



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, Lourdzery Biseno, Bob Tornese, Amanda Fonseca, Elva Abraham, Gina Rudelli, Dominick Ruocco, Elouise Davis, Vincent Porpora, Janet Decarlo, Joanne Rescigno, Barbara Steele, Marie Maignan, Dorcas Wilson, Daniel Williams, Steven Baez Yves Terrible, Margaret & Edward Helm, Craig Wells, Thomas Kelsey, Robert Fredrickson, Melissa Thompson and Melina St. Hilaire



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

January – Luke Gallagher, Frances Caldararo, Natalie Aurrichio
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 Vázquez
Frank Castro

December – Louise Castro, Msgr. James E. White
Rev. Carlos Rodriguez

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.

There will be a Charismatic Healing Mass in Spanish on the First Friday of the month of January, January 3, 2020 at 7:30pm. All are invited to attend.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have designated January 5-11, 2020 as National Migration Week. Lord, fill our hearts with your compassion for the migrant. We know your special love for those with no other possessions but one another and you.

Next Sunday, January 5, 2020 is the Feast of the Three Kings. We are expecting a special visit during the 9:45am and 11:30am Masses from travelers from the East who are following a star.

Today we celebrate the Feast of The Holy Family. We tend to forget that the First Family of the Christian Church had their trials too. We are upset because things don't succeed the way we want them to. Even in the Family of Nazareth we see joys and sorrows. When we meet problems in our families we must repeat over and over again to ourselves, so as the better to express the truth in our minds. That no disturbance of events must ever carry away our hearts and minds into an unevenness of temper. Like The Holy Family, God will guide us on our way no matter how difficult it may be. (Adopted from St. Frances de Sales' "Severity of the Heart".)

Masses for the Celebration of the New Year 2020 and The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God, are the following:

December 31, 2019, New Years Eve 5pm in English and 7pm in Spanish.

January 1, 2020, New Year's Day 10am in English and 11:30am in Spanish.

Since we celebrate the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, on New Years Day, may we take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and peaceful New Year.

~ ~ 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 -January 4, 2020 & January 5, 2019

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
5:00 pm	MaryAnn DiLiberti	Donna Permuto Rich Spana Pat Spana
8:30 am	Ellen Archer	Joseph Barletti Mary Barletti Sr. Georgina
11:30 am	Terry Geil Lisette Gongora	Gloria Bai, Brian Hunt, Arlene Love Rosemarie Ruel, Patrice Flowers
Greeters for 1/5/20: Sandi, Stephanie & Jadin Maraj		

Calendar of Upcoming Events - December 30- January 5, 2019

30 Monday	7:00 pm	Westchester Grupo de Oración – Parish Hall
31 Tuesday	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Solemnity of Mary/New Year's Eve (English Mass) Solemnidad de María /Fin de Año (Misa en Español)
1 Wednesday	10:00 am 11:30 am	Solemnity of Mary/ New Year's Day (English Mass) Solemnidad de María/Año Nuevo (Misa en Español)
2 Thursday		No School of Religion
3 Friday	4:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Food Pantry Holy Hour- Hora Santa Spanish Healing Mass- Misa De Sanación
4 Saturday	9:00 am	Secular Franciscans Order- Parish Hall



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

~~ Desde El Escritorio Del Pastor ~~

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 abrigos de invierno para hombres y mujeres. Estos abrigos 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.

Habrà una misa de sanación carismática en español el primer viernes del mes de enero, 3 de enero de 2020 a las 7:30 pm. Todos están invitados a asistir.

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos ha designado del 5 al 11 de enero de 2020 como la Semana Nacional de la Migración. Señor, llena nuestros corazones con tu compasión por el migrante. Conocemos tu amor especial por aquellos que no tienen otras posesiones sino el uno por el otro y por ti.

El próximo domingo 5 de enero de 2020 es la fiesta de los Reyes Magos. Esperamos una visita especial durante las misas de las 9:45 a.m. y las 11:30 a.m. de los viajeros del Oriente que siguen a una estrella.

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia. Tendemos a olvidar que la Primera Familia de la Iglesia Cristiana también tuvo sus pruebas. Nos molestamos porque las cosas no tienen éxito como queremos que lo hagan. Incluso en la Familia de Nazaret vemos alegrías y tristezas, cuando enfrentamos problemas en nuestras familias debemos repetirnos una y otra vez, para así expresar mejor la verdad en nuestras mentes. Que ninguna perturbación de los acontecimientos debe llevar nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes a un temperamento desigual. Al igual que La Sagrada Familia, Dios nos guiará en nuestro camino, no importa cuán difícil pueda ser. (Adoptado de "La gravedad del corazón" de St. Frances de Sales.)

