

23rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9, 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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Jain Jacob 845-661-0084
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ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

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ST. MARY'S CATECHISM JOINT DIRECTOR

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Nirmala Joseph 845-634-1801

SUNDAY LUNCH DIRECTOR

Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

Tabernacle candle lit for :



Sept 8 & 9	23rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 5:00PM	Lisa Jayne DiLorenzo
Sun 9:00AM	Corless & Deane Family

Mon 9:00AM	
Tues 9:00AM	Vincent Kane, Greg Sikorsky, John Coughlin & Peter Ganci
Wed 9:00AM	Dorothy Ashe
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	

Sept 15 & 16	24th. Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 5:00PM	Joan & Vincent Kane
Sun 9:00AM	Deacon Tom Colton & Marie Connelly

St. Mary's Syro Malabar Masses

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

Weekly Collection

August 26th. Attendance	165
August 26th. Collection	\$ 2399
WeShare	\$ 400
August 26th. Total	\$ 2799
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 40



the CARDINAL'S
 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

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:

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| 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 Gravinos |
| 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses, as teacher of the people, points to the law and stresses that observance of it is essential to possessing the land. Only the Israelite nation has such a personal connection with its God, and can call on Him for aid and comfort.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

God, the creator of the heavens, freely gave birth to us. So the word in which we were born must not only be heard but also lived. We learn what a "pure" religion looks like.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees and scribes complain that Jesus' disciples failed to follow the traditional Jewish practices of ritual purification. Jesus then makes a radical statement about where true defilement originates.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I am sure that you have been disconcerted by at least one item the last time you ate at a restaurant and had to use the restroom. It's that little sign hanging on the wall there that reads: "Employees must wash hands." Really? Do workers at an eating establishment really have to be told? I thought we were well past cave man crudeness.

Of course, there's the other extreme of this notion of cleanliness. Hospital shows on TV often show us surgeons "scrubbing up" before an operation, sometimes soaping their forearms as well as their hands. Somewhere in this cleanliness graph comes the ancient Jewish tradition of ritual purification mentioned in this weekend's Gospel passage. It was required not just for one's hands, as St. Mark informs us, but also for cups, jugs, kettles and even, of all things, beds!

As per usual, Jesus and His disciples are always ripe targets for criticism by the Pharisees and scribes when it came to violations of the law, in this instance when they are observed eating with unwashed hands. The questioning of this aberration offers Jesus the perfect opportunity to teach His opponents just where authentic defilement originates. It's all about internals. Something prompts me to think the Pharisees and scribes already knew this, but were loathe to admit it.

Fast forward to our contemporary culture and what do we find? A sudden presence of hand cleaner gadgets available everywhere. Hot air hand dryers in public restrooms, the better to promote sanitation and save untold numbers of trees, an added bonus. We have all manner of ecology friendly devices to keep our hands and homes clean.

All this and more while at the same time society benignly allows for the production and distribution of pornography, with its millions of profit dollars. There is a proliferation of so-called "gentlemen's clubs" in town and city. Filth flowing from the language used by our entertainers. Provocative clothing styles available for both genders. A general debasement of chastity. This not an exclusive list.

Allow me a prayer response. *"Dear Jesus, You are not simply "good and gentle," as we so often think and pray. We witness in this Scripture passage from Mark how resoundingly radical You can be at times. How even the mention of Your name is despicable in many circles of the outwardly respectable people among us. But they and we know instinctively that You are right. We know what defiles us. We need Your mercy to wash us clean on the inside first. The only reminder we need is the sign of Your cross. As for our measure, we accept that 'God grades on the cross, and not the curve.' Amen."*

Healing Weekend

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend from October 5 to 7 at the St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew.

Reservations are required. For information call Margaret at 845-383-1746 or Denise at 845-325-3147.

How to Help

Many people are contacting Casa Juan Diego asking how they can help in the immigration crisis. One way is to donate to groups that are helping families and children with legal services.

Listed below are several groups which provide these services and are in need of donations and may accept volunteers.

Tahirih Justice Center www.tahirih.org
Human Rights First www.houstonimmigration.org
Justice for our Neighbors www.jfonhouston.org
Kids in Need of Defense 832-779-4030
The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
832-364-4975

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	Vettamveillil		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	Vettamveillil, 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	

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

Paramus Catholic High School, an academic community which combines both faith and education, cordially invites 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents to visit us during one of our Open Houses on Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 PM, and Wednesday, October 17th from 7:00-9:00 PM.

The school is located at 425 Paramus Road, Paramus NJ. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104.

For cancer patients, survivors, and their families, friends and the medical community:

16th annual healing Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer, followed by a social will be held on Tuesday, Sept 25th at 7 PM in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls. The communal rite of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated during the Mass followed by a blessing with his relic. For directions to Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center www.mtalvernia.org or call (845) 297-5706.

One to One Learning will present STAR-FEST IX on the Marydell property at 640 N. Midland Ave, Upper Nyack, on SEPT.16th at 3:30 p.m. It is an evening of musical entertainment with beautiful Hook Mountain as a background. Featured local professional performers include: John Patrick Schutz, Tommy Dunn, Jan Lynch, Robert Mattern, Sue Matsuki, Richard Skipper, Patti Koontz and others. Complimentary food will be provided by many local restaurants for 'A Taste of Rockland'. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the entrance. Please call Sr. Cecilia LaPietra at (845) 512-8176 for tickets and information."

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.

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. Zita's Villa Adult Home for Women
Open House & Family Fun Day Sat, Sept 15**

St. Zita's Villa, a Rockland County, Catholic owned and operated adult home for mature women, invites everyone to join them for its Annual Open House and Gala Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 15, 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 16 (same times). St. Zita's is located at 50 Saddle River Rd, Monsey, NY. For information, contact Sr. Maureen (845) 356-2011.

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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