

The First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2018



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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

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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

ST. BONIFACE TRUSTEES

Rick Eil 845-548-4476
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Jain Jacob 845-661-0084
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ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

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Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

Tabernacle candle lit for :



Mass Intentions

Feb 17 & 18	1st. Sunday of Lent
Sat 5:00PM	Betty Miale
Sun 9:00AM	Theresa Fabbri

Mon 9:00AM	Corless & Deane Families
Tues 9:00AM	Manju Mundanchira (Living)
Wed 9:00AM	John Flannery
Thurs 9:00AM	Deacon Tom Colton
Fri 9:00AM	John King

Feb 24 & 25	2nd. Sunday of Lent
Sat 5:00PM	Owen Lennon
Sun 9:00AM	Dominick Calcagni

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 11th. Attendance	163
February 11th. Collection	\$ 2053.00
February 11th. Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
February 11th. Total	\$ 2423.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 590.00



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

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First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

A covenant is a solemn agreement between parties sworn before God who oversees such oaths. Here God makes such a covenant with Noah and promises not to destroy all life with flood waters.

Second Reading: I Peter 3:18-22

Christians are saved by "passing through" the waters of baptism. That blessed water is the redemptive opposite of the destructive waters of the flood that threatened Noah and his passengers aboard that famous ark.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

The Son of God overcomes His testing by Satan in the desert before He begins His public life and ministry. He begins that with the announcement that the kingdom of God "is at hand," and not in the faraway future, as was always thought.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Last December, a 49 year old American female tourist was killed in a shark attack off the coast of Costa Rica. It was described as an extremely rare incident. Less rare but equally deadly were the hurricanes that swept into Texas and Louisiana earlier last Fall, which destroyed lives and property. Both the creatures that live in the oceans and the oceans themselves can be so deadly.

But water has another power. It is life giving and life preserving. Dehydration is deadly for our bodies. This is true in a higher realm. This leads to a consideration of the water of Baptism. That takes us to the heart of the annual Lenten season that is upon us. One could say that Lent is all about baptism.

Lent as we know it had a gradual development. In the early days of our Church, it was a period of penance and preparation for new catechumens, those seeking Baptism and entrance to the Church. As the living Church evolved, Lent became an observance for the whole Christian body, already part of the Church but in need of reform and renewal.

Its hallmarks remained prayer and fasting leading to reform of one's life. All this leading to a glorious rebirth in celebrating the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ in Holy Week.

In the recent past, of the generations before us, a collective groan may have been heard across the Catholic landscape, as six weeks of fasting and abstinence of meat loomed on the horizon.

"What are you Lentening on?" became a familiar question friends asked one another. Cigarettes and alcoholic beverages were put aside by many people, which still remain a good idea. There was a rule that specified, for all the days of Lent except for Sundays, only one full meal and two other light meals for all those aged 21 to 59. Now such fasting and abstinence from meat is required only on Ash Wednesday and the six Fridays of Lent.

Conscientious people wrestled with what the fast meant for them. Cooks called on their creativity to come up with meatless meals. Macaroni and cheese contested with pizza as Friday night staples, before we headed out to church for the evening "Stations of the Cross."

The rigid rules are gone, which can be seen as a good thing. The younger generations that grew up with the "personal choice" concept of Lenten penance nevertheless do so without the constraint of multiple rules. Fortunately, the beautiful devotion of the Stations, lost for a time, has survived and is making a comeback.

The accent is slowly shifting to observing the kind of fasting Scripture recommends, as Isaiah chapter 58 describes: fasting from injustice to others; sharing one's food with the hungry; and giving clothing and shelter to the homeless poor. The goal and the hope is that we all find ourselves at the end of Lent not just six weeks older but better at keeping our baptismal promises. We are then sprinkled with life giving water at Easter Liturgies.

Of course, our Lenten resolve has to be genuine and never half-hearted because Jesus proved on the cross His whole hearted love for each of us. So we shouldn't want to be like the critically-ill lawyer who was found frantically leafing through the Bible in his hospital room. When asked the reason, he replied, "I'm looking for loop holes."

"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."

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.

February Ministries

2/18/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, C.Acuna	Wojnicki	Neil, Follini, Galvin
9:00 AM	Mendes, Chen	Liftin	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

2/25/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Liberace	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	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 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, email 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.

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 or 917-570-1080

**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.)

February 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

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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