# Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# **September 20, 2015**

# **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

11:00am Syro Malabar Rite 12;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.

### 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

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# 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

Rick Ell

Maire Liberace

# ST. MARY'S TRUSTEES

 George Edattel
 845-354-0790

 Shajan Thottakara
 845-548-6066

 Sajan Thomas
 845-321-0781

 Degy Philip (Secretary)
 201-374-7080

# ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

# MARY MATHA MALAYALAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Joseph Vaniapillil 845-353-3213

# Tabernacle candle lit for:



# Mass Intentions

September 19 & 20	Intentions	
Sat 5:00PM	Frank Piscani	
Sun 9:00AM	Adele Scotti Phil Cebulski	
Mon 9:00AM	Antonino & Antonina Alessi	
Tues 9:00AM	Archie Reyes	
Wed 9:00AM	Michael Anthony Ceborski	
Thurs 9:00AM	Mafalda & Andrea Federici	
Fri 9:00AM	Frances & Michael Culinane	

September 26 & 27	Intentions	
Sat 5:00PM	Ellen Keena	
Sun 9:00AM	Mena Lotito	

# St. Mary's Masses

Friday: 5:30PM Saturday: 9:00AM Sunday: 11:00AM

Sunday 12:30PM (English)

(When there is CCD)

# Weekly Collection

September 13th. Attendance 215
September 13th. Collection \$ 1776.00
ParishPay weekly: \$ 370.00
September 13th. Total \$ 2146.00
St. Joseph's Seminary \$ 672.00



# **Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:**

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts		
\$32,500.00	\$44,215.00	\$43,310.00	85		
Thank you for your generosity					

# Weekend Masses are at 5:00 PM Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday.

# Let us pray for the sick:

Peter Huebner Angelina Pineda Andrew Conachey Annette Irving Alyssa Lombardo Gino DiDomezio Michael Martin Marie Brennan Rita Ell Elisa Pomeranz Walter Cekleniak Dorothy McClintock Tom McNamara Thomas McHale Zenaida Ermita Regina Nowinski Mary Dudzinski Kenny Ladd Sam Cerone Ralph Mascia Jr. Thomas Wissman

Oscar Richards Frank Maggio Laura Maggio Dorothy Magrino Ralph Mascia Nicholas Johnson Emmett Green Megan Hughes Dorothy Crapanzano Bob Cozzi The Gravinos John L. Lebinski III Kim M. Crowley Justin Rogers Matthew Meehan Frank Eckert Lucretia LoRusso David Nash Nicholas Urban 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 .

# Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015

# First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The wicked resolve to persecute the just one, because his life is a reproach to their own. All of this a prefigurement of what will befall Jesus.

# Second Reading: James 3:16-4:3

Contrasting earthly wisdom with that of Christianity, James paints a positive picture of the latter. Then he turns to explicate the root causes of strife in the community.

# **Gospel: Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus predicts His passion for a second time. Then, to His quiet and confused disciples gathered at Peter's house in Capernaum, He teaches them that true leadership involves service. A child at the house provides a teaching tool for what receiving Christ means

Teachers will easily recognize this typical classroom dialogue following a lesson:

Teacher: "Are there any questions?"

Students: Total silence.

Teacher: "Anything you don't understand?"

One student (hesitantly): "Will this be on the test?"

And so it goes. Not necessarily all the time like that, but enough times to make it an easy recall for me after 25 years in teaching. Whatever the dynamic that is at work here, it has to involve a certain fear of the teacher's reaction mixed in with fear of looking stupid to the class.

Note the similarity to that perennial happening with the reaction of Our Lord's chosen disciples gathered that long ago day in Peter's house just after Jesus predicted His passion for the second time. St. Mark tells us: "They did not understand the saying and they were afraid to question Him."

All of which brings up a question. Have you ever wanted to question God about something and were afraid to? Was it about a personal relationship difficulty? Family problem? Old thinking versus new? Health setback? Evil in the headlines? Trouble with the Church? Someone's addiction?

Whatever the situation, the important point is never to be afraid to talk it over with God as frankly as you would with your best friend. After all, God already knows your situation. He respects your intelligence and good will. All He asks in return is your respect for His intelligence. Add in His love for you; His ultimate mastery of a grand plan for the universe and everyone in it.

Here is precisely where our humility has to kick in. Or at least our recognition that humility is needed. Even though we cannot know the plan, it is certain that we are included. While God accepts our questions, He doesn't need our advice. Just our love and trust.

When Jesus brought that little child into the center of that circle of friends in Peter's house, He was asking us to consider a truth more important than our questions. Namely, our acknowledgement that receiving a humble little one, and a "little one" could be 25 or 65, we are really receiving Him. That should make us more receptive to His plan rather than our own.

Confidence in God, enough to ask Him questions, combined with the openness of mind and heart that lets us welcome an innocent, make for a quality disciple. In the "school" of Christian living, that merits an "A" on our report card, ready for Our Father's signature. That's the way it is when we reread the Gospel. We're always going back to school.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

# An Answer to a Parent's Prayers.

To all of the many kind & caring families a special thank you from our school children.

