



# ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

OCT  
22<sup>ND</sup>  
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  
114-58 170th Street  
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GIVE THE LORD  
*Glory*  
and  
*Honor*

TWENTY-NINTH 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

#### 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



#### PRAY WITH US THE HOLY ROSARY

Every Sunday

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

**"I HAVE CALLED  
YOU BY  
YOUR NAME."  
(IS 45:4)**

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**OCTOBER 22, 2023**

## **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 45:1, 4-6 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

It strikes me that our readings today are about “belonging.” It may seem like a simple concept, but in practice its meaning and ramifications run deep. Picture a young child coming home after a day at school or child care: He or she may even audibly let out a sigh of relief at the familiar surroundings, the presence of Mom and/or Dad, and all that they hold dear. Is it so different for us? We are God’s, we belong to him. In the first reading God tells Cyrus, “I have called you by your name.” And Jesus says to repay “to God what belongs to God.” How do we do that? We, who have been called by name by virtue of our baptism, do this by putting God first in our lives. By loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind. And by giving him not the leftovers, but the first fruits of our talents, our treasure, and our time. Spend some time in prayer with God today and listen to the words he writes upon your heart.

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

We have been chosen by God to spread his Good News in the world. We are his witnesses. Sound intimidating? I took comfort in the words from Saint Paul in the second reading: “For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.” Is it always a “piece of cake” to be Christ’s disciples in the world helping to build his kingdom here on earth? No, certainly not. But the knowledge that we are beloved and valuable in the sight of God, coupled with the power and strength of the Holy Spirit, fortifies us for the task. Are we up to the task? Yes. We belong to God now and forever. Let us strive to act like a child of God in all things, and deepen our reliance on the Holy Spirit when things get tough.

**WITNESS** Today’s Gospel acclamation, from Philippians, says: “Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.” There is so much darkness in the world. Make an effort to be the “light” in someone’s life this week, whether it be a spouse, a child, a parent, or a co-worker.



# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



## Parish Stewardship Reports

### Weekly Offering Report As of October 15, 2023

Saturday 5 PM.....	\$	355.00
Sunday 10 AM .....	\$	1,532.00
Sunday 12 PM .....	\$	829.00
Sunday 5 PM .....	\$	609.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,325.00</b>

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<https://stsbonabene.org/giving>

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

Pledged .....	\$	17,717.00
Goal .....	\$	27,596.00
Paid .....	\$	16,120.00
Balance .....	\$	1,597.00

### Generations of Faith

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



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## STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Call-in # 1(351)999-3082

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



Knights of Peter Claver, Inc.



sunday 22 **TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Is 45:1, 4-6 | Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 | 1 Thes 1:1-5b | Mt 22:15-21

† **Fr. Krystian Piasta, Congratulations on your new appointment and installation.** Requested by the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary

**Thanksgiving Blessing for Erlinda Franks.**  
Requested by Erlinda Franks

monday 23 **MONDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Rom 4:20-25 | Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 | Lk 12:13-21

† **In Memory of Celeste McPherson-Martin,** Requested by Barry & Denise Francis

tuesday 24 **TUESDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 | Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 | Lk 12:35-38

wednesday 25 **WEDNESDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Rom 6:12-18 | Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 | Lk 12:39-48

thursday 26 **THURSDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Rom 6:19-23 | Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 | Lk 12:49-53  
† **In Memory of Celeste McPherson-Martin,** Requested by her Family.

friday 27 **FRIDAY OF THE TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Rom 7:18-25a | Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 | Lk 12:54-59

saturday 28 **FEAST OF SAINTS SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**  
Eph 2:19-22 | Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 | Lk 6:12-16

## 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 Dorvilly, 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, 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: Annete 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

JUST A NOTE TO SAY...

thanks

I would like to thank all who have taken any part in preparation and execution of my installation, especially the Installation Committee. Your dedication, professionalism and the spirit of collaboration was exemplary and serves as a great starting point for the restoration of our Parish. May God bless you and reward you for your hard work.

– Fr. Krys



## **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 on Monday, October 30 at 6:30 PM at St. Bonaventure Rectory.

## **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 \$16,120 (58%) 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 soon.