

22nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 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

**ST.BONIFACE TRUSTEES**

Rick Ell 845-548-4476  
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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:  
Peter Huebner*



*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

<b>Sept 1 &amp; 2</b>	<b>22nd. Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Deacon Tom Colton
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	John King

<b>Mon 9:00AM</b>	Joan & Bill O'Grady
<b>Tues 9:00AM</b>	Peter Huebner
<b>Wed 9:00AM</b>	Kenneth Rimmer
<b>Thurs 9:00AM</b>	
<b>Fri 9:00AM</b>	

<b>Sept 8 &amp; 9</b>	<b>23rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Sat 5:00PM</b>	Lisa Jayne DiLorenzo
<b>Sun 9:00AM</b>	Corless & Deane Family

**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**

August 26th. Attendance	165
August 26th. Collection	\$ 2399
WeShare	\$ 400
August 26th. Total	\$ 2799
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	\$ 40



**Labor Day**

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 Sept 3 9AM Mass  
 In the Garden of Memories  
 Followed by Fellowship

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:**

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

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**First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8**

Moses, as teacher of the people, points to the law and stresses that observance of it is essential to possessing the land. Only the Israelite nation has such a personal connection with its God, and can call on Him for aid and comfort.

**Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27**

God, the creator of the heavens, freely gave birth to us. So the word in which we were born must not only be heard but also lived. We learn what a "pure" religion looks like.

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

The Pharisees and scribes complain that Jesus' disciples failed to follow the traditional Jewish practices of ritual purification. Jesus then makes a radical statement about where true defilement originates.

## Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I am sure that you have been disconcerted by at least one item the last time you ate at a restaurant and had to use the restroom. It's that little sign hanging on the wall there that reads: "Employees must wash hands." Really? Do workers at an eating establishment really have to be told? I thought we were well past cave man crudeness.

Of course, there's the other extreme of this notion of cleanliness. Hospital shows on TV often show us surgeons "scrubbing up" before an operation, sometimes soaping their forearms as well as their hands. Somewhere in this cleanliness graph comes the ancient Jewish tradition of ritual purification mentioned in this weekend's Gospel passage. It was required not just for one's hands, as St. Mark informs us, but also for cups, jugs, kettles and even, of all things, beds!

As per usual, Jesus and His disciples are always ripe targets for criticism by the Pharisees and scribes when it came to violations of the law, in this instance when they are observed eating with unwashed hands. The questioning of this aberration offers Jesus the perfect opportunity to teach His opponents just where authentic defilement originates. It's all about internals. Something prompts me to think the Pharisees and scribes already knew this, but were loathe to admit it.

Fast forward to our contemporary culture and what do we find? A sudden presence of hand cleaner gadgets available everywhere. Hot air hand dryers in public restrooms, the better to promote sanitation and save untold numbers of trees, an added bonus. We have all manner of ecology friendly devices to keep our hands and homes clean.

All this and more while at the same time society benignly allows for the production and distribution of pornography, with its millions of profit dollars. There is a proliferation of so-called "gentlemen's clubs" in town and city. Filth flowing from the language used by our entertainers. Provocative clothing styles available for both genders. A general debasement of chastity. This not an exclusive list.

Allow me a prayer response. *"Dear Jesus, You are not simply "good and gentle," as we so often think and pray. We witness in this Scripture passage from Mark how resoundingly radical You can be at times. How even the mention of Your name is despicable in many circles of the outwardly respectable people among us. But they and we know instinctively that You are right. We know what defiles us. We need Your mercy to wash us clean on the inside first. The only reminder we need is the sign of Your cross. As for our measure, we accept that 'God grades on the cross, and not the curve.' Amen."*

### Healing Weekend

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend from October 5 to 7 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 Margaret at 845-383-1746 or Denise at 845-325-3147.

### How to Help

Many people are contacting Casa Juan Diego asking how they can help in the immigration crisis. One way is to donate to groups that are helping families and children with legal services.

Listed below are several groups which provide these services and are in need of donations and may accept volunteers.

**Tahirih Justice Center** [www.tahirih.org](http://www.tahirih.org)  
**Human Rights First** [www.houstonimmigration.org](http://www.houstonimmigration.org)  
**Justice for our Neighbors** [www.jfonhouston.org](http://www.jfonhouston.org)  
**Kids in Need of Defense** 832-779-4030  
**The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights**  
832-364-4975

## September Ministries

<b>9/2/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	Liberace	K.Kelly, Neil, Bonnano
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Chen	Echeverria	Mesones, Dale, Rast

<b>9/9/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamveilil	Pierce	E.McNamara, Liberace
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos	Roberts	Eckert, Kapral

<b>9/16/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Neil, C.Acuna	DiBartolo	Neil, Follini, Galvin
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Mendes, Chen	Kelly	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

<b>9/23/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>	Vettamveilil, Maduekwe	McNamara	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
<b>9:00 AM</b>	Matos	Granata	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

<b>9/30/2018</b>	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
<b>5:00PM</b>		Wojnicki	
<b>9:00 AM</b>		Roberts	

### Family Day - Making Everyday Special

Is the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse's initiative to promote simple, everyday things parents can do to build a strong, healthy relationship with their kids that prevents future drug use. Family day will be celebrated nationwide on Monday, September 24, 2018. To learn more about Family Day, visit [www.CASAFamilyDay.org](http://www.CASAFamilyDay.org). You can also find Family Day on Facebook and Twitter

**Paramus Catholic High School**, an academic community which combines both faith and education, cordially invites 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents to visit us during one of our Open Houses on Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 1:00-4:00 PM, and Wednesday, October 17th from 7:00-9:00 PM.

The school is located at 425 Paramus Road, Paramus NJ. For more information, please contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104.

### For cancer patients, survivors, and their families, friends and the medical community:

16th annual healing Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer, followed by a social will be held on Tuesday, Sept 25th at 7 PM in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls. The communal rite of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated during the Mass followed by a blessing with his relic. For directions to Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center [www.mtalvernia.org](http://www.mtalvernia.org) or call (845) 297-5706.

**One to One Learning** will present STAR-FEST IX on the Marydell property at 640 N. Midland Ave, Upper Nyack, on SEPT.16th at 3:30 p.m. It is an evening of musical entertainment with beautiful Hook Mountain as a background. Featured local professional performers include: John Patrick Schutz, Tommy Dunn, Jan Lynch, Robert Mattern, Sue Matsuki, Richard Skipper, Patti Koontz and others. Complimentary food will be provided by many local restaurants for 'A Taste of Rockland'. Tickets are \$30.00 in advance and \$35.00 at the entrance. Please call Sr. Cecilia LaPietra at (845) 512-8176 for tickets and information."

### 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.)

September 17, 2018

**\*\*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](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. Zita's Villa Adult Home for Women  
Open House & Family Fun Day Sat, Sept 15**

St. Zita's Villa, a Rockland County, Catholic owned and operated adult home for mature women, invites everyone to join them for its Annual Open House and Gala Family Fun Day on Saturday, September 15, from 11am to 4pm. Co-sponsored by Catholic Daughters Court John Paul II, the festivities will include a Fall Bazaar, Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, Games and fun-filled activities for the entire family. The barbeque will be hosted by Knights of Columbus Joyce Kilmer Council 1177. Prospective residents and their families are encouraged to visit and experience the spirit of St. Zita's. In case of heavy rain, festivities will be held on Sunday, September 16 (same times). St. Zita's is located at 50 Saddle River Rd, Monsey, NY. For information, contact Sr. Maureen (845) 356-2011.

**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.



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 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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