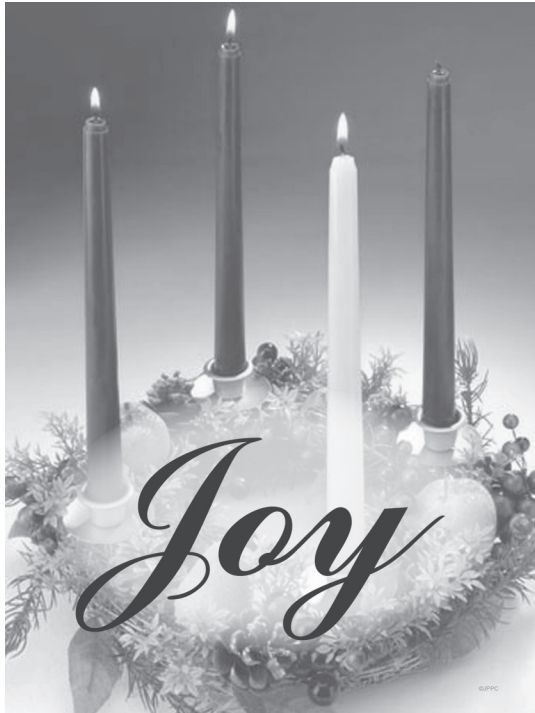


3rd. Sunday of Advent



December 14, 2014

**Church of St. Boniface
And
St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mission**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: 9:00am in the Chapel
Friday: 5:30pm Syro Malabar Rite
Saturday: 9:00am Syro Malabar Rite
5:00pm Mass
Sunday: 9:00am and 10:30am
12:00pm Syro Malabar Rite
1:30pm Syro Malabar (English)
Holy Day: 9:00AM, 7:30PM day of & night before

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 4:00PM - 4:30PM or by Appointment

BAPTISMS - By appointment

WEDDINGS

Couples should contact the rectory 6 months before the date of the wedding.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Kay Olive-Kelly, Director 845-354-7039 office
914-552-5246 cell

CLASSES

Pre-K and K: Tuesday 4:15-5:30PM
Grades 1 - 5: Tuesday 4:15-5:45PM
Grades 6 - 8: Tuesday 6:45-8:15PM

MUSIC PROGRAMS

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

ROSARY

Wednesdays at 8:00PM in Chapel. Open to all.

FUNDRAISING

Dennis Dale, Chairperson

PARISH COUNCIL

Bob Chamberlain, Chairperson 845-548-2643

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE

Peggy Noble, Chairperson 845-596-2861

TELEPRAYER NETWORK

For prayer needs: Rose Alessi 845-290-1670

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

Saturdays in Religious Education room at 8:00am
September-June
Kay Olive-Kelly: Call for Details 914-552-5246

RESPECT LIFE/FAMILY LIFE

Bill Martin 914-906-4291

ST.BONIFACE TRUSTEES

John Kapral 914-557-5073
Maybelle Twohie 914-980-4511

ST. MARY'S TRUSTEES

Joseph Pallipurathukunnel 845-671-1193
Ronny Muricken 845-915-0502

ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

Upcoming Events

Christmas Masses

Wednesday, December 24th 4:00pm & Midnight
7:00pm (Syro Malabar)
Thursday, December 25th 9:00am & 10:30am

Tabernacle candle lit for :



Mass Intentions

12/14/2014	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	John Azzariti
Sun 9:00AM	St. Anthony
Sun 10:30AM	Josette Guerdhart (Living)
Sun 12:00PM	St. Mary's (Malayalam)
Sun 1:30PM	St. Mary's (English)

Daily	Intentions
Mon 9 AM	William & Frances Combes Peg & Jack Ball
Tues 9 AM	
Wed 9 AM	
Thurs 9 AM	Ana Betances
Fri 9 AM	
Fri 5:30 PM	St. Mary's
Sat 9:00 AM	St. Mary's

12/21/2014	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	
Sun 9:00AM	Adele & Pompeo Scotti Mary & Teofielo Mascia
Sun 10:30AM	McHale Family
Sun 12:00PM	St. Mary's (Malayalam)
Sun 1:30PM	St. Mary's (English)

Weekly Collection

December 14 Attendance:	319
Regular Collection	\$ 2,947.00
Parish Pay weekly:	\$ 447.50
December 14 Total	\$ 3,394.50
Christmas Flowers	\$ 510.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 52.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$35,500.00	\$44,175.00	\$42,940.00	108

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Let us pray for the sick:

