



Good and gracious God, physician and healer, we pray that you will lay your healing hands upon those who are sick and restore them back to health through your divine grace, love and compassion. In Jesus we pray. Amen

Idalia Vázquez, Kathy Barletti, Lucille Strychalsky, Maria Garcia Abreu, Lourdezery Bisono, Bob Tornese, Amanda Fonseca, Elva Abraham, Fr. Frank Scanlon, Gina Rudelli, Dominick Ruocco, Elouise Davis, Vincent Porpora, Janet Decarlo, Joanne Rescigno, Angela Lake, Barbara Steele, Marie Maignan, Dorcas Wilson, Daniel Williams, Steven Baez, Yves Terrible, Margaret & Edward Helm, Craig Wells, Thomas Kelsey, Robert Fredrickson and Melissa Thompson.



O Lord, creator and redeemer of all your faithful people, we pray that those we love who have gone before us in faith may know your mercy, light, and peace; and the blessings of everlasting life. Amen

December – Rolando Gongora, Louise Castro

January – Luke Gallagher, Frances Caldararo, Natalie Aurricchio

February- Steven Ortega

March – Marivel Suarez

April – Kermit Boreland, Jane E. Serio

May – Curt Anthony Virgin

June - Philip Skulsky, Mario Dominguez, Cristina Benitez, Richard Vason

July - Monica May, Maria Vaquero, Larry Genova, Essamma Thomas

August -Charlie Altatonna, Maria Sanabria Kenny Mary Kelly, Rene Rosario

September- Juanita De Jesus, Lukas Roberts jr.

October- Ruth Nordone

November –Altagracia Cruz, Rolando Vazquez Frank Castro

Placing an inscribed ornament on our Christmas Memorial Tree is a beautiful way to remember a deceased member of your family or a friend; a beautiful way to ask for prayers for healing or special intentions or a beautiful way to recognize your family. If you want to place an ornament on the beautiful Christmas trees in the sanctuary, please fill out the special envelope in the vestibule of the Church and return it by December 15.

The Knights of Columbus Council 410 of Mount Vernon, NY donated 24 winter coats for young people both boys & girls in need of a warm coat. We are happy to say that they all have been given out to the boys & girls. Thank You once again to the Knights of Columbus.

If you would like to memorialize one of the Poinsettia Plants or Wreaths in the Church at Christmas, there are special envelopes in which you can indicate the names you wish on the plant or wreath and your donation. Return them as soon as possible in the collection basket or drop them off at the Rectory.

Once again, we have been asked by the New York Covenant Church in New Rochelle, N.Y. to collect Men's & Women's Winter Coats. These coats will be distributed to the local community through Isaiah's Room of the Church. You can drop off the coats at the St. Mary-Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

The Secular Franciscans of Little Portion Fraternity are grateful for all of your support & participation in our annual "Cookie Walk." Thank you for your generosity in supporting our fraternity ministry. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas & many blessings in the New Year.

Today we light the fourth candle of our Advent Wreath. "Rorate Caeli desuper et nubes pluant justum Aperiator terra et germinet Salvatorem." "Drop down dew ye heavens from above and let the clouds rain down the just one and let the earth bring forth the savior "From Isaiah 45:8 The opening words of the antiphon for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

~ ~ From the Pastor's Desk ~ ~

Lord, in the season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life-burdens that steal the joy right out of our Christmas stockings... Lord, this is my prayer not only on Christmas Day but until I see you face to face may I live my life this way: May hunger disappear and terrorists cease their senseless acts. May people live in freedom, worshiping as they see fit, loving others. May the sanctity of Life be ever preserved. May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme. Lord, in this holy season of prayer and song and laughter, we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger. We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child. We behold his glory, and are bathed in its radiance. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Not gold, nor myrrh, nor even frankincense would I have for you this season, but simple gifts, the ones that are hardest to find, the ones that are perfect, even for those who have everything. Your prophets, called to make known your Word proclaiming justice, convicting sin, displaying fruits of your love and grace. Comfort, comfort my people, says our God and the glory of the Lord will be revealed. God of love, thank you for the gift you have given us in bringing us together. On this day when we celebrate your birth, may we take another step closer to each other in intimacy. With your guidance, we want to be more loving and thoughtful, less protective and defensive around each other. May we dedicate this day to renewing our love. Help us to stay focused on You, this Christmastime and always, so that we might truly have a very Merry Christmas.

