

# First Sunday of Advent December 3, 2017



## 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

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Jain Jacob 845-661-0084  
Chacko Joseph (Siby) 845-558-9415  
Rajesh Mathew 201-707-9512  
Saji Mathew (Secretary) 917-574-9267

### ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

### ST. MARY'S CATECHISM JOINT DIRECTOR

Sindhu Thomas 845-270-3011

### MARY MATHA MALAYALAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Nirmala Joseph 845-634-1801

### SUNDAY LUNCH DIRECTOR

Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

*Tabernacle candle lit for:  
Jose Pineda*



## Mass Intentions

<b>Dec 2 &amp; 3</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Eileen DeMil
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Mario Mondelli

<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	Eddie Clohessy
<b>Tues 9:00AM</b>	Isobel-Margaret Logan
<b>Wed 9:00AM</b>	Corless & Deane Families
<b>Thurs 9:00AM</b>	Larry Lillo
<b>Thurs 7:30PM</b>	Ron Kuczenski (Living)
<b>Fri 9:00AM</b>	Twohie & Riebling Families
<b>Fri 7:30PM</b>	Mary Mikulaninec

<b>Dec 9 &amp; 10</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Caroline Sun
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	John Kapral

### St. Mary's Syro-Malobar Masses

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

### Weekly Collection

November 19th/26th Attendance	173/190
November 19th/26th Collection	\$ 2042.00/\$ 2417.00
November 19th/26th Parish Pay	\$ 740.00
November 19th Total	\$ 2412.00
November 26th Total	\$ 2787.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 819.00



### Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$18,950.00	\$18,470.00	61

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:

John Ragusa  
 Shirley Dickerson  
 Dorothy Bigard Spooner  
 Deacon Tom Colton  
 Melanie Di Domizio  
 Eileen Riebow  
 Dawn Riebow  
 Stephanie McGuire  
 Stephanie Dee  
 Maria Seminario  
 Audrey & Joseph Joynt  
 Josephine O'Shea  
 Romayne Melnick  
 Giovanni Toribio  
 Edward Daly  
 Minerva Echeverria  
 Bill Martin  
 Julie Martin  
 Jim Krokus  
 Berle Geronemus  
 Kenny Ladd  
 Orlando Pentrelli  
 Shajan Jacob  
 Dirce Bauco  
 Micheline C. Birdsall  
 Anthony Kulik  
 Peter Huebner

Angelina Pineda  
 Andrew Conachey  
 Annette Irving  
 Alyssa Lombardo  
 Michael Martin  
 Rita Eil  
 Elisa Pomeranz  
 Walter Cekleniak  
 Thomas McHale  
 Zenaida Ermita  
 Ralph Mascia Jr.  
 Thomas Wissman  
 Frank & Laura Maggio  
 Nicholas Johnson  
 Megan Hughes  
 Dorothy Crapanzano  
 Bob Cozzi  
 The Gravinovs  
 John L. Lebinski III  
 Kim M. Crowley  
 Justin Rogers  
 Matthew Meehan  
 Lucretia LoRusso  
 David Nash  
 Nicholas Urban  
 Jared Scheringer

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#### First Reading: II Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Along with a confession of sins, the prophet writes of Yahweh's "awesome deeds." He also acknowledges the Lord as a father, and adds the touching image of clay and potter to describe our relationship with God.

#### Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul offers gratitude for the gift of God in Christ. He warns the Corinthians not to be so focused on the present as to forget the parousia, or the Second Coming of Christ.

#### Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Mark offers a parable about watchfulness regarding the coming of the kingdom using the attentiveness of a gatekeeper on an estate.

## **Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson**

The fun of cellphone photos is that by simply stretching your thumb and index finger over a picture you can enlarge a face or a feature or shrink it back again. It is always interesting to see a facial close-up, especially if the person is special to you.

The season of Advent, which begins today, invites an imaginary photo play, in that we can zero in on one aspect of Christ's coming or another. Easiest to recall is the First Coming of Christ. We are so familiar with the story from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Thanks to St. Francis of Assisi, the first person to set up a display of the scene, we have a powerful visual aid.

Over the centuries, we Christians have piled on many beautiful layers of traditions, some national, others of our family, to enhance the basic gospel story. To our evergreens we have added outdoor lights. This is all part of the Christmas season that is on the way in earnest now, even though the marketplace has been there since before Halloween.

