



The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

January 1, 2017



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

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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 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
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:
Dr. James Keena*



Mass Intentions

Dec 31 & Jan 1	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Antonio Ferrante
Sun 9:00AM	Kathleen Mc Farland

Mon 9:00AM	Johanna Metcalfe
Tues 9:00AM	Maureen Metcalfe
Wed 9:00AM	Joe Leonardo
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	

January 7 & 8	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Lauren Gould
Sun 9:00AM	William Werner

St. Mary's Masses

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



Weekly Collection

December 18th. Attendance	263
December 18th. Collection	\$ 2681.00
Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
December 18th. Total	\$ 3051.00
Christmas	\$ 510.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 85.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 75.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

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

Let us pray for the sick:

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 Gravinos
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.

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First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27

Known by scholars as the "priestly blessing," the text encompasses the Lord's "letting His face shine," which is a gesture of favor upon Israel.

Second Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Paul writes that true human freedom came with Christ, who became one of us as an integral part of His mission.

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

The shepherds respond "in haste" to the angelic message given them. The Child in the manger (a place of feeding) is a sign that God will now feed His people in a new way.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This past Autumn, "Time" magazine chronicled the fact of widespread depression as characteristic of our American teenagers. This sad news has multiple causes, sure to be an agenda for helpers of all kinds and later discussion. For today, however, we honor another adolescent, one from another time and place who just happened to be a favorite of God and a unique channel of optimism. She is Mary of Nazareth, the young girl who would someday be known as Queen of Heaven.

What must it have been like to be visited by an archangel named Gabriel, who brought her a stupendous request? How did this young girl manage a mysterious pregnancy, with the realization that the Child growing in her womb was the One who would "save His people from their sins?" We are not entitled to the answers to those questions, but we can learn a lot about her reaction when we read her "Magnificat" prayed in the presence of her older cousin Elizabeth.

One of the gem observations Luke makes about Mary is included in today's gospel. He wrote: "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Oh, that heart! That heart which surely was the locus of the Holy Spirit's loving wisdom.

The point for us is that Mary reflected on, that is to say pondered, all those things which formed a unique spiritual album for a Mother about her Son. So I ask you: Do you reflect from time to time on all that happens to you? Do you ever try to decipher a pattern in the events of your life that point to and delineate God's plan for you? Doing that

requires more determination now because we have reached a time in human history when our technological toys, wonderful in their own right,

can nevertheless become our enemies. If you doubt me, weigh the amount of time you spend on your cell phone versus that spent in prayer. Or in pondering over your life's twists and turns.

Mary's reflecting on her life and that of her Son's is what gave her the ability to see beyond the immediate and put full trust in God. While she suffered through all those swords predicted by Simeon to stab at her, she never wavered or despaired. All those taunts and jeers that Jesus felt, she felt. All the frustration of "looking through a glass darkly," as St. Paul wrote, were hers as well as ours. Yet she still "stood by the cross of Jesus" on the worst day of her life. Can we do less?

It is New Year's Day. A day to honor the Mother of God and start the year off right. It's that annual day for making resolutions as we begin the countdown from 365. One resolve we might not think of right away has to do with becoming "PWP" ("People who Ponder").

When we step back to ponder on things that happen to us and in our wide world, "reflecting on them in our hearts," we have the potential to profit from what we learn. We get to trust more in God, and better able to sing His praises, becoming along the way truly joyful people. Or, as one thinker put it: "When you can think of yesterday without regret and tomorrow without fear, you are near contentment." Happy New Year!

2017 MARCH FOR LIFE

On the 44th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, come to Washington, DC, and walk for the sake of the unborn. The March is on Friday, Jan. 27. A bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi Church in West Nyack at 6 am. We will depart from Washington at 6 pm. Adults \$30, Students \$15.

For reservations call 735-4379, 492-6709, or 425-1322 (para espanol). For more information, see our website RocklandRTL.org.

A Special 50th Anniversary Thank You

We want to thank the St. Boniface and St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Parishioners for all of your help in preparing for the Cardinal's visit.

We appreciate the food you donated, your help in setting up and cleaning up and your support.

Thanks to you all we had a very successful evening celebrating St. Boniface's 50th Anniversary.

Gratefully,
Bob Chamberlain
Peggy and John Noble
Marion and Dennis Dale

December Ministries

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

Christmas Schedule 2016-2017

**The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, December 31st**

9:00am (St. Mary's Mass)
5:00pm

Sunday, January 1st

9:00am
11:00am (St. Mary's Mass)

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.

Please call Sr. Cecilia at 845-512-8176 or
Email: clpangel59@gmail.com.
Website: One2One-Learning.org

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 or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

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.

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.

**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.)

January 16, 2017
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

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.



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 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: _____

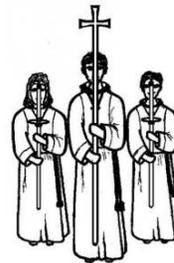
Phone: _____

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
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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