

# Fourth Sunday of Easter



**April 17, 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.

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### **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**  
Joseph Vaniapillil 845-353-3213

*Tabernacle candle lit for:*



**Let us pray for the sick:**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>April 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Anthony & Antonetta Alessi
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	John King
<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	Mary & Ignacio Puma
<b>Tues 9:00AM</b>	Erlinda M. Alfonso
<b>Wed 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Thurs 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Fri 9:00AM</b>	John King

<b>April 23 &amp; 24</b>	<b>Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	John DeLuca
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Dedre Baker

**St. Mary's Masses**  
 Friday: 5:30PM  
 Saturday: 9:00AM  
 Sunday: 11:00AM  
 Sunday: 12:30PM (English)  
 (When there is CCD)

**Weekly Collection**

April 10th. Attendance	202
April 10th. Collection	\$ 2284.00
ParishPay	\$ 370.00
April 10th. Total	\$ 2654.00
Military Services	\$ 745.00

*We are Easter People  
 and Alleluia is Our Song*



**Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:**

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$34,000.00	\$14,625.00	\$10,805.00	52

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Orlando Pentrelli  
 Shajan Jacob  
 Dirce Bauco  
 Ben Costa  
 Micheline C. Birdsall  
 Daniel Meehan  
 Marie Donnelly  
 Anthony Kulik  
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 Angelina Pineda  
 Andrew Conachey  
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 Justin Rogers  
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 Lucretia LoRusso  
 David Nash  
 Nicholas Urban  
 Jared Scheringer

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 .

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**First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52**

We hear of Paul's first visit to Antioch, an important government center. There he finds Jews jealous of his effective preaching to the Gentiles. Paul quotes Isaiah to the hostile Jews to explain himself.

**Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**

The vision of salvation of a multitude refers to the turning to Christ of all the Gentile nations. These loyal people sing a victory song to God and the Lamb. Their baptism has led them to salvation, as symbolized by their white robes.

**Gospel: John 10:27-30**

Jesus is identified as the Good Shepherd. His disciples experienced Him as such. We learn that the unity of the Father with the Son includes the faithful in the "flock."

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

“Identity theft”. It’s a pair of words that were never put together as a crime until there were credit cards and computers. But it’s an element of modern life with lots of victims. If you’ve never been one of those, you would not know how scary and upsetting such theft can be. It brings on a very intrusive correction process in its wake, and a residual fear that stays with you for a while. Something akin to that happens when Satan leads us into losing our spiritual identity as members of Christ’s flock.

When Our Lord identified Himself as the Good Shepherd, He took on a title with rich meaning for the people of His time. It takes some effort on our part to appreciate that today. We might think instead of titles like “Good father and family man”, or a “CEO with a heart.” What we must appreciate is the fact that by baptism we became as connected to Christ as a herd of sheep was to their shepherd in those bygone days. That is the heart of our Christian identity.

Just as we have to keep track of our online purchases and monitor our credit cards, so we have to be on guard against all of Satan’s attempts to steal our spiritual identity. One of them is over familiarity in our faith practices. We have been told in so many homilies and referred to in so many retreats and religious publications that we are “the Good Shepherd’s flock” that it has no impact. We tend to view it as a cliché. Our practice of the faith could become rote.

So we skip Mass almost casually, or let too much time intervene between confession, and so forth.

In those early day of the Church, when merely being a Christian was daring and dangerous, there was nothing cliché about it. Your identity marked you for martyrdom if you were found out. It was so serious a matter that the early Christians were very guarded as to whom they would trust.

All of this leads us back to the obligation we all have to keep the main thing as the main thing in our lives. That translates into keeping God as “numero uno” in our lives and everything else ranked lower.

The Easter miracle we are celebrating this season has to be understood as more than a personal triumph for Jesus, although that is true enough. But it is our victory too. Our basis for hope. Our motivation for the struggle it is these days to remain loyal members of the “flock.”

Our Christian identity is not safe from theft just because we declare it. We can forfeit it by sin and in that way rob ourselves. But we have been given our faith and the sacraments to help us in the effort to prevent that from happening by striving each day to live better than we did the day before. Then, when the number of our days runs out, we will be glad for the struggle. We will have arrived at that great day when we will stand outside heaven’s gate and hear Jesus say, “I recognize you. Please come in.”

### **EVENING FOR VOCATIONS**

For Young Men Ages 15 - 25

Thursday, April 28, 2016

5:00—Tours

6:00—Evening Prayer with Cardinal Dolan

6:30—Buffet Dinner

Office of Vocations  
Saint Joseph’s Seminary  
201 Seminary Avenue  
Yonkers, NY 10704

RSVP by April 14th  
Phone: 914-968-1340 Fax: 914-968-6671  
E-mail: vocations@archny.org

### **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.

## April Ministries

4/17/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, C.Acuna, G.Acuna	Kelly	Neil, Follini, Liberace
9:00 AM	Mendes, Matos	Echeverria	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney
4/24/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	McNamara	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	J.Negrin, Matos	K. Negron	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

**Welcome to our Newest Eucharistic Minister**  
**Patrice Galvin**  
 Thank you for Volunteering



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**CARDINAL'S**  
 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & PARISH  
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
 with \$3 MILLION**

**ENRICHING OUR YOUTH THROUGH FAITH  
 AND TEACHING**

The schools in the Department of Education serve more than 88,000 students in rural, urban and suburban settings. In addition to course-work in Catholic religious and sacramental preparation, the schools also provide young people with service opportunities.

“Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they *shall be satisfied.*”  
 —Matthew 5:6

Please consider making a sacrifice today.

To make an online contribution visit  
[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org)

### WE NEED YOU TO VOLUNTEER

At One to One Learning 640 N. Midland Ave, Upper Nyack to teach beginner, intermediate, advanced English, GED and Citizenship preparation. To help with the children's program in the evening while parents are in class.

Please call Sr. Cecilia at 845-512-8176 or  
 Email: [clpangel59@gmail.com](mailto:clpangel59@gmail.com).  
 Website: [One2One-Learning.org](http://One2One-Learning.org)

### 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](mailto:jeanne@geocap.com).

### ALBERTUS MAGNUS HIGH SCHOOL SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 19, 2016  
 6:30 pm Tours 7:15 pm Presentation  
 Register at:  
[www.albertusmagnus.net/admissions/openhouse](http://www.albertusmagnus.net/admissions/openhouse)

### Bereavement Sessions (Ministry of Consolation)

St Francis of Assisi, West Nyack, Tuesdays, 7:00 PM- 8:30 PM, May 3 through June 7. Please call the rectory at 634-4957.

If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

**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.**



**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.)

April 18, 2016

**\*\*THE TIME IS 7:00p.m.\*\***

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

**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 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.



**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.

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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  
Penance, 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  
Fr. Thadeus e-mail address is:  
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