Parish Ministries for Next Weekend -December 28, 2019 & December 29, 2019

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm	MaryAnn DiLiberti	Carmel Healy, Dorothy Satriale Donna Premuto,
8:30 am	Pat Spana	Rich Spana Suzanne Palmadessa Joseph Barletti
11:30 am	Diane Papa Phil Papa	Dahlia Gonzalez, Terry Geil Peter Ricca, Sylvia Mahoney Kathy Angrisani
Greeters for 12/29/19: Lurine Moody & Jeanette Rogers		

Calendar of Upcoming Events - December 23 - December 28, 2019

23 Monday	7:00 pm	Westchester Grupo de Oración – Parish Hall
24 Tuesday		Christmas Eve
25 Wednesday		The Nativity of the Lord
26 Thursday		No School of Religion
27 Friday	7:00 pm	Food Pantry Closed Circulo de Oración – Parish Hall
28 Saturday		



December 15, 2019 \$5,984.00 / December 16, 2018 \$4,958.00

~~ Desde El Escritorio Del Pastor ~~

La colocación de un ornamento inscrito en nuestro árbol conmemorativo de la Navidad es una manera hermosa de recordar a un miembro fallecido de su familia o de un amigo; Una hermosa manera de pedir oraciones por sanidad o intenciones especiales. Una manera hermosa de reconocer a su familia. Si desea colocar un adorno en los hermosos árboles de Navidad en el santuario, por favor llene el sobre especial en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia y devuélvalo lo antes posible 15 de diciembre.

El Consejo 410 de los Caballeros de Colón de Mount Vernon, Nueva York, ha donado 24 abrigo de invierno para jóvenes, tanto niños como niñas que necesitan un abrigo cálido. Están disponibles en la Rectoría y en la sacristía después de la misa. Gracias una vez más a los Caballeros de Colón.

Si usted quisiera conmemorar una de las plantas de Poinsettia o de las coronas en la Iglesia en Navidad, hay sobres especiales en los que puede indicar los nombres que desea en la planta o corona y su donación. Devuélvalos tan pronto como sea posible en la canasta de recolección o déjelos en la Rectoría.

Una vez más, la Iglesia del Pacto de Nueva York nos ha pedido en New Rochelle, Nueva York, que recolectemos abrigo de invierno para hombres y mujeres. Estos abrigo se distribuirán a la comunidad local a través de la Sala de la Iglesia de Isaías. Puede dejar las costas en la Iglesia de Santa María-Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo.

Hoy encendemos la cuarta vela de nuestra corona de Adviento. "Rorate Caeli desuper et nubes pluant justum Aperiatur terra et germinet Salvatorem." Caed el rocío de los cielos desde arriba y que las nubes llueva y abra la tierra para dar a luz a un Salvador. Isaías 45:8 Las primeras palabras de antiponal para el cuarto domingo de Adviento."

Señor, en la temporada en que cada corazón debe ser feliz y ligero, muchos de nosotros estamos luchando con la pesadez de las cargas de la vida que roban la alegría de nuestras medias navideñas ... Señor, esta es mi oración no solo el día de Navidad sino hasta Te veo cara a cara si puedo vivir mi vida de esta manera: que el hambre desaparezca y que los terroristas cesen sus actos sin sentido. Que la gente viva en libertad, adorando como les parezca, amando a los demás. Que la santidad de la vida se conserve siempre. Que la paz, la paz eterna, reine suprema. Señor, en este tiempo sagrado de oración, canciones y risas, te alabamos por las grandes maravillas que nos has enviado: por la estrella brillante y la canción del ángel, por el llanto de un bebé en un humilde pesebre. Te alabamos por la Palabra hecha carne en un niño pequeño. Contemplamos su gloria, y estamos bañados en su resplandor. Que la mañana de Navidad nos haga felices de ser tus hijos, y la noche de Navidad nos traiga a nuestras camas con pensamientos agradecidos, perdonadores y perdonados, por el amor de Jesús. Ni oro ni mirra, ni siquiera incienso tendría para ti esta temporada, sino regalos simples, los que son más difíciles de encontrar, los que son perfectos, incluso para aquellos que lo tienen todo. Sus profetas, llamados a dar a conocer su Palabra proclamando justicia, condenando el pecado, mostrando frutos de su amor y gracia. Comodidad, consuelo, pueblo mío, dice que nuestro Dios y la gloria del Señor serán revelados. Dios del amor, gracias por el regalo que nos has dado al unirnos. En este día cuando celebramos su nacimiento, podemos dar un paso más cerca el uno del otro en la intimidad. Con su guía, queremos ser más amorosos y reflexivos, menos protectores y defensivos el uno con el otro. Que podamos dedicar este día a renovar nuestro amor. Ayúdanos a mantenernos enfocados en Ti, estas Navidad y siempre hacer eso podremos tener una muy Feliz Navidad.

