

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 20, 2016



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

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(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

George Edattel

845-354-0790

Shajan Thottakara

845-548-6066

Sajan Thomas

845-321-0781

Degy Philip (Secretary)

201-374-7080

ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril

845-267-0353

MARY MATHA MALAYALAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Nirmala Sebastian

Tabernacle candle lit for:
Twohie Family



Mass Intentions

November 19 & 20	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Joseph & Delia Cunningham
Sun 9:00AM	Ralph Mascia
Mon 9:00AM	All Souls Day
Tues 9:00AM	Ralph Mascia Sr.
Wed 9:00AM	Deidre Baker
Thurs 9:00AM	Andrea & Mafalda Federici
Fri 9:00AM	All Souls Day

November 26 & 27	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Greg Sikorski
Sun 9:00AM	Ralph Mascia

St. Mary's Masses

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

Weekly Collection

November 13th. Attendance	197
November 13th. Collection	\$ 2318.00
Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
November 13th. Total	\$ 2688.00
All Saints Day	\$ 217.00



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

Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$34,000.00	\$20,950.00	\$20,020.00	82

Thank you for your generosity!

Let us pray for the sick:

Mary Joan
Murray Ahokas
Carl Strong
Josephine O'Shea
Anthony Senerchia
Romaine Melnick
Giovanni Toribio
Edward Daly
Minerva Echeverria
Bill Martin
Julie Martin
Nancy Panebianco
Jim Krokus
Berle Geronemus
Kenny Ladd
Barbara Madar
Orlando Pentrelli
Shajan Jacob
Dirce Bauco
Ben Costa
Micheline C. Birdsall
Daniel Meehan
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
Regina Nowinski
Ralph Mascia Jr.
Thomas Wissman
Frank Maggio
Laura Maggio
Nicholas Johnson
Emmett Green
Megan Hughes
Dorothy Crapanzano
Bob Cozzi
The Gravinis
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 \$15.00 donation for Mass stipends or \$10.00 for the tabernacle offering in the rectory.

The Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King November 20, 2016

First Reading: II Samuel 5:1-3

David's treaty with the elders of Israel makes him the king of both the northern and southern tribes.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

After exhorting his readers to thank God, Paul quotes what is most likely an early Christian hymn, beginning with the words "He is the image..." Christ's kingdom, for St. Paul, is one of light that delivers us from the darkness.

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Ironically, "the rulers" in their taunts of the crucified Jesus actually pronounce the words of the Christian faith about Him. The so-called "good thief" can be said to have "stolen" heaven simply by asking for it in faith.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

"Good Housekeeping" magazine once had a unique "lock" on the idea of guarantees. But nowadays, there are many consumer watchdogs out there, in print or on the web, that offer guarantees that the products they endorse are worthy of our purchase.

How we wish there were such for all the other aspects of human life not found in shops and stores. Take friendship for example. What a mysterious reality! One we can't live without. How they begin; how they develop; how they last, often for many years and perhaps a lifetime. All of it marvelous and life-giving, even though it can be tested and fail.

Elevate friendship to love, and the stakes are higher that we will lack full understanding as much as we experience. But the element of risk is present there too. And so on, to things like marriage and fidelity to priestly or religious vows. These intangible realities don't come with consumer labels, and any personal investment we make in them is built mostly on trust of a kind not given to tangibles.

That brings me to admire the man we have come to know as the "good thief." Some Christian bodies have named him "Dismas." He wasn't looking for guarantees that Good Friday afternoon as he hung on a cross next to Christ. But oh, did he get one! Wouldn't you or I be thrilled to hear Jesus say to us "This day you shall be with Me in paradise?"

That guarantee was brought on, remember, by the thief's brave and faith-filled request made of Jesus: "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." Faith indeed. For what did the man see with his weary eyes? Not much of a king. His "throne" was nothing but a replica of his own vertical deathbed: a crudely cut, rough barked tree pole with an equally rough cross piece. Granted, there was that parchment ordered by Pilate that declared Jesus a king of the Jewish nation. But no unusual signs of royalty. A crown made of spiny thorns instead of shiny gold? A scepter made of nails? Yet the guilty man somehow recognized the guiltless. And so he pleads "Remember me."

Beside an impulse of the Holy Spirit we can only guess at, where did that request originate? Had the thief heard Jesus preach one time? Perhaps as he stood still somewhere holding a bag of loot? Or had he heard the rumors about Jesus? We'll likely never know. But we do know faith, especially faith through darkness, which we often have in our lives.

So, is it brash for us to look for guarantees in our prayers? I don't believe so. Just be careful about staying faithful if we don't get what we ask for. One guarantee we do have: God hears us. Especially if we truly have carried, and continue to carry, whatever cross that life has given us day after day, year by year, with little or no complaint. Or not tried to get out from under it with sly tricks, and forgetting consequences.

For many days, an old farmer had been plowing with an ox and a mule together and working them pretty hard. The ox said to the mule one day, "Let's play sick today and rest a little while." But the old mule said, "No, we need to get the work done, for the season is short."

But the ox played sick, and the farmer brought him fresh hay and corn and made him comfortable. When the mule came in from plowing, the ox asked how he made out. "We didn't get as much done, but we made it all right," answered the mule. Then the ox asked, "What did the old man say about me?" "Nothing", said the mule.

The next day the ox, thinking he had a good thing going, played sick again. When the mule came in again very tired, the ox asked, "How did it go?" The mule said, "All right, I guess, but we didn't get much done." Then the ox also asked, "What did the old man say about me?" "Nothing to me," was the reply, "but he did stop and have a long talk with the butcher."



Cardinal Dolan is Coming To St. Boniface

Cardinal Dolan will be celebrating Mass at St. Boniface on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 5:00PM
To commemorate our 50th Anniversary

There will be a "pot-luck" Dinner/Reception after the Mass in Fr. Boyd Hall.

Sign up sheets are available in the vestibule.

Please sign up with the number attending and what hot entrée you will be bringing to share.

November Ministries

11/20/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, C.Acuna	Wojnicki	Neil, Follini, Galvin
9:00 AM	Matos, Mendes,	Negron	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

11/27/2016	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Kelly	Bonanno, Ball, Hanusik,
9:00 AM	L.Martin, K.Negron	McNamara	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.



Music rehearsals have been going well and if you still want to sing with us, please call Jim Coakley. The format of Lessons & Carols is always the same but this year we have a few exciting additions, so those of you who aren't directly involved should consider attending on December 9. It is always an uplifting entertaining evening and those who are there enjoy it, so take a break from your Christmas shopping, baking and decorating and give yourself and your family the gift of beautiful, spiritual live music.

If you have any questions, please call Jim Coakley, whose number is in the bulletin.

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

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.



Advent Retreat

"Blessed Are Those Who Wait For The Lord"

Presented by Sister Nancy Richter of the Sparkill Dominicans

Saturday, December 3rd. from 2:30-4:30 in the Church Hall.

Sign up for this spiritual event in the vestibule of the Church. Call Kay Olive-Kelly for details.

**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 21, 2016

****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
Penance, or the Eucharist, or Confirmation?
Please call the rectory if you would like to re-
ceive a sacrament that you have not participat-
ed 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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