Las misas para la celebración del Año Nuevo 2020 y La solemnidad de María, la Madre de Dios, son las siguientes:
31 de diciembre de 2019, Noche vieja 5pm en inglés y 7pm en español.

1 de enero de 2020, día de Año Nuevo 10 a.m. en inglés y 11:30 a.m. en español.

Dado que celebramos la Fiesta de María, la Madre de Dios, en el Día de Año Nuevo, aprovechemos la oportunidad para deseárselos a todos un Feliz y tranquilo Año Nuevo.

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 podrecimos tener una muy Feliz Navidad.

December 29, 2019 – Feast of the Holy Family: Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Last October I was honored by an invitation to preach at a suburban Philadelphia parish for its annual Forty Hours Devotion. I was warmly received by the pastor and his staff. I soon learned from the parish secretary that she and others on the staff had all attended the parish school together. That coincidence added to their camaraderie at the lunch table. That same secretary had opined that for them “this town is the center of the universe.” That description of a certain beloved place could easily have applied at a unique time to a tiny, dusty village called Nazareth. It was God’s choice for at least 30 years as “the center of the universe.” We know why. But that very idea would have been laughable to Our Lord’s contemporaries. For all its subsequent fame and ultimate glory, little Nazareth is not even mentioned in the whole Old Testament. As for that prophecy we read today, scholars tell us that St. Matthew was using a little creative imagination based on texts that only hinted at the town’s name. On this Holy Family Sunday, dare I take that heartfelt description of a town and apply it to our families? They are, or should be, the center of our little universes, should they not? I know that’s a risky thing to say, seeing how so many families struggle these days. Just staying in touch is sometimes difficult. Staying together often develops into a challenge. Using our cell phones, tablets and computers helps. Social media may ease the strain. But none of those can overcome the devastating effects of divorce. Skipping over other possible obstacles, there is also that anger and resentment that arises sometimes once the will of a parent or other relative is presented by the family lawyer. The Reconciliation Room walls in many a Catholic church could tell you more. Yet all those obstacles are not insuperable. This is especially so when we meet them with good will and open minds, topped off by the attitude Jesus taught by word and example about our dealings with other residents of our planet. Add to that St. Paul’s “recipe” for right relations in this weekend’s Second Reading. We know that even the Holy Family had its difficulties. There were those inconvenient travel orders given to St. Joseph which he met with his exemplary obedience. The burden was shared by a pregnant Blessed Mother. Later, both parents were faced with the fright and temporary helplessness of a lost child. Then came that boy Child’s upsetting question: “Did you not know that I had to be about My Father’s business?” To these we add the presumed early death of St. Joseph. Then there were the seven sorrows foretold by Simeon of Mary, leading to her place at the foot of the Cross. One substantial help for all our families amid the present social upheaval in our Western culture is that attributed to the late Father Patrick Peyton: “The family that prays together stays together.” It’s not an outdated slogan. I even spotted that recently on a roadside billboard. I believe it’s worth a try. To which I add that that’s the real beauty of a family at Mass. I admire the parents of babies and toddlers, who bring them to church nicely dressed and ready for prayer, despite the work that must entail. While we all work to heal our center, there’s always humor to soften the edges of the effort. Here is a sampling of family-based humor from three past comedians. From the late Bob Hope: “I grew up with six brothers. That’s how I learned to dance—waiting for the bathroom!” Buddy Hackett: “As a child, my family’s menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it.” And finally, Sam Levenson: “The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.” Today, take some time to enjoy being part of a family.



**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29, 2019**

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)
Monday, 12/30/19	9:00 am	Edith Leon (1 st Anniversary in Heaven)
Tuesday 12/31/19	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	No Mass Intentions Requested No Mass Intentions Requested Silvia Tirado (Feliz Cumpleaños)
Wednesday, 1/1/20	10:00 am 11:30 am	Many Blessings for the Vazquez & Cruz Family Msgr. James E. White (Deceased)
Thursday, 1/2/20	9:00 am	Martha Lord Beglan (Deceased)
Friday, 1/3/20	9:00 am	Frank Calamari (12 th Anniversary in Heaven)
Saturday, 1/4/20	9:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	No Mass Intentions Requested Healing Mass Katherine Moran & Family (Special Intention) Rev. Carlos Rodríguez (Deceased)
Sunday, 1/5/20	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:30 am	Michael Phillips (2nd Anniversary in Heaven) No Intenciones en Español Patricia Wood Hrushesky (Deceased)