

MARCH 13, 2016
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS – BUCHANAN LOCATION

Saturday, March 12th

7:30 P.M. Devotions

Sunday, March 13th

8:45 A.M. People of the Parish

11:30 A.M. Arthur Simeoni

1:30 P.M.

Monday, March 14th

8:00 A.M. James & Beatrice Ford, James P. Ford & Louis Morris

Tuesday, March 15th

8:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Wednesday, March 16th

8:00 A.M. Michael & Anne Lynch/Nora Lynch

Thursday, March 17th

8:00 A.M. Dec'd Members of the Feely, McGuinness & Crawford Families

Friday, March 18th

8:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Saturday, March 19th

8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

7:30 P.M.

Sunday, March 20th

8:45 A.M. Joseph & Mary Marino

11:30 A.M. Anna Malles

1:30 P.M.

ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, March 12th

5:00 P.M. Elijah Negron & Joseph Redmond

7:30 P.M. Kevin & Kenny Pasato

Sunday, March 13th

8:45 A.M. Christopher Boonstra & Tony Mills

11:30 A.M. Veronica & Matthew Paolucci

1:30 P.M. Ariana Suarez, Karen Rivera, Michelle Siguencia

Saturday, March 19th

5:00 P.M. Christopher Boonstra & Tony Mills

7:30 P.M. Lilibeth & Erick Villa, Kimberly Llapa

Sunday, March 20th

8:45 A.M. Gabriella Quist, Emily Stout, Michael Pio

11:30 A.M. Christa & Ava DeCaprio

1:30 P.M. Geovani Pesantez, Caitlyn & Caroline Coronel

The second collection this week is for **Archdiocesan Tax and Maintenance and Repairs.**

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

Monday, March 21, 2016 is Reconciliation Monday. This is an opportunity for confession during this holy season. Confessions will be heard from 4:00-5:30pm in Verplanck and 6:00-8:00pm in Buchanan.

FOOD PANTRY

This is the second Sunday of the month on which we collect canned goods and other non-perishable food items at our Buchanan location for the poor in our area. Please be generous!

MASS INTENTIONS – VERPLANCK LOCATION

Saturday, March 12th

5:00 P.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Sunday, March 13th

10:15 A.M. John Polinsky

Monday, March 14th

9:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Tuesday, March 15th

9:00 A.M. Michael & Anne Lynch/Nora Lynch

Wednesday, March 16th

9:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Thursday, March 17th

9:00 A.M. Michael & Anne Lynch/Nora Lynch

Saturday, March 19th

5:00 P.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Sunday, March 20th

10:15 A.M. Lucy Margiotta

BAPTISMS: Celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12:30 or 3:00 pm. Parents should call the rectory at least four weeks in advance, and must attend instructions which are held on the third Thursday of the month. Church Law requires that only Catholics in good standing are eligible to be Godparents. No Baptisms will be scheduled during Lent.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: We offer this sacrament to those who are seriously ill, at home or in the hospital. We urge you to contact the Rectory before someone goes to the hospital for an operation. (A priest may not be available later.)

MINISTRY OF THE SICK: Holy Communion will be brought to the sick, upon request. The bedridden or chronically ill can be placed on the "Eucharistic Ministers" Visitation Schedule.

WEDDINGS: Engaged couple must make arrangements, in person, with a priest at the Rectory, at least six months in advance.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new members to our parish. Please register at the Rectory by phone or in person. Registration forms are available at the entrances to the Churches. Also, please notify the Rectory if your address has changed or if you would like to be added to the weekly envelope system.

Encyclical on the Environment (5)

In his June, 2015, encyclical on creation care, *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis proclaims that the poor are those most harmed by environmental destruction and climate change, and that developed countries like ours owe the poor an "environmental debt". With Pope Francis we pray, "O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, ...that we may protect the world and not prey on it." In the encyclical, we are urged to do what we can to support global agreements on sustainable development, on protecting ecosystems globally, and on limiting greenhouse gases to a greater extent in developed countries than in poor countries. We are encouraged to reduce our consumption and reduce our carbon footprint.