The results that 20 Pack backs were over filled with school supplies.

Once again, we as a church members continue to help our community.

Your support will not be forgotten.

Maybelle Twohie

Get important updates from the parish Go to: www.Flocknote.com/stboniface or text stbon to 84576 from your phone

You will be able to choose what info you would like to receive via email or text message You can unsubscribe at any time

# An Evening of Prayer and Reflection on the Ministry of Grand-Parenting

Presented by Virginia Brown
Please treat yourself to this "up-lifting" presentation and come away with a deeper appreciation of your role as a grandparent! It is an opportunity for you to reflect on both the challenges and the joys of being a grandparent. Invite a friend to join you. You will be delighted you did!

Monday, September 28th 7:00 PM St. Francis of Assisi Church, West Nyack

# WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER

At One to One Learning 640 N. Midland Ave, Upper Nyack to teach beginner, intermediate, advanced English, GED and Citizenship preparation. To help with the children's program in the evening while parents are in class.

Morning, afternoon and evening classes.

Please call Sr. Cecilia at 845-512-8176 or
Email: clpangel59@gmail.com.

Website: One2One-Learning.org

September Ministries						
9/20/2015	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:00 PM	Neil, C. Acuna, G.Acuna	DiBartolo	Liberace, Neil, Bonanno			
9:00 AM	Mendes, Vale, Matos	Liftin	J Cary, Handler, Cherveny			
9/27/2015	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers			
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Kelly	Bonanno,Ball, Maralit			
9:00 AM	Negrin, Vale, Peter	K.Negron	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron			

# Virtual Pilgrimage of Lourdes, France St. Paul's Parish 82 Lake Road West Congers, NY 10920

North American Lourdes Volunteers will present a 90-minute prayerful VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE to Lourdes, France, at St. Paul's Parish on Saturday, October 3rd at 1 PM. During this guided Lourdes experience, you will immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette. You will have the opportunity to touch the Grotto Rock and to experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water. As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette, you will receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary. A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend a Virtual Pilgrimage with North American Lourdes Volunteers. Come and experience the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a Pilgrimage journey without the travel! For more information call the Parish Office at 845 268 4464/4465 or Judy at 845 558 8678.

# Don Bosco Prep will host two (2) Fall 2015 open houses:

Thursday, October 1 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Sunday, November 1 from 1:00 to 3:00pm.

Members of the school community will host formal and informal sessions throughout campus highlighting many school aspects including: Academic Excellence, Admissions, Spiritual Vitality, Leadership Training and Athletic Distinction.

Families may register online at www.donboscoprep.org under "Admissions."

For information, please contact the Don Bosco Prep Admissions Department at admissions@donboscoprep.org and 201-327-8003.

Don Bosco Prep is located at 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446

# St. John's Church Piermont is hosting a pilgrimage to Greece

"Following the Footsteps of Apostle Paul"
April 10 - 19, 2016
\$2,740 per person (includes 3 day cruise)
Philippi \* Thessalonika \* Corinth \* Athens
Meteora \* Mykonos \* Santorini \* Patmos

For a brochure and information please call Robin Miller 359-0793 or email robmiller124@aol.com

### **OPEN HOUSE:**

On Sunday, October 4th, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Saint Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting an Open House for prospective students (6th, 7th and 8th grade boys) and their families to gain more information concerning St. Joseph Regional, its programs & the people who make up the SJR community. SJR students will provide tours (beginning promptly at 11:00 a.m.) and guests will have the opportunity to speak with SJR faculty, administrators & parents. For more information & directions please call the school at 201-391-3300 or preregister at www.saintjosephregional.org

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.

# **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.

# Help to those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth. Free and Confidential

This Ministry takes place at the Marian Shrine (Lomagno Hall- adjacent to Shrine Church.) September 21, 2015 October 19, 2015 November 16, 2015 December 21, 2015

\*\*THE TIME IS 7:00p.m.\*\*

For more information e-mail RachelMinister1@aol.com or call 845-492-6709

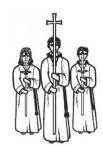


# St. Boniface Website

Our new St. Boniface website is now available at: www.saintbonifacechurch.org

Please take the time to check it out. You will find a wealth of useful information. If there is anything you would like to see added, please e-mail Bob Chamberlain at: n2kbc@aol.com with your suggestions.

# ST. BONIFACE REGISTRATION FORM Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages:\_\_\_\_\_ Schools Attending: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Enroll me in: [] Envelopes [] ParishPay



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.



# Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church."

Come to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn more about how important your marriage is to the Church. For more information go to: www.wwme.org or call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext 3.

# **Bereavement Sessions** (Ministry of Consolation)

St Francis of Assisi, West Nyack, Tuesdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM, September 15 through October 20.

Please call the rectory at 634-4957.

If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

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 at least 24 hours in advance so arrangements can be made for access.

# Garden of Memories

Brick Donations of \$170.00 to cover the expenses Contact the Rectory Office for details

# **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