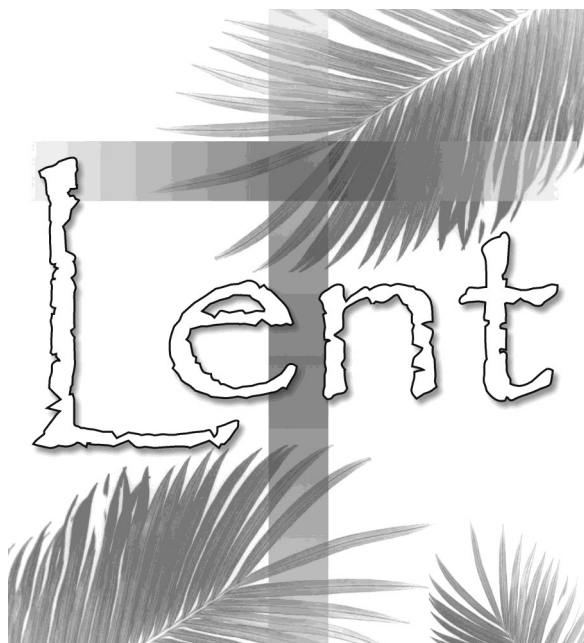


The Fourth Sunday of Lent



March 6, 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

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:
Karen Revesz



Let us pray for the sick:

Mass Intentions

| March 5 & 6 | Intentions |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| Sat 5:00PM | Rodger Cary |
| Sun 9:00AM | Joseph O'Shea |
| Mon 9:00AM | |
| Tues 9:00AM | |
| Wed 9:00AM | |
| Thurs 9:00AM | Mafalda & Andrea Federici |
| Fri 9:00AM | Charles Metcalfe |

| March 12 & 13 | Intentions |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Sat 5:00PM | Kevin Cavanaugh |
| Sun 9:00AM | St. Anthony |

St. Mary's Masses

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

Weekly Collection

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|---------------------------|------------|
| February 28th. Attendance | 187 |
| February 28th. Collection | \$ 2166.00 |
| ParishPay | \$ 370.00 |
| February 28th. Total | \$ 2536.00 |



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ANSWER GOD'S CALL to serve our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate. In the Beatitudes, Jesus reminds us what it is to be a disciple of God, to act with mercy, compassion, and love. Join in helping others during this Year of Mercy.

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 6, 2016**

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Here is an account of an early Passover celebration, the first after the time of Moses and the Exodus. The end of the manna distribution acts as a closing to the period of desert wandering for the Israelites.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 5:17=21

Paul writes about the reconciliation of the world to God through Christ, and how Christ "made Himself sin, who did not know sin." This magnanimous gesture indisputably illustrates God's mercy for sinners.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Jesus reverses the usual pattern of the "two brothers" type of stories, wherein the younger brother always triumphs over the older. The main emphasis of Luke in this story is the forgiving Father, which makes for a better title for this parable than the well-known one of "the prodigal son." God the Father's mercy is the point.

Holy Week Schedule 2016

Reconciliation Monday

Monday, March 21st
3:00pm-9:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 20th

More Solemn Celebration, Saturday 5:00pm
St. Boniface Mass: 9:00am
St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass: 11:00am
Palms blessed at all masses

Holy Thursday, March 24th

Tenebrae 9:00am
Mass of the Lord's Supper
St. Boniface: 6:00pm
Procession Visits to Repository until Midnight
in Msgr. Boyd Hall
St. Mary's Syro Malabar: 8:00pm

Good Friday, March 25th

Tenebrae 9:00am
Liturgy of the Passion & Death of Our Lord,
Holy Communion 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
St. Mary's Syro Malabar: 7:30pm
Passion of the Lord, Holy Communion & Stations
of the Cross

Holy Saturday, March 26th

Tenebrae 9:00am
Mass: St. Mary's Syro Malabar: 10:00am
Blessing of Food 12:00pm
Confessions 4:00-5:00pm
Easter Vigil Mass
St. Boniface Mass: 7:00pm
St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass: 9:30pm

Easter Sunday, March 27th

St. Boniface Mass: 9:00am
(No 11:00am Mass for St. Mary's)

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Back in 1949, the writer Fulton Oursler gave the world his "take" on the Gospels and titled his book "The Greatest Story Ever Told." An apt description for sure about a story that never grows old.

But I daresay that this parable that we hear at today's Mass taken from Luke's gospel could well be named: "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told." Why? Because if there ever were an answer to the whole problem of human weakness, this well-known parable is it. It is a story bound to console those of us who fail the Lord from time to time. It also is a transparent picture of two opposing reactions to God's mercy, as found in the character of the two sons' father.

