

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, Lourdizery Bisono, 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, Melissa Thompson, Maureen Heaney, Henry Trusty, Lynn Adair, Anthony & Margie Signore, Vincent & Richard, Adriana and Alex.



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 November –Altagracia Cruz, Rolando Vázquez Frank Castro

December – Msgr.James E. White, Melina St. Hilaire, Rev. Carlos Rodriguez,

January – Terri Fava, Vonzula Walker, Dominic Ciccone Sr. Mary F. Norrington, Robert Fredrickson

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

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 St. Mary-Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.

Dear St. Valentine, help us learn to love unselfishly and to find great joy in giving. Enable all true lovers to bring out the best in each other.

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$412.00. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit <a href="https://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections">www.usccb.org/nationalcollections</a>.

Lent is a 40-Day journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each day during Lent, CRS Rice Bowl invites you to reflect on how your Lenten sacrifices can help families around the world overcome the challenges of hunger and poor nutrition. When you donate to CRS Rice Bowl, even a small offering has the potential to feed many. Jesus fed thousands with a few loaves of bread and two fish. Let us follow his example, committing our 40-day Lenten journey to meeting the needs of our global human family. Catholic Relief Services has been a leading international humanitarian agency since 1943. Highly trusted and globally respected. They partner around the world to end poverty, disease, hunger and injustice-always based on need, not creed. As the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. They help Catholics in parishes, dioceses and schools live their faith by participating in programs that work to end poverty and injustice worldwide. You can return your Rice Bowl Lenten Donation anytime during Lent. You can put them in the Sunday Collection basket or drop them off at the Rectory.

## ~ ~ From the Pastor's Desk ~ ~

### 2020 Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal

The works that are represented in the *Cardinal's Appeal* make tangible the mission of the Church in our communities at a time when – some might say – the world is most in need of such a witness. The Cardinal's Appeal is our faith at work in the world, attesting to who we are and the values we represent. I am grateful to you because I know that your gift not only changes lives, but it opens hearts to the person of Jesus Christ, as only acts of service performed in His holy name can. I thank you for your continued support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. It is in this Spirit of unity, sacrifice, and thanksgiving that we contribute as your means allow you to the Cardinals Annual Stewardship Appeal. Everyone will be given the opportunity to make a pledge to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal campaign and help us achieve our goal of \$34,000.00.

### **Presidents Day 2020**

Monday, February 17, 2020 is Presidents Day, a Federal Holiday. Originally established in 1885 is recognition of President George Washington, the holiday became popularly known as Presidents Day after it was moved as part of 1971's Uniform Monday Holiday Act. It has been viewed as a day to celebrate the U.S presidents past and present.

### Parísh Mínístríes for Next Weekend -February 22, 2020 & February 23, 2020

Time	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers		
5:00 pm	MaryAnn DiLiberti	Donna Permuto, Rich Spana,		
		Pat Spana,		
8:30 am	Ellen Archer	Nancy Ramos, Dorothy Satriale		
		Sr.Georgina		
11:30 am	MaryAnn LaMassa	Peter Ricca, Johanna Vennochi		
	Beth Markowitz	Gini Ricca, Brian Hunt		
		Lisette Gongora		
Greeters for 2/23/20: Toni Rowel & Sandra McMichael				

## Calendar of Upcoming Events - February 10, - February 15, 2020

17 Monday	7:00 pm	Westchester Grupo de Oración – Parish Hall
18 Tuesday	12:30 pm	Healing Service
19 Wednesday	12:30 pm	Healing Services
	8:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Meeting -Parish Hall
20 Thursday	9:45 am	Morning Prayers in the Church
21 Friday	4:00 pm	Food Pantry
	7:00 pm	Circlulo De Oracion
22 Saturday		



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Una vez más, la Iglesia New York Covenant en New Rochelle, Nueva York nos ha pedido, 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 los abrigos en la Iglesia de Santa María-Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo.

La Campaña de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal 2020

Las obras que están representadas en la Campaña del Cardenal hacen tangible la misión de la Iglesia en nuestras comunidades en un momento en que, algunos podrían decir, el mundo necesita más ese testigo. La Campaña del Cardenal es nuestra fe en el trabajo en el mundo, que atestigua quiénes somos y los valores que representamos. Te estoy agradecido porque sé que tu don no solo cambia vidas, sino que abre corazones a la persona de Jesucristo, ya que solo los actos de servicio realizados en su santo nombre pueden hacerlo. Le agradezco su continuo apoyo a la Campaña Anual de Administración del Cardenal. Es en El espíritu de unidad, sacrificio y acción de gracias que anunciamos hoy la Apelación anual del Cardenal. Todos tendrán la oportunidad de comprometerse con la campaña de apelación anual del Cardenal y ayudarnos a alcanzar nuestra meta de \$ 34,000.00.

