

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**December 18, 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**

Nirmala Sebastian 347-204-0062

*Tabernacle candle lit for:  
Anita Kussel*



**Let us pray for the sick:**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>December 17 &amp; 18</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Golden Jubilee
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Ana Betances
<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Tues 9:00AM</b>	Eugenia Reyes
<b>Wed 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Thurs 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Fri 9:00AM</b>	Andrew Affronti & Frank O'Connor

<b>December 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 4:00PM</b>	John King
<b>Midnight Mass</b>	Deidra Baker
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Adele & Pompeo Scotti/Mary & Teofilo Mascia

**St. Mary's Masses**

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



**Fr. Thadeus and the congregations of St. Boniface & St. Mary's Welcome Cardinal Dolan**

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Carol Valcin          | Annette Irving       |
| Maria Seminario       | Alyssa Lombardo      |
| Audrey & Joseph Joynt | Michael Martin       |
| Mary Ahokas           | Rita Ell             |
| Carl Strong           | Elisa Pomeranz       |
| Josephine O'Shea      | Walter Cekleniak     |
| Anthony Senerchia     | Thomas McHale        |
| Romayne Melnick       | Zenaida Ermita       |
| Giovanni Toribio      | Regina Nowinski      |
| Edward Daly           | Ralph Mascia Jr.     |
| Minerva Echeverria    | Thomas Wissman       |
| Bill Martin           | Frank Maggio         |
| Julie Martin          | Laura Maggio         |
| Nancy Panebianco      | Nicholas Johnson     |
| Jim Krokus            | Emmett Green         |
| Berle Geronemus       | Megan Hughes         |
| Kenny Ladd            | Dorothy Crapanzano   |
| Barbara Madar         | Bob Cozzi            |
| Orlando Pentrelli     | The Gravinis         |
| Shajan Jacob          | John L. Lebinski III |
| Dirce Bauco           | Kim M. Crowley       |
| Micheline C. Birdsall | Justin Rogers        |
| Daniel Meehan         | Matthew Meehan       |
| Marie Donnelly        | Lucretia LoRusso     |
| Anthony Kulik         | David Nash           |
| Peter Huebner         | Nicholas Urban       |
| Angelina Pineda       | Jared Scheringer     |
| Andrew Conachey       |                      |

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 donation for Mass stipends or \$10 for the tabernacle offering in the rectory.

**Weekly Collection**

December 11th. Attendance	174
December 11th. Collection	\$ 2043.00
Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
December 11th. Total	\$ 2413.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 565.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 723.00



**Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:**

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$34,000.00	\$20,990.00	\$20,110.00	82

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 18, 2016**

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14**

King Ahaz refuses to ask for a sign that Isaiah's promises are true. Isaiah gives him a sign anyway, one that will confirm the future of David's dynasty in a marvelous and unsuspected way.

**Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7**

Paul calls himself both "a slave of Christ" and an Apostle "set apart for the gospel." He lets his Roman converts know that his mission is of divine origin and calls them to holiness.

**Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24**

We anticipate the gospel for the Vigil of Christmas, perhaps to give us pause in our preparation for the feast by pondering the divine dimension, and to note Mary's acceptance and Joseph's obedience.

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

On an unusually warm mid-October day, I was wandering among the Christmas displays, running full tilt in one of those big box stores. I had come in just to buy a mundane garden weed killer, but the colors and lights drew me to look at merchandise two months early. The artificial trees blinked; snow-covered miniature scenes twirled and played carols; and boxes of ornaments were already on sale. Nearby were make-believe electric fireplaces that would render earlier generations dumbstruck.

But amid all this winking and blinking stood a beautifully rendered foot high statue of the Holy Family. Yes, it was made in China, as my inspection proved. But the resin work was nicely tinted. I almost bought it, perhaps in a way to “rescue” it from its glitzy surroundings. But my guardian angel whispered “You already have enough pious Christmas decorations.”