Elisa Pomeranz	Laura Maggio
Walter Cekleniak	Dorothy Magrino
Dorothy McClintock	Ralph Mascia
Tom McNamara	Nicholas Johnson
Maeve Flanigan	Emmett Green
Thomas McHale	Megan Hughes
Lisa DiLorenzo	Howard Bleiwas
Irene Kelly	Dorothy Crapanzano
Zenaida Ermita	Bob Cozzi
Bill Martin	The Gravinis
Regina Nowinski	John L. Lebinski III
Mary Dudzinski	Kim M. Crowley
Kenny Ladd	Justin Rogers
Christina Vitaliano	Matthew Meehan
Sam Cerone	Frank Eckert
Ralph Mascia Jr.	Lucretia LoRusso
Thomas Wissman	David Nash
Oscar Richards	Nicholas Urban
Frank Maggio	Jared Scheringer

What better gift than Mass prayers and to light the Tabernacle candle to have friends and family remembered for birthdays, anniversaries, and so many other occasions. Mass intentions and candles are not only for the deceased, but also as a Special Intention for the Living.

Feel free to call us with a date. There is a list of available dates. You can leave your \$15.00 donation for Mass stipends or \$10.00 for the tabernacle offering in the rectory office. Cards are available. Please do not place these donations in the collection basket.

Third Sunday of Advent December 14, 2014

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Jesus will later use the first part of this section to announce His coming. The prophet predicts it as a time of deep joy based on justice and praise of God.

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

Here Paul offers general exhortations on how to live the Christian life, along with belief in "the God of peace."

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John the Baptist humbly tells the crowd he is not the Messiah. When the authorities question his identity, he makes clear he is only "a voice crying out in the desert."



JESUS: The Focus of Advent and Christmas

How is Advent going for you? Are you preparing a way for the Lord? Are you giving yourself a chance to see the presence of the Lord? God gives a different grace in each season of the liturgical year. During this season of Advent God has a grace to give you. When Jesus was entering Jerusalem for the last time he cried because the people of Jerusalem did not recognize the time of their visitation (Luke 19:41-42). They would miss out on the grace of God. Let us not miss out on the time of our visitation. To use the words of John the Baptist in the desert, are you making a straight way for the visitation of God? Are you receiving the grace God is offering you this Advent? This Advent is a time when God will visit you if you allow him. So how is Advent going for you? If you have not yet begun to make a straight way for the Lord to receive his grace begin today. It is never too late to begin.

Instead of just going through the motions during this season of Advent can you celebrate Advent with your heart? If Advent is only a time of consumerism and buying gifts for people that they don't really want or need, it is flying in the face of what Jesus is all about. There is only one gift at Christmas, that gift is Jesus. It is a time of year when some people are lonely or depressed and they try to fill up that loneliness with things. They do not give the impression of having received the grace that God is offering. Are they seeking the grace of God or instead seeking something worldly that will never satisfy like the grace God gives? Nothing in this world will fill the longing in our hearts for the grace of God. Only Jesus will fill our emptiness.

That longing will not be fulfilled by anything you find under the Christmas tree on Christmas morning but only by Jesus whom you will meet in the Eucharist on Christmas Day.

To receive the grace that God offers us this Advent, as well as spending much time in prayer with God and putting God first, let us also reflect on whether our lives are modeled on the life of Jesus whose birth we are about to celebrate. Is Jesus the one we look to for guidance? Is Jesus the one who is shaping our life? To receive the grace God offers you this Advent an examination of conscience is necessary and that is why celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important part of Advent.

You will be able to walk into any church in New York Archdiocese and make a confession On Monday, Dec 15 between 4pm and 8pm. As we examine our consciences we recognize that our lives do not model or reflect Jesus and we want to ask for mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that our hearts can become a manger to receive Jesus.

How might you receive what the grace God is offering you this Advent? Spend more time in prayer with God this Advent. Spend time with God searching for the answers to your problems. You look forward to spending time with a loved one. Look forward with anticipation to spending time with God in prayer each day during Advent. Let us not miss out on the grace God is offering us this Advent.

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Handbell Choir Fundraiser

The fundraiser has been a total success.

We reached our goal and then some. \$2267!!! and counting.

Thank you to all for your generosity!
Dennis Dale
Fundraising Chairman

Flu season is upon us and the best ways to prevent catching the flu is to get a flu vaccine and frequently wash your hands. Please remember that offering a "sign of peace" can take many forms. Some parishioners may prefer to offer the sign of peace verbally rather than with a handshake. The offering of a sign of peace in any form is a wonderful gesture and we thank all parishioners for accepting this gesture in whatever form it is given.

We are looking for volunteers for several projects in the rectory, church and hall. Contact the office for details.

