



January 10th, 2010

## The Baptism of the Lord

*Start the  
new year*



*with  
a prayer...*

# CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE

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**REVEREND HUGH R. GRACE, PASTOR**  
**Deacon Peter Venezia**

**Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00am to 2:00pm**  
**Administrative Assistant: Rosann Glommeau**  
**Office Assistant: Veronica Lombardo**

### MASSES

Weekdays: 9:00AM  
Saturday: 9:00AM & 5:00PM  
Sunday: 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Coffee & doughnuts in Boyd Hall after all Sunday Masses  
Holy Day: 9:00AM, 7:00PM day of & night before

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00PM - 4:30PM

### BAPTISMS

Only by appointment  
Saturdays at 11:00AM or Sundays at 1:00PM

### WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the rectory as soon as a wedding is planned.

### PARISH COUNCIL

Bob Chamberlain, Chairperson 845-570-0133  
2nd Monday of month at 8:00PM in Rectory

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Kay Olive-Kelly, Coordinator 845-354-7039

### CLASSES

Pre-K and K: Tuesday 4:15-5:15PM  
Grades 1 - 5: Tuesday 4:15-5:45PM  
Grades 6 - 8: Thursday 6:45-8:15PM

### SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

3rd Monday of the month at 7:00PM in Rectory  
Deacon Peter Venezia 845-362-0880

### ROSARY

Every Wednesday at 8:00PM. Open to all.

### EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Wednesday of month at 8:00PM in Church  
Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary  
Deacon Tom 845-608-4713

### TELEPRAYER NETWORK

For prayer needs: Rose Alessi 845-290-1670

### FUNDRAISING

Ongoing Parish Support  
Ellen McNamara 845-369-3279

### MUSIC PROGRAMS

Jim Coakley, Director of Music Ministry  
Adult Choir 845-216-2768

### YOUTH GROUP

Contact Rectory

### BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

Kay Olive-Kelly: Call for Details 845-354-8375  
Meets Saturday Mornings in Boyd Hall at 8:00AM  
September through June

### RESPECT LIFE/FAMILY LIFE

Bill Martin 914-906-4291



# Mass Intentions for the Week

Tabernacle candle lit for the intentions of  
**CLAUDIO VARGAS**



01/10/10	Intentions	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lector	E. Ministers
5:00 PM	Claudio Vargas	Fr. Grace	Bonanno, H. Mesones, A. Matos	Mallavarapu	Bonanno, D'Antoni
9:00 AM	Fr. John Keaveney	Fr. Grace	Zahlman, Follini, J. Negrin	Affronti	Follini, Kapral
11:00 AM	Grace Gowrie	Fr. Jim	Collins (2), Wojnicki	Wojnicki	Felske, Ortiz

Daily	Intentions	Celebrant
Monday	Josette Guerhart (Living)	Fr. Grace
Tuesday	Msgr. John Keaveney	Fr. Grace
Wednesday	Msgr. Joseph Boyd	Fr. Grace
Thursday	Richard Kelly	Fr. Grace
Friday	Dorothy D. Madden	Fr. Grace
Saturday	Lyn Emita	Fr. Grace

What better gift than Mass prayers to have friends and family remembered at Mass for birthdays, anniversaries, marriages, and so many other occasions. Mass intentions are not only for the deceased, but can be given as Special Intentions for the Living.

Feel free to use the envelopes provided in the rectory foyer or call us with a date. There is a list of available dates and cards there for you to use. You can leave your \$15.00 donation in the green box or in the office. Please do not place it in the collection basket.

01/17/10	Intentions	Celebrant	Altar Servers	Lector	E. Ministers
5:00 PM	Frank Leschynski	Fr. Jim	Pierce (2)	Pierce	Morreale, R. Hughes
9:00 AM	Patricia Cassidy	Fr. Grace	Zingale (3)	Lifin	Eckert, Richards
11:00 AM	Edwin Soto	Fr. Grace	K. Negron, A. & K. Mesones	DiBartolo	Cary, Handler

**God Bless You and Your Family this New Year!**

St. Boniface would avoid the current deficit if each family could afford to contribute an additional \$2.50 per week or \$125.00 per year. Any amount you have to spare is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

