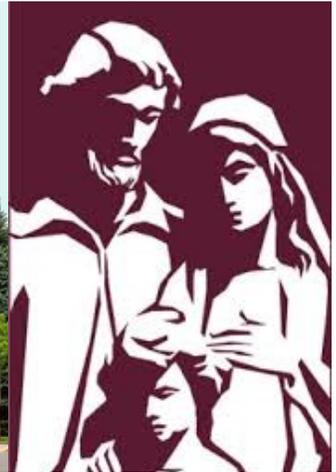


Feast of the Holy Family December 31, 2017



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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 :



Mass Intentions

Dec 30 & 31	The Holy Family
Sat 5:00PM	Kevin Trotta
Sun 9:00AM	Antonio Ferrante

Jan 1	Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God
Mon 9:00AM	Celia Colas & Family (Living)
Tues 9:00AM	Johanna Metcalfe
Wed 9:00AM	Maureen Metcalfe
Thurs 9:00AM	Ron Kuczenski
Fri 9:00AM	Carl Rizzo
Jan 6 & 7	The Epiphany
Sat 5:00PM	John King
Sun 9:00AM	Owen Lennon

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

December 17th. Attendance	201
December 17th. Collection	\$ 2821.00
December 17th. Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
December 17th. Total	\$ 3191.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 155.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 555.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$19,570.00	\$18,979.00	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:

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

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First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

True religion always involves one's duties to honor one's parents. This is the cornerstone of biblical ethics.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

These virtues comprise a popular household of the time among the Hellenistic peoples. St. Paul adds a Christian ethical perspective.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40, or 2:22, 39-40

The story of the presentation of the baby Jesus includes Simeon's canticle of praise, now included in the official Night Prayer of the Church. He also makes his pronouncement of the meaning of the child for all of Israel.

Monday, Jan. 1

**The Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God
Is a Holy Day of Obligation**

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Overheard on the gossip line: “Father X said “Go to hell’ from the altar last Sunday.” Many of the hearers of this juicy tidbit mix shock with dismay as this so-called “news” reaches them. What the original caller and others never mentioned, however, was the all-important context of the words. It turns out that the pastor was referring to almighty God’s verdict on the disobedient angels who forfeited heaven by their decision. Context makes all the difference.

In his tender telling of the presentation of the Child Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, St. Luke provides the context of this Jewish ceremonial event. By law, every male baby was to be consecrated to the Lord. Obviously a divine child had no such obligation. But Mary and Joseph as the humble parents they were, obey the law. Consequently, we learn about their virtues and their respect for religious rules. We also learn of Simeon’s and Anna’s senior fidelity and patience with God’s timetable.

Above all, we are reminded that when God chose to visit us in person, He chose to do so in the context of a family. The possibilities are as limitless as God’s divine imagination as to some other way He could have come among us. But His beautiful decision to come as a member of a family, indeed a holy family, made that institution itself holy. As a parish family, we come to the Eucharist to be fed with the strength to make us one as He was with Mary and Joseph and thus to be a holy people.

It doesn’t do us much good to itemize the assaults on the family prevalent in our culture today. We all could name them. We may sadly know of some from personal experience. There is even a TV commercial around to remind us of the damage our cell phone usage can do to the importance of a family dinner. What we have to remember are those building blocks we call virtues that we read of in this weekend’s selection of Paul’s letter to the Colossians. The family gatherings at this holiday time make for a real proving ground of how well we’re doing in the various virtues that make family life

possible. It’s an unusual amount of “togetherness” that’s not around most of the year. Here’s a case that could happen anytime.

This tale of “togetherness” appeared in the Chicago Daily News. It was written by a woman who was struggling with her own special “me and my shadow” problem. She wrote:

I’ve heard of the problems newly retired men and their wives face when confronted by too much togetherness, and I was always amused at the way they so often get on each other’s nerves. I never thought I’d face such a problem, but it’s been two months now, and matters around here are pretty bad.

I ran out of patience that first Monday. There we were, the two of us. Dave busied himself by following me around, inquiring into my household routines. I tried to be pleasant, but my surly nature surfaced when he asked, “Why don’t you vacuum all the way under the bed?” I’ve tried to interest him in any number of activities, with little success. I’ve even shouted the merits of daytime TV. “What you really need is a job,” I told him, knowing he’d never be able to find one at his age.

Yesterday was typical. Dave and I spent the morning together, as always now. He sat looking out the window for a while, sighing intermittently. Then he came into the kitchen, “When are we having lunch?” he wanted to know. This at 8:30! We went, lock-step, to the bedrooms, where he watched me make the beds. To his query, “What should we do now?” I snarled, “How about a duel with sabers?” A lengthy discussion followed of my system of sorting wash. I don’t like to sort wash—much less talk about it!

The situation is getting to me. You’d think that someone with so much intelligence, someone I truly love, would not be so totally annoying when faced with a change in routine. Ah, well, my problem won’t last forever. Next fall, Dave will be in kindergarten.

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.



December Ministries

12/30/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 PM	Vettamvelil, 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	

BUS TRIP TO K OF C MUSEUM IN NEW HAVEN

On Saturday, Jan. 27, join the Triune Council #2052 and McCloskey Council #4565 of the Knights of Columbus (K of C) on a trip to the K of C Museum at their national headquarters in New Haven, CT.

\$20 fee includes bus, museum tour, and exhibit, "Peace on Earth — Creches of the World." Additionally, there is lunch for \$20. The day will include mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, the church of Fr. McGivney, founder of the K of C.

For information or reservations, please call Frank Traina at 201-248-0053 or Lou DiMauro at 914-391-8901.

March for Life - Friday, January 19th.

Join us on our bus trip to Washington, D.C., for the world's largest annual prolife demonstration. The bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack at 6 am and return at 11 pm. \$30 adults; \$15 students. For reservations or more information call 845-735-4379 or 845-425-1322 (para espanol) -- or check the website, RocklandRTL.org.

This annual trip is sponsored by the Rockland Right to Life Committee. LOVE SAVES LIVES is the theme of this year's march. Come put these words into action as we march from the Washington Monument to the Capitol Building in the defense of the unborn and to help rebuild a culture of life in America.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL CORNER

Have you considered a Catholic Elementary School for your child? Are you interested in learning more about Catholic schools serving children in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 8 in Rockland County? Please visit a Catholic school on TOURING TUESDAYS from 9-11am or by appointment. TOURING TUESDAYS are universal open houses held at all regional and participating parish-based Catholic elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York. TOURING TUESDAY dates for the 2017/2018 school year are as follows: ber 5, January 9 & 30, February 13, March 13, and April 24. Please call (646) 794-2885 to RSVP.

Your Catholic Elementary Schools in Rockland County are:

- Sacred Heart School (UPK, PreK – Gr. 8)
60 Washington Avenue, Suffern
- St. Anthony (PreK – Gr. 8)
34 West Nyack Road, Nanuet
- St. Gregory Barbarigo (UPK - Gr. 8)
29 Cinder Road, Garnerville
- St. Margaret (PreK3 – Gr. 8)
34 North Magnolia St., Pearl River
- St. Paul (UPK, PreK3–Gr. 8)
365 Kings Highway, Valley Cottage

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.

**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.)

January 15, 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: _____

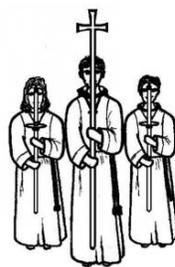
Phone: _____

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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