

## Fifth Sunday of Easter April 29, 2018



### 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 Ell 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

<b>April 21 &amp; 22</b>	<b>5th. Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Sue & Charlie Fabrizio
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Mary Mikulaninec

<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	Corless & Deane Family
<b>Tues 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Wed 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Thurs 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Fri 9:00AM</b>	

<b>April 28 &amp; 29</b>	<b>6th. Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Michael Culline
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	John King

### 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

April 22nd. Attendance	187
April 22nd. Collection	\$ 2244
WeShare	\$ 400
April 22nd. Total	\$ 2644



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

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:

Anthony Lazzara	Micheline C. Birdsall
Dorothy Bondone	Anthony Kulik
John Kapral	Peter Huebner
Maria Pentrelli	Angelina Pineda
Jack Hughes	Andrew Conachey
Veronica Nicoletti	Annette Irving
John Ragusa	Alyssa Lombardo
Shirley Dickerson	Michael Martin
Dorothy Bigard Spooner	Rita Eil
Melanie Di Domizio	Elisa Pomeranz
Eileen Riebow	Walter Cekleniak
Dawn Riebow	Thomas McHale
Stephanie McGuire	Zenaida Ermita
Stephanie Dee	Ralph Mascia Jr.
Maria Seminario	Thomas Wissman
Audrey & Joseph Joynt	Laura Maggio
Josephine O'Shea	Nicholas Johnson
Romayne Melnick	Megan Hughes
Giovanni Toribio	Dorothy Crapanzano
Edward Daly	Bob Cozzi
Minerva Echeverria	The Gravinovs
Bill Martin	John L. Lebinski III
Julie Martin	Kim M. Crowley
Jim Krokus	Justin Rogers
Berle Geronemus	Matthew Meehan
Kenny Ladd	Lucretia LoRusso
Orlando Pentrelli	David Nash
Shajan Jacob	Nicholas Urban
Dirce Bauco	Jared Scheringer

### Fifth Sunday of Easter

**April 29, 2018**

#### First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Saul, soon to be "Paul," comes to Jerusalem only to be confronted by angry traditionalist believers. It seems that peace came to the Palestinian churches with Saul, the former persecutor, gone.

#### Second Reading: I John 3:18-24

God, being "greater than our hearts," knows our inmost selves. We can have confidence in His mercy by keeping His commandments, believing in Jesus while we practice love of one another.

#### Gospel: John 15:1-8

We learned from the Good Shepherd symbol last week that God would prevent any of Jesus' sheep from being lost. Here Jesus as the Vine and we as the branches teaches us the importance of being connected to Christ.

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Some years ago I had the pleasure of visiting the Napa Valley wine country in California. I was impressed by great fields of grapevines silently working under the sun to produce the grapes that would eventually reach dining tables everywhere as wine. I also had a lot of fun visiting the different wineries where I could taste a sample or two. You can imagine how in a short time such visits would make life look a little rosier!

I learned some things about wine along the way. How to savor a glass of it as a real food, and not just a thirst quencher. What wine would be best with what meal. The process by which grapes become wine.

I returned to California two years ago for my godson/nephew's wedding. There, on a bright early September afternoon, the reception was held in a tent set up near the office of a vineyard. Outside the temporary dining area were field after field of grapevines that eventually climbed up a nearby hill.

It dawned on me as I thought of that happy day how at one time long ago divine eyes also looked out at a vineyard. Jesus saw with His masterful perception that this would be a powerful teaching symbol to teach people about His deep connection to them. That He is the vine and they are the branches. What a touching design to make our relationship

with God an intertwining of His life with ours and our lives with His! Still true today. True, some of the mystery remains about how this is, but a comforting beauty also emerges from that symbol.

Some questions arise. If we really are so privileged to be connected with God, why is it that we sometimes want to pull away? Could it be that we find the relationship smothering? A diminishment of our freedom? Or is it that we shrink from His brotherly embrace because of how we have lived? "If He only knew!" we think, forgetting that He knows everything.