## Weekly Collection

ParishPay for month of December:	\$ 2,047.00
December 25th Collection:	\$ 638.00
December 25th Attendance:	844
Christmas Collection to date:	\$ 17,475.00
Flowers Collection to date:	\$ 1,080.00
December 27th Collection:	\$ 5,588.00
December 27th Attendance:	515
January 1st & 3rd Collection:	\$ 5,458.00
January 3rd Attendance:	401

*Remember Our Sick* Let us pray to the Lord:



Maureen Armstrong, Lucretia LoRusso, Ann Adams, Lucy Moffa, Michael Tierney, Ann Fiala, Emma Sheeran,

John Caballar, Eileen & Frank Parisi, William Riebling, Frank Flynn, AnneMarie Nickdow, and Doris Burns.



## Notes from the Pastor

Hi, it's me again. Here we are back in Ordinary Time in our Church Year.

Actually, that starts tomorrow, for today the season of Christmas comes to a conclusion with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord.

The Baptism of Jesus reminds us of our identity and mission. By Baptism we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, and members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit.

Most all of us dipped our right hand into the Holy Water Font and blessed ourselves when we came into church today. Why? Well, it reminds us of our Baptism. When we do this, we should recall that we are children of God redeemed by the Cross of Christ and therefore a member of God's family; washed, forgiven, cleansed, and purified by the Blood of the Lamb.

We are also reminded of our mission. We are to acknowledge our own dignity as God's children; by honoring, loving and serving others as they too are children of God. We are called to live as children of God in thought, word, and deed.

So we are to read the word of God by participating in the Holy Mass and by frequenting the sacrament of Reconciliation. Also, we must be busy building up the Kingdom of God—a kingdom of compassion, justice and love. Where are we with this?

As we end the Christmas Season today, let me thank you for your generosity in your presence here and your contributions throughout the year.

You have another opportunity to win the big screen TV just in time for Supper Bowl Day, so don't miss out! Today would be the day!

Carry on.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**January 10th**  
**2nd Collection**  
**for Catholic**  
**University and**  
**Communications**  
**Collection**

Make checks payable  
to St. Boniface Church

**TV Raffle Tickets on Sale**  
**In Church Vestibule after Mass**

**What name should be given**  
**to our new chapel?**

**Some suggestions are:**

**Saint Rita**  
**and**  
**Our Lady**  
**of Grace**



**Submit your idea**  
**to the rectory office or email**  
**Fr.Hugh.Grace@archny.org**

**Super Bowl  
TV RAFFLE**  
for a  
**46" flat screen Sony LCD**

**Tickets will be sold  
January 9th - 17th  
1 chance in 100  
\$25.00 per ticket**

To All Altar Servers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the support you have given to our Altar Server Ministry. As Fr Grace mentioned during our Mass last month, the Altar Servers are much needed to support the Parish during the Mass. The children are really wonderful. All of us should learn from their dedicated service.

If you come to Church and you see servers are needed please encourage your children to serve. We do have gaps in the schedule. If you are able to assist, please do, and let me know.

Please have a very Blessed New Year. May the joy of the season, celebrating the Birth of Christ, remain with you and your family throughout the New Year.

Sincerely,  
Pauline

**PANCAKES WITH SANTA**

The Santa Photos are online, go to St. Boniface's web site, click on Member Directory, click Santa 2009.



Everyone can  
download them for  
Free and print them!

**Reverend Monsignor  
John J. Keaveney**

Class of 1959

Entered into Eternal Life on  
Saturday, January 2, 2010

***Mass of the Holy Eucharist***

Saint Mary's Church  
Washingtonville

Tuesday, January 5, 2010, 7:30 PM  
Celebrant: Bishop Dominic Lagonegro  
Homilist: Monsignor Joseph Reynolds

***Mass of Christian Burial***

Wednesday: January 6, 2010 at 10AM  
Saint Mary's Church, Washingtonville  
Celebrant: Archbishop Timothy Dolan  
Homilist: Monsignor Frank Gorman

***Internment***

Saint Mary's Cemetery, Washingtonville

Requiescat in Pace

Dear St. Boniface,

Thank you so much for the gift boxes that were sent to myself and the other Marines that I work with.

It is difficult to be away from family, especially during this time of year. It's wonderful to know we are thought of.

May God Bless you!

