

The 20th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 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  
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**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

August 13 & 14	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Bill Sovak
Sun 9:00AM	Doris Sadowski
Mon 9:00AM	Marko Pecovic
Tues 9:00AM	Mario Norelli
Wed 9:00AM	
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	

August 20 & 21	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Lisa DiLorenzo
Sun 9:00AM	Dr. Lisa Ferrara (Living)

### St. Mary's Masses

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

## Weekly Collection

August 7th. Attendance	199
August 7th. Collection	\$ 2581.00
ParishPay	\$ 370.00
August 7th. Total	\$ 2951.00
Latin America & Home Missions	\$ 544.00



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

**Save the Date**  
**October 8, 2016**  
**St. Boniface 50th Anniversary**  
**Mass with Cardinal Dolan**  
**Details to Follow**

## Let us pray for the sick:

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 .

### **The 20th. Sunday in Ordinary Time** **August 14, 2016**

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

The weak king Zedekiah permits the punishment of Jeremiah the prophet by allowing him to be thrown into a cistern to die. But the prophet is saved by the Lord and the intercession of an Ethiopian man.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

Jesus models for us how to endure our burdens in life. He suffered the cross for the sake of the coming joy.

#### **Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus refers to the "fire" of purification that His message will bring. Here the word "baptism" does not refer to the sacrament, but is used in a figurative sense to mean being tried by disasters. Jesus does His Father's will, and calls for us to practice forgiveness.

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

With power greater than a herd of wild elephants and a roar louder than that of many lions, a certain beast devastates whatever land he touches and everything on it. Not animate but certainly alive, I refer to a forest fire. We fear it and we fight it and are emotionally wrecked when some of our best firefighters succumb to it. Yet, when fire is confined or tamed to a taper, we delight in its warmth and are grateful for its glow across a dinner table.

All of this talk about the two sides of fire comes to us as we hear Our Lord speak so passionately about wanting to light a fire of enthusiasm for change. But that's what He wants—and still does. He wants to “burn off” the crust of cynicism that often forms over our smoky ways of thinking. Add to that His wish to eradicate sin that haunts our world and harms our hearts. He wants to let the light in.

Jesus knows as well as anyone that this involves change. He also knows that we don't like change. Even the mention of change can upset people. But as God he always knows what is best for us.

It is disconcerting to hear the frustration in His voice when He practically shouts: “How I wish!” He knows He has to appeal to our free will, which is risky business. He accepts and respects that fact. But, on a strictly human level, it must have been frustrating for Him to see how the resistance to His message won out in the hearts of many. Still, there was that one small group of

souls who must have brought Him comfort. They were the ones who really heard Him. They believed in Him. They let Him know that not all was lost and that He brought a new perspective to human living. They are our ancestors in faith.

So where does that leave us? May I suggest, on this summer Sunday, that we can be in a good place most of the time if we make two responses to Jesus. The first is to make an honest inventory, outside of the one we make in Lent, of all our past responses to our baptismal calling to imitate Him and spread His message to others. After all, on our baptismal day, His life melded

with ours. He adopted us and welcomed us into His Church. He ticketed us for heaven.

The second response to Jesus is a more pleasant one: namely to be proud and grateful for our membership in the Church. That fact permits us to have a spiritual mother in Mary, whom we are invited to honor tomorrow as we celebrate her summertime feast marking her miraculous bodily assumption into heaven. We always honor Jesus when we honor His Mother.

Scientists tell us that wildfires actually benefit certain plant species by spurring their growth. That is a certain less obvious outcome to balance the fire's destructions. The kind of spiritual fire sparked by Christ's love has only positive effects. What a gift! What potential that fire unlocks in us when it catches! The last thing you want to do is block it with some self-devised firewall.

### 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.**

## August Ministries

<b>8/14/2016</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Pierce,	Pierce	E.McNamara, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	J.Negrin, K.Negron	Kelly	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli
<b>8/15/2016</b>	<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin</b>		
<b>9:00 AM</b>			
<b>8/21/2016</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna, G.Acuna		Neil, Follini, Galvin
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mendes, Matos	Echeverria	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney
<b>8/28/2016</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamueilil, Maduekwe	T.McNamara	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	J.Negrin, Matos	K.Negron	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

### 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).

**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.**

### 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

The Cathedral Prep Program 2016-17 kick-off will be held on Saturday, September 10th - 9:00-5:00.

If you are a young man in high school and is considering the priesthood, please see your pastor for the registration form

& for more information contact the Vocation Office at [NYPriest@archny.org](mailto:NYPriest@archny.org) or 914-968-1340.

**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.)

August 15, 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 with your suggestions.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

**“Beloved: See what love the Father has be-  
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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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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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**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 partici-  
pated 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  
Fr. Thadeus e-mail address is:  
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