



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEB
18TH
2024

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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**"THIS IS THE
TIME OF
FULFILLMENT.
THE
KINGDOM OF
GOD IS AT
HAND.
REPENT, AND
BELIEVE IN
THE
GOSPEL."**

MARK 1:15

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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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



FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Gn 9:8-15 | 1 Pt 3:18-22 | Mk 1:12-15

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Today is the first day of Lent! It is the beginning of a new liturgical season in the Church, a season of prayer, service and self-sacrifice. It is a time of preparation, culminating in the holiest day of the year: Easter. As we embark on our Lenten journey, we hear a reading from Genesis in which God makes a covenant with Noah where he promises, “the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings.” The Lord has said that no matter our disobedience, sin and rebellion, he will never destroy us! Saint Peter explains how the story of Noah, “in which a few persons ... were saved through water,” prefigures baptism, and baptism, as we know, marks us as the Lord’s own forever. We are sealed with a sign that can never be relinquished. So, just as the great flood signaled a rebirth for the world, our baptism is a rebirth of our soul in Christ. We are washed clean of our original sin, and the door to salvation is opened for us. It is fitting that at the beginning of our Lenten journey we hear the story of the beginning of our eternal covenant with the Lord. Both the covenant, and Lent, will be fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As a child, Lent meant lentils for dinner, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and no TV ever. For a 10-year-old, it was a time to be endured. Now, as an adult, Lent can still be hard, but I recognize it as a time of opportunity as well. It is a chance to strip away all the excess in my life and focus on what matters most. While I am not exactly jumping for joy at the thought of fasting, I can’t deny that it is easier for me to spend time in prayer when I’m not mindlessly grazing on chips and chocolate all day long. I may grumble at times, but with God’s grace I have grown in understanding of the Church’s wisdom in encouraging us to fast, pray and give alms during Lent. All three practices invite us to reflect on the great sacrifice of the Lord and prepare our hearts to receive him each Sunday in the Eucharist, as well as on our final judgment day

PRAY Lent is the perfect time to take stock of your current spiritual practices and add new ones to your daily routine. Remember the words we heard from Jesus today: “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Start off your Lenten season right by taking time to receive the sacrament of reconciliation and designating a time each day to pray. If you aren’t sure what to say to God during this time, choose a verse or two of Psalm 6 and let your heart take it from there.



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 February 11, 2024

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	143.00
Sunday 10 AM	\$	970.00
Sunday 12 PM	\$	650.00
Sunday 5 PM	\$	314.00
Total	\$	2,077.00

Second Collection

St. Bonaventure	\$	586.00
St. Benedict the Moor	\$	496.00

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024

Pledged	\$	0.00
Goal	\$	27,596.00

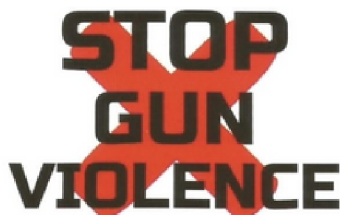
Generations of Faith

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



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



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15	
sunday	10 AM Birthday Blessing for Randell Gaskins , Requested by <i>Malcom & Renee Gaskins</i> .
18	5 PM Birthday Blessing for Grace Owusu . Requested by <i>her Family</i> .
monday	MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
19	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46
tuesday	TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
20	Is 55:10-11 PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15
wednesday	WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK IN LENT
21	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32
thursday	FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER, APOSTLE
22	1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19
friday	FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
23	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26
saturday	SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT
24	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Charles & Ethel Adams, Teresa Addai, Ethel Boyd- Journette, Helen Broady, Georgeann Campbell, Denille Colborne, Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Rose Marie Dorvilly, Juanita Dotson, Paula Ellis, Vivian Ellis, Helen Edwards, James Edwards, Ceclia Enordbloy, Merita Gordon, Christopher Henderson, Joyce Hunt, Dolly Jankee, Breanna Mason, Margaret McFadden, Linda Mercer, Jelani Maleeq Morris, Naida Njoku, Kimbal Pagson, Roy Pinkard, Jean Prioleau, Julia Reid, Roxanne Richards-Jones, Evan Smelley, Neil Sussman, Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wilkes, Mary Williams, Robert Wilson, Steven Wilson



**Annual Catholic
Appeal 2024**
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Today we are beginning the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. As in last year, our goal remains at \$27,596. Last year we fell short \$8,600 from reaching our target amount. Please consider donating to ACA this year.

