

21st. Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2018



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

ST.BONIFACE TRUSTEES

Rick Ell 845-548-4476
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ST. MARY'S TRUSTEES

Jain Jacob 845-661-0084
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ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

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Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

*Tabernacle candle lit for:
Joseph Cosenza*



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

August 25 & 26	21st. Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 5:00PM	David Greene
Sun 9:00AM	Anthony Senerchia

Mon 9:00AM	
Tues 9:00AM	
Wed 9:00AM	
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	

Sept 1 & 2	22nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 5:00PM	Deacon Tom Colton
Sun 9:00AM	John King

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

August 19th. Attendance	157
August 19th. Collection	\$ 2521
WeShare	\$ 400
August 19th. Total	\$ 2921
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 675



Labor Day
 Sept 3 9AM Mass
 In the Garden of Memories
 Followed by Fellowship

The Saturday Sept 1st. 5PM Mass Intention is for Deacon Tom Colton. This is an opportunity for those who could not attend his Funeral.

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:

Luisa Isirnia	Orlando Pentrelli
Michael Mahonic	Shajan Jacob
Maria Pecovic	Dirce Bauco
Rocky Navarro	Micheline C. Birdsall
Patricia Ruiz	Anthony Kulik
Marion Dale	Angelina Pineda
Ann Schmidt	Andrew Conachey
Gaston Jean Louis	Annette Irving
Anthony Lazzara	Alyssa Lombardo
Dorothy Bondone	Michael Martin
John Kapral	Rita Ell
Maria Pentrelli	Elisa Pomeranz
Jack Hughes	Walter Cekleniak
Veronica Nicoletti	Thomas McHale
John Ragusa	Zenaida Ermita
Shirley Dickerson	Ralph Mascia Jr.
Melanie Di Domizio	Thomas Wissman
Stephanie McGuire	Laura Maggio
Stephanie Dee	Nicholas Johnson
Maria Seminario	Megan Hughes
Audrey & Joseph Joynt	Dorothy Crapanzano
Josephine O'Shea	Bob Cozzi
Romayne Melnick	The Gravinis
Giovanni Toribio	John L. Lebinski III
Edward Daly	Kim M. Crowley
Minerva Echeverria	Justin Rogers
Bill Martin	Matthew Meehan
Julie Martin	Lucretia LoRusso
Jim Krokus	David Nash
Berle Geronemus	Nicholas Urban
Kenny Ladd	Jared Scheringer

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First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua reestablishes a covenant between Yahweh and the Israelites, who once again choose to serve the one true God. This happened at Shechem, which at the time was a major city, and a center of religious and political life.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32

The household code at the time considered the relationships between husbands and wives as one like that of superiors to subordinates. This is Paul's understanding as he writes about the relationship of Christ to His Church.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Jesus loses disciples over His announcement of the Holy Eucharist. One has to be "born of the Spirit" to accept what He says. Peter, however bereft of understanding Jesus' words, nevertheless makes a beautiful confession of faith. This must have comforted Jesus.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One of the most powerful scenes in all of American literature is found in Harper Lee's masterpiece "To Kill a Mockingbird." Atticus Finch, the town's respected white lawyer, representing the African American Tom Robinson falsely accused of raping a white woman in the town, makes his closing argument to the jury in a powerful speech, here in part:

"And so a quiet, respectable, humble Negro who had the unmitigated temerity to 'feel sorry' for a white woman has had to put his word against two white people. I need not remind you of their appearance and conduct on the stand—you saw them for yourselves. The witnesses for the state...have presented themselves to you gentlemen, to this court, in the cynical confidence that their testimony would not be doubted, confident that you gentlemen would go along with them on the assumption – the evil assumption – that all Negroes lie, that all Negroes are basically immoral beings, that all Negro men are not to be trusted around our women, an assumption that one associates with minds of their (prejudiced) caliber."