WEEKLY FOCUS

Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

Like the prophets who preceded him, Jesus' life and ministry was tied to the Temple. It was there that he was presented by Mary and Joseph at forty days old. It was there that he held priests and scribes spellbound at the age of twelve. It was there that his ministry was centered, especially during the week leading up to his passion. Today we hear of one particular visit to the Temple during the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus was teaching a large group of people in the Temple courtyard when a group of scribes and Pharisees interrupt him and say: *Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you say?* Jesus knows that the scribes and Pharisees are setting a trap, and he doesn't answer right away. Instead he writes in the dirt. One might wonder if he was writing the relevant passage from the Law that condemned both partners in an adulterous relationship. He couldn't help but notice that the man was conspicuously absent. The scribes and Pharisees press him, and he answers, *Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to cast a stone at her.* They have nothing to say in response, and one by one they walk away. Once Jesus and the woman are alone, he asks her, *Where are they? Has no one condemned you?* She replies, *No one, sir,* and he tells her, *neither do I condemn you. Go and from now on sin no more.* Jesus is the one without sin, the only one with the right to judge, but he doesn't. He dismisses the woman and her accusers without condemning them. This says a lot about Jesus and the invisible God whom he makes visible. Elsewhere in John's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that *he who has seen me has seen the Father.* In Colossians, Saint Paul, who saw Jesus on the road to Damascus, calls him *the image of the invisible God* (1:15), and in today's reading from Philippians, Paul says that knowing him is *the supreme good.* We don't have the privilege that the disciples had of seeing Jesus in the flesh. We don't have the privilege that Paul had of seeing the Risen Lord in heavenly glory. Instead, we know Jesus through the teachings of the apostles, through sacred Scripture, through the teachings of the Church and through the sacraments, to name a few ways. In Jesus, we see God entering his Temple and dwelling among his people. And we see the kind of God he is. Not a God of judgement, but a God of forgiveness. Not a God of wrath, but a God of mercy. Not a God who conquers by the sword, but a God who conquers by the cross. This is the God who is making something truly new.

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Matthew 7:1-2 "Stop judging that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged..."

Reflection: It is very easy for us to judge others and think that we are better than them. However, who are we to judge. Are we perfect people who have never done anything wrong? Have we never made mistakes? If the answer is no then we have no right to judge others.

ST. CHRISTOPHER/ST. PATRICK CHURCH PARISHIONERS' COLLECTIONS AND OTHER REVENUE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016

<u>Buchanan Location</u>	<u>03/06/16</u>	<u>Y/T/D</u>
Regular Collections:	\$ 3,420	\$ 131,999
Special Collections:	901	8,368
Other Revenue:	(901)	101,489
TOTAL	\$ 3,420	\$ 241,856

<u>Verplanck Location</u>	<u>03/06/16</u>	
Regular Collections:	\$ 2,193	
Special Collections:	429	
Other Revenue:	0	
TOTAL	\$ 2,622	

26 WEEK CLUB

The winner for Week 15 is #253 Margaret Hughes.
Seller is Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

James Boddie, Helen Burress, Rev. Robert Dahlke, Margaret Hesselgrave, Collin Lent, Ed Lent, Eddie Lent, Beverly Lewis, Roy Mackey, George Malles, Sheila Dahlke Moore, Tucker See

**Names on the sick list will be included for 4 weeks unless the family contacts the Rectory to request an additional 4 weeks.

Knights of Columbus – Palm Cross Sale

To prepare our homes, and/or a loved ones grave for the Easter season and the Resurrection, the Knights of Columbus will be selling beautifully decorated palm crosses at all Masses the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 19th and 20th. The cost on the day of sale will be \$10. **If interested, please contact Jamie Sanchez at [914-471-0027](tel:914-471-0027) to reserve yours.** Proceeds from the sale, will go to support charitable giving to the parish and our community.

Knights of Columbus – Stations of the Cross

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual Stations of the Cross service in the Columbarium Garden at the top of the hill in the Assumption Cemetery, 1055 Oregon Rd., Cortlandt Manor at 2:30pm on Palm Sunday, March 20th. It has been a beautiful way to reflect on the steps Our Lord Jesus took, with our loved ones around us; and should be another great day.

HEALING WEEKEND

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend from April 1-3 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, NY. It is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. Please call Renee at 845-374-2101 to register or for more information.



