

The 24th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11, 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 Eil 845-548-4476  
Maire Liberace 845-354-3291

**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 10 & 11	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Peter C. Vaccaro
Sun 9:00AM	Vincent Kane, Greg Sikorsky, John Coughlin & Peter Ganci
Mon 9:00AM	
Tues 9:00AM	
Wed 9:00AM	
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	John Paruolo

September 17 & 18	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Bridget Patrick
Sun 9:00AM	Lisa DiLorenzo

### St. Mary's Masses

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

### Weekly Collection

September 4th. Attendance	218
September 4th. Collection	\$ 2995.00
Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
September 4th. Total	\$ 3365.00



the **CARDINAL'S**  
 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

### Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$34,000.00	\$20,850.00	\$18,720.00	79

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*We will never forget...*  
**9-11-01**

## Let us pray for the sick:

Nancy Panebianco  
 Jim Krokus  
 Berle Geronemus  
 Jack Oates  
 Kenny Ladd  
 Barbara Madar  
 Orlando Pentrelli  
 Shajan Jacob  
 Dirce Bauco  
 Ben Costa  
 Micheline C. Birdsall  
 Daniel Meehan  
 Marie Donnelly  
 Anthony Kulik  
 Peter Huebner  
 Angelina Pineda  
 Andrew Conachey  
 Annette Irving  
 Alyssa Lombardo  
 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  
 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: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Yahweh plans to destroy the people for their disobedience to His first commandment about idolatry. Moses implores the Lord to relent.

#### Second Reading: I Timothy 1:12-17

St. Paul admits that he once acted out of ignorance when he persecuted the Church. His conversion becomes a model of future conversions, which are products of God's mercy.

#### Gospel: Luke 15:1-32, or Luke 15:1-10

Luke provides three stories to illustrate how God's mercy far exceeds human expectations. A shepherd who abandons ninety-nine sheep to save one, and a woman who turns her house upside down to find a little coin, seem ridiculously disproportionate. But in the third story, contained in the longer Reading, we find drama, poignancy and a touching example of filial mercy.

**Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

Three to one. That could be a recipe direction calling for cups of flour and another ingredient. Or the odds for a racetrack bet. But here I suggest it is the trio of stories Jesus tells to illustrate one point: namely the superabundant nature of God's mercy. In this Church's Year of Mercy, this section of Luke's Gospel is most appropriate. With typical mastery, Jesus teaches a beautiful and consoling truth to sinners.

Regular Mass-goers and faithful bible readers both know the three stories by their given titles: "The Lost Sheep"; "The Lost Coin", and (in the longer version available today) the misnamed "Prodigal Son." The first two make their point with typical Hebrew humorous exaggeration. But the last one about the father and his two boys, stands out for both its drama and poignancy. It should be known as "The Merciful Father," for that man is the real hero, representing God the Father and His love for sinners.

What a wonderful story that is! Fit to uplift anyone trapped by sin, or the captivity of addiction, or any trying situation. I find it a most consoling preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I for one love that line in the story that prompts an image in my mind: "When he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him and was filled with compassion." In my mind's eye I see the young man's father following a habit of scouring the hills near the horizon each twilight after a long day looking for that familiar silhouette of his son with his recognizable walk. Then suddenly a smile blooms on his face when finally it happens. His son returns! That's our God my dear sisters and brothers, always watching for us to come home when we have strayed and sinned.

The prodigal's return gives the father the energy he needs to deal with his narrow-minded and jealous older son, who represents another side of us that comes to the fore when we see others getting attention.

You and I may not connect as easily with the lost sheep and coin stories, but we do with the two sons and their father. Maybe we've strayed from Christ, at least in our attitude toward the Mass and the sacraments. Or from a Christlike approach to life. We may, with our denigrating remarks about Church leaders or our fellow parishioners, in our own petty way, acted like persecutors of the Church, as St. Paul once was. Mercy covers that too.

