



# ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

# APR 7<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

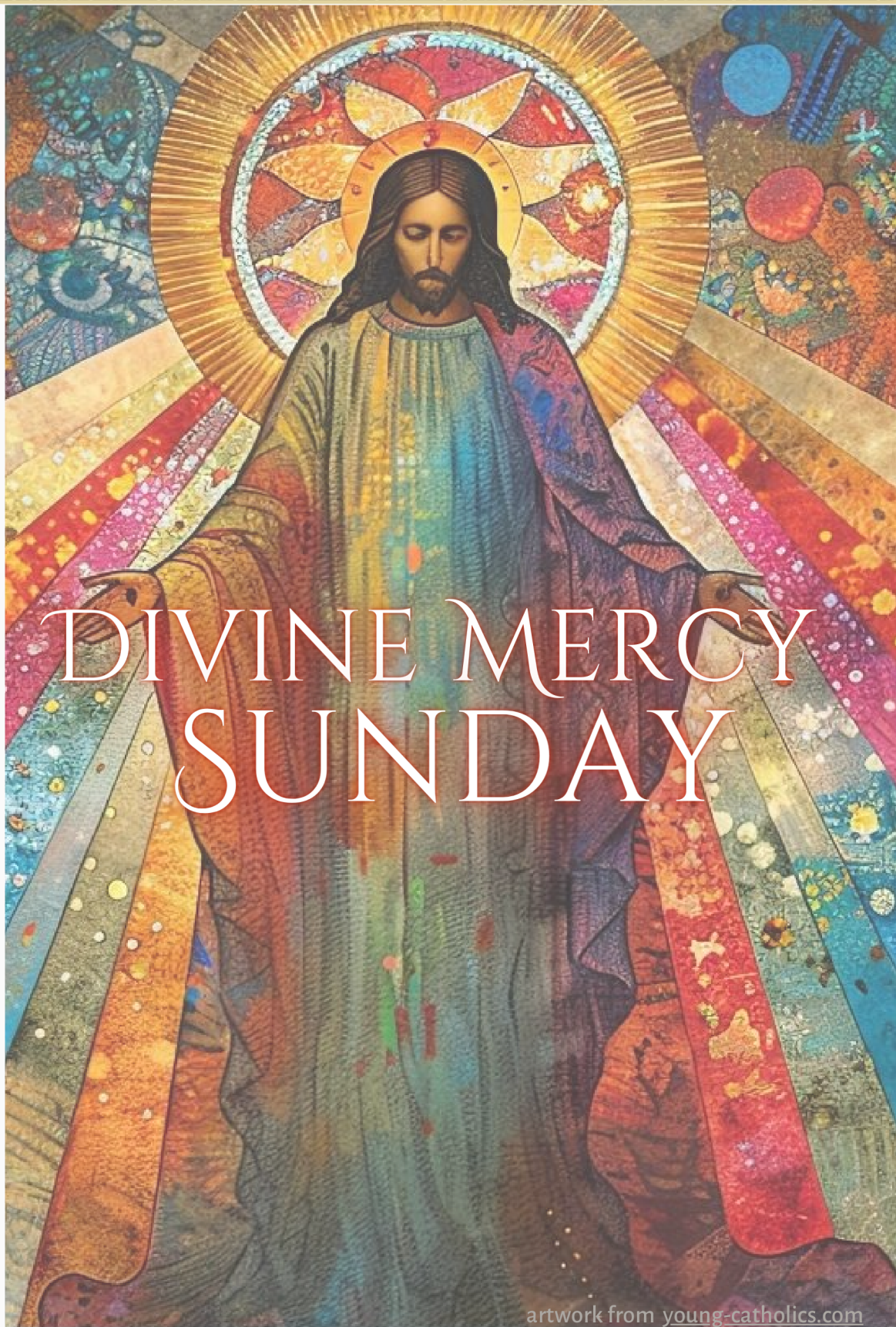
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# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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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

## HOLYDAY 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



# APRIL 7, 2024

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 4:32-35 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

We tend to beat up St. Thomas for his doubt, when what is really most amazing in the scene from today's Gospel is his understanding, and the first public pronouncement of, Jesus Christ's divinity. He gets it. And he proclaims it without hesitation: "My Lord and my God." I think about what Thomas' face might have looked like at that moment, and I imagine a countenance of conviction alongside humility – joyful tears in the eyes that reflect awe and wonder. The truth behind his realization and understanding is that God is faithful, God is loving, God is merciful. Of course, knowing that with our heart and mind needs to be translated into doing with our every action. The early Christian communities seemed to have lived this well, happily sharing their possessions and selling what they didn't need. Not because they had been forced to, but because the "commandments [were] not burdensome" for those who loved God. God loved us first, and by his grace, and his mercy, we are commanded and empowered to love one another.

