

# 31st. Sunday in Ordinary Time November 5, 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

### 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

Nov 4 & Nov 5	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Virginia Duffy
Sun 9:00AM	Adele & Pompeo Scotti

Mon 9:00AM	Corless & Deane Families
Tues 9:00AM	Michael Baker
Wed 9:00AM	Florence DeLuca
Thurs 9:00AM	Nicoletta Ferrante
Fri 9:00AM	All Soul's Day

Nov 11 & Nov 12	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Rafael Basilis
Sun 9:00AM	Barbara Madar

### 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

October 29th. Attendance	166	
October 29th. Collection		\$1767.00
October 29th. Parish Pay		\$ 370.00
October 29th. Total		\$2137.00
Mission Sunday		\$ 50.00



### Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$18,450.00	\$17,845.00	60

Thank You for Your Generosity

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  
 Anthony Senerchia  
 Romaine 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 & Laura 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

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#### First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

The prophet scolds the priests for not regarding God's ways. Their instructions have become burdensome.

#### Second Reading: I Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13

Paul writes of his affection for the community, and the fact that he never wished to be a burden to them. He thanks God that they have heard the word of God.

#### Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

The Pharisees, successors to Moses, have offered sound teaching but they did not practice what they preached. True greatness is humble service.

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

I was never very good at math. I don't mean the basic stuff that lets one balance a checkbook. It was the higher matters like geometry and trig. I just never could see the point of studying rectangles and right angles. Not to omit the exotic sounding isosceles triangle, although we confront them often on our computers as yellow warning signs. Little did I realize this many years ago that math is really about logic in our thinking and acuity in our observations.

All of this came to mind as I pondered the flaw Our Lord found so prevalent in the thoughts and actions of the scribes and Pharisees. It was pride in the specific form it takes in self-righteousness. An astute observer I came across wrote that self-righteousness is like a bottomless cup: though you pour and pour, you will never be able to fill it. Because pouring yourself into yourself adds nothing to you. And (here comes the math reference) "Nothing plus nothing always equals nothing."

It is always best to accept God's righteousness rather than trying to accumulate your own. You will find that the righteousness He offers is real. And that is what fills the cup of sanctification. Becoming holy, our main objective in life, becomes a much more satisfying occupation, if not an always easy one.

Anyone familiar with the New Testament, or even an occasional worshipper who listens to it read to him or her, knows that Jesus definitely put "the black hats" on the heads of the scribes and Pharisees. He despised their habitual way of preaching without matching practice. They playacted as we know it these days as someone who is quite different in behavior and speech, as we might say it, "when the camera is switched on."

### **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.

Both groups started out as good men. They honored the traditions of their people, and saw everything in the light of the Mosaic law. They preached obedience to that law. They also knew their obligation was to teach and guide the uneducated masses who could not even read that Law. But then their accumulated power over time went to their heads. And it never again energized their behavior.

Obviously you and I are to be so careful that we don't fall into the same trap. It's so easy. A little rationalization here and there about whether or not we have sinned. Or a decision that the Sacrament of Reconciliation applies to other people because we don't need to go to confession. Then there is the pressure of the culture and an innate tendency to blend in at all costs. Jesus never did that. His refusal to do so can be embarrassing if our main desire is to be like everybody else, and never, never to suffer the label of "fanatic" by the conformists who dominate the society.

So, if "nothing plus nothing always equals nothing" we can thank the Lord that each of us is something in God's eyes. Better still, we are each a someone to Him, redeemable and lovable. If we keep at this business of living as a Christian, we know for sure, as St. Paul put it in I Thessalonians, "the word of God is now at work in us who believe." And, as for that math that gets tougher to grasp past the basics, we believe that working word "adds up" in our favor.

### **Advent Retreat and Pot Luck Supper**

What: Advent Retreat  
'Be Still and Know that I am God' Ps. 46  
When: Dec. 2, 2017  
Where: Fr. Boyd Hall  
Time: 2:30-4:30pm

What: Pot Luck Supper  
When: Dec. 2, 2017 following the 5 pm Mass  
Where: Fr. Boyd Hall  
Time: 6pm  
What to bring: One hot dish to share

Please sign up in the Church vestibule for one or both events. See Kay Olive-Kelly for details.

## November

<b>11/5/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamveilil, L.Martin	Pierce	E.McNamara, A.Martin, Liberace
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos, Chen	Liftin	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli

<b>11/12/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	Liberace	Neil, Follini, Galvin
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos, Mendes,	Roberts	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

<b>11/19/2017</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamveilil, Maduekwe	McNamara	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	L.Martin, Chen	Cherveney	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

<b>11/26/17</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	Wojnicki	Neil, Follini, Galvin
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos, Mendes,	Echeverria	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

### 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

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL CORNER

Have you considered a Catholic Elementary School for your child? Are you interested in learning more about Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 in Rockland County? Please visit a Catholic school on TOURING TUESDAYS from 9-11am or by appointment. TOURING TUESDAYS are universal open houses held at all regional and participating parish-based Catholic elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York. TOURING TUESDAY dates for the 2017/2018 school year are as follows: November 15, December 5, January 9 & 30, February 13, March 13, and April 24. Please call (646) 794-2885 to RSVP.

Your Catholic Elementary Schools in Rockland County are:

- Sacred Heart School (UPK, PreK – Gr. 8)  
60 Washington Avenue, Suffern
- St. Anthony (PreK – Gr. 8)  
34 West Nyack Road, Nanuet
- St. Gregory Barbarigo (UPK - Gr. 8)  
29 Cinder Road, Garnerville
- St. Margaret (PreK3 – Gr. 8)  
34 North Magnolia St., Pearl River
- St. Paul (UPK, PreK3–Gr. 8)  
365 Kings Highway, Valley Cottage

### Lessons And Carols



We will continue one of St. Boniface's most popular recent traditions by having Lessons and Carols.

This year we are making a major change by having it on Sunday December 10 at 4:00 pm. Hopefully this change in day and time will allow more of us to be part by singing or going to the concert.

The first rehearsal for the singers is this Monday, November 6 at 8:00 pm and will continue for five weeks.

We hope all those of you who have sung before, and many new people will join us to sing. You will be part of some beautiful music and have a wonderful experience.

Call Jim Coakley at 845-216-2768 for more information.

**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.)

November 20, 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](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



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](http://www.Flocknote.com/stboniface)  
or text stbon to 84576 from your phone**

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to receive via email or text message  
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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  
Fr. Thadeus e-mail address is:  
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