

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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
Degy Philip (Secretary) 201-374-7080

ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

MARY MATHA MALAYALAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Nirmala Sebastian 347-204-0062

*Tabernacle candle lit for:
Anita Kussel*



Let us pray for the sick:

Mass Intentions

December 17 & 18	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Golden Jubilee
Sun 9:00AM	Ana Betances
Mon 9:00AM	
Tues 9:00AM	Eugenia Reyes
Wed 9:00AM	
Thurs 9:00AM	
Fri 9:00AM	Andrew Affronti & Frank O'Connor

December 24 & 25	Intentions
Sat 4:00PM	John King
Midnight Mass	Deidra Baker
Sun 9:00AM	Adele & Pompeo Scotti/Mary & Teofilo Mascia

St. Mary's Masses

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



Fr. Thadeus and the congregations of St. Boniface & St. Mary's Welcome Cardinal Dolan

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| Carol Valcin | Annette Irving |
| Maria Seminario | Alyssa Lombardo |
| Audrey & Joseph Joynt | Michael Martin |
| Mary Ahokas | Rita Ell |
| Carl Strong | Elisa Pomeranz |
| Josephine O'Shea | Walter Cekleniak |
| Anthony Senerchia | Thomas McHale |
| Romayne Melnick | Zenaida Ermita |
| Giovanni Toribio | Regina Nowinski |
| Edward Daly | Ralph Mascia Jr. |
| Minerva Echeverria | Thomas Wissman |
| Bill Martin | Frank Maggio |
| Julie Martin | Laura Maggio |
| Nancy Panebianco | Nicholas Johnson |
| Jim Krokus | Emmett Green |
| Berle Geronemus | Megan Hughes |
| Kenny Ladd | Dorothy Crapanzano |
| Barbara Madar | Bob Cozzi |
| Orlando Pentrelli | The Gravinis |
| Shajan Jacob | John L. Lebinski III |
| Dirce Bauco | Kim M. Crowley |
| Micheline C. Birdsall | Justin Rogers |
| Daniel Meehan | Matthew Meehan |
| Marie Donnelly | Lucretia LoRusso |
| Anthony Kulik | David Nash |
| Peter Huebner | Nicholas Urban |
| Angelina Pineda | Jared Scheringer |
| Andrew Conachey | |

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.

Weekly Collection

December 11th. Attendance	174
December 11th. Collection	\$ 2043.00
Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
December 11th. Total	\$ 2413.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 565.00
Retired Religious Fund	\$ 723.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$34,000.00	\$20,990.00	\$20,110.00	82

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 18, 2016**

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

King Ahaz refuses to ask for a sign that Isaiah's promises are true. Isaiah gives him a sign anyway, one that will confirm the future of David's dynasty in a marvelous and unsuspected way.

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Paul calls himself both "a slave of Christ" and an Apostle "set apart for the gospel." He lets his Roman converts know that his mission is of divine origin and calls them to holiness.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

We anticipate the gospel for the Vigil of Christmas, perhaps to give us pause in our preparation for the feast by pondering the divine dimension, and to note Mary's acceptance and Joseph's obedience.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

On an unusually warm mid-October day, I was wandering among the Christmas displays, running full tilt in one of those big box stores. I had come in just to buy a mundane garden weed killer, but the colors and lights drew me to look at merchandise two months early. The artificial trees blinked; snow-covered miniature scenes twirled and played carols; and boxes of ornaments were already on sale. Nearby were make-believe electric fireplaces that would render earlier generations dumbstruck.

But amid all this winking and blinking stood a beautifully rendered foot high statue of the Holy Family. Yes, it was made in China, as my inspection proved. But the resin work was nicely tinted. I almost bought it, perhaps in a way to “rescue” it from its glitzy surroundings. But my guardian angel whispered “You already have enough pious Christmas decorations.”

Later on, I wondered if leaving the little statue right where it was might inspire a toddler with his or her parents to see it and innocently blurt out: “Look, there’s Jesus and his mommy and daddy!” Then maybe, just maybe, a mom or dad unaccustomed to churchgoing might have a change of heart just in time for Christmas.

I know it’s become an annual activity for Christians to rail against the commercialization of Christmas. But I do believe, hopefully not naively, that all those secular forces are doomed. The Lord will triumph over their sometimes frenzied efforts to bury the truth of the Incarnation under tons of tinsel and accumulated apathy. That little statue I saw, looking lonely amid the glitter displayed in a “cathedral of commerce” could be part of the evidence. If it doesn’t happen now; it will.

There are other examples I know about. Parents who place their family creche in a prominent place. Others who limit the gifts under the tree rather than present their children with a bewildering choice of toys that are the cause of boredom by Christmas afternoon. Still others who foster the idea among their children of helping in a practical way those many less fortunate youngsters across the globe who may be trapped in dire circumstances.

Even if there are presumed to be a number of “C and E’s” (Christmas and Easter attendees) at Mass on Christmas, at least they are there, able to be evangelized. That can come by way of the smiling welcome of parishioners who don’t grumble about “losing their pew.” Or the inspiration of a good homily; or the ultimate power of the “Supper of the Lamb.”

May you experience the deep joy and profound peace of Christmas with your family and friends.

Advent Retreat

A special thank you to Sister Nancy Richter, O.P. for a special afternoon of sharing and reflection.

Thank you to all who attended the beautiful Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 3.

It was an inspiration to see so many joined together as we await the coming of the Lord.

We were treated to some wonderful highlights and images of Mary. Her journey of waiting patiently encourages each of us to continue waiting patiently for the Lord.

Msgr. Cox will be celebrating all of the Christmas Masses

Lessons and Carols

Thank you to Jim Coakley and the singers and readers for all the work that went into this year’s Lessons & Carols presentation.

Thanks also go out to those who set up the reception after the “show.”

Most importantly, thank you for attending and supporting this special advent tradition here at St. Boniface

The choir will be singing a selection of Christmas Carols beginning at 11:30PM before Midnight Mass

December Ministries

12/18/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	L.Martin, K.Negron, Neil,Vettamvelil	DiBartolo & Wojnicki	Cardinal's Mass EMs Not Needed
9:00 AM	Mendes, Matos	K.Negron	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

12/25/2016	Altar Servers Christmas	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
4:00 PM	Neil, L.Martin	Negron	Bonanno, Neil, Eckert, A.Martin
Midnight	Vittamueilil	McNamara	G.Follini, E.McNamara, Kapral
9:00 AM	Cherveney	Cherveney	Revesz, Dale, Buttinelli

12/31/2013	Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God		
Sat / Sun	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	DiBartolo	K.Kelly, Liberace, Hanusik
9:00 AM	J.Negrin, Matos	Cherveney	Eckert, Cherveney, Maralit,

Christmas Schedule 2016-2017

Advent Confession
Monday, December 19th
 4:00pm-8:00pm

Friday, December 23rd
 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Masses
Saturday, December 24th
 4:00pm & Midnight
 7:00pm (St. Mary's Mass)

Sunday, December 25th
 9:00am
 There is no St. Mary's Mass

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, December 31st
 9:00am (St. Mary's Mass)
 5:00pm

Sunday, January 1st
 9:00am
 11:00am (St. Mary's Mass)

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.

The Gift of a Catholic Education

This Christmas, give the gift of a Catholic education. Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life- long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another.

To locate a faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school program near you, visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

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.

**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.)

December 19, 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

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-
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.

**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
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 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 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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