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

God is merciful – Divine Mercy. And that is what we celebrate today, in addition to the second Sunday of Easter. The first Divine Mercy Sunday observance occurred in the year 2000, when St. John Paul II canonized Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska. The Polish sister received private revelations from the Lord about his great mercy in the 1930s, and she outlined these in a diary she kept at the instruction of her confessors. A passage from her diary says: "The graces of my mercy are drawn by means of one vessel only, and that is — trust. The more a soul trusts, the more it will receive." (1578) The apostles in today's passage told Thomas that they had seen the Lord – the resurrected Lord. They trusted that Jesus' messages to them were true and that they indeed need not fear. The message of Divine Mercy should likewise comfort us and also provide a model for our actions. In the same way the apostles helped Thomas to trust and come to deep knowledge and understanding, let us strive to be "of one heart and mind" with our fellow disciples and love them as we have been loved by God.

**PRAY** The words of St. Faustina's diary have been used to create the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This prayer is said using a rosary, but with some differences in the prayers. Once you know the words, the chaplet is a simple prayer to recite, and it is traditionally said at 3 p.m. in remembrance of Jesus' merciful act of dying on the cross for us. If you have never recited the chaplet, try praying it this week.

### SECOND COLLECTION ENVELOPES

At the back of both churches, we have newly printed Second Collection envelopes. Please pick up a box for your household.



## PRAY WITH US THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Sunday

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

**Parish Stewardship Reports**  
**Weekly Offering Report**  
**As of March 31, 2024**

Saturday Easter Vigil.....	\$	829.00
Sunday 10 AM.....	\$	1,116.00
Sunday 12 PM.....	\$	859.00
Sunday 5 PM.....	\$	447.00
Total.....	\$	3,321.00
<i>Second Collection</i>		
St. Bonaventure.....	\$	1,087.00
St. Benedict the Moor.....	\$	896.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$	230.00
Good Friday.....	\$	1,154.00
Easter Offering.....	\$	1,452.00
St. John Vianney.....	\$	720.00

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2024**

Pledged .....	\$	4,485.00
Goal .....	\$	27,596.00
Paid.....	\$	1,660

**Generations of Faith**

Pledged to Date .....	\$	497,370.00
Paid to Date .....	\$	206,651.00
Balance .....	\$	193,297.30

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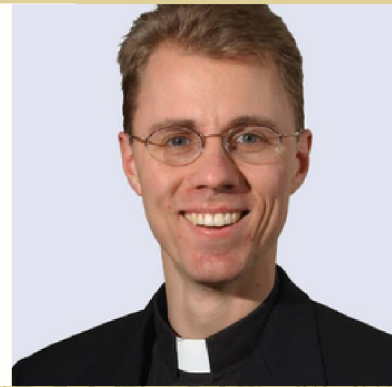


**Call-in # 1(351)999-3082**  
 JOIN US AT 7AM FOR DAILY PRAYER TO  
**END GUN VIOLENCE**



*In loving memory of*  
**Fr. Richard Zuk**

WE REGRET TO INFORM YOU ABOUT THE DEATH OF FR. RICHARD ZUK (1973-2024). FR. RICHARD SPENT HIS PASTORAL YEAR IN OUR PARISH AND DIED IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA, WHERE HE WAS MINISTERING AS A PRISON CHAPLAIN. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.



**WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

Acts 4:32-35 | Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 | 1 Jn 5:1-6 | Jn 20:19-31

**sunday** † **11AM Birthday Blessings in Heaven for Willie Ann Gaskins.**  
 7 *Requested by the Gaskins Family.*



**In Memory of Mrs. Grace Ozoemena Mofunanya.**  
*Requested by Rapheal Mofunanya & Family.*

**monday** **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**  
 8 Is 7:10-14; 8:10 | Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 | Heb 10:4-10 | Lk 1:26-38

**tuesday** **TUESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER**  
 9 Acts 4:32-37 | Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 | Jn 3:7b-15

**wednesday** **WEDNESDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER**  
 10 Acts 5:17-26 | Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 | Jn 3:16-21

**thursday** **MEMORIAL OF SAINT STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR**  
 11 Acts 5:27-33 | Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 | Jn 3:31-36  
 † **In Memory of Patrick Mark, Requested by Therese Hilaire.**

**friday** **FRIDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER**  
 12 Acts 5:34-42 | Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 | Jn 6:1-15

**saturday** **SATURDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF EASTER**  
 13 Acts 6:1-7 | Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 | Jn 6:16-21

**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



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

GHANAIAN COMMUNITY  
CORDINATORS  
George Yeboah & Samuel Turkson

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY  
CORDINATOR  
Raphael Monfunaya

SPANISH COMMUNITY  
CORDINATOR  
Angel Mora

# The Kids' Bulletin



*Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Sunday  
April 7th, 2024*



"Put your finger here, and see my hands;  
and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do  
not be faithless, but believing.



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A M B Y C

L D O E R

F D G A H

N I D J

M K Y L G

M O N D O

**What did St. Thomas reply to Jesus? Use every second letter to fill in the blanks!**



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, April 15, 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



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD, HIS LOVE  
IS EVERLASTING.

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