

First Sunday of Advent December 3, 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
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:
Jose Pineda*



Mass Intentions

Dec 2 & 3	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Eileen DeMil
Sun 9:00AM	Mario Mondelli

Mon 9:00AM	Eddie Clohessy
Tues 9:00AM	Isobel-Margaret Logan
Wed 9:00AM	Corless & Deane Families
Thurs 9:00AM	Larry Lillo
Thurs 7:30PM	Ron Kuczenski (Living)
Fri 9:00AM	Twohie & Riebling Families
Fri 7:30PM	Mary Mikulaninec

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

St. Mary's Syro-Malobar Masses

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

Weekly Collection

November 19th/26th Attendance	173/190
November 19th/26th Collection	\$ 2042.00/\$ 2417.00
November 19th/26th Parish Pay	\$ 740.00
November 19th Total	\$ 2412.00
November 26th Total	\$ 2787.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 819.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$18,950.00	\$18,470.00	61

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
Romayne 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
Anthony Kulik
Peter Huebner

Angelina Pineda
Andrew Conachey
Annette Irving
Alyssa Lombardo
Michael Martin
Rita Eil
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 Gravinovs
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: II Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Along with a confession of sins, the prophet writes of Yahweh's "awesome deeds." He also acknowledges the Lord as a father, and adds the touching image of clay and potter to describe our relationship with God.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul offers gratitude for the gift of God in Christ. He warns the Corinthians not to be so focused on the present as to forget the parousia, or the Second Coming of Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Mark offers a parable about watchfulness regarding the coming of the kingdom using the attentiveness of a gatekeeper on an estate.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The fun of cellphone photos is that by simply stretching your thumb and index finger over a picture you can enlarge a face or a feature or shrink it back again. It is always interesting to see a facial close-up, especially if the person is special to you.

The season of Advent, which begins today, invites an imaginary photo play, in that we can zero in on one aspect of Christ's coming or another. Easiest to recall is the First Coming of Christ. We are so familiar with the story from the gospels of Matthew and Luke. Thanks to St. Francis of Assisi, the first person to set up a display of the scene, we have a powerful visual aid.

Over the centuries, we Christians have piled on many beautiful layers of traditions, some national, others of our family, to enhance the basic gospel story. To our evergreens we have added outdoor lights. This is all part of the Christmas season that is on the way in earnest now, even though the marketplace has been there since before Halloween.

But there is a whole different dimension of the words "Christ's coming" that the Church urges us to focus on in the Scriptures of the first half of Advent. Otherwise we might well skip it. It is a vital need of our spiritual lives, and our perspective on life.

The bible calls it "the parousia", or the "end time", placing Christ's Second Coming. Likely our hesitancy to go there springs from a certain fear because that coming of the Lord will mark the finale of the world as we know it. In addition, Scripture tells us that Day will be the one of our final judgement by God, when He will determine how we will spend eternity. We know deep down that we'd rather not think about that. Also, we may be at a loss to know the best preparation for it.

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.

Our early Church ancestors believed that the end was near. Our Lord prompted His listeners to feel that way. Obviously they misread the timing. They would be baffled by our nonchalant presence on earth more than twenty centuries later. But for how long only the good Lord knows for certain.

The Responsorial Psalm 80 in this weekend's Liturgy offers a way to prepare no matter when that Day comes. It sings: "Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved." What that implies is the task of thinking differently about time. It is a warning to turn away from our usual selfishness to start thinking more of others and finding ways of serving them. That also means turning back to Christ after our sorry track record in this regard and making a good confession as part of your Advent. Each year parishes offer a penance service with several additional confessors on hand. Don't let that opportunity go knocking.

As for "seeing His Face," you will see it in the faces of everyone around you. To our collective credit, we do recognize His face every now and then. Remember how people rushed to help hurricane victims, and the heroes who lessened the awful impact of that mass murder a mere two months ago in Las Vegas.

Pulling back from the usual Christmas scene to see this other side to Christ's Coming involves acquiring a daily habit of charitable thinking and acting toward others. It is sometimes very hard to do. It takes something called perseverance. A wise observer comes just in time to encourage us with a gentle reminder that "by perseverance the snail reached the ark."

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.

December Ministries

12/3/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 PM	Vettamveilil, L.Martin	Liberace	E.McNamara, A.Martin, Liberace
9:00 AM	Matos, Chen	Liftin	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli
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	Vettamveilil, 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, Galvin
12/24/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
9:00 AM	Matos, Mendes,	Cherveney	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron
4:00 PM		Negron	
Midnight		Kelly	
12/25/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
9:00 AM		Cherveney	
12/30/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 PM	Vettamveilil, 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	



Lessons And Carols

For over a month we have been preparing for and speaking of Lessons And Carols, and it is coming

soon. It is now December, and today Advent starts so we are in the right season. Last week we asked for people to do readings and we still need more, so please see Jim Coakley to look at the readings. This year Fr. Thadeus will be singing a solo song as part of Lessons And Carols. So come next weekend on Sunday December 10 at 4:00 pm. 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact or see: Jim Coakley 845-216-2768.

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: _____

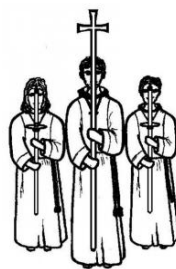
Phone: _____

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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