



# The Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018



## 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

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 :*



## Mass Intentions

<b>Feb 24 &amp; 25</b>	<b>2nd. Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Owen Lennon
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Dominick Calcagni

<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	Manju Mundanchira (Living)
<b>Tues 9:00AM</b>	Richard Galante
<b>Wed 9:00AM</b>	Shajan Jacob (Living)
<b>Thurs 9:00AM</b>	Robert Manasier
<b>Fri 9:00AM</b>	

<b>March 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>3rd. Sunday of Lent</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Corless & Deane Family
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Owen Lennon

### 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

February 18th. Attendance	160
February 18th. Collection	\$ 1402.00
February 18th. Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
February 18th. Total	\$ 1772.00



### Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$19,570.00	\$19,264.00	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:

Jack Hughes	Peter Huebner
Veronica Nicoletti	Angelina Pineda
John Ragusa	Andrew Conachey
Shirley Dickerson	Annette Irving
Dorothy Bigard Spooner	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	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

### The Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2018

**First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18**

God tests Abraham in the most difficult way: "Sacrifice your son." Because of his obedience, God blesses Abraham abundantly, making him the father of Israel, with descendants uncountable.

**Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34**

In a passage that resembles a hymn, Paul praises God's love as embodied in Jesus. God, in His desire to save the human race, does not spare His own Son, almost like Abraham was ready to do as a matter of obedience.

**Gospel: Mark 9:2-10**

The Transfiguration clearly sets the foundation for belief in Jesus' divinity. Jesus orders the three witnesses to keep secret about the event. The three apostles wondered how Jesus could be raised from the dead.

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

With ear-splitting voice response to an emcee, combined with the noise of nearly a thousand pairs of feet stomping on suffering bleacher decking, the Friday afternoon ritual of the high school pep rally in the gym is not something I miss all that much. Especially when I lived through 17 years' worth of same as one of the teachers present to insure order! Those rallies were staged to get "the ground troops" psyched up to cheer on their high flying athlete classmates.

I do miss the near electric energy in those gyms of the three schools where I taught. The enthusiasm of the teen-agers for their school team about to face a skilled foe was catching. In all honesty, I also miss my personal energy and tolerance that my younger years gave me then, when I had dark hair and didn't realize the good things I had.

Those seemingly unrelated memories came flooding back to me as I pondered the annual appearance of the Transfiguration story in the gospel for this early weekend of Lent. That happening could be interpreted as a kind of "pep rally" for the apostolic trio of Peter, James and John and for us too. Those apostles and the other nine were destined to endure the power of God's foes, as Jesus is belittled, betrayed and murdered for what He said and did. All told, I'm glad that Pope St. John Paul II made the Transfiguration one of the new rosary mysteries of Light for Thursdays.

Similarly, we present day believers in Christ need a motivational aid for accepting the annual Lenten invitation, offered by the Church to do penance and amend our lives. Just as at Christmas time, so in Lent "Jesus is again the reason for the season." We need the His Transfiguration.

We all know that we can be better friends of Jesus. Undeterred by obstacles like the ones we self-create because, as St. Paul asks today, "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

We may not always give obedience to God to the extent that Abraham did, as he held that knife over his young son Isaac's body, but we can try to improve. Especially when we pray so blithely that "dangerous" prayer that contains the line "Thy will be done."

All this is why it is so emotionally uplifting, and spiritually encouraging, to know that we do all this for Jesus. How dazzling Our Lord appeared that day on the mountain top when He let His divinity show a bit.

Still, there are some lingering questions arising from the Transfiguration event. If we're really going to play on Christ's team it is vital that we answer correctly. Is all this personal Lenten reform necessary? And are we ready to fight the foe known as the devil? After all, His transfiguration is really, well...a rally!



### **LENTEN RETREAT**

"Watch With Me And Pray" presented by Maire Liberace on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 2:30 - 4:30pm in Msgr. Boyd Hall.

Come join in this prayerful afternoon as part of your Lenten journey.

Please see Kay Olive-Kelly for details and questions.

### **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.

**"St. Gregory Barbarigo Regional School has an immediate need for a Spanish teacher for two days each week. We are also in need of substitute teachers for all grades. Applicants may call 947-1330."**

## February Ministries

2/25/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Liberace	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	L.Martin, Matos	Roberts	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

### Healing Weekend

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend from April 6 to 8, 2018 at the St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, NY. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew.

Reservations are required. For information call Phyllis at 914-261-5812 or Janice at 845-279-8381

### Albertus Magnus Casino Night

Saturday, April 14th, 6-11pm at Albertus

\$100 per person includes open bar, dinner, DJ and \$100 in casino money per person

No payments at the door. Register by April 9th at [www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net) or call (845) 623 8842, ext. 229

### 11th Annual Mass In Honor of St. Colette

The 11th annual Mass, blessing with her relic and devotion to St. Colette, patroness of couples seeking to conceive, expecting mothers and sick children, will be held on Tuesday, March 6th 7 PM (Snow Date – Thursday, March 8th) at the Monastery of Saint Clare, 70 Nelson Ave, in Wappingers Falls, NY.

The Poor Clares are accepting special intentions for these favors. For directions to the Monastery of St. Clare visit

[www.poorclaresny.com](http://www.poorclaresny.com), email [claresny@gmail.com](mailto:claresny@gmail.com) or call 845-297-1685.

### MAPLE SUGAR DAY AT MARYDELL

The public is invited to attend Marydell Faith and Life Center's Second Annual Maple Sugar Day on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 11a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, March 4, 2018).

Bob Stien, a board member of both Marydell Faith & Life Center and the Friends of Rockland Lake and Hook Mountain, and other volunteers will be on hand to explain and demonstrate how maple sap is harvested from maple trees at the end of winter each year. Visitors will be able to sample the sap as it is tapped from the trees and observe how maple syrup is produced by boiling over an open fire. They will then be able to experience a taste test of real maple syrup versus commercial brands.

Visitors to this event, co-sponsored by the Friends of Rockland Lake and Hook Mountain, will have the opportunity to sign up for a Maple Syrup themed door prize.

Marydell Faith & Life Center is located at the northern end of North Midland Avenue in Upper Nyack. Parking will be available. Attendees are encouraged to register for this free event by calling 845-358-5399 or by emailing [marydellflc@gmail.com](mailto:marydellflc@gmail.com).

### Jesus The Light In Today's Uncertain World

All are Welcome! An Afternoon of Reflection Hosted by the Associates of the Sparkill Dominican Congregation of Our Lady of the Rosary at Dominican Convent, 175 Route 340, Sparkill, NY. 10976

Come for Nourishment, Personal Enrichment, Spiritual Growth March 10th, 2018, 1:30-3:45, Mass at 4:00 PM

Please Respond by March 3rd to confirm your reservation to: Carol Davide, [camd51@aol.com](mailto:camd51@aol.com) or 917-570-1080

**Don't forget to pick up a "Lenten Mite Box" in the vestibule.**

**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.)

March 19, 2018

**\*\*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](mailto: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



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If your son or daughter would like  
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ing a Sacrament? Has time gone by and you  
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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.

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**Rectory Office Hours**  
Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 1:30pm  
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