

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Third Sunday of Advent

Enduring Joy. When we were children, we used to wait for the joy of the Christmas Season, and it seemed so long a time for its coming. The music in the air would be playing and our hearts and memories of Christmas would move our emotions with joy. Now as Christmas songs would play, we would wonder how fast Christmastime came, we were just celebrating New Year a "few days ago." **"Oh, how time flies..."** as the saying goes. Whether it may seem to be a long time to wait or short for this joyful season, let us always keep in mind that all these festivities and preparations induce in us the awaiting of the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus. When? Now is a suitable time to begin, and with patience we should await Christ Jesus as St. Paul says:

James 5:7...

**Be patient...
Until the coming of the Lord.
See how the farmer waits
For the precious fruit of the earth,
Being patient with it
Until it receives the early & late rains.**

**Make you're your hearts firm,
Because the coming of the Lord
Is at hand.**

Let us then patiently await the coming of our true joy, Jesus the Christ. Like a farmer who toils in this passing world with all its hardships, awaiting the fruit of the earth, let our true joy be in welcoming the Lord Jesus in our hearts and home this Christmastime. **Let Jesus Christ be our enduring joy, now & forever. Amen.**

Fr. Eric-Antonio Crelencia, OAR

Fr. John Gruben, OAR
Fr. J. Michael Rafferty, OAR



PRAYER FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and enlighten the darkness of our minds and hearts by your coming on earth; you who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit; one God forever and ever. (Someone lights **the rose candle** & two purple candles)

SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2025

**Reconciliation Monday
Monday, December 15
2:00pm to 4:00 & 6:00pm to 9:00pm
(Blessed Sacrament will be exposed)
Wednesday, December 17 at noon to 1:00pm
IN THE RECTORY**

Saturday, December 20TH – 3:00 to 5:00pm

**THE GIVING TREE
GIFTS ARE DUE TODAY SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 14TH.
THANK YOU EVERYONE!!**

A SPECIAL ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER

**THE JESSE TREE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 7:00PM**

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Come join us for this prayerful service of Readings from Sacred Scripture and Sacred Music to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Birth of our Savior. This is the same event joined with Our Lady's Guild Meeting.

SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS' NAME

**1st Sunday Advent - \$12,074.
Last Year's - \$14,539.**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**Lord come and save us.**

The Lord God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free.

Lord come and save us.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

PARISH CALENDAR**Sunday, December 14****Monday, December 15 – Reconciliation Monday****Confessions – 2 to 4pm and 6 to 9pm**

Novena Our Lady of Miraculous Medal after 9am Mass

Grupo Carismático-Cafeteria 7:30pm

Rel Ed. Gr 6 4:30 to 6

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Tuesday, December 16**Rel Ed. – Grs 3-5 – 4:30pm****Rel Ed. Grs 7 & 8 – 7:00pm-**

CYO –5 to 9

Wednesday, December 17

Immaculate Heart Prayer Group – 7:30pm Church

Grupo Estudio Biblico – 8pm in the cafeteria

Thursday, December 18

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Sons of Italy -5pm cafe

Friday, December 19**Prayer Shawl – 1pm gym**

CYO – 5 to 9 gym

Saturday, December 20**NO - Rel Ed. Grs 1 & 2 – 9:30am**

7:30am – St. Joseph's men's Bible Discussion- pre-k

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS BASKETS**

We are asking for donations of turkeys and Hams for the Christmas Baskets.

We will have drive in donations of food on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 17th - 2:00pm to 5:00pm

The baskets will be distributed on Friday, **December 19th Friday, from 10am until 12:00pm** in the parking lot (drive through). Please contribute if possible. This is

St. Vincent DePaul Society's Annual Christmas event to help the needy in our midst and this year with the help and support of the Suffern Community Foundation. Thank you for your help!

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!
MARCH for LIFE in Washington, D.C.**

Friday - January 23rd, 2026

~ more info will be shared in the near future ~

Questions: email-rocklandrighttolife@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS 2025**SCHEDULE****WEDNESDAY****CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH****MASSES**

4:00PM Church, 5:30PM

8:00PM – ESPAÑOL MASS

12:00AM- MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY,

DECEMBER 25TH

8:30AM

10:00AM, 11:30AM,

4:00PM ESPAÑOL

**THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"

But she was greatly troubled at the saying and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end."