December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The pressure is on to deliver. No, I'm not thinking of the Post Office, or Fed-Ex or Amazon. In these waning days of Advent 2019, what I refer to is the pressure you or I just might be feeling about any personal promises we made this pre-Christmas season to God, or family and friends with an eye to making this Christmas even more special. Concerning God, your Advent resolution hopefully included some extra time spent in prayer. Or maybe a long-delayed confession. As to family, a renewed effort to "make it work" with some challenging member, a project that began at Thanksgiving dinner. Your kinder thoughts of him/her now translated into a Christmas card or a phone call, or gladly joining them around the family Christmas tree. As for friends, especially those geographically distant, you made some time together via Skype or texting if not a visit. As we read St. Matthew's Christmas account today, we might note some differences in it from St. Luke's version. They are often combined in the popular versions. Chief among them is the prominent role St. Matthew gives to St. Joseph, which Luke does not. This Matthew did for the comfort of his primarily Jewish audience. Joseph is the link with the House of David, a long-held qualification of their expected Messiah. This happenstance gives us the perfect time to focus on St. Joseph. He is almost a forgotten saint, despite the fact that he is the foster father of Christ; the Patron of the Universal Church, and a perfect model of true masculinity. What we note also is his outstanding integrity; constant patience; and inspirational obedience. All three characteristics, far from a complete list, will be a working document for all of us to live our Catholic faith in a better way from December 25 into the fast approaching 2020. In vision rating that number is perfection at the eye doctor's office. I admit that notion puts some inherent pressure on us all. But like cardio exercise that is good for the heart, so truly living our faith every day is good for the soul. And I'd like to add that St. Joseph models skills that fit in with a modern context. What is "time management" other than priority adherence and obedience to a command for prayer? What is "goal setting" other than healthy obedience to a higher power? Carefully read between the lines of St. Joseph's story. Note that it has no memorable speech but action aplenty. When St. Joseph's virtues become part of our own biographies, they bring us the elusive joy of peace. I close with the thought of the late Menachem Begin, former Prime Minister of Israel: "Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child, the love of a mother, the joy of a father, the togetherness of a family. It is the advancement of man, the victory of a just cause, the triumph of truth." A blessed Christmas to you and yours.



**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2019**

Saturday, 12/21/19	9:00 am 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Raul R Ferreira (Birthday in Heaven) Isabella Ruiz (Sweet Fifteen Spanish Mass) Helen Fiorentino (Birthday in Heaven) Hector Cintron (Deceased)
Sunday, 12/22/19	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Mary Broder (First Anniversary in Heaven) Rahmi Makashi & Zenepe Makashi (Difunto) Lisbeth Yarishna Miranda Lopez (Bautismo) Maryann & John DeSantis (Deceased)
Monday, 12/23/19	9:00 am	Josephine Solano (21 st Anniversary in Heaven)
Tuesday 12/24/19	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Frank Calamari & Joseph Spear (Deceased) Margaret Koster (Birthday in Heaven) Ives & Rolando Vazquez (Fallicedos)
Wednesday, 12/25/19	10:00 am 11:30 am	Jose Hernandez & Steven Ty Oretga (Deceased) Marivel Suarez (Deceased)
Thursday, 12/26/19	9:00 am	Tony Costello (Health)
Friday, 12/27/19	9:00 am	Eugene Pogeweit (Deceased)
Saturday, 12/28/19	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Michael Phillips (Birthday in Heaven) Mrs. Learner (Special Intention) No Intenciones en Español
Sunday, 12/29/19	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Winifred Johnson (Deceased) No Intenciones en Español Beverly Saline (Deceased)