



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCT
15TH
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
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Jamaica, NY 11434

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*Many are called,
but few are
chosen.*

MT 22:14

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.



OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 25:6-10a | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

I have about 75 first cousins (yes, really!), so I grew up accustomed to large gatherings. “Feasts” in our family were almost an everyday kind of thing. So you can imagine my initial reaction to today’s parable: Why would anyone refuse such a grand invitation? Who doesn’t love a feast? As we know, however, with parables, Jesus is giving us a message that is deeper than it first appears. Today he uses the image of a wedding feast to explain God’s abundant generosity, and the indifference or outright refusal this loving generosity is often met with. Yes, we enjoy sharing food with family and friends, but are we always gracious recipients of God’s love and bounty? Are we prepared, and properly disposed, to receive it? (Think of the graces we receive in the sacraments, especially confession.) The kingdom of heaven is the banquet to which we are all invited, and too often we can become busy with our material lives and not notice this ongoing invitation. Or we push it out of our minds, or grieve about in the wrong garments (of sin, and not grace). Let us open our ears and our hearts to God’s loving invitation, strive to be holy people, and share this gift with those around us.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

We learn from today’s readings that the kingdom of heaven can be likened to a sumptuous banquet. Isaiah, in the first reading, says it well, proclaiming, “The Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines.” Isaiah then moves from imagery of food to talk about how God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears. In other words, God has saved his people, and offers us his constant presence and the gift of eternal life. But we must respond to God’s generosity in the proper manner so we are prepared to enter the kingdom when the time comes. Making our relationship with Jesus our number one priority will prepare us well to receive and respond to this invitation. From this we will see how our other priorities naturally change and how God always provides. As St. Paul says in his Letter to the Philippians: “My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

ACTION When you get dressed each morning this week, take a look at what you are wearing spiritually, as well as physically. What does the (spiritual) garment look like? Is it appropriate for a wedding feast? Pray the Act of Contrition (and go to confession if necessary), and then make a conscious effort to repair any faults in your spiritual garment: forgive someone or apologize to someone; pray specifically for someone you do not especially care for; spend time in Eucharistic Adoration.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekly Offering Report As of October 8, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	303.00
Sunday 10 AM	\$	1,421.00
Sunday 12 PM	\$	1,221.00
Sunday 5 PM	\$	196.00
Total	\$	3,141.00

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Pledged	\$	17,717.00
Goal	\$	27,596.00
Paid	\$	15,729.00
Balance	\$	1,988.00

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



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sunday TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 Is 25:6-10a | Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 | Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 | Mt 22:1-14

† 10 AM Thanksgiving Blessing for Violet Olivas and Family,
Requested by Violet Olivas.

12 PM For the People of the Parish

monday MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

16 Rom 1:1-7 | Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Lk 11:29-32

tuesday MEMORIAL OF SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR

17 Rom 1:16-25 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 11:37-41

wednesday FEAST OF SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

18 2 Tm 4:10-17b | Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 | Lk 10:1-9

thursday MEMORIAL OF SAINTS JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

19 Rom 3:21-30 | Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab | Lk 11:47-54

† For the Repose of Msgr. Christopher Ajala, *Requested by Sister Joan Odofin.*

friday FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

20 Rom 4:1-8 | Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11 | Lk 12:1-7

saturday SATURDAY OF THE TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

21 Rom 4:13, 16-18 | PS 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 | Lk 12:8-12

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Charles & Ethel Adams, Teresa Addai, Ethel Boyd- Journette, Helen

Broadly, 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, Linda Mercer, Naida

Njoku, Roy Pinkard, Jean Prioleau, Evan Smelley, Neil Sussman,

Evelyn Washington, Virginia Wilkes, Mary Williams, Steven Wilson



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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: Gabrielle Rolling

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
& Kassandra Wilson
St. Benedict: Harriet Scott &
Paulette Atkins

ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Bonaventure: Patrice Gibbs
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

INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR FR. KRYSYIAN PIASTA



Next Sunday, there will be an official installation of Fr. Krys as our pastor. There will be only one Mass at 11:00 AM at St. Bonaventure followed by a reception and fellowship at St. Benedict Hall.

The Bona-Bene Community is requested to contribute to the reception, either by making monetary donations and/or in-kind donations of drinks or time. Also, we are asking our community members to offer a ride for those of our parishioners who might need it. We mean both directions: from St. Benedict to St. Bonaventure for the Mass, and after the Mass for the Reception at St. Benedict Hall. You can still RSVP the reception, offer a ride and ask for the ride. We have also set up an installation website that allows you to make all these transactions electronically at stsbonabene.org/installation or scan the QR code. Today is the deadline for all these transactions.



RCIA

Adults, who would like to become Catholics, or Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation, which are Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, please contact the Parish office, or pick up a flyer and sign up online. The meetings will start in October.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are continuing this year's edition of the Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's goal is \$27,596. As of today, we have pledged \$17,717 (64%) and paid \$15,729 (57%) of the goal. Please note, only 21% of parishioners participate in the Appeal. Please consider donating.

SECOND COLLECTION

In the near future, we will introduce the second collection, which will be taken at ALL Sunday Masses. Outside of national, or required special second collections, we will dedicate raised funds to various projects in our Parish only. Please be assured that these funds will be used 100% in our Parish. We will give you more explanation very soon.