

**Regular Ministry Centre Hours:**  
Monday to Thursday: 9 am to 4:30 pm  
Friday: 9 am to 3 pm  
Closed for lunch: 12:30 to 1:30 pm  
Saturday: 2:00 pm to 6:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

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**St. Bonaventure Catholic School**  
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**Week Day Liturgy:**  
Monday to Friday, 9:00 am  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday, 4:00 pm  
**Sunday Liturgy: Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm**  
Sunday, 8:30 am, 10:00 am  
and 12 noon

### St. Bonaventure Catholic School Kindergarten Registration

St. Bonaventure Catholic School provides opportunities for spiritual and academic growth through a diverse range of programs and services designed to meet the needs of each learner.

We invite parents to register their children for Junior Kindergarten beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 am. For parents who are not available during the regular school day, we are hosting after school hours, please call the school for appointment. Registration for September 2020 all children born in 2016 are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Parents can complete their application online beginning at 10:00 am on January 15, 2020, at [SOAR.tcdsb.org](http://SOAR.tcdsb.org)

Please contact the school for detailed information at 416-393-5263 or for more information call 416-222-8282 ext. 5320 or visit [www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration](http://www.tcdsb.org/kindergartenregistration)

### Knights of Columbus Sock Drive

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting new unused warm socks up to January 31st, 2020. These items will be donated to the needy. Please place all your donated items in the supplied boxes located at the rear of the Church. Your kind generosity is greatly appreciated.

### City Street Outreach

The early winter weather has placed great need on the homeless in the city. They need blankets, sleeping bags and coats. If you can help, please drop off any items you can spare at the Ministry Centre. For more information visit [citystreetoutreach.com](http://citystreetoutreach.com).

## THE FRANCISCAN CHURCH OF ST. BONAVENTURE

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YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT ST. BONAVENTURE

**GROWING IN SPIRIT, COMMUNITY AND SERVICE**  
*Inspired by St. Francis we seek to live and proclaim the gospel in our daily lives, responding to the spiritual hungers of the community and becoming an oasis of peace, prayer and service.*

January 12, 2020  
The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



### “Light”

At one of Pope Francis' General Audiences, he explained that our Baptism “is the point of departure of a journey of conversion that lasts our whole life” His lit candle signifies the light of Christ that enlightens every person. How can you receive “the light of faith” for your brothers and sisters? In other words, how can you be a light for someone in darkness?

The star appearing in the sky kindled in their minds and in their hearts a light that moved them to seek the great Light of Christ. Baptism illuminates us from within with the light of Jesus. ... In virtue of this gift, the baptized are called to become “light” —the light of the faith they have received for their brothers, especially for those who are in darkness and do not perceive glimmers of light on the horizon of their life. ... You must take the grace of Baptism, that is a gift, and become light for all!

Pope Francis: “Take the Grace of Baptism and Become a Light for All.”  
November 13

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### And Now, A Word from Our Patron Saint

*Even if you feel lukewarm in spirit, draw near to Jesus with confidence.*

*St. Bonaventure*

Join our Parish: Pick-up a registration form at the back of the church, Ministry Centre or download online.

**Baptism of Infants:** One Sunday every other month. Request forms are on the website, at the back of the church or at the Ministry Centre.

**Becoming Catholic (RCIA):** For those not baptized, those baptized in another Christian tradition and those baptized Catholic but have not completed their initiation, a process of becoming Catholic involving prayer, inquiry and study is available. Please contact **Greg**, our Lay Pastoral Associate.

**School-aged Children:** Preparation of children for the celebration of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation is provided through our Parish Program. Further information will be provided in the bulletin during the school year.

**Marriage:** Contact **Friar Dennis** or **Friar Peter** at least one year before the desired date. Couples need to participate in a Marriage Preparation Course.

**Pastoral Care:** Ministers of the Eucharist bring Communion to the homebound. Contact the Ministry Centre to make arrangements.

**Religious Life:** Discerning a call to the consecrated religious life please see one of the friars.

**Spiritual Direction:** Contact **Friar Mark** at [friarmsted2015@gmail.com](mailto:friarmsted2015@gmail.com)

**Prayer Network:** Members pray daily for intentions held in confidence. For prayer request contact **Maureen Talley** at 416-423-3510.

