

# THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 17 TO DECEMBER 24

### ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

SAT 7:30 AGNES SIMEONI  
SUN 8:45 JOSEPHINE LORDY Req. by Raffaele Family  
11:30 BRIAN CAVALIERE Req. by J. Cavaliere  
1:30 MARIA ZHININ Req. by Family  
MON 8:00 FORD, MITCHELL & MORRIS FAMILIES Req. by  
B. Morris  
TUE 8:00 EVELYN GREENE & DEC'D FAMILY MEMBERS  
WED 8:00 MARJORIE FEELY Req. by E. Feely  
THU 8:00 JOHN PARKER Req. by Joe & Millie Olivet  
FRI 8:00 EILEEN FEELY & JOSEPHINE PAPROLA (Living)  
SAT 8:00 JOHN FINN Req. by M. Finn

### ST. PATRICK'S

SAT 5:00 JOHN SERAFINO Req. by Linda, Vincent & Gina  
SUN 10:15 LUCY MARGIOTTA Req. by L. Durr  
MON 9:00 AGNES SIMEONI  
TUE 9:00 MAX FUCHECK, SR. Req. by Family  
WED 9:00 COLLEEN MURRAY Req. by Ken & Chris Rudner  
THU 9:00 GEORGE UPTON Req. by Family  
FRI 9:00 **NO MASS**  
SAT 5:00 DEC'D MEMBERS OF THE KEON FAMILY Req. by  
Keon Family  
SUN 10:15 MICHAEL & ANTHONY TONICH Req. by Family

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**Baptisms:** Scheduled & Celebrated by appointment. Parents should call the rectory at least four weeks in advance, and must attend instructions. Church Law requires that only Catholics in good standing are eligible to be Godparents. No Baptisms will be scheduled during Lent.

**Anointing 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 office 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.

**Wedding:** Engaged couples must make arrangements in person, at the office at least six months in advance.

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

### Pastor's Note

As Christmas approaches, we express thanks to the many of our parishioners, benefactors and friends who give their daily love and dedication to support our parish.

2017 presented many blessings to our parish family. As we enter the New Year, we are gratefully reminded of once again the sacrifices our forefathers made to establish a beautiful place of worship for our communities lived in Verplack, Montrose, Buchanan, Tarrytown, Peekskill and New City, Rockland 175 years ago. The 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish (St. Patrick, Verplanck location) is a special occasion for us to thank Almighty God and commemorate the great memories of the founding members of our parish.

As part of the year long celebration we have planned several activities, which we will be announcing in a timely manner, that should revitalize the community prior to the concluding ceremony with the solemn celebration of the Pontifical Mass by our beloved Archbishop, Timothy Cardinal Dolan on October 7, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

The Parish Council has planned an opportunity for a seven-day exciting pilgrimage travel to the Holy Land sometime in September 2018 as one of the spiritual renewal programs for our parish during this 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. We will have the opportunity to walk through the footsteps of Jesus, apostles and millions of other fellow holy men and women. We intend to visit, pray and celebrate holy masses in Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana in Galilee, Calvary, Tomb of Jesus and much more.

If you are interested to join the group, please call the rectory and leave your information as early as possible. A complete and detailed information, including price, will be provided when we finish the travel arrangements.

Fr. George Oonnoony, Pastor

### Events this Week:

Sunday Second Collection – Christmas Flower Offering  
Wednesday Thrift shop open from 9:30am-12:30pm  
Saturday Thrift shop open from 9:30am-12:30pm  
Sunday Second Collection – Christmas Offering

**Sacrament of Reconciliation - Monday, December 18**  
**Verplanck location 4-6 pm Buchanan location 6-8 pm**

### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Buchanan Location: Saturday, Dec. 23 – 7:30 (Spanish) Sunday, December 24 – 8:45 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm (Spanish), Christmas Vigil Mass 7:00 pm, 8:00pm (Spanish) Christmas Masses on Monday, December 25 8:45 am, 11:30, 1:30pm (Spanish)**  
**Verplanck Location - Saturday, December 23 – 5:00 pm, Sunday, December 24 – 10:15**  
**Christmas Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm, Christmas Mass - Monday, December 25, 10:15 am**

**Meditation for Third Sunday of Advent:** Begin a gratitude journal and try to note three things for which you are grateful. See if you can keep it up every day from now until Christmas, maybe beyond if you like the practice. The items don't have to be monumental (getting that big job); they can be seemingly insignificant but important to you (watching the first snowfall of the season). When you find yourself in a situation that starts to deplete you, find something to be grateful for. Begin to weave prayer into everyday activities – your morning commute, washing dishes, walking the dog. Start with thank you and work your way up from there. **Prayer: O God, how great thou art! Although we don't always show it, we always know it, and we are grateful for the many blessings you have bestowed on us. Give us the grace to recognize and rejoice in your unending goodness.**