DECEMBER MINISTRIES			
12/14/2014	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Pierce, Vale, Vettamvelil	Pierce	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	Negrin, Hernandez	T.McNamara	E.McNamara, Dale, Kapral
10:30 AM	Wojnicki, Maduekwe, Hirst	Wojnicki	Echeverria, Revesz, J.Cary
12/21/2014	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Acuna, Neil, Wojnicki	Ashe	Neil, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	Mesones (2)	DiBartolo	K.Kelly, Mesones, Handler
10:30 AM	Matos, Troncoso, Mendez	Liberace	Revesz, Liberace
12/24/2014	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
4:00 PM	Martin, Negrin, Neil	K.Kelly	Eckert, A.Martin, B.Negrin, P.Neil (Sub)
Midnight		T.McNamara	E.McNamara, C.McNamara, Kapral
12/25/2014	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
9:00 AM		Cherveney	Twohie, Dale, Cherveney
10:30 AM	Maduekwe	Echeverria	Echeverria
12/28/2014	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Wojnicki, Vettamueiil, Hirst	Wojnicki	Follini, M.Bonnano, C.Bonnano
9:00 AM	Negrin, Hernandez	Cherveney	Buttinelli, Dale, Eckert
10:30 AM	Negrin, Maduekwe, Vale	DiBartolo	Echeverria, Revesz, Negrin

The Sacraments

Are you or anyone you know, in need of receiving a Sacrament? Has time gone by and you suddenly realize that you or a loved one, has yet to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, or Penance, or the Eucharist, or Confirmation?

Please call the rectory if you would like to receive a sacrament that you have not participated in yet.

Thank you.

Celebrate the Season at Albertus Magnus:

Albertus Magnus High School invites you to our annual Christmas Concert featuring the school band, the Concert Chorus and their Honor-Choir, Veritas. There will even be a few sing-alongs!

December 18th, 7:00 in the gym

Admission is free; donations to the music department are gladly accepted.

Light refreshments will be available for purchase.

Rectory Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 1:30pm

Fr. Thadeus e-mail address is:

Fr.Thadeus.Aravindathu@archny.org

Office e-mail: r399@archny.org

Volunteers Needed Summit Park Hospital

We are in desperate need of volunteers for Monday Mass. Right now we have no one to bring residents to Mass other than the staff who are not always available to do it. All that the volunteers would need to do is transport by wheelchair to and from the auditorium. You could arrive by 12:45 and leave by 2:45 on Mondays. If you are interested, you can call Cathy DelFierro, Director of Volunteers, 845-364-2846.

Thank you



- 12/16 One hour class both sessions
Christmas Carol Concert 4:40PM with party
Teacher Dinner 5:30 to 7:00PM
- 12/23 Eve of Christmas Eve no class
- 12/30 Christmas Vacation

There is a Pro Life Mass celebrated every 1st Monday night of the month at 7:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack.

Christmas Schedule

Advent Confession

Monday, December 15th
4:00pm-8:00pm

Friday, December 19th
4:00pm – 5:30pm

Saturday, December 20st
4:00pm – 4:30pm

Masses

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00pm & Midnight
7:00pm (Syro Malabar)

Thursday, December 25th
9:00am & 10:30am

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of God**

Wednesday, December 31st
9:00am
7:00pm (Syro Malabar)

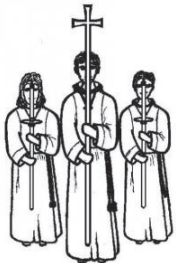
Thursday, January 1st
9:00am

10:30am (Syro Malabar)

If you are planning to use the Church or Fr. Boyd Hall for meetings or any other purpose in the evenings, please notify the office so arrangements can be made .

Our Lady of Fatima Travelling Statue is now available to families.

Call the rectory For details



We need more altar servers. If your son or daughter would like to be an Altar Server, please contact the Rectory Office for additional information.

The only requirement is to have completed First Holy Communion. Training will be provided.

Garden of Memories

Brick Donations of \$170.00
to cover the expenses

Contact the Rectory Office for details

Operation Veterans

The request for names & addresses continue and may be left in the Rectory office.

Items for overseas & active veterans will be on small cards requesting what is needed.

However, as we did 2 years ago for the Home bound and hospitalized the following requested items are for a visit to VA Montrose Nursing Home on December 21st .These " Vets", men & women served from the Gulf War to the present day.

Items needed are hats, gloves, scarves & lap robes, large puzzles, CD's ,tapes/DVD's

Please leave items beginning December 6th & 7th in the church lobby.

Your kindness & caring is appreciated. Thank you one & all! - Maybelle Twohie

Lectors Needed

Attention to anyone interested in the ministry of the word.

We would like to invite you to be a lector at our Sunday masses.

You would be assigned to read at a Saturday 5 pm or Sunday mass about once every four to five weeks. No experience necessary. Just the will and the inspiration is all you need.

E-mail tony_dibartolo @yahoo.com

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