

25th. Sunday in Ordinary Time September 24, 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
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Rajesh Mathew 201-707-9512
Saji Mathew (Secretary) 917-574-9267

ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

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MARY MATHA MALAYALAM SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Nirmala Joseph 845-634-1801

SUNDAY LUNCH DIRECTOR

Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

Tabernacle candle lit for :



Mass Intentions

Sept 23 & 24	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	John King
Sun 9:00AM	Mafalda Andrea Federici

Mon 9:00AM	Ellen Keena
Tues 9:00AM	
Wed 9:00AM	
Thurs 9:00AM	Mena Lotito
Fri 9:00AM	

Sept 30 & Oct 1	Intentions
Sat 5:00PM	Holy Family
Sun 9:00AM	Ralph Mascia Sr. & Silvero Scotti

St. Mary's Masses

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

Weekly Collection

September 17th. Attendance	177
September 17th. Collection	\$2133.00
September 17th. Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
September 17th. Total	\$2503.00
Hurricane Irma Collection	\$ 703.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$18,400.00	\$17,385.00	60

Thank You for Your Generosity

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	Anthony Kulik
Shirley Dickerson	Peter Huebner
Dorothy Bigard	Angelina Pineda
Spooner	Andrew Conachey
Deacon Tom Colton	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.
Anthony Senerchia	Thomas Wissman
Romayne Melnick	Frank & Laura Maggio
Giovanni Toribio	Nicholas Johnson
Edward Daly	Megan Hughes
Minerva Echeverria	Dorothy Crapanzano
Bill Martin	Bob Cozzi
Julie Martin	The Gravinos
Jim Krokus	John L. Lebinski III
Berle Geronemus	Kim M. Crowley
Kenny Ladd	Justin Rogers
Orlando Pentrelli	Matthew Meehan
Shajan Jacob	Lucretia LoRusso
Dirce Bauco	David Nash
Micheline C. Birdsall	Nicholas Urban
Marie Donnelly	Jared Scheringer

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First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

God's transcendence makes for an entirely different perspective on reality than ours as creatures.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Paul acknowledges that after his baptism he has "died" to his former life and now lives entirely for Christ. Death will intensify his union with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16a

The parable is really about God's generosity and not about wage distribution. The men hired first feel cheated by the master's decision to give the same pay to those hired late in the day. One thinks of deathbed conversions getting into the same heaven as lifelong believers.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Do you ever imagine yourself among “The Lives of the Rich and Famous” spotlighted on a TV show? Do you imagine hearing your name in the announcement about the latest “Powerball” winner? Ever wanted to live atop Trump Tower? Such is the “stuff” of daydreams, yours and mine. How we ordinary folk can get swept away by them! But what starts out as fun can deteriorate into something called envy and its cousin jealousy when we have the fact that our fate in life is anything but that of the images that highlight our daydreams!

“Why is this?” I wondered. The answer might be understood by thinking about the electrical wiring in your home as analogous to our spiritual selves. Original sin caused all of us except Our Lord Jesus and His beautiful Mother Mary to have faulty “spiritual wiring.” It wasn’t meant to be this way. We as a race were wired correctly according to God’s initial plan for our peace and happiness. We know this from the bible book of Genesis.

But since God’s great plan for humans included free will, it included the potential for disaster. We have this ability to disconnect from God’s generating love by crisscrossing some of our wires. Particularly those that involve decision-making.

We believe that God’s own Son came to earth to show us how to reconnect entirely. But we are a stubborn lot. We get so used to our own wire arrangement that we resent even His correction suggestions. He respects our free will so much that He will not force a rewiring.

Even in this post-resurrection time, we still find His proposals unpleasant and so downright difficult that we say “No.” You could say that our “wiring” is so frayed through our inherited inclination that it is easy for us to make the wrong choices in life, to sin. We delight the devil. The devil? Isn’t he a fiction? Not according to Jesus, who is Truth personified.

One of the big problems that comes with this reality called “creaturehood” is that we can never fully understand our Creator and His ways. Isaiah tells us quite truthfully that “His ways are not our ways.” So we have some trouble understanding the parable of the hired workers presented to us this weekend. It’s a fortunate thing that we do not read it on Labor Day weekend!

If you find yourself thinking like the first men hired, you too might be peeved that the last hired men got the same wage. Of course, it’s that “faulty wiring” business again. Try to understand that the parable is not about hiring policies, but about God’s goodness and generosity. Generosity, even among us, never uses obligation as its measure. So aren’t we really glad that God is God and not us?

“Faulty spiritual wiring” often leads to funny incidents, I must admit. Here is one. Mrs. Vandemeer decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, “Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, an emerald bracelet, and a ruby pendant.” “But,” the artist protested, “you’re not wearing any of those things.” “I know,” said Mrs. Vandemeer. “It’s in case I should die before my husband. I’m sure he’d marry right away, and I want her to go nuts looking for the jewelry.”

ROCKLAND COUNTY BLUE MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST – 12 NOON HOSTED BY ST. AEDAN CHURCH

The Blue Mass is an opportunity for the entire community to show gratitude to our first responders and their families. All responders, active and retired, are asked to wear their dress uniforms or other apparel identifying their service.

A Blue Mass is a special celebration which the Catholic Church offers for those employed in the “public safety field” (i.e. police officers, firefighters, correctional officers, 911 operators and EMS personnel.)

The color blue refers to the blue-colored uniforms predominantly used by these services. Similar to the Red Mass, the service honors those who have died in the line of duty and those currently serving as first responders.



**OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
1011 FIRST AVENUE
NEW YORK, NY 10022**

September 1, 2017

Dear friends in the Lord:

As you may imagine, I receive quite a few letters from the faithful every day. No letter cheers me more than that of a parishioner extolling the dedicated service of his/her pastor. And, as you know, so many of our pastors were spiritually formed and academically trained at our own *Saint Joseph's Seminary* in Dunwoodie, Yonkers.

Our seminarians are the future shepherds of our flock, spiritual guides for our faithful and leaders in our communities. It is our responsibility, therefore, to ensure that they are as well prepared as possible to serve the Church here in New York. This year, *Saint Joseph's Seminary* begins its 121th year of forming and ordaining holy, faithful, and dedicated priests. Our seminary is held in the highest regard, each year with other dioceses and religious orders joining our priestly and diaconate formation programs.

With this letter, I invite you to consider, in your own prayer, a sacrificial gift to the *Annual Seminary Collection*, to be conducted the weekend of September 30 and October 1. Your support will provide tuition and room and board for more than forty seminarians of the archdiocese. It also allows us to continue our solid tradition of excellence in academically training and spiritually forming candidates for priesthood and diaconate. In short, your support will help prepare young men who will inspire those letters of admiration that I receive daily about so many of our great priests.

The priesthood is a life of sacrifice and service. As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord's call. Please assist me in providing for our seminarians who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church as they embark on their training to become your priests.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ *Tim. Card. Dolan*

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

September Ministries

9/24/2017	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamvelil, Maduekwe	Liberace	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	L.Martin	Cherveney	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

**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.)

October 16, 2017

****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.



**“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.



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.

**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.**

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Number of Children: _____ Ages: _____

Schools Attending: _____

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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 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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