

## The 3rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time



**January 24, 2016**

**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**

Saturday at 9AM - Religious Ed. Room - Open to all

### **FUNDRAISING**

Dennis Dale, Chairperson (845)354-1981

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Dennis Dale, Chairperson (845)354-1981

### **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 8AM 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 845-548-4476

Maire Liberace 845-354-3291

### **ST. MARY'S TRUSTEES**

George Edattel 845-354-0790

Shajan Thottakara 845-548-6066

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### **ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR**

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

### **MARY MATHA MALAYALAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

Joseph Vaniapillil 845-353-3213

*Tabernacle candle lit for:  
Fr. Thadeus Aravindathu (Living)*



**Let us pray for the sick:**

**Mass Intentions**

January 23 & 24	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Patricia Farrelly (Living)
Sun 9:00AM	Frank Eckert
Mon 9:00AM	John King
Tues 9:00AM	Richard Bower
Wed 9:00AM	
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	

January 30 & 31	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Terry & Valerie Lennon
Sun 9:00AM	Frank Eckert

**St. Mary's Masses**

Friday: 5:30PM  
 Saturday: 9:00AM  
 Sunday: 11:00AM  
 Sunday: 12:30PM (English)  
 (When there is CCD)

**Weekly Collection**

January 17th. Attendance	211
January 17th. Collection	\$ 2254.00
Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
January 17th. Total	\$ 2624.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 30.00

**Super Bowl 50**

Boxes \$25 each  
 Prizes  
 1st. Quarter \$250  
 2nd. Quarter \$250  
 3rd. Quarter \$250  
 Final Score \$500

Teams and numbers will be drawn on Sunday,  
 February 7th. After the 9AM Mass

See Dennis Dale after the Masses

Ben Costa  
 Micheline C. Birdsall  
 Daniel Meehan  
 Marie Donnelly  
 Anthony Kulik  
 Peter Huebner  
 Angelina Pineda  
 Andrew Conachey  
 Annette Irving  
 Alyssa Lombardo  
 Gino DiDomezio  
 Michael Martin  
 Marie Brennan  
 Rita Ell  
 Elisa Pomeranz  
 Walter Cekleniak  
 Thomas McHale  
 Zenaida Ermita  
 Regina Nowinski

Ralph Mascia Jr.  
 Thomas Wissman  
 Frank Maggio  
 Laura Maggio  
 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  
 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 .

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**First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

Ezra proclaims the law of the Lord to the people assembled. The clergy make an effort to cheer up the people who are taken aback by the severity of what they hear.

**Second Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-30**

Just as the human body needs different members working together, so to for the Church needing a diversity of spiritual gifts, making specific contributions toward its mission.

**Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4: 14-21**

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom gets its impetus from the Holy Spirit. Jesus' teaching mission begins in a synagogue in Galilee.

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Certain movie scenes stay with us long after the screen grows dark. They become classics, at least to us if not Ted Turner. We can recite the actors' lines from memory. We can describe the scenery in detail. We know our movies.

Even if we can't do all that for gospel scene like today's from St. Luke, predating movies by whole centuries, the good doctor practically makes it easy for us to picture it in the cinema of our minds. Here is Jesus, the young but fully mature Nazarene, taking the teaching chair in the hometown synagogue. All is silent as He slowly unrolls one of the treasured scrolls. He reads from it the description of the power and mission of the much anticipated Messiah. Then, rolling up the scroll, He creates a pregnant pause followed by a stunning announcement that rocks the room. Already this is good dramatic action fit for the cinema. It will be the first of many homilies on the same subject: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." In other words, "People of Nazareth what I just read is all about Me. I am that long-awaited Messiah."

We'll have to wait until next week to get the people's further reaction, but let me give you this "spoiler alert": it won't be good. And somewhat like Ezra before Him, Our Lord is declaring that He is the lawgiver. In today's Epistle, Paul will describe Jesus as the grand unifier of all the parts of the Church yet to become.

Now to draw a personal inference from this scene, we have to put aside any trace of false humility when we discover that we here and now are important parts of that Church. The People of God, an apt description of the Church taken up by the Second Vatican Council, needs all of us to be in "good working order" so that we can fulfill our mission. At the end of Mass, the priest or deacon will tell us to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." That's our mission!