Later on, I wondered if leaving the little statue right where it was might inspire a toddler with his or her parents to see it and innocently blurt out: “Look, there’s Jesus and his mommy and daddy!” Then maybe, just maybe, a mom or dad unaccustomed to churchgoing might have a change of heart just in time for Christmas.

I know it’s become an annual activity for Christians to rail against the commercialization of Christmas. But I do believe, hopefully not naively, that all those secular forces are doomed. The Lord will triumph over their sometimes frenzied efforts to bury the truth of the Incarnation under tons of tinsel and accumulated apathy. That little statue I saw, looking lonely amid the glitter displayed in a “cathedral of commerce” could be part of the evidence. If it doesn’t happen now; it will.

There are other examples I know about. Parents who place their family creche in a prominent place. Others who limit the gifts under the tree rather than present their children with a bewildering choice of toys that are the cause of boredom by Christmas afternoon. Still others who foster the idea among their children of helping in a practical way those many less fortunate youngsters across the globe who may be trapped in dire circumstances.

Even if there are presumed to be a number of “C and E’s” (Christmas and Easter attendees) at Mass on Christmas, at least they are there, able to be evangelized. That can come by way of the smiling welcome of parishioners who don’t grumble about “losing their pew.” Or the inspiration of a good homily; or the ultimate power of the “Supper of the Lamb.”

May you experience the deep joy and profound peace of Christmas with your family and friends.

### **Advent Retreat**

A special thank you to Sister Nancy Richter, O.P. for a special afternoon of sharing and reflection.

Thank you to all who attended the beautiful Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 3.

It was an inspiration to see so many joined together as we await the coming of the Lord.

We were treated to some wonderful highlights and images of Mary. Her journey of waiting patiently encourages each of us to continue waiting patiently for the Lord.

### **Lessons and Carols**

Thank you to Jim Coakley and the singers and readers for all the work that went into this year’s Lessons & Carols presentation.

Thanks also go out to those who set up the reception after the “show.”

Most importantly, thank you for attending and supporting this special advent tradition here at St. Boniface

**Msgr. Cox will be celebrating all of the Christmas Masses**

**The choir will be singing a selection of Christmas Carols beginning at 11:30PM before Midnight Mass**

## December Ministries

<b>12/18/2016</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	L.Martin, K.Negron, Neil,Vettamvelil	DiBartolo & Wojnicki	Cardinal's Mass EMs Not Needed
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mendes, Matos	K.Negron	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

<b>12/25/2016</b>	<b>Altar Servers Christmas</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Neil, L.Martin	Negron	Bonanno, Neil, Eckert, A.Martin
<b>Midnight</b>	Vittamueilil	McNamara	G.Follini, E.McNamara, Kapral
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Cherveney	Cherveney	Revesz, Dale, Buttinelli

<b>12/31/2013</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</b>		
<b>Sat / Sun</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	DiBartolo	K.Kelly, Liberace, Hanusik
<b>9:00 AM</b>	J.Negrin, Matos	Cherveney	Eckert, Cherveney, Maralit,

### Christmas Schedule 2016-2017

**Advent Confession**  
**Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:00pm-8:00pm

**Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
 4:00pm – 5:30pm

**Masses**  
**Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
 4:00pm & Midnight  
 7:00pm (St. Mary's Mass)

**Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**  
 9:00am  
 There is no St. Mary's Mass

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God**  
**Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:00am (St. Mary's Mass)  
 5:00pm

**Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 9:00am  
 11:00am (St. Mary's Mass)

### 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.**

### The Gift of a Catholic Education

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education. Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life- long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another.

To locate a faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school program near you, visit [www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org](http://www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org) or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

### 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).



**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.)

December 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: \_\_\_\_\_

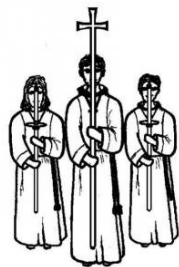
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

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or text stbon to 84576 from your phone**

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**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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