

## Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 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

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

Jain Jacob 845-661-0084  
Chacko Joseph (Siby) 845-558-9415  
Rajesh Mathew 201-707-9512  
Saji Mathew (Secretary) 917-574-9267

#### ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

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

Sindhu Thomas 845-270-3011

#### MARY MATHA MALAYALAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Nirmala Joseph 845-634-1801

#### SUNDAY LUNCH DIRECTOR

Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

*Tabernacle candle lit for:  
The Ryan Family*



## Mass Intentions

<b>Dec 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	John Flannery
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Marion & Dennis Dale 50th. Wedding Anniversary

<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	Anna Betances
<b>Tues 9:00AM</b>	Ed Hughes (Living)
<b>Wed 9:00AM</b>	Ann Ashe
<b>Thurs 9:00AM</b>	Ron Kuczenski (Living)
<b>Fri 9:00AM</b>	Melecio Pineda

<b>Dec 23 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	John King
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	John King

<b>Dec 25 Christmas</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sun 4:00PM</b>	Ralph Mascia Sr.
<b>Sun Midnight</b>	Deidre Baker
<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	Antonetta & Antonio Alessi

### St. Mary's Syro-Malobar Masses

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

## Weekly Collection

December 10th. Attendance	142
December 10th. Collection	\$ 1388.00
December 10th. Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
December 10th. Total	\$ 1758.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 592.00

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.

### Let us pray for the sick:

John Ragusa	Angelina Pineda
Shirley Dickerson	Andrew Conachey
Dorothy Bigard Spooner	Annette Irving
Deacon Tom Colton	Alyssa Lombardo
Melanie Di Domizio	Michael Martin
Eileen Riebow	Rita Ell
Dawn Riebow	Elisa Pomeranz
Stephanie McGuire	Walter Cekleniak
Stephanie Dee	Thomas McHale
Maria Seminario	Zenaida Ermita
Audrey & Joseph Joynt	Ralph Mascia Jr.
Josephine O'Shea	Thomas Wissman
Romayne Melnick	Frank & Laura Maggio
Giovanni Toribio	Nicholas Johnson
Edward Daly	Megan Hughes
Minerva Echeverria	Dorothy Crapanzano
Bill Martin	Bob Cozzi
Julie Martin	The Gravinovs
Jim Krokus	John L. Lebinski III
Berle Geronemus	Kim M. Crowley
Kenny Ladd	Justin Rogers
Orlando Pentrelli	Matthew Meehan
Shajan Jacob	Lucretia LoRusso
Dirce Bauco	David Nash
Micheline C. Birdsall	Nicholas Urban
Anthony Kulik	Jared Scheringer
Peter Huebner	

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#### First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

The opening verses here were read aloud by Jesus one day in the synagogue to announce Himself as the Messiah. It almost got Him killed. For the prophet it was his own inauguration. He rejoices in the union between Jerusalem and Yahweh.

#### Second Reading: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

This letter is the earliest written book in the New Testament. In it Paul gives a list of instructions for behavior, and also writes that joy is the fruit of the Spirit.

#### Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

The passage describes John the Baptist's role. While he is not the messiah, he witnesses to him. John asserts his true role as "a voice crying in the desert."

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

The season of "Friday Night Lights" is just about over. The term describes the necessary ingredient for high school and college football games or soccer games at all levels that take place each Autumn as nature shortens the daylight hours. Fans of the game are delighted to see their teams go at it without interference from nature's timetable.

As we come to the second half of the fast-moving season of Advent, the liturgical focus shifts from the awesome Second Coming of Christ back to the more familiar and quieter First Coming of Christ at Bethlehem long ago and far away. In many ways, it's all about lights for Fridays and forever.

We know that the first Christmas had contradictory elements in it. Truly, we have a spectacular lighting: both the overhead star and angelic choirs in the sky making their announcement about the birth of the Babe. But at the same time the earthbound setting couldn't be more ordinary: a dim stable cave and a manger of rough straw for the Child's first crib. The only interior light most likely came from a lone lantern and a small fire for warmth.