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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: Annette Hunt-Walker

ALTAR SERVERS CORDINATORS

St. Bonaventure: Anthony Osuji
St. Benedict: Annette Hunt-Walker

YOUTH MINISTRY

DIM: Warren Rolling
YAMS: Kristin Orié

DANCE MINISTRY

Parish Liturgical Praise Dancers:
Paulita Da-Costa-Campbell
Rhymes Lowery Theater Arts Guild:
Terri Rhymes Lowery

GIRLS SCOUTS

Kindra Coleman, Kyah Coleman
Angie Robinson, Sandy Robinson &
Gabrielle Rolling

ALTAR GUILD

St. Bonaventure: Lorraine Simpkins
St. Benedict: Harriet Scott &
Paulette Atkins

ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Bonaventure: Francisca Rafua
St. Benedict: Denise Francis

VINCENT DE PAUL

Julia Reid

MENS MINISTRY

Roy Pinkard

MINISTRY OF CONSOLATION

Renee Hartwell

GHANAIAI COMMUNITY CORDINATORS

George Yeboah & Samuel Turkson

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY CORDINATOR

Raphael Monfunaya

SPANISH COMMUNITY CORDINATOR

Angel Mora



VINEYARD

We invite all adults to join us at the Vineyard for an hour-long discussion about faith, spirituality, and the Church. The next meeting will take place on Monday, February 19, 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: 847111 4647, Passcode: "Vineyard".

You can also call in over the phone at (646) 9313860. Meeting ID: 847 111 4647, Passcode: 04452054

WORKSHOPS

The Diocese will host several workshops for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Hospitality in English and Spanish on March 9 at the Mary Louis Academy and on May 18, 2024, at Saint Francis Prep. For more information and to register, go to bqliturgy.org.

We require all Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to be retrained every 2 years. The deadline to produce your retraining certification is June 30 to be commissioned for the Fall of 2024. We will have a Eucharistic Ministers training in our Parish in the Spring.

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

With the beginning of Lent, we will begin Ministry of Hospitality at both Worship sites. We ask you to consider taking part in this vital ministry in our Parish.

*Your ways, O Lord,
are love and truth to
those who keep your
covenant.*

Psalm 25



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We invite you to join us in the reflection of the Stations of the Cross on Friday at 7:00PM at St. Benedict the Moor church.

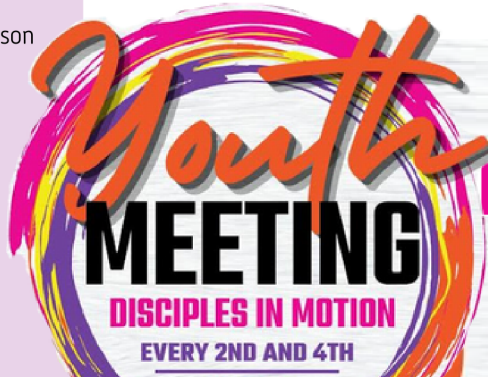
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

On Sunday, February 25, we will have our Annual unity Mass in observance of the Black History Mass. The Mass will be at 11:00 AM at St. Benedict the Moor Church with the Cultural Celebration to follow in St. Benedict Hall. The guest homilist will be Fr. Bryan Patterson, the Rector of St. James Basilica in Brooklyn.

SAVE THE DATE

friday
STAY mar. 29
AWAKE-A-THON

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT:
KRISTIN (347)404-1729 /
WARREN (917)742-0618



2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS 1:45 - 3:30 PM

St. Benedict The Moor Gymnasium

kids 11 and Up

Pizza and Beverages Served

Please register your youth at the link below

<https://bit.ly/3SgzWIH>



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