldn’t be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: “I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God’s call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God’s will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say “yes” in spite of our fears.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents – all these things help to kick off “the most wonderful time of year” beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn’t say “may it be done to me” only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that our Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

SING Angels, announce with shouts of mirth / Christ who brings new life to earth. / Set every peak and valley humming / With the word, the Lord is coming. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the Lord, is on the way.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of December 17, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	334.00
Sunday 10 AM	\$	1,189.008
Sunday 12 PM	\$	88.00
Sunday 5 PM	\$	292.00
Total	\$	2,703.00

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

Pledged	\$	18,567.00
Goal	\$	27,596.00
Paid	\$	17,786.00
Balance	\$	781.00

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

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Call-in # 1(351)999-3082

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



Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.



sunday 24	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <u>2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16</u> <u>Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29</u> <u>Rom 16:25-27</u> <u>Lk 1:26-38</u> † For the People of the Parish
monday 25	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) <u>Is 52:7-10</u> <u>Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6.</u> <u>Heb 1:1-6</u> <u>Jn 1:1-18</u> or <u>Jn 1:1-5, 9-14</u>
tuesday 26	FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR <u>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59</u> <u>Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17</u> <u>Mt 10:17-22</u>
wednesday 27	FEAST OF SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST <u>1 Jn 1:1-4</u> <u>Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12</u> <u>Jn 20:1a and 2-8</u>
thursday 28	FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS <u>1 Jn 1:5—2:2</u> <u>Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8</u> <u>Mt 2:13-18</u>
friday 29	THE FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS <u>1 Jn 2:3-11</u> <u>Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6</u> <u>Lk 2:22-35</u>
saturday 30	THE SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS <u>1 Jn 2:12-17</u> <u>Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10</u> <u>Lk 2:36-40</u>

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 \$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.

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.



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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



PASTA WITH PASTOR

The Youth of the Parish is invited to St. Bonaventure Rectory for "Pasta with Pastor". Besides sharing a meal, we will talk about the future of youth at our Parish.

The meeting will be on
Thursday, December 28,
6:00 to 8:00 PM.

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.



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

New Year Schedule

NEW YEAR'S EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 AM Mass at St. Bonaventure

12:00 PM Mass at St. Benedict the Moor

5:00 PM Ghanaian Mass at St. Benedict the Moor

10:30 PM Mass at St. Bonaventure with New Year's

Toast afterwards

NEW YEAR'S DAY MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024

10:00 AM Mass at St. Benedict the Moor