

The 4th. Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 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

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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
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

January 28 & 29	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Kevin Trotta
Sun 9:00AM	Raymond Kussel & Michael Galvin

Mon 9:00AM	John George
Tues 9:00AM	John George
Wed 9:00AM	Concetta Vasile
Thurs 9:00AM	Sr. Mary Elizabeth
Fri 9:00AM	

FEBRUARY 4 & 5	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	
Sun 9:00AM	Kevin Trotta

St. Mary's Masses

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

Weekly Collection

January 22nd. Attendance	158
January 22nd. Collection	\$ 2354.00
Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
January 22nd. Total	\$ 2724.00



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

Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$34,000.00	\$21,340.00	\$20,875.00	84

Thank You for your generosity

Let us pray for the sick:

Carol Valcin	Annette Irving
Maria Seminario	Alyssa Lombardo
Audrey & Joseph Joynt	Michael Martin
Mary Ahokas	Rita Eil
Carl Strong	Elisa Pomeranz
Josephine O'Shea	Walter Cekleniak
Anthony Senerchia	Thomas McHale
Romayne Melnick	Zenaida Ermita
Giovanni Toribio	Regina Nowinski
Edward Daly	Ralph Mascia Jr.
Minerva Echeverria	Thomas Wissman
Bill Martin	Frank Maggio
Julie Martin	Laura Maggio
Nancy Panebianco	Nicholas Johnson
Jim Krokus	Emmett Green
Berle Geronemus	Megan Hughes
Kenny Ladd	Dorothy Crapanzano
Barbara Madar	Bob Cozzi
Orlando Pentrelli	The Gravinis
Shajan Jacob	John L. Lebinski III
Dirce Bauco	Kim M. Crowley
Micheline C. Birdsall	Justin Rogers
Daniel Meehan	Matthew Meehan
Marie Donnelly	Lucretia LoRusso
Anthony Kulik	David Nash
Peter Huebner	Nicholas Urban
Angelina Pineda	Jared Scheringer
Andrew Conachey	

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.

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First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

First we read about a program of righteous living. Then we learn that only the remnant of Israel, who are the poor, will survive the coming wrath of Yahweh.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 1:26-31

God's selection of people to further His plan is certainly not ours. But Christ has given us a new way to perceive reality. We are not to boast as if it comes from within us, because it comes from Him.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-2a

Here we find a most famous Scriptural program for living, with all its virtues. The promised rewards will fully be ours in the future realization of the kingdom of God.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Sometimes seven isn't a lucky number. In the case of knowing the heart of Jesus, we are fortunate to have eight "exclamations of congratulations to people living in a state of happiness."

That is one definition of a beatitude accepted by biblical scholars. These remarks, traceable to Jesus, tell us who are blessed in His estimation. We call them "the Beatitudes." They reveal a lot about the Preacher of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's gospel.

The scholars who devote their lives to understanding the Bible have probed their meaning with linguistic analysis. Spiritual writers have given us whole books of reflection on these eight statements. One of those latter persons has cleverly called them "the be-attitudes," or the outlook we ought to cultivate in our lives. Not a bad interpretation at all, even if the phrase itself is a bit cutesy.

Just imagine if every person, regardless of their faith, practiced poverty of spirit, which the first beatitude teaches is a way to a happy life. Gone would be the whole grasping attitude captured by claims that "he who has the most toys wins." Wins what? A silly game of acquisition that makes no more sense today than it did for our ancestors.

Remember how Jesus called that fellow in His parable who wanted to build bigger barns "a fool"? Today we might think of somebody who wants to get a bigger storage shed to place his or her "stuff" into and under lock and key.

Our Lord would say that decision is foolish, considering there are no storage barns or sheds in heaven. For Him what makes for happiness is a certain detachment from material goods that doesn't let them dominate our lives or foster worry about losing them.

In Matthew, for another example, "purity of heart" has nothing directly to do with chastity, but is rather an all-embracing loyalty to God's commands and sincere worship.

Imagine a Church in which there were no such thing as "cafeteria Catholics", so-called because they prefer to pick and choose what they will believe and disregard those they don't like? Or where Catholics put priority on Sunday Mass over a football game? "Purity of heart" would have us put "Thy will be done" as the main thing in life, and not just a phrase hurriedly said.

So it could go with the other six beatitudes. Each one would have "apps" galore. Right now they can and do offer a program for happiness that has had more success among more people than any of the self-help books found on the shelves of Barnes and Noble.

Why is that? Because the beatitudes heap praise on people willing to follow the one design for happiness created by our Maker. For we are His creation, and our free will decisions count. And God certainly has our number.

Super Bowl LI Pool February 5, 2017

Boxes will go on sale January 7,
Boxes will be sold at \$100 per box.

Boxes can be shared \$50/\$50. (Prize shared 50%-50%). 1/2 box can be purchased for \$50.

Prizes are as follows:

1st. Quarter - \$1,000
Half Time - \$1,000
3rd. Quarter - \$1,000
4th. Quarter - \$2,000**

**In the event of a tied score going into overtime, the 4th Quarter winner will share its prize equally with the final score winner.

Boxes not purchased are owned by St. Boniface.

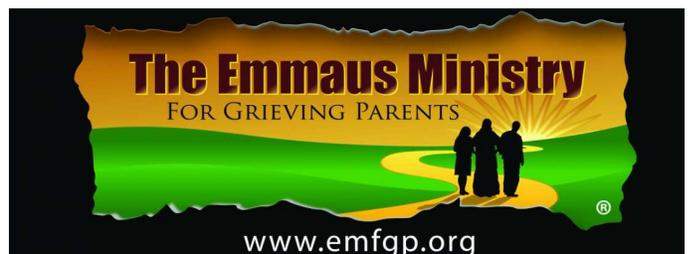


A big Shout out for Children Books of all ages New or used. The purpose is to provide an opportunity to enrich our many community young Adults to read. The books will be shared in areas where there is a major need.

This is a Ramapo Lions Project and we appreciate the help of all parishioners to further this cause.

Please leave the books in the vestibule marked Lions Club. Thank you for caring and giving.

Lion Maybelle Twohie



January Ministries

1/29/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, C.Acuna	Wojnicki	Bonanno, K.Kelly, Neil
9:00 AM	Mesones , Mendes	Negron	Dale, Mesones, K.Negron

Women Volunteers Needed at St. Zita's Villa

If you can spare 2-hours just once or twice a month, St. Zita's Villa for adult women needs volunteers to help serve meals and assist with arts & crafts and other recreational activities for the residents.

Located at 50 Saddle River Rd, Monsey, NY, St. Zita's Villa is operated by the Roman Catholic Sisters of the Reparation of the Congregation of Mary.

The volunteers program is coordinated by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, headquartered at St. Zita's.

For information, please contact Jeanne Flaherty Ph.(917) 572-8345 Email jeanne@geocap.com.

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.

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 Education

Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of New York are Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming communities that teach students to be life- long learners and leaders energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church, and one another.

To locate a faith-based Pre-K, Kindergarten or elementary school program near you, visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org or call 646-794-2885 to speak with a Catholic School representative.

Our newly renovated 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.

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.)

February 20, 2017
THE TIME IS 7:00p.m.

For more information e-mail
RachelMinister1@aol.com



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed 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: _____

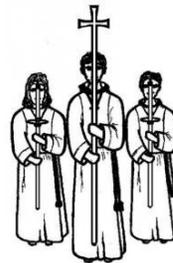
Enroll me in: [] Envelopes [] ParishPay

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.



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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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
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The Sacraments

Are you or anyone you know, in need of receiving 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 receive a sacrament that you have not participated 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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