Too often we act as if the Church's mission is meant for clergy to carry out. Or we assign it mentally to just about everybody else seated in the congregation of a Sunday morning because we believe they are better qualified, more informed, and especially more holy than us. All of that may be true, but there is no reason to think that we, because of our presumed lower rank, have no part. That, in brief, is not just double talk, but "devil talk." The evil One means to draw you away from God and lessen your self-esteem. Jesus believes in you. Isn't that enough, on this mid-winter Sunday, to convince you that being active in His cause is not just something made for movies.

Here is the perceptive and practical mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, with her take on the matter: "Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eye through which His compassion looks out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He can go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless us now."

### St Boniface Mission Statement

As members of our parish, we believe that we share in the mission of Jesus through our baptism and commitment to the values expressed in the gospel.

The dedication of our parish to the Holy Spirit calls us to be particularly attentive to the inspiration and guidance of the Spirit as we:

Gather as a community that worships together and supports one another in spiritual growth;

Witness to our belief through sharing our faith with others and providing for education in faith to our members;

Respond with compassion to both the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us;

Care for the many gifts we have been given and seek to use them wisely.

### Women Volunteers needed at St. Zita's Villa

If you can spare 2-hours just once or twice a month, St. Zita's Villa for adult women needs volunteers to help serve meals and assist with arts & crafts and other recreational activities for the residents. Located at 50 Saddle River Rd, Monsey, NY, St. Zita's Villa is operated by the Roman Catholic Sisters of the Reparation of the Congregation of Mary. The volunteers program is coordinated by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, headquartered at St. Zita's. For information, please contact Jeanne Flaherty Ph. (917) 572-8345 Email [jeanne@geocap.com](mailto:jeanne@geocap.com).

**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.**

## January Ministries

<b>1/24/2016</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Roberts	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Negrin K.Negron,	Echeverria	Cherveney, Revesz, B.Negron

<b>1/31/2016</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	L.Martin, Maduekwe	Wojnicki	McNamara, Hanusik, Ball
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mesones, Mendes, Matos	Liftn	Twohie, Mesones, K.Negron

The Music Ministries of Saint Joseph's Church will present A Lenten Evening of Prayer and Sacred

Music, on Thursday, March 3rd, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary of St. Joseph's Church, 95 Plum Brook Road, Somers, New York 10589. Contemporary Ensemble, Guest Soloists and instruments.

Join us this evening for a beautiful service of sacred music, prayer and reflection for the Lenten season. Including the prayerful music of the Taizé community from the French countryside, we will celebrate the evening prayer of the Church with psalms, readings and hymnody. Father John M. Lagiovane offers thoughts and reflections on the holy and solemn season of Lent. Be sure to make this inspiring evening a part of your Lenten preparations. Free will offering.

For more information call 914-318-3268 or 914-232-2910, email the parish Music Office at [treasurehousemusic@gmail.com](mailto:treasurehousemusic@gmail.com), or visit the parish website at [www.stjosephsomers.org](http://www.stjosephsomers.org).

### 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](mailto:robmiller124@aol.com)

### Pilgrimage of NY 2016-Year of Mercy:

The top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan.

We will be walking the length of Manhattan, visiting churches in honor of the Year of Mercy! We will visit two churches named after two saints who are examples of God's Mercy: Saints Peter and Paul. Plus we will visit two churches that have designated Holy Doors for this jubilee year: St Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine and St Patrick's Cathedral.

This walk is a total of 13.5 total miles! Saturday, April 16, 2016 (Rain date: Saturday, September 17, 2016)

9:00 A.M-Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10040.

6:15 P.M-Pilgrims' Mass at The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004.

You must register in advance at [www.pofnyc.org](http://www.pofnyc.org) in order to participate in this event.

### 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](mailto:clpangel59@gmail.com).  
 Website: [One2One-Learning.org](http://One2One-Learning.org)

**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.)

February 15, 2016  
\*\*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](http://www.saintbonifacechurch.org)

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



### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

**“Beloved: See what love the Father has be-  
stowed on us . . .”**

Take time to be with your beloved on the next  
Worldwide Marriage encounter Weekend. For  
more information go to: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call  
toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext 3.

**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.**

### ST. BONIFACE REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

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

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

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

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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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.

**Get important updates from the parish  
Go to: [www.Flocknote.com/stboniface](http://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

### The Sacraments

Are you or anyone you know, in need of receiv-  
ing 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 re-  
ceive a sacrament that you have not partici-  
pated in yet.

### 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:  
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