Thank you again,  
Elissa Fritcher

Have you ever lapsed in your Catholic faith?  
Let things slide for a while?  
Stopped practicing altogether?  
Was there a time in your life when you  
asked yourself,  
**When's God gonna call me back?**

Then let others learn from your experience - others who are hurting, who have lost their zeal for the Catholic faith, who remain sporadically involved in the Church, who need to understand why they've left, what's kept them away, and how they can come back.

Whether you've found your way home or are still searching, I want to listen to your story, learn from it, and use what I've learned in my newest book, *When's God Gonna Call Me Back?*, scheduled for release in Spring 2010 by Liguori Publications. Written in the same warm conversational tone as *When's God Gonna Show Up?* and using entertaining and thought-provoking stories, Scripture passages and reflection questions, *When's God Gonna Call Me Back?* will help episodic Catholics become more fully alive and part of the Church. Tell me your story in person, over the phone, via email or personal letter. Sign your name or submit it anonymously. No names or identifying details will be used in the book, so your story will remain confidential. Guaranteed. Answer the questions below and send it to the contact at the bottom of the page. It's that simple, and it can do so much good!

Now hurry. There are people out there waiting for the hope and healing only you can offer them. Likely, you'll experience some healing of your own in the process!

Call or send your stories by January 20, 2010 to:  
Marge Fenelon                      marge@margefenelon.com  
3558 E. Cudahy Avenue              414-769-76742  
Cudahy, WI 53110  
[Mark the envelopes CALL ME BACK]

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL CALENDAR

01/19-21 Mid-Term Exams  
Report cards given to  
teachers

1/21 Communion Parents' Meeting  
7:30pm Boyd Hall  
(communion requirement  
Snow date 1/28



01/26-28 Report cards distributed to students  
2/2 Talent day 4:30, 1-5 class or individual  
2/4 Talent day 6,7,8, class or individual 7pm  
2/7 Teen Mass 11 am  
2/9 Rosary All grades 4:15 in Church

# Volunteers Needed

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### Finance Committee Members Needed

Can you commit one evening every three months to assist Fr. Grace with financial advise in his decision making for large parish expenses and budget planning? Please call the rectory for details

### Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for the Sat., 5:00 Mass. Anyone who feels they have a calling, and would like to be trained for this position, please contact the rectory or Ana Felske at 914-661-5759.

### Volunteer Counters Needed

Can you commit 1 Sunday for 3 hours a month to assist in counting the collection? You will be paired up with others who have been doing it for years. We could really use your help. Please call the rectory for details.

### Volunteer Youth Minister & Assistant Needed

for St. Boniface Teen Youth Group. Wonderful opportunity if you are thinking about a future in ministry. Mature young adult preferable. Immediate start. Please inquire with Fr. Grace or contact the rectory office.

### Bell Ringers needed for the Celebration Ringers.

If you are grade 4 or higher and love music, please join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm.

# ParishPay

Automated giving is a voluntary program available now which can be used to support the parish instead of envelopes. In lieu of weekly collections, the ParishPay program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings, or credit card account. There is **NO** cost or binding contract to participate in the program.

## What are the benefits to me and the parish?

- Allows you to plan your giving, in the same way you budget your other financial commitments. Just take your annual contribution and divide it by 12 to calculate your monthly offering.
- You don't have to be concerned about catching-up missed offertory donations when you miss a Mass because you are out of town, ill, etc.
- You can easily adjust the amount of your automated contribution (up or down) through the Rectory or via a secure website access.
- You no longer need to write a check every week or worry about forgetting your envelope and your collection being properly credited.
- You can earn points and/or mileage on your credit card.
- You will receive an accurate year end report for tax purposes.
- If you choose to participate in the Automated Giving Program, this will replace your weekly envelopes, saving the parish printing costs.
- Special *donation* slips are available for those enrolled in the automated giving program that can be dropped into the collection basket.
- You can specify your giving level for Second Collections and other celebration dates (e.g., Christmas, Easter) when you join the Automated Giving Program, or anytime thereafter.

## How do I enroll?

All you need to do is call the rectory for assistance, or you can do it yourself by calling 1-866-Parish1 or visit [www.Parishpay.com](http://www.Parishpay.com)

The deadline for bulletin announcements is the Tuesday prior to the weekend, due by 9:00am. Only emailed announcements are accepted.

# Census Update:



## 586 current parish families

Please pick up a form in the vestibule.