These are the kind of questions we each have to ask ourselves in the light of the Vine and branches metaphor. We also know that we can endure almost anything if we get an occasional hug and a smile from somebody we love. We don't need rose-colored glasses to maintain our optimism, born of the confidence that the Lord gives us. It's a wonderful feeling having Him beside us!

Just for that we can be so grateful that we can sing an "Alleluia" with full voice! That is a wonderful thing to think about on this late April Sunday. Life is good indeed, and the good news of Jesus the Vine and we the branches make life worth living. After all, while medical science is adding years to our lives, it's up to us to add life to our years!

### St. Boniface Scholarship Awards

Applications for the St. Boniface Scholarships are open to all High School and College Students registered families of St. Boniface.

There are 3 College Scholarships:

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| 1. | - | \$2,000 |
| 2. | - | \$1,500 |
| 3. | - | \$1,000 |

There is 1 High School Scholarship in honor of Ron Jason. - \$1,000

Applications need to be completed and returned to Dennis Dale or the rectory by Tuesday, May 29th at 1 p.m.

Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 17th at the 9 o'clock mass.

The annual GALA conducted by One to One Learning, a program sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, will take place on May 4, 2018, at the Nyack Seaport, 21 Burd Street in Nyack.

One of the honorees is St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Nyack, of which Rev. Robert McKeon is Pastor.

Admission ticket price is \$125.00 and there will be a limited Raffle at \$100.00 per chance with 300 raffle tickets being sold. For information regarding ticket purchase, raffle, donations or journal ads, call 845-512-8176, or [www.one2one-learning.org](http://www.one2one-learning.org)

### Save the Date

June 23, 2018

St. Mary & St. Boniface Annual Joint Picnic

*We are Easter People  
and Alleluia is our Song.*

*-St. John Paul II*

## May Ministries

<b>5/6/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	McNamara	K.Kelly, Neil, Bonnano
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mesones, Chen	Granata	Mesones, Dale, Rast

<b>5/13/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamveilil, L.Martin	Kelly	E.McNamara, A.Martin, Liberace
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos	Cherveney	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli

<b>5/20/2018</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>	Mendes, Chen	Liftin	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

<b>5/27/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamveilil, Maduekwe		Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	L.Martin, Matos	Echeverria	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

Immaculate Heart Academy's Spring Open House will be held May 2, 2018 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tour the state-of-the-art building; meet IHA's incredible faculty, staff, students, and coaches; and learn about the challenging college prep academic program. Join IHA's 10,000+ alumnae by making your home @theheart! Register online at [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com) or call 201.445.6800. Walk-ins welcome. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

### **Bereavement Support Group - Spring 2018**

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church  
128 Parrott Road  
West Nyack, NY  
Rader Hall, Room #6

Please call the rectory at 634-4957 to register. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

### **St. Zita's Villa for Women**

When your loved one needs a Home away from Home. NYS certified St. Zita's Villa for women in Monsey NY, provides private rooms with three meals a day, in a clean and comfortable environment. Catholic setting with house-keeping and some medical assistance. Please call 845-356-2011.

Rosa Gorman, BS & MHA  
Director of Residential Services, St. Zita's Villa

### **Are you or someone dear to you celebrating 50 years of marriage?**

It is our honor to invite couples of the archdiocese celebrating 50 years of marriage during 2018 to the Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on June 3, 2018, at 2:15 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan.

Please contact your parish secretary to register.

We hope to see you or your loved ones who have achieved this milestone and wish all couples many more blessed years together!

Golden Jubilee Wedding Mass, Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. at Saint Patrick's Cathedral

All who wish to attend the Mass must register by Monday, May 14, 2018. Please contact your parish secretary to register.

Pews will be reserved for Golden Jubilee couples and one (1) family/friend to provide any needed assistance. Additional guests will be accommodated in pews outside the reserved section.

All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate.

Couples who are unable to attend the Mass can request a certificate through their parish.

**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.)

May 14, 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](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**

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 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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