But there is a whole different dimension of the words "Christ's coming" that the Church urges us to focus on in the Scriptures of the first half of Advent. Otherwise we might well skip it. It is a vital need of our spiritual lives, and our perspective on life.

The bible calls it "the parousia", or the "end time", placing Christ's Second Coming. Likely our hesitancy to go there springs from a certain fear because that coming of the Lord will mark the finale of the world as we know it. In addition, Scripture tells us that Day will be the one of our final judgement by God, when He will determine how we will spend eternity. We know deep down that we'd rather not think about that. Also, we may be at a loss to know the best preparation for it.

### **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.

Our early Church ancestors believed that the end was near. Our Lord prompted His listeners to feel that way. Obviously they misread the timing. They would be baffled by our nonchalant presence on earth more than twenty centuries later. But for how long only the good Lord knows for certain.

The Responsorial Psalm 80 in this weekend's Liturgy offers a way to prepare no matter when that Day comes. It sings: "Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved." What that implies is the task of thinking differently about time. It is a warning to turn away from our usual selfishness to start thinking more of others and finding ways of serving them. That also means turning back to Christ after our sorry track record in this regard and making a good confession as part of your Advent. Each year parishes offer a penance service with several additional confessors on hand. Don't let that opportunity go knocking.

As for "seeing His Face," you will see it in the faces of everyone around you. To our collective credit, we do recognize His face every now and then. Remember how people rushed to help hurricane victims, and the heroes who lessened the awful impact of that mass murder a mere two months ago in Las Vegas.

Pulling back from the usual Christmas scene to see this other side to Christ's Coming involves acquiring a daily habit of charitable thinking and acting toward others. It is sometimes very hard to do. It takes something called perseverance. A wise observer comes just in time to encourage us with a gentle reminder that "by perseverance the snail reached the ark."

## **Christmas Decorations**

Its that time of year again!

We need volunteers to help with the decorating of the church for the Christmas season.

Please contact the rectory office and/or Peggy Noble for details and scheduling.

## December Ministries

<b>12/3/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Vettamveilil, L.Martin	Liberace	E.McNamara, A.Martin, Liberace
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos, Chen	Liftin	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli
<b>12/10/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	Kelly	Neil, Follini, Galvin
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos, Mendes,	Echeverria	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron
<b>12/17/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Vettamveilil, Maduekwe	DiBartolo	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	L.Martin, Chen	Roberts	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney
<b>12/23/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	Liberace	Neil, Follini, Galvin
<b>12/24/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos, Mendes,	Cherveney	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron
<b>4:00 PM</b>		Negron	
<b>Midnight</b>		Kelly	
<b>12/25/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>		Cherveney	
<b>12/30/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Vettamveilil, Maduekwe	DiBertolo	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>12/31/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mesones, Mendes	Liberace	Mesones, Dale, Rast
<b>1/1/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>		Roberts	



### Lessons And Carols

For over a month we have been preparing for and speaking of Lessons And Carols, and it is coming

soon. It is now December, and today Advent starts so we are in the right season. Last week we asked for people to do readings and we still need more, so please see Jim Coakley to look at the readings. This year Fr. Thadeus will be singing a solo song as part of Lessons And Carols. So come next weekend on Sunday December 10 at 4:00 pm. Be there for this beautiful service which has become a part of the Advent - Christmas tradition at St. Boniface Church. Celebrate with spoken word and with beautiful sacred music: some old favorites and new songs, which will fill you with joy and the presence of the new born Jesus as our readers and singers share the true meaning of Christmas.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact or see: Jim Coakley 845-216-2768.

### Christmas Schedule 2017-2018

#### Advent Confession

Monday, December 18th  
4:00pm-8:00pm

Friday, December 22nd  
4:00pm – 5:30pm

#### Masses

Sunday, December 24th  
9:00am, 4:00pm & Midnight (St. Boniface)  
11:00am (St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass)  
7:00pm (St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass)

Monday, December 25th  
9:00am (St. Boniface)  
11:00am (St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass)

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God  
Sunday, December 31st  
9:00am (St. Boniface)  
11:00am (St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass)

Monday, January 1st  
9:00am (St. Boniface)  
11:00am (St. Mary's Syro Malabar Mass)

**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 18, 2017

**\*\*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](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 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](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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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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  
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**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 Pen-  
ance, 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**  
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