

The Baptism of the Lord



January 10, 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

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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

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Rick Ell 845-548-4476

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ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

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Joseph Vaniapillil 845-353-3213

Tabernacle candle lit for :



Let us pray for the sick:

Mass Intentions

January 9 & 10	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Marie Barry
Sun 9:00AM	Frank Eckert
Mon 9:00AM	
Tues 9:00AM	
Wed 9 :00AM	
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	

January 16 & 17	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Lucia B. Lucero
Sun 9:00AM	Frank Eckert

St. Mary's Masses

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

Weekly Collection

Christmas Attendance	408
December 27th. Attendance	203
January 3rd. Attendance	223
Christmas Collection	\$ 9575.00
December 27th. Collection	\$ 2830.00
January 3rd. Collection	\$ 2579.00
ParishPay weekly: 12/27	\$ 370.00
ParishPay weekly: 1/3	\$ 370.00
December 27th. Total	\$ 3200.00
January 3rd. Total	\$ 2949.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 622.00

Super Bowl 50

Boxes \$25 each

Prizes

1st. Quarter	\$250
2nd. Quarter	\$250
3rd. Quarter	\$250
Final Score	\$500

Teams and numbers will be drawn on Sunday, February 7th. After the 9AM Mass

Ben Costa
 Micheline C. Birdsall
 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 .

The Baptism of the Lord January 10, 2016

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

The peaceful Servant fulfills the role of a messiah-king, but not by using military tactics. He will "bring forth justice," that is, by executing the divine will.

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Peter's sermon proclaims the "kerygma," or "message" of universal forgiveness by the Lord of all, namely Jesus. He was anointed by God to do so.

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus submits to baptism in order to show His agreement with John's teaching. Note that Jesus was praying before beginning His own mission.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Endorsements. The airwaves have already been replete with them through political ads for this year's presidential candidates. Depending on the perceived quality of the endorser, the candidates tout the fact.

Another kind of endorsement is exhibited in today's gospel selection from Luke, and superlatives abound when we take notice. Here on the occasion of Our Lord's baptism no less than the other two Persons of the Most Blessed Trinity make their presence known and their opinions expressed. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, described by Luke as coming "in bodily form like a dove." The dove among Jews of that time symbolized the hopes of men and women for love, life, and union with God. Then God the Father speaks with an intimate and unparalleled embrace: "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased." Linking both of those we could describe it as a "Wow moment."

It is necessary for us to recognize that St. Luke is not saying that Jesus became something He was not before His baptism. It is we, his readers or hearers, that are told something more about Jesus. We also learn more than we knew about God's plan, because His baptism inaugurates Jesus' earthly mission.

All of this points to two observations important for us in our daily lives and for our personal mission. First of all, there is the importance of our own baptism. It was the greatest gift our parents could have given us after that of life itself. They brought us to the font of new life and we became that day adopted son or daughter of God Himself. What a gift our parents gave us! No dove appeared and no Voice from heaven was heard but God nonetheless came among our family and friends gathered around our infant selves that day to smile upon us as new members of the family which is His Church.

Do you know the actual day when you were baptized? Do you celebrate it each year? Do you know the name of the priest or deacon who performed the ceremony? A good project for this week would be to look up that information and then celebrate it.

Your baptism was also the day that God endorsed you as His very own adopted child. It was not meant just as a point of pride, but rather as His belief in you and His reliance upon you to fulfill your life's mission. Do you know what it is? In general terms, it was to make Him known and loved. In par-

ticular terms, that is yours to discover through prayer and reflection.

The other observation as we read the baptismal account of Jesus is for us to be renewed in our belief that Jesus is God. That may seem superfluous to mention here. But there is a none too subtle attack on that belief all around us, especially in the media. It holds that Jesus was just another good religious leader of His time. A "nice guy" yes, but not God. Dangerous thinking for a Christian. Such thinking leads to disregard for Sunday Mass and disrespect for the Eucharistic presence.

In this highly charged political year it is good to remember that we also are "candidates" of a certain kind. That is, candidates for a place in heaven. Through Baptism and the Eucharist, as well as the other sacraments, we acknowledge that our candidacy enjoys a unique endorsement from a loving and merciful God.