**Funeral:** Please contact the Ministry Centre and we will assist you in planning the liturgical services.

*Psalm 29~ The Lord will bless His people with peace.*

**This Week in Our Parish Hall**

**Community Life**

**Mass Intentions**

Jan. 13 Monday 9:00 am Helen and Lawrence Noronha  
 Jan. 14 Tuesday 9:00 am George and Joyce DeGannes  
 Jan. 15, Wed. 9:00 am Lourdes Choa Yam  
 Jan. 16 Thursday 9:00 am †Richard Gelley  
 Jan. 17 Friday 9:00 am The Friars  
 †Leon Trejakewitsch  
 †Lily Novis  
 †Mary Lawson  
 †Beatrice Malloy  
 †Nancy Oickie  
 †Mary Cairns  
 Jan. 18 Saturday 5:00 pm †Olga Higgins and †Craig Cope  
 Jan. 19 Sunday 8:30 am †Yolande Lamerton  
 10:00 am Intentions of the Parishioners  
 12:00 pm †Isabel Hayes

**Prayer Intentions:**

Sanctuary Lamp: †Fr. Boniface Reinhart  
 Vigil Lamp: Personal Intentions

**For the Sick:** Anita Baker, Sam Agu, Nirmalee De Silva, Yuk Ling, Michael Morra, Ebherhardt Leithner, Sean Morra, Michelena Oakes, Margaret Fernando, Margaret Wood, Alfonz Pavli, Raymund Fung, Dorothy Lord, Neil McDonald, Jurie Cuapero Marcos, Denise Baranecki, and Estela Gabriel

**For the Deceased:** Harry Knaapen (father of Fr. Peter), Fr. Boniface Reinhart, Fr. Paul Mizener, Frank Szauer and Mary Richardson

**Stewardship: A Way of Living  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> and January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
 Offertory Collections**

**Thank you for your generous donations.**

Mary Mother of God ..... \$ **3,231.25**  
 (New Year's Day)  
 Initial Offering ..... \$ **1,990.00**  
 Regular Collection ..... \$ **6,696.70**  
 Pre-Authorized Giving ..... \$ **2,926.00**  
 Donate Now ..... \$ **328.00**

**Special Collection:**

February 2, 2020 ~ Maintenance Fund

**Please let us know if you have moved or there are changes to your phone number. If you are currently not receiving offertory envelopes and would like to receive envelopes by mail, please contact the office at 416- 447- 5571. Thank you for your cooperation!**

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 6:30 pm Sparks & Brownies/Francis Room  
**Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 am Ministry with Maturing Adult-Art of Christian Meditation/Francis Room  
 7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting/Francis room  
 7:00 pm Sacramental Preparation- First Holy Communion- Parent Information/Main Hall  
**Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 pm Alcoholic Anonymous/Francis Room  
**Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:30 am Al Anon/Bonaventure Room  
 9:30 am Christian Meditation Group/Oak Room

**News from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

The Baptism of Jesus officially ends the Christmas season. However, the needs of the less fortunate continue throughout the year. Your donations to our poor boxes help us share the love of God in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and allow us to continue our work to spread hope to those who need it. To contact us for help, please phone **416-447-5571, Ext 570.** Thank you!

**Theology and Tea**

The next T&T will be **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** after the 9:00 am Mass in the Francis Room. All are welcome, bring a friend and spirit of holy adventure to explore and appreciate God's presence in our world and in one another.

**Casseroles for the Good Shepherd Centre**

This month's deadline is **January 26, 2020.** Drop off your casseroles at the Ministry Centre. If you can spare some time to make a casserole each month, contact **Eva Trace** at **416-447-3040.**

**Thank You!**

Today, someone hungry and homeless will knock on the doors of Good Shepherd Ministries. And thanks to you, they will get a warm welcome and hot meal. Thank you for making casseroles. May 2020 be healthy and happy for you..... from **Good Shepherd Ministries**

**The Needlework Guild of Canada  
 Toronto Branch**

The Needlework Guild began in Dorset, England in 1882 as a response to the needs of children orphaned by mining disasters in Wales. The group later spread to North America as well as around Britain. There the name has become the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild, but the original name has been retained in North America.