When we hear this particular Word of God, our contrition should hopefully well up from within us enough to want to change. Our conscience becomes a kind of "Moses," imploring God to hold back any of His just punishment and forgive us. Suddenly we want to make amends.

Is it any wonder that these sacred writings of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are called "gospels?" The word, after all, means "Good News." When it comes to us just when we need it, we realize that we don't change the message; the message changes us.



In recognition of our parish's 50th anniversary, Cardinal Timothy Dolan will be here at St. Boniface to celebrate the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, October 8th.

We will be serving a pot luck supper to share with the Cardinal and the St. Boniface and St. Mary's congregations in the newly renovated Fr. Boyd Hall after the Mass.

Please sign up to attend and, if you can, please bring a hot entrée to share.

Sign up sheets and serving pans will be available in the vestibule beginning September 10th.

Let us all work together to make this day a special celebration in honor of our wonderful parish.

## September Ministries

9/11/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, Vettamvelil	T.McNamara	Neil, Maralit, E.McNamara
9:00 AM	J.Negrin, K.Negron	Cherveney	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli
9/18/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	C.Acuna, G.Acuna	Roberts	Bonanno, Follini, Galvin
9:00 AM	Mendes, Matos	Liftin	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney
9/25/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	DiBartolo	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	J.Negrin, Matos	Echeverria	Revesz, B.Negron, K.Negron

### One Time Donation to St. Boniface Church

Please make a one-time-donation to our church in order to cover the projected \$15,000 deficit for this year (ends by Aug 31)

Please write on the check, "one time donation."

Thank you very much to all who have already offered their best to this cause. May God bless your generous hearts!

Please know that Syro Malabar Mission that also worships here is asked to increase their donation by 50%, which will make it monthly \$5000

We also ask you to consider a \$10 dollar increase in your regular Sunday offering from September to keep us solvent next year.

We will take it year by year and avoid taking loans to run the parish.

With much appreciation,

Fr Thadeus Aravavindathu, Administrator  
Bob Chamberlain, Finance Committee Chair



The bell choir is looking for 2 or 3 new members.

Any student 6th grade or higher is invited to join us.

We play twice per month at the 9AM Mass on Sunday.

If you are interested, Please call Mary Beth Coakley at 645-304-5870.

Rehearsals begin mid-September.

### St. Zita's Villa Adult Home for Women Open House & Family Fun Day Saturday, September 17

St. Zita's Villa, a Rockland County, Catholic owned and operated adult home for mature women (60+), invites everyone to join them for its annual Open House and Gala Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 17, from 11am to 4pm. Co-sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, the festivities will include a Fall Bazaar, Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Games and fun-filled activities for the entire family. The barbeque will be hosted by Knights of Columbus, Joyce Kilmer Council 1177.

Prospective residents and their families are encouraged to visit and experience the spirit of St. Zita's. In case of heavy rain, festivities will be held on Sunday, September 18 (same times)

St. Zita's is located at 50 Saddle River Rd, Monsey, NY. For information, contact Sr. Maureen (845) 356-2011

**Dominican Convent** in Sparkill seeks PT liturgist/organist for Sat. eve Mass, funerals, & special feasts: also directs Sisters' choir. For more info, go to: <http://bit.ly/Sparkill>. Contact: [mpalliser@sparkill.org](mailto:mpalliser@sparkill.org)

**Albertus Magnus High School is in need of a Theology teacher for the fall.** If there are any interested candidates please send resume to Mr. Chris Power, Principal, Albertus Magnus High School at [cpower@albertusmagnus.net](mailto:cpower@albertusmagnus.net)

**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.**

**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 19, 2016  
\*\*THE TIME IS 7:00p.m.\*\*

For more information e-mail  
RachelMinister1@aol.com

### 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 useful  
information. If there is anything you would like to  
see added, please e-mail Bob Chamberlain at:  
[n2kbc@aol.com](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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 participat-  
ed 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

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