Operation Overseas

Once again "A BIG SHOUT OUT" to the many parishioners who donated food & snacks.

This enabled St Boniface to send over flowing boxes filled with so many delicious items for our Servicemen & Women.

Our own Chaplain Maj John Gabriel sent us greeting from Kuwait as he served Sunrise Mass on Christmas Morning

A special thanks to "Eleanor" who made over 25 Rosary Beads to be shared with them. Marie Krokus who provided throw Robes for the Montrose Veterans in the VA Hospital. A visit to be made on January 12th. We will continue as long as names and addresses are provided and hopefully till we can bring these fine young men & women home .

May God Bless you all and our Country.

Maybelle Twohie

Count Your Blessings Raffle

A special thanks to all the St Boniface and St. Mary's Parishioners for supporting a successful Fund Raiser. (sorry for the delay due to the Church Bulletin Holiday Printing).

Winners were Wayne Fabbri \$150 ,Lucy Sikorsky \$75, Marie Pentrelli \$50 and Patricia Twohie \$25.

Your caring and generous donations will provide for safer walkways and sidewalks .

Maybelle Twohie

MARCH FOR LIFE 2016 BUS TRIP
Sponsored by the
ROCKLAND RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE
FRIDAY JANUARY 22
At Our Nation's Capital Washington, DC
Rally at the National Mall 12 noon to 1 pm

Then march with thousands of your fellow pro-lifers along Constitution Ave. to the Capitol & Supreme Court.

Buses will depart from Sacred Heart in Suffern and St. Augustine's in New City for the one-day trip
 \$30 adults \$15 students

For reservations and information call: 735-4379 492-6709 634-6885 425-1322 (para español)

WE MUST HAVE YOUR RESERVATION AND CHECK BY JAN. 13

You'll find more information and photos from past trips on our website RocklandRTL.org

WE'RE MARCHING FOR LIFE. WILL YOU COME WITH US?

Our heroes! The hundreds of thousands of prolife Americans who travel to Washington, D.C., each year to stand up for life on Jan. 22 in what has become the largest annual prolife event in the world!

Braving the cold and the difficulties of the journey, they find in each other the strength that has sustained the prolife movement for generations now – the power of our belief in Life as a Human Right.

Come be part of The March for Life in Washington, D.C. This peaceful and family friendly demonstration began on Jan. 22, 1974, the first anniversary of the now infamous Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion on demand.

Rocklanders have participated every year since then. And we will continue to march until every life is protected by law. The 2016 March theme is "Pro-life and Pro-Woman Go Hand in Hand." Abortion harms women – and our society as well – in so many ways.

On Friday, Jan. 22, we'll leave Rockland around 6 am. The buses are comfortable and have lavatories. We'll stop at a rest stop on the way down and back. But remember, you'll be outdoors and on your feet most of the day. So be sure to dress warm – in layers. It can be very cold. Bring some food for the bus and a snack for the March.

After the March, we'll go to the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, traveling together by taxi or subway. There you'll be able to warm up, grab something to eat in the cafeteria, attend Mass if you'd like, and see this great church.

Our buses will pick us up at the shrine. We leave D.C. around 6 pm and should be home by 11.

January Ministries

1/10/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Pierce, L.Martin	Pierce	Bonanno, Maralit, A.Martin
9:00 AM	Negrin, Negron	Kelly	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli
1/17/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 PM	Neil, C. Acuna, G.Acuna	McNamara	Liberace, Neil, E.McNamara
9:00 AM	Mendes, Matos	Cherveney	J Cary, Handler, Echeverria
1/24/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Roberts	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	Negrin K.Negron,	Echeverria	Cherveney, Revesz, B.Negron
1/31/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	L.Martin, Maduekwe	Wojnicki	McNamara, Hanusik, Ball
9:00 AM	Mesones, Mendes, Matos	Liftin	Twohie, Mesones, K.Negron

**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 or call 845-492-6709

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 use-
ful 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-
stowed 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.



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.

**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.**

**Get important updates from the parish
Go to: www.Flocknote.com/stboniface
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Number of Children: _____ Ages: _____

Schools Attending: _____

Enroll me in: [] Envelopes [] ParishPay

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
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