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QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

¡Qué acontecimiento tan providencial! Tres años atrás, en este mismo día, Jorge Mario Bergoglio fue electo papa. Tres años atrás, en este mismo día litúrgico, el quinto domingo de Cuaresma, el Papa Francisco reza su primer Ángelus público en el Vaticano acompañado de un breve comentario. El Evangelio de hace tres años, que hoy recurre, fue el perfecto "primer Evangelio" para un papa cuyo tema constante es la misericordia de Dios y que ha declarado este Año Extraordinario Jubilar como año de la misericordia.

El Evangelio relata el encuentro de Jesús con una mujer "sorprendida en adulterio". Ella no niega la acusación, no reclama su inocencia, ni expresa arrepentimiento. Tampoco Jesús se lo exige. En aquel primer domingo del Ángelus del papa recién elegido, éste declara que la actitud de Jesús "nos conmueve". Con conmovedor silencio Jesús escribe en el suelo. Cuando por fin Jesús habla, hace notar el Papa Francisco, no hay condenaciones desdeñosas, sino sólo palabras de amor y misericordia. En efecto, Jesús silencia cualquier acusación que cualquiera de nosotros podamos jamás pronunciar contra otro pecador como nosotros: "Aquel de ustedes que no tenga pecado, que le tire la primera piedra".

San Agustín describe la escena como la miseria y la Misericordia frente a frente, pues son las dos cosas que permanecen. En el rostro misericordioso de Jesús, dice Francisco, vemos el rostro de Dios. La misericordia de Dios es una paciencia constante, es comprensión y es su disposición a esperar. Dios nunca se cansa de perdonarnos, siempre y cuantas veces se lo pidamos.

Knights of Columbus – Venta de Palmas.

Para preparar nuestros hogares , y / o para decorar la bóveda de un ser querido para la temporada de la Pascua y la Resurrección, los Señores de Knights of Columbus estarán vendiendo Palmas muy bien decoradas en todas las misas del fin de semana del Domingo de Ramos , 19 y 20 de marzo. El costo para la venta será de \$ 10. Si está interesado, por favor, póngase en contacto con Jaime Sánchez al 914-471-0027 para reservar la suya Las ventas serán para apoyar a nuestra parroquia.

HORARIO DE SEMANA SANTA

DOMINGO DE RAMOS 20 DE MARZO

1:30PM Santa Misa. Bendición de Ramos.

JUEVES SANTO 24 DE MARZO

7:30 PM LAVATORIO DE LOS PIES. Misa Bilingüe

VIERNES SANTO 25 DE MARZO

4:00 PM Vía Crucis en Vivo en el parqueo de la Iglesia

5:30 PM Pasión de Nuestro Señor y Veneración de la Santa Cruz.

SABADO SANTO 26 DE MARZO

SOLEMNE VIGILIA PASCUAL 10:30 PM

DOMINGO DE PASCUA 27 DE MARZO

SANTA MISA A LA 1:30 PM

ESTADO FINANCIERO DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN CHRISTOPHER/ SAN PATRICIO Y OTROS INGRESOS

9/1/15-8/31/2016

Iglesia de Buchanan

Colectas Semanales:	3/6/16	Y/T/D
Colectas Regulares	\$ 3,420	\$131,999
Colectas Especial	901	8,368
Otras Colectas	<u>(901)</u>	<u>101,489</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 3,420	\$241,856

Iglesia de Verplanck

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Colectas Especial	429
Otras Colectas	<u>0</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,622

SACRAMENTOS

CONFESIONES: Se realizan los primeros y los últimos sábados del mes antes de la Misa de las 7:30 pm.

BAUTIZOS: Se celebran los últimos sábados del mes a las 3pm o durante las misas de español. Si desea realizar el Bautizo en otra fecha diferente se lo puede hacer con permiso del Pastor dependiendo la situación.

Padres y Padrinos deben recibir una preparación bautismal a las 7pm los primeros jueves del mes. No se realizan bautizos durante cuaresma ni adviento.

BODAS: Deben reservar con 6 meses de anticipación. Lo deben hacer en la rectoría.

QUINCEAÑERAS: Deben reservar en la rectoría por lo menos con tres meses de anticipación.