The Holy Spirit knew that this scene needed an interpreter for future readers of the story. To translate the facts into meaning. That came later as the task of St. John the Baptist. He is that well-known "Man of Advent." He "testifies to the light shining on Jesus," never confusing it with any light aimed at himself. Moreover, John, in humility, orders his many followers to "make straight the way of the Lord" so that they will meet the real Messiah: Jesus the Christ.

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### **March for Life - Friday, January 19th.**

Join us on our bus trip to Washington, D.C., for the world's largest annual prolife demonstration. The bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack at 6 am and return at 11 pm. \$30 adults; \$15 students. For reservations or more information call 845-735-4379 or 845-425-1322 (para espanol) -- or check the website, [RocklandRTL.org](http://RocklandRTL.org).

This annual trip is sponsored by the Rockland Right to Life Committee. LOVE SAVES LIVES is the theme of this year's march. Come put these words into action as we march from the Washington Monument to the Capitol Building in the defense of the unborn and to help rebuild a culture of life in America.

That same advice about clearing up the drab detours, poorly lit at that, which we have taken from the straight and narrow path that leads to the Lord. If we're honest with ourselves, we've lowered the lights, as it were, on Christ's way forward so that we might slide backwards. We don't always rush to clear away the obstructions to a straightaway. We actually side with Satan for awhile, even if we might never admit it so bluntly. Happily, that need not be the end of our stories.

There is no need to be discouraged or stay frozen in place. We just have to open that confessional door and walk in to begin again. After that comes another walk up the church aisle for the happy reunion of a holy communion.

The moon shines in the December sky because of reflected light from the sun. Without that reflected light, the moon would become lost in the darkness of space.

The believer in Christ shines only because of the reflection of Christ's light. Without that reflected light, the believer becomes lost in the darkness of the world and sin. What a grace it is that He finds us!

### **Christmas Schedule 2017-2018**

#### **Advent Confession**

**Monday, December 18th**

4:00pm-8:00pm

**Friday, December 22nd**

4:00pm – 5:30pm

#### **Masses**

**Sunday, December 24th**

9:00am Mass for the 4th. Sunday of Advent

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

4:00pm Christmas Mass , music by the Bell Choir

7:00pm (St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass)

11:30 pm Pre-Mass carols - Adult Choir

12:00 am Midnight Mass - Adult Choir

**Monday, December 25th**

9:00am Christmas Mass

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

**Sunday, December 31st**

9:00am The Holy Family

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

**Monday, January 1st**

9:00am The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

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

## December Ministries

<b>12/17/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	DiBartolo	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	L.Martin, Chen	Roberts	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney
<b>12/23/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	Liberace	Neil, Follini
<b>12/24/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos, Mendes,	Cherveney	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron
<b>4:00 PM</b>		Negron	Galvin, Bonanno, Eckert
<b>Midnight</b>		Kelly	Kapral
<b>12/25/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>		Cherveney	Twohie
<b>12/30/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	DiBertolo	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>12/31/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mesones, Mendes	Liberace	Mesones, Dale, Rast
<b>1/1/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>		Roberts	

We are in need of Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers to "fill in the blanks" in the Schedule.  
Please contact Bob Chamberlain at [n2kbc@aol.com](mailto:n2kbc@aol.com)

### 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.

### Father Boyd Hall is available for rental

The hall has been outfitted with a new kitchen, bathrooms including handicapped access and a freshly decorated main hall with new lighting and a new modern entrance way.

For more information and available dates,  
please call the rectory office.

### 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.

**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 18, 2017

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

For more information e-mail  
RachelMinister1@aol.com



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**“Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed 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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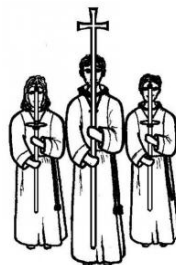
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**St. Boniface Website**



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.



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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**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.

**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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