

# The Holy Family



**December 27, 2015**

**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

Wednesdays at 8:00PM in Chapel. 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 8:00am  
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

Joseph Vaniapillil 845-353-3213

*Tabernacle candle lit for:  
Lucia T. Barnacha Lucero*



**Let us pray for the sick:**

**Mass Intentions**

December 26 & 27	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	George McAllister
Sun 9:00AM	Teofielo Mascia
Mon 9:00AM	Lucia T. Barnacha Lucero
Tues 9:00AM	Maybelle Twohie (Living)
Wed 9:00AM	Maybelle Twohie (Living)
Thurs 9:00AM	Antonio Ferrante
Fri 9:00AM	

January 2 & 3	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Johanna Metcalfe
Sun 9:00AM	Ralph Affinito

**St. Mary's Masses**

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

**Weekly Collection**

December 13th. Attendance	226
December 13th Collection	\$ 2401.00
ParishPay weekly:	\$ 370.00
December 13th Total	\$ 2771.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 97.00
Retired Religious	\$ 837.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 337.00



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

**Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:**

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$32,500.00	\$44,755.00	\$44,495.00	89

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Weekend Masses are at 5:00 PM  
Saturday and 9:00 AM Sunday.**

Daniel Meehan  
 Marie Donnelly  
 Paulie Jimenez  
 Anthony Kulik  
 Peter Huebner  
 Angelina Pineda  
 Andrew Conachey  
 Annette Irving  
 Alyssa Lombardo  
 Gino DiDomezio  
 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  
 Ralph Mascia  
 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 .

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**First Reading: I Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

Hannah sees Samuel as the Lord's gift to her. In return, she brings him to Eli and offers his life to the Lord.

**Second Reading: I John 3:1-2, 21-24**

Christians experience God's goodness in being His children already now, along with a promise of being even more in the future.

**Gospel: Luke 2:4-52**

This section of Luke is much like an "overture" to the balance of the Gospel. The focus is meant to be on Jesus' pronouncement about His relationship to His Father. Nonetheless we sympathize with His earthly parents who experience the temporary loss of their son.

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If it has not happened to us, we know it has happened to others. The TV news captures it with pictures and sound in all its pain and sadness. A little boy or girl wanders away from its parents, sometimes right out of the house, only to meet an ill-timed death. We get to see the tear-stained faces on camera and perhaps also hear the choking voices caught by a reporter's microphone. Soon a makeshift memorial of teddy bears and candles emerges at some significant spot. A true family tragedy.

Fortunately for the rest of us, we can watch from a safe distance, because for now at least, it's not our turn. A similar family happenstance is described in today's Gospel, although this one happened long before TV or even electricity, and it turned out not to be tragic. It lets us know that even for the holiest of people bad things happen. A young son lost in amid a crowded caravan through three whole days of searching. And when reunion finally occurs, a mild rebuke given to the parents who unfortunately forgot the boy's earthly mission, even though an angel had told them twelve years before.

One way or another we have all experienced family problems of one kind or another. They may not have escalated to the level of tragedy, but they have all been unwanted and hurtful. Hopefully, the happier times our family has enjoyed strike a balance, and we get through the other kind. It is important to recall from time to time that the good times are meant to sustain us. Though we have never taken any vows about it, we honor our families and stay loyal "in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, 'til death do us part."

Today's Christmastime Feast of the Holy Family "widens the focus", if you will, of the imaginary Church camera from that of the Child in the manger to the Child as a near adult, and the two adults who stood by the manger and now stand beside each other in fear and sadness. "Where can He

be?" they ask themselves. "He's never done anything like this before." No wonder that when they finally reunite, His Mother asks her plaintive question "Why have you done this to us?"

Now we identify with the story in a way we didn't expect at first. How? By changing Mary's words only slightly and asking God when bad things happen to us "Why have you done this to me?" Yes, it's the old matter of the problem of evil that surfaces when bad things happen to good people. But angry fists or malicious thoughts hurled God's way are not the solutions to the situation. Instead we are to rely on the example of Mary and Joseph and how they handled things like this along with their unspoken appeal to us to trust. It's all part of being members of God's family. It's trusting God our heavenly Father to know what's best for us at all times.

There are a host of aphorisms that reflect on family. I was struck by this one as appropos for all the Christmas visiting that goes on: "Home is where you treat your friends like family, and your family like friends."

### St. Gregory School

Have you thought about a Catholic school education for your Children?

Why not consider sending your children to St. Gregory school in Garnerville! Catholic values are infused across the curriculum. We offer Universal Pre-Kindergarten, full day Kindergarten, Spanish, Art, Music, Computers, Library, Physical Education and after school programs that include enrichment and day care. Our curriculum follows the NYS Common Core standards for K-8 and our Catholic faith is taught every day.

We invite you come and visit our school on Tuesday, January 12th, from 9AM to 11AM. Evening tours are also available by appointment. For more information, contact Mr. Thomas Hamilton, Principal, at 845-947-1330.

HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR

## December Ministries

<b>12/27/2015</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	L.Martin, Maduekwe	T.McNamara	E.McNamara, Hanusik, Ball
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mesones, J.Negrin	Roberts	Twohie, Mesones, K.Negrin
<b>Thursday</b>			
<b>12/31/2015</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	J.Noble	Kelly	Maralit, Kelly
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>1/1/2016</b>	<b>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Cherveney	DiBartolo	Twohie, Cherveney

### 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](mailto:jeanne@geocap.com).

### 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.

Morning, afternoon and evening classes.

Please call Sr. Cecilia at 845-512-8176 or

Email: [clpangel59@gmail.com](mailto:clpangel59@gmail.com).

Website: [One2One-Learning.org](http://One2One-Learning.org)

### 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 18, 2016

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

For more information e-mail

[RachelMinister1@aol.com](mailto:RachelMinister1@aol.com) or call 845-492-6709

**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. John's Church Piermont is hosting a pilgrimage to Greece

"Following the Footsteps of Apostle Paul"

April 10 - 19, 2016

\$2,740 per person (includes 3 day cruise)

Philippi \* Thessalonika \* Corinth \* Athens

Meteora \* Mykonos \* Santorini \* Patmos

For a brochure and information please call Robin Miller 359-0793 or email [robmiller124@aol.com](mailto:robmiller124@aol.com)

## Christmas Schedule 2015-2016

### Masses

#### The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st

9:00am

7:00pm (Syro Malabar)

Friday, January 1st

9:00am

10:30am (Syro Malabar)

## 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.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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](http://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 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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