

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 11, 2018



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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
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ST. MARY'S CATECHISM DIRECTOR

James Kanacherril 845-267-0353

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Sindhu Thomas 845-270-3011

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SUNDAY LUNCH DIRECTOR

Lijo Joseph 845-270-0855

Tabernacle candle lit for :



Mass Intentions

Feb 10 & 11	6th. Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 5:00PM	Philip Barone
Sun 9:00AM	John J. Kapral

Mon 9:00AM	Rose & Michael Savino
Tues 9:00AM	Ben Aventurato
Wed 9:00AM	Ralph Mascia Sr.
Thurs 9:00AM	Betty & Ronald Boos
Fri 9:00AM	Richard Galante

Feb 17 & 18	1st. Sunday of Lent
Sat 5:00PM	Betty Miale
Sun 9:00AM	Theresa Fabbri

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

February 4th. Attendance	173
February 4th. Collection	\$ 2406.00
February 4th. Parish Pay	\$ 370.00
February 4th. Total	\$ 2776.00



Weekly Donor Listing Summary to Date:

Goal	Pledged	Paid	# of Gifts
\$27,500.00	\$19,570.00	\$19,264.00	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:

Veronica Nicoletti	Angelina Pineda
John Ragusa	Andrew Conachey
Shirley Dickerson	Annette Irving
Dorothy Bigard Spooner	Alyssa Lombardo
Melanie Di Domizio	Michael Martin
Eileen Riebow	Rita Ell
Dawn Riebow	Elisa Pomeranz
Stephanie McGuire	Walter Cekleniak
Stephanie Dee	Thomas McHale
Maria Seminario	Zenaida Ermita
Audrey & Joseph Joynt	Ralph Mascia Jr.
Josephine O'Shea	Thomas Wissman
Romayne Melnick	Laura Maggio
Giovanni Toribio	Nicholas Johnson
Edward Daly	Megan Hughes
Minerva Echeverria	Dorothy Crapanzano
Bill Martin	Bob Cozzi
Julie Martin	The Gravinovs
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
Anthony Kulik	Jared Scheringer
Peter Huebner	

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First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The restrictions here mentioned applied to people with all kinds of skin disease, in addition to what is known today as Hansen's disease or leprosy. Scholars tell us that the social ostracism brought on to those afflicted was because of their lack of bodily integrity necessary for worship.

Second Reading: I Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Paul's exhortation to imitate Christ in everyday life sprang from his own practice of it.

Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

On vivid display here are Jesus' emotions. He was "moved with pity" upon seeing and hearing the leper. Then when He said "I do will it", there is a compassionate joining of His will with that of the sick man. Despite that, Jesus loses his privacy by the cured man's disobedience.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The late great Bishop Fulton J. Sheen made a name for himself as the greatest evangelist of the twentieth century, first through radio and later through his weekly television show. But Sheen had another role as National Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. That made him a travelling missionary. On one of his trips, he visited a leprosarium at a local village, observing the then protocol of wearing gloves to greet the patients. He tells us that he suddenly felt very awkward, as if he were behind a wall between him and the suffering souls he was visiting. Quite literally he decided to take his gloves off.

The good bishop, whose cause for sainthood has begun, was then and there practicing the power of touch. I did some research for this reflection and found an online article aptly called "The Remarkable Power of Touch" posted by Karen Young, which I recommend you read. The piece explores the many dimensions of this powerful sense. The handshake, the hug, the pat on the back and the arm around the shoulder can mean wonderful things. Recall Streisand's varied reactions as she sings her love song titled "He touched me."

What is remarkable in the story of the leper's cure is Mark's awareness of Jesus' emotional state: "Moved with pity, He touched him." This from the most sparing of the four evangelists!

Remember that in the context of those long ago days, people only had a primitive knowledge of skin disease, and their fear was understandable. Then there was the awful isolation it imposed on the victims of such. Can you just imagine what the touch of Jesus meant to that poor unnamed man? It was a return to life! I also like to imagine Jesus' compassionate smile as He touched the man. That smile that so many artists omit in their portraits of Our Savior.

So here we are, just three days before Lent 2018 begins. We are about to feel the touch of ashes on our foreheads. It is our annual stark reminder of how temporary our stay on this earth is, and how it inevitably ends.

I for one cannot think of a better Lenten resolution than to upgrade our compassion for all those who may be suffering in one way or another. And then, to take our gloves off, and let our fellow human beings experience from us what is no less than "the remarkable power of touch."

ATTENTION ALL ROMANTICS

Valentine's Day, February 14th, falls on ASH WEDNESDAY this year. This is a solemn day of FAST and ABSTINENCE for devout Catholics.

Plan ahead and make dinner reservations for Tuesday evening, February 13th. This would also be a great way to observe Mardi Gras! And.....please save the candy for Thursday. OR, better yet, inform your significant other that you plan on giving up candy for Lent and suggest, instead, some flowers or a modest gift.

Ash Wednesday, 2/14/2018

Ashes will be distributed at Masses at 9am & 7pm and a 4:30pm Ash Service

LENTEN RETREAT

Our annual Lenten Retreat will be presented by Maire Liberace on March 3, 2018 from 2:30-4:30 pm.

Please come join in this prayerful afternoon.
Sign up in the vestibule of the church.
Call Kay Olive-Kelly for questions and details.

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.

February Ministries

2/11/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamveilil, L.Martin	DiBartolo	E.McNamara, A.Martin, Liberace
9:00 AM	Matos	Echeverria	Eckert, Kapral, Buttinelli

2/18/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Neil, C.Acuna	Wojnicki	Neil, Follini, Galvin
9:00 AM	Mendes, Chen	Liftin	J.Cary, Handler, Cherveney

2/25/2018	Altar Servers	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00PM	Vettamveilil, Maduekwe	Liberace	Bonanno, Ball, Maralit
9:00 AM	L.Martin, Matos	Roberts	Echeverria, Revesz, B.Negron

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.

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.

This was sent from the Office of the Archdiocese and contains information and suggestions vital to all of us.

To: All Priests and All Deacons

**From: Rev. Msgr. Gregory Mustaciuolo
Vicar General / Chancellor**

Date: January 24, 2018

Re: Flu Season

With the flu season upon us, priests, deacons, and Eucharistic ministers are reminded of the need to practice good hygiene prior to and after the distribution of Holy Communion. This involves cleansing one's hands before Mass and when visiting people in their homes or in institutions, such as hospitals and nursing homes. It is also recommended that this be done prior to and after the celebration of other sacraments and religious and parish functions. This may be done by washing with warm water and soap or by means of an alcohol-based antibacterial hand sanitizer.

It is strongly recommended that hand sanitizers be available in all sacristies for this purpose. Concelebrants who have the flu and are concerned about spreading it can exercise the option of intinction when receiving Holy Communion. Eucharistic ministers should not serve when they are sick. Due to this particularly bad flu season pastors have the option of offering Holy Communion only under one species.

Please remind parishioners that they do not have to shake hands at the sign of peace, but may express peace through another gesture or verbal greeting.

**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 18, 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.

Get important updates from the parish

**Go to: www.Flocknote.com/stboniface
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
You can unsubscribe at any time

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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