The Toronto Branch is a registered charity that has been providing new clothing to the needy through front line social agencies since 1892. Our financial base is derived solely from members and monetary donations from other charities, corporations, service clubs, foundations, bequests and memorials.

For more information visit our website:  
[www.needleworkguildofcanadatoronto.com](http://www.needleworkguildofcanadatoronto.com)

**Nurturing our Spirituality  
 in the Second Half of Life  
 Seeking a More Contemplative Way of Life**



**2020 Winter Programme**

**Tuesday Mornings; Coffee & Treats 9:30 to 11:45 am  
 Dates and Programme Topics:**

- January 14** ~ The Art of Christian Meditation-Why is contemplative living in the second half of life so important? By Maureen McDonnell
- January 28** ~ What are some Meditation/Contemplative practices for deepening our relationship with the Divine? By Maureen McDonnell
- February 11** ~ An Artistic and Spiritual Pilgrimage with Henri Nouwen – By Katharine Lochnan
- March 03** ~ Contemplating the wisdom of Sr. Nuala Kenny – By Maureen McDonnell
- March 10** ~ Exploring obstacles to and challenges in maintaining a contemplative practice in everyday life. By Odilie Gaudet and Maureen McDonnell (Spiritual Directors and Retreat Facilitators)
- March 31** ~ Understanding the Contemplative Dimension of Christianity. By Kathy Murta, interfaith facilitator at the Loretto Mary Ward Centre
- April 21** ~ Orfe Eco-Art: Join our Journey of Discovery. By Orfe Millan  
 Orfe strives to teach children and adults love for our beautiful planet and create, through different artistic techniques and the use of recycled materials, magical and wonderful worlds, as they explore and discover the potential of their creativity.
- May 12** ~ Franciscan Contemplative Tradition – Br. Ignatius Feaver, O.F.C., Cap. And luncheon – A Celebration of Community

There is no monetary cost for this program. For more information: [Maureen@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:Maureen@st-bonaventure.ca) or call Maureen McDonnell at 416-447-5571 Ext 550

**And Now, A Word from Our Pastor**

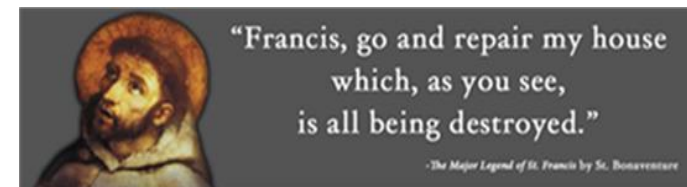
The friars came from Ontario and New York, from Maryland and Georgia and even from California. They gathered to accompany our brother, Fr. Boniface, with affection and prayer on his journey into eternity. How very grateful we are to you, our sisters and brothers of St. Bonaventure, for your prayers and affection for Fr. Boniface and us.

Fr. Boniface's funeral rites were a window into the life of the Franciscan Friars Conventual. When we make our vows, friars give ourselves in prayer and service to God and God's people. At the same time, we commit ourselves to each other in a life of fraternity. As brothers, we sometimes squabble, as brothers do. As brothers, we strive to be there for each other when times are difficult, as brothers do. Our sadness at the passing of one of our brothers is lightened by our mutual support and faith in God's promise of life. St. Francis told us: "If a mother loves the child born to her, how much more should the friars love and cherish the brothers born to them in the Holy Spirit."

May Fr. Boniface rest in peace with the many friars who preceded him to the house of our Father. May Fr. Boniface keep you, the people he so enjoyed, in his prayer in eternity. And may God's Spirit touch the hearts of other men to join the friars in our life of prayer, service and fraternity.

**Fr. Paul Mizener**

Please remember in your prayers †Fr. Paul Mizener who passed into eternal life on December 28, 2019 in Daytona Beach, Florida. Fr. Paul served here at St. Bonaventure in the late 1980's. May peace be his.



**'Vocation Seeds'**

**The Baptism of the Lord ~ January 12, 2020**

As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, brother or sister visit [www.franciscans.org](http://www.franciscans.org); [www.vocationtoronto.ca](http://www.vocationtoronto.ca) or speak with one of the friars.