**The sick are comforted just knowing that we pray for them. Please remember these members of our Parish Family, who are ill, in your prayers:** Mickey Foster, Beverly Lewis, Ray Mackey, Aidan McElgunn, Sheila Dahlke Moore, John Mecca, Susan Rose, Michael Boddie, John Boddie, James Boddie, Kathy Farrey, Art Farrey Sr., Ed Lent, Margaret Hesselgrave, Colin Lent, Eddie Lent, Sean Flaherty, Joao Manino Vaz, Marilu Selicco, Robin Pasquale, Phyllis Novohradsky, Kelsey Berger, George Malles, Peggy Finn, Omar Navarro, Maria Zavaglia, Mary Jane Sabatini, Paul Hughes and Stan Hojnacki who are sick.

<b>Saint Christopher and Saint Patrick Collections</b>	
<b>Regular Collection</b>	<b>Retirement Fund for Religious</b>
<b>\$3,996.00</b>	<b>\$2,453.00</b>

The winners of the **26 Week Club** for week #2 is #271, Arnold & Judith Elser. The seller was the Church.

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### **First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

### **Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.



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**HORARIO DE ATENCIÓN EN ESPAÑOL:**  
**LUNES, MARTES, JUEVES, VIERNES 5:00PM- 7:30PM**

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### **EVENTOS DE LA SEMANA DEL 17 AL 24 DE DICIEMBRE**

**Domingo 17 de Diciembre:** Segunda Colecta es para ayudar con las flores de Navidad que van en el Altar.

**Jueves 21 de Diciembre:** Grupo de Oración a las 7:30 pm. en el sótano del Salón Parroquial

**Domingo 24 de Diciembre:** Segunda Colecta es para ayudar con la Ofrenda de Navidad.

#### **Nota del Pastor**

A medida que se acerca la Navidad, agradecemos a muchos de nuestros feligreses, benefactores y amigos que brindan su amor y dedicación diaria para apoyar a nuestra parroquia.

El 2017 presentó muchas bendiciones a nuestra familia parroquial. Al entrar al Año Nuevo, recordamos con gratitud una vez más los sacrificios que nuestros antepasados hicieron para establecer un hermoso lugar de adoración para nuestras comunidades que vivieron en Verplanck, Montrose, Buchanan, Tarrytown, Peekskill y New City Rockland hace 175 años. El 175 ° aniversario de nuestra parroquia (San Patricio, ubicación Verplanck) es una ocasión para agradecer a Dios Todopoderoso y conmemorar los grandes recuerdos de los miembros fundadores de nuestra parroquia.

Como parte de la celebración de todo un año, hemos planeado varias actividades, que se anunciarán oportunamente, que deben revitalizar la comunidad antes de la ceremonia de clausura con la celebración solemne de la Misa Pontifical por nuestro querido Arzobispo, Cardenal Timothy Dolan, el 7 de octubre del 2018 a las 10 AM.

El consejo parroquial ha planeado una oportunidad para un emocionante viaje de peregrinación de siete días a Tierra Santa en algún momento en septiembre de 2018 como uno de los programas de renovación espiritual para nuestra comunidad parroquial durante este año del 175 aniversario. Tendremos la oportunidad de seguir los pasos de Jesús, los apóstoles y millones de otros santos hombres y mujeres santos. Tenemos la intención de visitar, orar y celebrar misas en Belén, Nazaret, Caná en Galilea, el Calvario, la Tumba de Jesús y mucho más. Si está interesado en unirse al grupo, llame a la rectoría y deje su información lo antes posible. Se proporcionará una información completa y detallada, incluido el precio, cuando finalicemos los preparativos del viaje.  
Padre George Onnoony, Pastor

**GRUPO DE ORACIÓN:** Todos los jueves a las 7:30 pm en el sótano del salón parroquial

**MISA DE DEVOCIONES:** Los segundos sábados del mes a las 7:30 pm.

**CONFESIONES:** Los primeros sábados del mes después de la Misa de las 7:30pm.

#### **HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD Y AÑO NUEVO**

SABADO 23 DE DICIEMBRE MISA A LAS 7:30 PM

DOMINGO 24 DE DICIEMBRE MISA A LA 1:30 PM

DOMINGO 24 DE DICIEMBRE MISA DE NOCHE BUENA A LAS 8:00 PM

LUNES 25 DE DICIEMBRE MISA DE NAVIDAD A LA 1:30 PM

SABADO 30 DE DICIEMBRE MISA A LAS 7:30 PM

DOMINGO 31 DE DICIEMBRE MISA DE FIN DE AÑO A LA 1:30 PM

LUNES 1 DE ENERO MISA DE AÑO NUEVO A LA 1:30 PM