



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEC 31ST 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

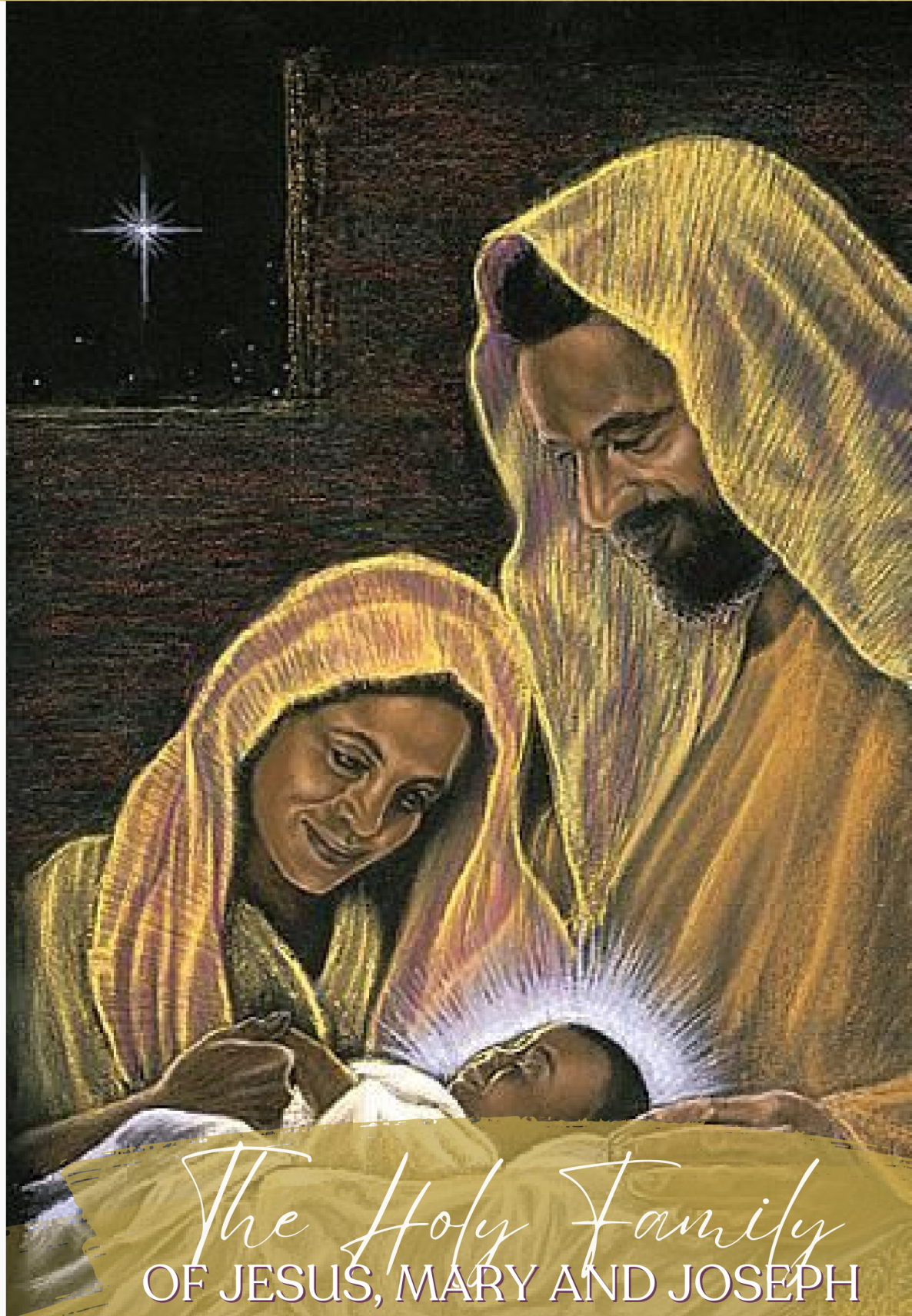
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The Holy Family
OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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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:

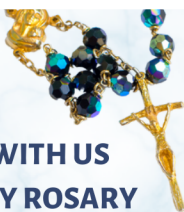
Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 pm
At St. Bonaventure or by Appointment: Call the Parish Office.

