



# ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# MAR 10<sup>TH</sup> 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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[www.stsbonabene.org](http://www.stsbonabene.org)

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For God so loved the  
world that he gave  
his only Son,  
so that everyone who  
believes in Him  
might not perish  
but might have  
Eternal Life.



# FOURTH 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:

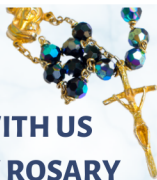
Saturdays: 4:00-4:30 pm  
At St. Bonaventure or by Appointment: Call the Parish Office.

## 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



## PRAY WITH US THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Sunday

St. Bonaventure: 9:30 am  
and

St. Benedict: 11:30 am.

“The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light.”

(Jn 3:19)

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# MARCH 10, 2024

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

“The floor is lava!” We used to play this game as children, and it still seems popular today: you arrange furniture and other objects in such a way as to make it from point to point, and even room to room, without touching the floor. There may be more than one way to go, but the crux of the matter is that you have to use these waypoints to stay alive in the game. Following Jesus is somewhat similar, although obviously infinitely more serious and important! He himself, through his sacrifice on the cross, opened the doors of salvation to us – he has provided the ways and means to live free from death. His sacrifice is the only thing that makes it possible for us to enter heaven. In other words, he has arranged the spiritual furniture, made clear those waypoints, and, differing from children who play the lava game, is ready and willing to help us at any time to move safely and confidently along the journey. St Paul writes, “we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.”

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

St. Paul also writes, “by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God.” And in today’s Gospel, St. John writes these words we know so well. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Both testaments include words of comfort, but John here also includes a call to action. Notice the word “might.” Like “may,” which is found in other translations, it indicates possibility, probability, and contingency. In other words, it is offered – freely given! – but we must accept. And acceptance means, just as the prophets shared with the Israelites, we need to follow God’s commands. It means that in our words and deeds we act from and in love of God and love of one another. For “whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.”

**ENGAGE** Today we are about halfway through Lent. If you haven’t yet taken advantage of the rich opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross with your family, do so this week. Most parishes pray the stations on Fridays during Lent, and perhaps other days as well. This ancient tradition of our Church is a beautiful and meaningful way to walk the Way of the Cross with our Lord. We adore you, O Christ, and bless you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the whole world.

# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



## Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of February 25, 2024

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	181.00
Sunday 10 AM.....	\$	1,200.00
Sunday 12 PM.....	\$	657.00
Sunday 5 PM.....	\$	463.00
Total.....	\$	2,501.00

### Second Collection

St. Bonaventure.....	\$	779.00
St. Benedict the Moor..	\$	621.00

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



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



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 | Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 | Eph 2:4-10 | Jn 3:14-21  
sunday **†12 PM In Memory of Grace Ozemena Mofunanya,**  
10 *Requested by Rapheal Mofunanya & Family.*

**5 PM Birthday Blessing for Comfort Oswusu, Requested by her Children.**

**Birthday Blessing for Ms. Adwoa Poku, Requested by her Family.**

monday  
11

### MONDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Is 65:17-21 | Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b | Jn 4:43-54

tuesday  
12

### TUESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Ez 47:1-9, 12 | Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 | Jn 5:1-16

wednesday  
13

### WEDNESDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Is 49:8-15 | Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 | Jn 5:17-30

thursday  
14

### THURSDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Ex 32:7-14 | Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 | Jn 5:31-47

friday  
15

### FRIDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Wis 2:1a, 12-22 | Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 | Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

saturday  
16

### SATURDAY OF THE FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Jer 11:18-20 | Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 | Jn 7:40-53

## FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING



Charles & Ethel Adams, Teresa Addai, Ethel Boyd- Journette,  
Helen Broady, Georgeann Campbell, Darcel Chapman, 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

## 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.



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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 Olivias

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

GHANAIA COMMUNITY

CORDINATORS  
George Yeboah & Samuel Turkson

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

CORDINATOR  
Raphael Monfunaya

SPANISH COMMUNITY

CORDINATOR  
Angel Mora

## 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.



### 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, March 18 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 May 18, 2024, at Saint Francis Prep. For more information and to register, go to [bqliturgy.org](http://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 on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 PM at St. Bonaventure Church.

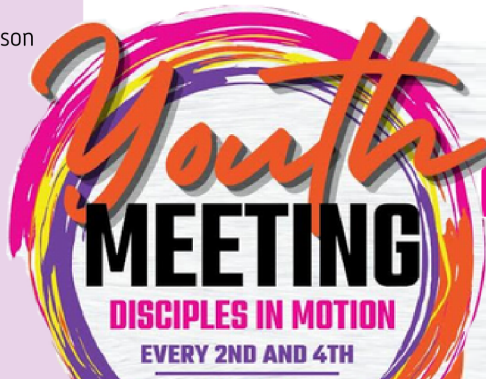
## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Abstinence:** All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

**Fasting:** All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday. Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may be taken on two other occasions during the day. Coffee, tea and juice are permitted at any time.



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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