SISTERS OF LIFE

Providing Life-affirming choices for women: If you know someone who is struggling, please urge them to contact: www.visitationcenterus.org or call (877)777-1277. **Have you suffered an abortion?** Experience God's love and mercy and begin the journey of healing. Please call the Sisters of Life: 866-575-0075 or e-mail: hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following child who was recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

HAILEY ARIANA PORTILLO

Child of Cristian and Karen



Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: Helene Marie Biby, Andrew Bylec, Elantoniette Camagong, Ronald Carlucci, Siobhan Casey, Ramon Noel Creencia, Angie Clifford, Joseph Collins Jr., Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Gina Conklin, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Laudelina Crowley, Eileen Caulin, Janet Curcione, Joe Davey, William Daniels, Alice Diebner, Carol Deery, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Cledha Desir, Phyllis Domino, Marge Diebner, Karen DeJoie, Mary Discini, John Duffy, Jacqui Elder, Doris Fina, Ginny & Sonny Figula, , Teddy Girvan, Joseph Gilson, Spiros Grmmenos, Gail Griggs, Mary Guarnieri, Senan Halpin, Maureen Hayes, Catherine Howard, John Hughes, Rev. Charles Huse OAR, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Yvonne Gangone Ingui, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Thomas Kelly, Eileen Kennedy, Rick Konrad, Steven C. Klumpp, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Robert Liggio, Ginger Listwan, Vasily Lockhart, Laura Mack, Matthew Luludis, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Chris Mayorga, Richard McCarthy, Thomas McGrath, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Leonor Medranda, Jacob Mendelsohn, Joyce Miller, Iraida Molina, Aida Morales, Vanessa Morales, John Murphy, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Nancy Overend, Leona Overend, Nolita Padilla, Joseph Payne, Shace Paljusevic, Noreen Pidgeon, Barbara Procopio, James Procopio, Danny Ranke, Tony Ramos, Milton Ramos, Jerry Reilly Sr., Rose Romeo, Della Russell, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, Abdul Shakur, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Thomas Sullivan, Grace & Patrick Sullivan, Rose Stark, Maureen Starke, Lindsey Sterling, Shaun Stein, Patricia Steiper, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Lissette Taylor, Gary W., Elisa Greco Wegman, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, and Yolanda Yarleque.

ALTAR MEMORIALS

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Altar Candles In Memory of DR. LEO GRECO



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones, especially:

**BOOSTER CLUB
WEEK 13
J. WOOD**



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

7AM & 9:00AM DAILY – (MON. – FRIDAY)
SATURDAY – 9AM (FOLLOWED BY THE ROSARY)
SATURDAY VIGILS – 5:30PM AND 7:15PM

SUNDAYS

8:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM 4:00PM (S)
AND 5:30PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00am – † Mary Moclair

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5:30pm – † Janet Tamburro

7:15pm – † Rogelia Baizabal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:30am – † Cornelius McGreevy Sr.

10:00am – † John Kelly

11:30am – † Richard & Eileen Doran

4:00pm – † Victor Falcon Cobus /
Victoria Aquilar Flores

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00am – † Fr. Maximo Arancón Santamaria, OAR

9:00am – † Dennis O'Connell

CONFESSIONS – 2 to 4 and 6 to 9pm

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00am – Special Intentions Miya Lawrence

9:00am – Special Intentions Edgar Ruiz

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:00am – † Fr. Maximo Arancón Santamaria, OAR

9:00am – † Dorothy Corcillo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:00am – Special Intention Michael Cheeseman

9:00am – † Jerry Peden

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00am – † Fr. Maximo Arancón Santamaria, OAR

9:00am – † Giuseppe La Placa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:00am – Special Intention Ellen Smith

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30pm – † Patricia & Louis Diamond

7:15pm – † Alejandro Carreño /

Bernaldina Lopez Utrera

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30am – † Greeley, Statham & McGovern Family

10:00am – † Jerry Peden

11:30am – † Charles Picarelli

4:00pm – † David Falcon Aquilar

5:30pm – All Parishioners / Parish Memorial