Our own holy father, Pope Francis, has designated the current year as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. He inaugurated it last December 8 with the solemn opening of the "Holy Door" at St. Peter's basilica in Rome, and shortly after there were openings of the Holy Doors of cathedrals around the world. The opened doors symbolize the openness of God's mercy, allowing us to "enter" into His forgiveness of our sins.

The parable of the loving father, augmented by Paul's letter about reconciliation, and even the story from the Book of Joshua about the Israelites celebrating the Passover in their new homeland all highlight God's tender mercy.

So in this Year of Mercy, the parable especially makes for perfect preparation for confession. If you are one of those people who has a residual fear of confession, perhaps one left over from childhood, or even of a bad adult experience of the sacrament, this is the story to recall to try again. Don't be afraid!

The Church, acting as the good Mother she is, invites you and me to this embrace of God's mercy. There really is no good reason to carry around the burden of past sins. The confessional door is probably the one "holy door" most of us will pass through this year.

But on the way out of that same door suddenly our life stories become "great", in the sense that they align with God's will. That alignment brings a peace and contentment money cannot buy. No matter how far we have traveled to "distant lands" and squandered graces like the young son. Or grown jealous or cynical like the older son. God's "heart" is bigger than we can imagine. Meanwhile if you're still a little timid about making a good confession because you fear returning to your old familiar ways, it is a good thing to remember that "the will of God will never take you to where His grace will not protect you."



Stations of the Cross

Friday, 7:30 PM

**Did you pick up your
Lenten Mite Box?**

March Ministries

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| 3/6/2016 | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 5:00PM | Neil, C.Acuna, G.Acuna | McNamara | Bonanno,E.McNamara, Neil |
| 9:00 AM | Mesones, Mendes | Cherveney | Dale, Mesones, K.Negron |
| 3/13/2016 | Altar Servers | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 5:00PM | Vettamvelil, L.Martin | Wojnicki | K.Kelly, Maralit, A.Martin |
| 9:00 AM | J.Negrin, K.Negron | DiBartolo | Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli |
| 3/20/2016 | Altar Servers Palm Sunday | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 5:00PM | Neil, C.Acuna, G.Acuna | Pierce, Kelly | Neil, Follini, Liberace |
| 9:00 AM | Mendes, Matos, | Liftin, K.Negron | J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney |
| 3/24/2016 | Altar Servers Holy Thursday | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 9:00AM (Tenebrae) | | | Not Needed |
| 6:00 PM | Neil, K.Negron, Vettamvelil | McNamara | P.Neil, B.Negron, Echeverria |
| 3/25/2016 | Altar Servers Good Friday | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 9:00AM (Tenebrae) | | | Not Needed |
| 3:00 PM | Pierce, Neil, K.Negron, Martin | Liberace, Echeverria, Pierce | Neil, B.Negron, Martin |
| 3/26/2016 | Altar Servers Holy Saturday | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 9:00AM (Tenebrae) | | | Not Needed |
| 7:00 PM (Easter Vigil) | Vettamvelil, Martin, Hernandez | Ashe, Liberace, DiBartolo | Martin |
| 3/27/2016 | Altar Servers Easter | Lector | Eucharistic Ministers |
| 9:00 AM | K.Negron, J.Negrin | Cherveney | Buttinelli, B.Negron, Eckert |

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.

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Please call Sr. Cecilia at 845-512-8176 or
Email: clpangel59@gmail.com.
Website: One2One-Learning.org

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The Catholic School Region of Rockland is pleased to announce a new online application and increased financial assistance available for families applying to Catholic elementary schools for the 2016-17 school year. Families can apply and learn if they are eligible for Financial Assistance in three ways: 1. Using our NEW, convenient, Online Application via www.ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org 2. Over the phone by calling 646-794-2885, or 3. In person by visiting a Rockland Catholic elementary school Touring Tuesday on March 8 Touring Tuesday Open House events will be held at Rockland Catholic Elementary Schools on Tuesday, March 8th and April 12th from 9-11am or by appointment. Please call 646-794-2885 to make a reservation or to find a school near you.

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.

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(Lomagno Hall- adjacent to Shrine Church.)

March 21, 2016
THE TIME IS 7:00p.m.

For more information e-mail
RachelMinister1@aol.com or call 845-492-6709

St. Boniface Website



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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.



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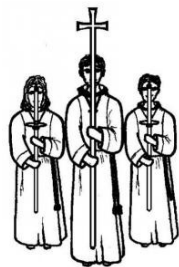
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Schools Attending: _____

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Penance, or the Eucharist, or Confirmation?
Please call the rectory if you would like to re-
ceive a sacrament that you have not participat-
ed 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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