Unfortunately, the jury ignores Atticus' words. They were tested and failed when they handed in their guilty verdict. Read that book if you note any latent racism in your soul, or tend to prejudge present day immigrants to our country.

There was a day, long ago in time and far away from us geographically, when Jesus of Nazareth also spoke boldly, and in what we would call a "counter cultural" way, and announced Himself as the "Bread of Life." His hearers, like those jurors, were stunned. Yes, as they themselves had said earlier, "No one has ever spoken like this." But this? This was, as John put it, "a hard saying." Who can accept it?

I don't blame those walk away disciples. For them, this was the strangest linkup of subject and verb they had ever heard. It made no sense. Therefore, it was non-sense. They too were tested, and they failed. But oh! If only they had stayed!

Fortunately, wonderfully, St. Peter and the Eleven did stay. They too had been tested. But St. Peter spoke for them all with a beautiful confession of faith: "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." They passed with flying colors. None of them had mighty intellects as far as we know, but they had that openness of mind to take Jesus at His word.

Similarly, the Ephesian married couples that St. Paul writes for, as well as for present day couples, are asked to view their marriages as mirrors of Christ's with His Church. Those most important words of Christ about the Holy Eucharist also form a test of all of us. How does our faith and love of Him hold up, now so long after our baptism? Fortunately, the Holy Spirit helps us pass the test. We just have to remember that we Christians are on a "watchlist" of sorts.

Once upon a time, a pastor at the local parish was making a wooden trellis to support a climbing vine against a rectory wall. As he was pounding away, he noticed that a little boy was watching him. The youngster didn't say a word, so the pastor kept on working, thinking the lad would leave. But he didn't. Pleased at the thought that his work was being admired, the pastor asked, "Well, son, trying to pick up some pointers on gardening?" "No," replied the boy. I'm just waiting to see what a priest says when he hits his thumb with a hammer."

School is just around the corner

Once again St. Boniface will be collecting much needed school supplies for September school opening. Please leave your donation in the vestibule of our church. The need for loose leaf note books, small writing assignment pads, also binders folders, crayons, colored pencils, glue, & erasers. Items can be dropped off on Saturday or Sunday. Also Back Packs if you choose to donate one. Thank you for your caring and your years of helping our children & parents.
Maybelle Twohie

St. Gregory Barbarigo School

in the Garnerville, Haverstraw and Stony Point area of the county is accepting registration in most grades for the school year beginning in September.

Legacy scholarships and grants for multiple children from the same family are available. For information, call Mrs. Spicer at 845-947-1330.

August Ministries

8/26/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Wojnicki	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	Matos	Liftin	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

September Ministries

9/2/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 PM	Neil, C.Acuna	Liberace	K.Kelly, Neil, Bonnano
9:00 AM	Chen	Echeverria	Mesones, Dale, Rast

9/9/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamveilil	Pierce	E.McNamara, Liberace
9:00 AM	Matos	Roberts	Eckert, Kapral

9/16/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, C.Acuna	DiBartolo	Neil, Follini, Galvin
9:00 AM	Mendes, Chen	Kelly	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

9/23/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	McNamara	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	Matos	Granata	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

9/30/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM		Wojnicki	
9:00 AM		Roberts	

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

St. Zita's Villa for Women

When your loved one needs a Home away from Home. NYS certified St. Zita's Villa for women in Monsey NY, provides private rooms with three meals a day, in a clean and comfortable environment. Catholic setting with housekeeping and some medical assistance.

Please call 845-356-2011.

Rosa Gorman, BS & MHA
Director of Residential Services, St. Zita's Villa

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.

Family Day - Making Everyday Special

Is the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse's initiative to promote simple, everyday things parents can do to build a strong, healthy relationship with their kids that prevents future drug use. Family day will be celebrated nationwide on Monday, September 24, 2018. To learn more about Family Day, visit www.CASAFamilyDay.org. You can also find Family Day on Facebook and Twitter

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 17, 2018

****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 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

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.



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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