In the event you would like to receive envelopes or sign up with ParishPay, please make a note on the bottom of the form or call the rectory.

Thank you kindly for your participation!

Dear Father Grace,

As 2009 has come to a close, we wish to thank you for all that you have done this year in support of the Annual Appeal. The Appeal has secured \$17,151,000 in pledges and one-time gifts... almost \$1,000,000 more than in 2008.

Archbishop Dolan has renamed the Cardinal's Appeal the "Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal." The goal for 2010 will remain \$17 million, and we are hopeful that this goal will be reached.

In 2010, we will be implementing a new formula for goal assignments..., we have determined your goal as \$38,000.00.

Thank you again for your support of the Stewardship Appeal. We wish you and your parish family our best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gerald T. Walsh  
Vicar for Development

ONE COMMUNITY...  
ONE FAITH...  
ONE BODY IN CHRIST



*May God bless you for your generosity.*

### 2009 Cardinal's Appeal Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u># Gifts</u>
\$42,735.00	\$39,448.00	\$34,788.00	159

Come and walk for the sake of the unborn  
**2010 March for Life**

Friday, January 22 - Washington D.C.

Commemorating the 37th anniversary of Roe v. Wade  
 (the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion)

Buses will leave Rockland County from convenient locations at 5:45am. We will be departing DC around 6pm.

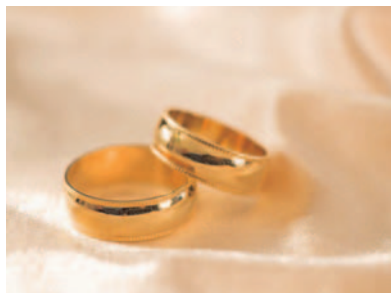
**Adults \$20 Students \$12**

For questions or reservations,  
 call 732-8277 or 634-6885 or 429-2077  
 or go to our website [www.RocklandRTL.org](http://www.RocklandRTL.org)

Can't go? Donations to sponsor a walker are gratefully accepted. Mailing address: PO Box 9348, Bardonia, N.Y. 10954-9348

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
**February 12 - 14, 2010**

*"Go and search  
 diligently for the  
 child..."*



Get away from the busy-ness of everyday life and let God bring childlike freshness to your marriage on a W M E weekend and increase the joy in your sacrament. For info call 877-NYS-WWME or contact Ray & Diane Tuohy to register [deeskyandray@optonline.net](mailto:deeskyandray@optonline.net)

**Bethany Spirituality Center**

202 County Route 105  
 Highland Mills, NY  
 (845) 460-3061

[info@bethanyspiritualitycenter.org](mailto:info@bethanyspiritualitycenter.org)



**"Meeting Christ in Prayer"**

an 8-week Lenten/Easter guided prayer experience, will be offered at Bethany Spirituality Center, Highland Mills, NY, by Sr. Stella Herrera, RJM, on Thursdays, February 18 through April 15. A morning session will be held each Thursday from 9am to 11am; an evening session, from 7pm to 9pm. "MCP" offers participants the opportunity to deepen one's spiritual life, to form regular prayer habits, and to become more aware of God's presence and action in life. A \$15 fee for participant guide is suggested.

**SWINE FLU CONCERNS**

Due to concerns about the Swine Flu virus, some parishioners have asked if they should refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace at Mass. It is important to emphasize that the invitation to offer the sign of peace permits the individual parishioner to choose how that sign will be expressed. For example, some parishioners may choose to wave their hands or nod their heads as a sign of peace. While shaking hands is not obligatory, it is another acceptable expression of the sign of peace. Consequently, those parishioners who are concerned about the spreading of the swine flu virus by shaking hands at the sign of peace, should express peace in another manner. The faithful are also advised to practice good hygiene and hand washing, and if they are ill, they should not receive from the cup.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT THE FLU!**

**Wash your hands** often with soap and water – especially after you cough or sneeze. (60% alcohol based gel cleaners are also effective.)

**Cover your cough or sneeze** with a tissue. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it. If tissues are not available, cough/sneeze into your elbow. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

**Stay home when you are sick.** Before returning to work, school or other activities, your fever should be gone for at least 24 hours (without the use of a fever reducing medicine).

**ST. BONIFACE  
 REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Additional Family Members:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Enroll me in: [ ] Envelopes [ ] ParishPay