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

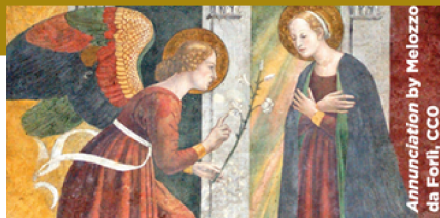


PRAY WITH US THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Sunday

St. Bonaventure: 9:30 am
and

St. Benedict: 11:30 am.



DECEMBER 31, 2023

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, “If we love, naturally we will try to do something. First in our own home, our next door neighbor, in the country we live, in the whole world.” In this quote we see a shift from the idyllic to a hard dose of reality: love means sacrifice and service. Perhaps it’s worth asking ourselves: Does our family always get our best self? None of us is perfect, so the honest answer is probably no. If it’s tempting to think, “well, the Holy Family was perfect, so what does this feast have to do with our family?” let’s remember we are celebrating the Feast of the HOLY Family, not the feast of the perfect family. Yes, they were holy. They embodied this in their faith and devotion in those expanding circles of which St. Teresa spoke. They gave to God first – in today’s Gospel we see the family travel to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple. They then returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong and was “filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.”

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does this feast mean for us today? It means that being a holy family is not unattainable. St. John Paul II once said: “The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth.” (2001) In other words, God’s will was fulfilled in the simplest and most ordinary of human circumstances when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He sanctified what had been profaned by sin. Are our families perfect? No. But are we holy? That is our baptismal vocation and is within our reach each and every day. With the dawn of the new year, let’s make an effort to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let’s try to love our family members with all our heart, and bear witness in our actions and words. And finally, and most importantly, we must pray with and for one another.

PRAY Family prayer is powerful and transformative, uniting and equipping us to go out into the world each day and bear witness. Pray together: Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of December 24, 2023

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|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Saturday 5 PM..... | \$ | 373.00 |
| Sunday 10 AM | \$ | 1,687.00 |
| Sunday 12 PM | \$ | 999.00 |
| Sunday 5 PM | \$ | 396.00 |
| Total | \$ | 3,455.00 |
| Christmas Eve | \$ | 945.00 |
| Christmas Day | \$ | 1,218.00 |
| Catholic Charities | \$ | 626.00 |

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

Correction for December 17, 2023

Sunday 12 PM \$ **888.00**

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

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| Pledged | \$ | 18,617.00 |
| Goal | \$ | 27,596.00 |
| Paid | \$ | 18,152.00 |
| Balance | \$ | 465.00 |

Generations of Faith

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| 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



Call-in # 1(351)999-3082

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



Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
sunday 31
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40
† 5PM Happy 85th Birthday for Theresa Addai. Requested by her Children.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
THE OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS**
monday 1
Nm 6:22-27 | Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 | Gal 4:4-7 | Lk 2:16-21

**MEMORIAL OF SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND
GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**
tuesday 2
1 Jn 2:22-28 | Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 | Jn 1:19-28

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
wednesday 3
1 Jn 2:29-3:6 | PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 | Jn 1:29-34

MEMORIAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS
thursday 4
1 Jn 3:7-10 | Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 | Jn 1:35-42

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP
friday 5
1 Jn 3:11-21 | PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 | Jn 1:43-51

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
saturday 6
1 Jn 5:5-13 | PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 | Mk 1:7-11
† Mass of Thanksgiving for George & Olayinka Anakku,
Requested the Anakku Family.

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 closing the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal drive. Any last-minute donations will be much appreciated; however the checks must be dated no later than December 31, 2023.

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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

2nd Collection Envelopes

Beginning Sunday, January 7, 2024 we will institute our second collection. There will be temporary envelopes and pens at the back of each worship site. This will be in effect until the official 2nd set of weekly offering envelopes for the second collection are delivered.

STATE OF THE PARISH ADDRESS

As we enter year 2024, it is critical that we all have a clear understanding about the current situation of our Parish, our challenges, advantages and demands. That is why Fr. Krys will present the State of Parish address on Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 at St. Benedict the Moor. This will be an important meeting for all who are concerned about the present and future conditions of our community. This will be a hybrid event, and online access information will be provided 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.



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, January 16, 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 at **(646) 931 3860. Meeting ID: 847 111 4647, Passcode: 04452054**

MEN'S CLOTHING DRIVE



We are still collecting men's clothing items for the migrant men at the Creedmoor Center in Queens. You can bring your items to St. Bonaventure Rectory, or simply bring them with you to the church on Sunday.

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