



# ST. BONAVENTURE - ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**FEB**  
**4<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  
171-17 110th Avenue  
Jamaica, NY 11434

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# THE HEALER

## FIFTH 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.



FEBRUARY 4, 2024

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

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

Why me? It could be a flat tire, a lost job or a serious illness. When inconvenient, unpleasant or even downright horrible things happen, it is understandable to wonder why God allows it. I know that is what goes through my head in extreme adversity. God can do all things, so why wouldn't he change "this thing" for me? In the Gospel, we see Jesus curing Simon Peter's mother-in-law of her illness, but many of us don't have our prayers answered like that. Instead, we may relate more to Job in today's first reading when he says life is a "drudgery" and he "shall not see happiness again." The reality is that God's ways are not our ways, so we can't know why some people endure hardship while others receive miracles. But we can change how we respond to those hardships when they arrive. Just as this passage from Job is understood better within the context of the whole book, discrete events in our lives are part of something larger than ourselves. Praying with Scripture, including reading more of Job, can help us understand how God is molding, refining, and yes – always loving us.

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

When we are tempted to feel like Job is a good time to embrace the age-old practice of "offering it [suffering] up." As a child, my parents explained that offering it up meant I was telling God I would happily suffer in exchange for it helping someone else. What does this really mean? Everything stems from our being united to Christ in our baptism and being participants in his priestly, prophetic and royal office. We offer ourselves, our whole being, including our worship, praise, joy, gratitude, bodies and even sufferings to God as sacrifice. So, to "offer it [suffering] up" is a powerful way of taking a bad situation and allowing it to be used for something good; to give our inconvenience, pain and grief to the Lord and ask him to unite it to Christ's suffering for the good of others. It is a redemptive act, a form of love-in-action. St. Paul is a great example of someone who suffered gladly, and in today's second reading he shares that "to the weak [he] became weak, to win over the weak."

**PRAY** Offering up our sufferings and difficulties is a way to participate in the redemptive work of Christ. It is a simple way to pray and can keep our focus on God throughout the day. There isn't any one specific prayer for doing this. Instead, when something unpleasant or painful happens, take a moment to acknowledge it and give it to the Lord. It can be as simple as saying, "Lord, I am happy to endure this for the benefit of others." You may want to insert a specific intention or offer it for the souls in purgatory. It's not always easy – especially when your suffering is great – but give it a try this week.

## MONEY COUNTERS

One of the most important, yet unseen ministries is Money Counting. To maintain a transparent and reliable system, we need ideally 3 money counters at a time, that are constantly alternating. That is why we need more money counters at both worship sites. Please speak to Fr. Krys or call our Office if you can help. New Money Counters will be trained in-house.





# WEEKLY READINGS & MASS INTENTIONS



## Parish Stewardship Reports Weekly Offering Report As of January 14, 2024

|                    |           |                 |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Saturday 5 PM..... | \$        | 225.00          |
| Sunday 10 AM ..... | \$        | 895.00          |
| Sunday 12 PM ..... | \$        | 327.00          |
| Sunday 5 PM .....  | \$        | 351.00          |
| <b>Total .....</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>1,798.00</b> |

### Second Collection

|                       |    |        |
|-----------------------|----|--------|
| St. Bonaventure       | \$ | 633.00 |
| St. Benedict the Moor | \$ | 477.00 |

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

### ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2023

|               |    |           |
|---------------|----|-----------|
| Pledged ..... | \$ | 19,952.00 |
| Goal .....    | \$ | 27,596.00 |
| Paid .....    | \$ | 19,662.00 |
| Balance ..... | \$ | 290.00    |

### 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

# STOP GUN VIOLENCE

Call-in # 1(351)999-3082

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



sunday  
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### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 | Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 | Mk 1:29-39

† 10 am In Memory of Beryl M. Holliday, Requested by Family & Friends.  
Birthday Blessing for Mikel & Michelle's 71st Birthday,  
Requested by Michelle Nero.  
Birthday Blessing for LaTasha Wilson & Robert Wilson  
Requested by LaTasha Wilson

monday  
5

### MEMORIAL OF SAINT AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 | PS 132:6-7, 8-10 | Mk 6:53-56

tuesday  
6

### MEMORIAL OF SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 | Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 | Mk 7:1-13

wednesday  
7

### WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 10:1-10 | Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 | Mk 7:14-23

thursday  
8

### THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kgs 11:4-13 | Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 | Mk 7:24-30

friday  
9

### FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

1 kgs 11:29-32, 12:19 | Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 | Mk 7:31-37

saturday  
10

### MEMORIAL OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN\

1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34 | Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 | Mk 8:1-10

## FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

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



## WORKSHOPS

The Diocese will host several workshops for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Ministers of Hospitality in English and Spanish on March 9 at the Mary Louis Academy and on March 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 in our Parish in the Spring.

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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:

### 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  
St. Benedict: Harriet Scott &  
Paulette Atkins

### ROSARY SOCIETY

St. Bonaventure:  
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



This year, the season of Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14. That day we will have a Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Benedict the Moor and at 7:30 PM at St. Bonaventure.

## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

In our efforts to become Growing Disciples, we are introducing the Prayer Partnership Program (PPP). At the back of both churches, you will find special Prayer Cards to be used by anyone who needs a prayer. You can specify what you want to be prayed for, or you can keep the intention as "known to you and God only". You can indicate your name and contact information, or you may remain anonymous. Once you filled the form, you can drop it into the Prayer Box or leave it on the table or affixed to the bulletin board. Your Prayer Card will be available for a pickup either immediately or next Sunday (if dropped into the Box). Anyone can pick up a card and pray for you and your intentions. If you leave your contact information it means that you allow the praying person to reach out to you so that you could pray.



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, February 5, 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".**

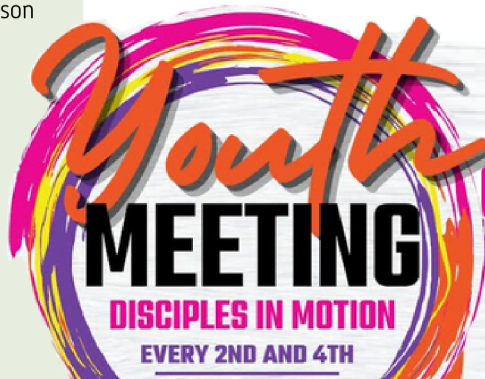
You can also call in over the phone at  
**(646) 9313860. Meeting ID: 847 111 4647,  
Passcode: 04452054**

## 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.

## MEN'S RETREAT

St. Catherine of Sienna's Men's Club is organizing a Men's Spiritual Retreat "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" on Saturday, February 17 from 10 AM to 5 PM. The cost for the retreat (including lunch) is \$25. For more information, please see a separate poster.



**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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