# 19th. Sunday in Ordinary Time August 13, 2017



# Church of St. Boniface

## 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

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ROSARY

Saturday at 9AM - Religious Ed. Room - Open to all

**FUNDRAISING** 

Dennis Dale, Chairperson 845-354-1981

PARISH COUNCIL

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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

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Rick Ell 845-548-4476 Maire Liberace 845-354-3291

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 Jain Jacob
 845-661-0084

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 845-558-9415

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 201-707-9512

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 917-574-9267

ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

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Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

## Tabernacle candle lit for:



# Mass Intentions

Aug 12 & 13	Intentions		
Sat 5:00PM	William Sovak		
Sun 9:00AM	Betty & Ronald Boos		
Mon 9:00AM			
Mon 7:30PM			
Tues 9:00AM	Helen McKean Hark		
Tues 7:30PM	Marko Pecovic		
Wed 9:00AM			
Thurs 9:00AM			
Fri 9:00AM			
Aug 19 & 20	Intentions		
Sat 5:00PM	Sue & Charlie Fabrizio		
Sun 9:00AM	John Kapral Sr.		

#### St. Mary's Masses

Friday: 5:30PM Saturday: 9:00AM Sunday: 11:00AM

Sunday: 12:30PM (English)

(When there is CCD)

# Meekly Collection

 August 6th. Attendance
 177

 August 6th. Collection
 \$ 2675.00

 Parish Pay
 \$ 370.00

 August 6th. Total
 \$ 3045.00



#### **Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:**

 Goal
 Pledged
 Paid
 # of Gifts

 \$27,500.00
 \$18,400.00
 \$17,120.00
 60

Thank you for your generosity

#### 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 Kristen Turner Maria Seminario Audrey & Joseph Joynt Josephine O'Shea Anthony Senerchia Romavne 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 Marie Donnelly

Anthony Kulik Peter Huebner Angelina Pineda Andrew Conachey Annette Irving Alyssa Lombardo Michael Martin Rita Ell Elisa Pomeranz Walter Cekleniak Thomas McHale Zenaida Ermita Ralph Mascia Jr. **Thomas Wissman** Frank & L aura Maggio Nicholas Johnson Megan Hughes Dorothy Crapanzano Bob Cozzi The Gravinos John L. Lebinski III Kim M. Crowley Justin Rogers Matthew Meehan 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 donation for Mass stipends or \$10 for the tabernacle offering in the rectory.

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#### First Reading: I Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Reminiscent of the Mosaic encounter with God present via a burning bush, Ezekiel meets Him in the "tiny whispering sound", and not in the wind, earthquake or fire.

#### Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Paul laments the fact that his former co-religionists, the Jews, do not accept Jesus as the Messiah, despite their great heritage.

#### Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Even amid our sorrows and trials, the Lord extends His hands to us and saves us.

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

Whenever the world watches a celebrity on trial, there comes that suspenseful time while we await the jury's verdict. All the news outlets heighten the event by their promise to tell us the news ASAP. Their anchorpersons say things like "We will interrupt our usual programming to bring that verdict to you" and the excitement, such as it is, heightens as we wait. When it finally is announced, the verdict creates instant divides. Some of us are happy; some sad. Some angry; some pleased. Inevitably, life moves on for most of us. Our ordinariness picks up where it left off.

Today's gospel selection from Matthew 14 sets up a series of some 17 incidents in which Jesus' disciples come to a verdict on the subject of Jesus' true identity. Of course, we are let in on the process so as to make our own decision. The Holy Spirit desires us to live out the consequences of our decision. Admittedly, that "verdict" of ours is life-altering. It will determine nearly all our earth bound choices

St. Paul reveals how troubling it is for him to realize that his former co-religionists, the Jews, have come to their verdict about Jesus' identity. It is not the same one he came to after his experience on the road to Damascus. That was uniquely personal.

There are clear traces of this sad mistake in the modern decision many people make, either to ignore Jesus because He causes discomfort, or to decide that His teaching is obsolete and out of touch with reality, and thereby providing a different way to discount Him.

Even with our technological sophistication, we are sometimes like toddlers in the field of religious knowledge. Anxious to learn all about the latest iteration of our cell phones, many of us, but not all, make little effort to deepen our knowledge of our faith and Church teaching and traditions. I cannot explain this other than to say that the latter requires more effort than some people are willing to make. As a result, they glom on to the latest media pronouncement as if it were the gospel. Afterward they render their verdict on Jesus and His Church. Recall how the Lord asked Saul the persecutor of Christians before he became Paul the missionary "Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" That last pronoun makes all the difference.

We don't want to make this same mistake. Even after years assisting at Mass and hearing the Scriptures and homilies on them, we might start confining God's appearance in our lives to the dramatic, such as earthquakes, hurricanes or fire. Usually He has come to us "in a tiny whispering sound."

Translating that whisper into practical terms, I see God's coming to us in persons, places and things all around us. Perhaps in a newscast item, or a novel, or a family member on the phone, or a doctor's announcement to us. The list is almost endless.

Of course, we have to be careful about how we convey this truth to the young and the vulnerable of all ages. A little Scottish boy wouldn't eat his prunes, so his mother sent him off to bed saying "God is angry with you." Soon after the boy went to his room a violent storm broke out. Amidst flashes of lightning and peals of thunder, the mother looked into the boy's room, worried that he would be terrified. When she opened the door she found him looking out the window muttering, "My, such a fuss to make over a few prunes!"

#### Capuchin Youth Leadership Training, Aug 25-27, 2017

Join the thousands of teens CYFM has helped become more confident in themselves and skilled in public speaking, communicating effectively, understanding group dynamics and facilitating groups, developing and delivering effective presentations, enhancing self-esteem, and time management--as well as how to combine all those skills for utilization in Evangelization as authentic Christian leaders. Even those who don't consider themselves leaders WILL benefit from the authenticity and skill-training offered in this motivational and inspiring program. Be prepared to be transformed into the person that God is calling you to be! Fee \$125.00 per person includes lodging, meals, and materials; application and non-refundable \$60.00 deposit due by 8/22/17 Find more info on web: cyfm.org. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY 10524. (845) 424-3609. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison.

### **August Ministries**

8/13/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamveilil, L.Martin	Roberts	E.McNamara, A.Martin, Liberace
9:00 AM	Matos	Liftin	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli
8/20/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, C.Acuna	DiBartolo	Neil, Follini, Galvin
9:00 AM	Matos, Mendes,	Negron	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney
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8/27/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Kelly	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	L.Martin, K.Negron	Cherveny	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### 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. Website: 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.

#### 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.

# 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.)

August 21, 2017 \*\*THE TIME IS 7:00p.m.\*\*

For more information e-mail RachelMinister1@aol.com



## **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

"Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed 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

#### 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.



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 receiving 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 receive a sacrament that you have not participated 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: Fr.Thadeus.Aravindathu@archny.org Office e-mail: r399@archny.org