



ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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
Jamaica, NY 11434

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR
171-17 110th Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11434

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*...you have but
one master, the
Christ.*

THIRTY-FIRST 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.



NOVEMBER 5, 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Mt 23:1-12

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

We all want to feel special and be noticed. We see it in Adam and Eve's decision to eat the fruit in the garden after the snake promises "your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods." (Gen 3:5) The scribes and the Pharisees in today's Gospel certainly appear to fall into this category of wanting to be noticed: "All their works are performed to be seen," Jesus says. To be clear, we ARE each unique children of God: chosen by him and called by name. We are "wonderfully made" by the Lord (Ps 139:14), and that alone makes us valuable beyond measure. The problem arises when we begin to see our value as something we are responsible for on our own. We no longer give glory to God and acknowledge him as the fount of all good things. Instead, we are tempted to take credit for ourselves – that was the error of the scribes and the Pharisees, and it is one against which we should guard ourselves.

GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's readings are instructive and, frankly, a good reminder that as God's beloved children baptized into Christ, we are called to a higher standard. What is this higher standard? First, it entails "[giving] thanks to God unceasingly," as St. Paul said in today's reading. It also involves practicing what we preach in a way the Pharisees do not. At the heart of Jesus' message today is telling us, his followers, how we are meant to live. We are to follow Jesus' words and strive to imitate his actions with humility and love. Does this mean loving unconditionally? It does. Does this mean not seeking places of honor but rather having a servant's attitude? It does. Are these postures and attitudes that come naturally to us as human beings? As descendants of Adam and Eve? Perhaps not. But if we wish to make Jesus the master of our lives, let us discern where we can be serving others better and putting our energy into the work of building God's kingdom.

PRAY The Catechism calls humility the "foundation of prayer." (CCC 2559) **Let us pray this week for the humility to do God's will without any praise or recognition. Let us ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom to know what the Lord wants from us and to joyfully fulfill that call even if it means working in the shadows where no one will notice.**



Celebrating — 25 YEARS —

OF MOVING IN SYNC WITH THE DIVINE

Join Us!

ST. BONAVENTURE SANCTUARY

SATURDAY | NOV. 18, 2023 | 7:00PM

Join the St. Bonaventure - St. Benedict the Moor Liturgical Praise Dancers as they celebrate 25 years with their **FREE** Annual Praise Dance Concert. There is no cost for this event, there will be a **FREE WILL OFFERING**.

WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



Parish Stewardship Reports

Weekly Offering Report As of October 29, 2023

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| Saturday 5 PM..... | \$ | 534.00 |
| Sunday 10 AM | \$ | 973.00 |
| Sunday 12 PM | \$ | 1,193.00 |
| Sunday 5 PM | \$ | 293.00 |
| Total | \$ | 2,293.00 |

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

Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

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| Pledged | \$ | 17,817.00 |
| Goal | \$ | 27,596.00 |
| Paid | \$ | 16,220.00 |
| Balance | \$ | 1,597.00 |

Generations of Faith

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



In Person | In the Mail | Securely Online
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STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Call-in # 1(351)999-3082

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



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sunday 5 **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10 | Ps 131:1, 2, 3 | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13 | Mt 23:1-12

10 AM † For the People of the Parish.

12 PM Birthday Blessings for Vanita Dotson, Requested by Juanita Dotson.

monday 6 **MONDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Rom 11:29-36 | Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 | Lk 14:12-14 |

tuesday 7 **TUESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Rom 12:5-16ab | Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 | Lk 14:15-24

wednesday 8 **WEDNESDAY OF THE THIRTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**
Rom 13:8-10 | Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 | Lk 14:25-33

thursday 9 **FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME**
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 | 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 | Jn 2:13-22

friday 10 **MEMORIAL OF SAINT LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
Rom 15:14-21 | Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 | Lk 16:1-8

saturday 11 **MEMORIAL OF SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP**
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 | Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 | Lk 16:9-15
† In Memory of Sylvester Anakhu, Requested by The Anakhu Family.

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, Cecelia 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



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 \$17,817 (65%) and paid \$16,220 (59%) 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.

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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

GHANAIAI COMMUNITY

CORDINATORS
George Yeboah & Samuel Turkson

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

CORDINATOR
Raphael Monfunaya

SPANISH COMMUNITY

CORDINATOR
Angel Mora

VINEYARD

Last week we have started meetings for adults who would like to become Catholics and Catholics who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation. Traditionally, this program is called RCIA, in our parish we will call it the Vineyard. These meetings are open to all adults who would like to refresh their faith or ask questions about matters related to spirituality, faith, the Church etc. After receiving several signals of interest, we decided to make these meetings hybrid, which is in-person and online. These hour-long meetings will continue every other Monday at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will take place on November 13 at St. Bonaventure Rectory. You can join online by scanning the QR code, or by entering the following information at **zoom.us**:

Meeting ID: 847 111 4647, Passcode: "Vineyard".

You can also call in over the phone at (646) 931 3860.

Meeting ID: 847 111 4647, Passcode: 04452054

LECTORS TRAINING

There will be a mandatory Lector Training Workshop by Master Lector Sandy Figueroa on Thursday, November 16 at 7:00 PM at St. Benedict the Moor church. Please use the bulletin ad to register.

ST. BONAVENTURE-ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR CHURCH

Lectors Ministry - Ministers of the Word

Proclaiming the Word: Lector Training Workshop

Presenter: Sandy Figueroa, Master Lector

When: Thursday, November 16th, 2023

Where: St. Bonaventure -St. Benedict the Moor
171-17 Brinkerhoff Avenue
Jamaica, NY 11433

Time: 7:00 PM SHARP

Register at: <https://bit.ly/3sgrIzM>



This mandatory workshop will provide the necessary skills, information, tips and techniques for all Lectors and anyone who is interested in Proclaiming the Word of God in our Parish.