

Second Sunday of Advent December 10, 2017



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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
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Jain Jacob 845-661-0084
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ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

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Nirmala Joseph 845-634-1801

SUNDAY LUNCH DIRECTOR

Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

*Tabernacle candle lit for:
The Ryan Family*



Mass Intentions

Dec 9 & 10	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Caroline Sun
Sun 9:00AM	John Kapral Sr.

Mon 9:00AM	Mary Mikulaninec
Tues 9:00AM	Larry Lillo
Wed 9:00AM	John Azzariti
Thurs 9:00AM	William & Florence Combs
Fri 9:00AM	Ron Kuczenski (Living)

Dec 16 & 17	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	John Flannery
Sun 9:00AM	Marion & Dennis Dale 50th. Wedding Anniversary

St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Masses

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

Weekly Collection

December 3rd. Attendance	188
December 3rd. Collection	\$ 2077.00
December 3rd. Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
December 3rd. Total	\$ 2447.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$19,570.00	\$18,979.00	63

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	Angelina Pineda
Shirley Dickerson	Andrew Conachey
Dorothy Bigard Spooner	Annette Irving
Deacon Tom Colton	Alyssa Lombardo
Melanie Di Domizio	Michael Martin
Eileen Riebow	Rita Ell
Dawn Riebow	Elisa Pomeranz
Stephanie McGuire	Walter Cekleniak
Stephanie Dee	Thomas McHale
Maria Seminario	Zenaida Ermita
Audrey & Joseph Joynt	Ralph Mascia Jr.
Josephine O'Shea	Thomas Wissman
Romayne Melnick	Frank & Laura Maggio
Giovanni Toribio	Nicholas Johnson
Edward Daly	Megan Hughes
Minerva Echeverria	Dorothy Crapanzano
Bill Martin	Bob Cozzi
Julie Martin	The Gravinovs
Jim Krokus	John L. Lebinski III
Berle Geronemus	Kim M. Crowley
Kenny Ladd	Justin Rogers
Orlando Pentrelli	Matthew Meehan
Shajan Jacob	Lucretia LoRusso
Dirce Bauco	David Nash
Micheline C. Birdsall	Nicholas Urban
Anthony Kulik	Jared Scheringer
Peter Huebner	

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First Reading: II Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Here begins the so-called "Book of Comfort" designated by scholars. It features the commissioning of Isaiah. First he hears of the bond between God and His people. Then he learns about a new exodus. "The way" mentioned here will later be the title the early Christians will use to describe their community.

Second Reading: II Peter 3:8-14

The Day of the Lord emerges again as a topic among our readings. Peter tells his readers that preparedness for it involves the acceptance of doctrine and the lifestyle it generates. Such holy living will enable one to stand tall on that Last Day.

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

This prologue tell us that John the Baptist is the one who prepares the way for Jesus as "the One Who is coming." John in turn attracts crowds but does not capitalize on his fame. Instead he is a model of humility.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We all know the expression “the man of the hour.” In today’s culture, we should wisely add that there can also be “the woman” of the same. The dictionary tells us the phrase describes “a person in whose honor a gathering is held.” Or, “the person who is currently an object of public attention.”

A case can be made that the words fit John the Baptist as he makes his annual appearance in the Gospels of Advent. He is the scriptural version of an “advance man” for his cousin as the adult Jesus comes striding along the Jordan riverbank. John will shortly lose that “man of the hour” title when Jesus begins His unique ministry.

But St. Mark’s gospel section this weekend lets us pause to take a closer look at the Baptist for the short time he is before our eyes. Certainly he is an intimidating figure just for his wardrobe! And that diet of his! Ugh! Definitely he followed that for ritual purity and not for flavor. But above all, he was a humble man, whose prophetic role he saw as service to one greater than he.

Humility oozes from John’s every pore as you watch him never capitalizing on the admiring crowds. Instead he talks always of Jesus and practically urges his followers to turn to the Man from Nazareth. I believe that along with tremens

dous humility, John was blest with healthy self-awareness and control. Imagine a celebrity of our time urging us to pay more attention to someone other than themselves! As Jesus’ precursor, John had to know his role would soon be forgotten and gone like a fly in the wind.

Listen to him here again: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals.” Humility is truth if nothing else. There speaks a humble man.

As we approach Christmas and its gift-giving, being humble may be the best choice of holiday behavior. Not going overboard with lavish gifts that make the deed really all about you. No excess drinking at parties just because the bottle is there and you feel like you deserve another. No spoiling the children lest they think the feast is about them and not the poor Babe in the manger. Showing a positive attitude at family gatherings.

Such would be the way of the man of the hour: John the Baptist. Always remember that despite dress and diet, we call him “saint.” As for his humility, here is a rather earthy description of the virtue that John just might like: “Humility is like underwear. We should have it—but not let it show!”

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.

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.

Lessons And Carols

For over a month we have been preparing for and speaking of Lessons And Carols, and now it is upon us. It is this weekend, **Sunday December 10, at 4:00 PM** so the only thing we need now is YOU. So come! 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. And this year, we feature our Spiritual Leader, Fr. Thadeus joining us in song. In the spirit of Christmas there is no charge for this service but the afternoon could be priceless.



December Ministries

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

We are in need of Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers to "fill in the blanks" in the Schedule.
Please contact Bob Chamberlain at n2kbc@aol.com

Pot Luck Supper

A special thank you to the ladies of our parish for their delicious food contributions to the Pot Luck Dinner. We had a most outstanding selection of gourmet food.

Also we would like to thank all the men who helped set up and clean up.

The raffle raised \$930 and was won by Elissa Silverstein, wife of Steve Silverstein, owner of Pomona Power Equipment of Spring Valley.

Thank you to all who bought tickets to support this latest fund raiser.

Dennis & Marion Dale John & Peggy Noble

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.

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

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.

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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
Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 1:30pm
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