Querido San Valentín, ayúdanos a aprender a amar desinteresadamente y a encontrar una gran alegría al dar. Permita que todos los verdaderos amantes saquen lo mejor de cada uno.

¡Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la Colecta Peter's Pence! Como parroquia, recaudamos \$412.00. Nuestras contribuciones se juntarán con aquellas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas alrededor del mundo para ayudar al papa Francisco a proporcionar una ayuda crucial a los más necesitados. ¡Si no les fue posible contribuir a la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

#### Día de los Presidentes 2020

El lunes 17 de febrero del 2020 es el Día de los Presidentes, un día feriado federal. Originalmente establecido en 1885 es un reconocimiento del presidente George Washington, el día feriado se hizo popularmente conocido como Día de los Presidentes después de que se trasladó como parte de la Ley Uniforme de Feriados de 1971. Ha sido visto como un día para celebrar a los presidentes de los Estados Unidos en el pasado y el presente.

La Cuaresma es una Jornada de 40 Días de oración, ayuno y donativos. Cada día durante la Cuaresma, Plato de Arroz de CRS te invita a reflexionar sobre como tus sacrificios de Cuaresma pueden ayudar a las familias de todo el mundo a superar los desafíos del hambre y la mala nutrición. Cuando haces un donativo a Plato de Arroz de CRS, incluso una pequeña ofrenda tiene el potencial de alimentar a muchos. Jesús alimento a miles con cinco panes y dos peces. Sigamos su ejemplo, dedicando nuestra jornada de Cuaresma de 40 días por las necesidades de nuestra familia humana global. Desde 1943, Catholic Relief Services ha sido una agencia humanitaria internacional líder. Altamente confiable y respetada a nivel mundial, nos asociamos en todo el mundo para acabar con la pobreza, la enfermedad, el hambre y la injusticia, basándonos siempre en la necesidad, no en la religión. Como la agencia oficial internacional humanitaria de la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos, ayudamos a los católicos de las parroquias, diocesis y escuelas a vivir su fe al participar en programas que trabajan para erradicar la pobreza y la injusticia en todo el mundo. Puede devolver su Donación de Cuaresma de Plato de Arroz en cualquier momento durante la Cuaresma. Puede ponerlos en la canasta de la Colección Dominical o dejarlos en la Rectoría.

February 16, 2020 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Perhaps, like me, you are already weary of our overly long presidential campaign season. Here we are, a full nine months before the election of 2020, and already we have been dunned with polling results, discussion, debates, and debacles. Our democratic freedoms seem to come these days with a high price of patience. In an analogous way, we could say that Our Lord Jesus Christ was a campaigner during His time on earth. Not for any earthly high office, for sure, but for the hearts and minds of all the people He would reach among His contemporaries and all who would learn of Him in the future. That includes our hearts and minds. However, there is much that distinguishes Him from any earthbound seekers of political office. For one thing, Our Lord was totally transparent (to use a present day description of honesty); He made no promises He would not keep; and He assured His early followers of His upcoming victory over the competing evil forces against Him. Even more marvelous to ponder, He held out the promise to all mankind of a shared victory over all the obstacles that would lead to a future so beautifully described by St. Paul in First Corinthians. Of course, we know Jesus had to pay a high price for all His declarations. It was cross-shaped. It was also apt for all those among the Jewish elite and their Roman overlords who found Him at (dare I say it?) crosspurposes with all that they held dear. To them, freedom was thought a restricted right in a world so replete with slavery. For the Jews, their ancient Law was held to be the Word of God, inviolable and sacrosanct. For the Romans, riches and power were everything. Politics was the tool most likely to help one get them both. If there was any truth to the myths surrounding their gods, they could be placated with hollow prayers and weird ceremony. So they wondered about Jesus. "Just who was this upstart from Nazareth? And why give Him any credence? Yet how explain the mysterious magnetism He projected and the crowds He drew? Somehow or other He must be stopped, or eliminated from the scene." We know that's just what they did. After that, they wrongly thought they could relax until the news came on the Third Day. What they had thought was the end was just the beginning. Of course, that's not our outlook thanks to our gift of faith. Yet, we all have to be careful that while we honor Him at Mass we often forget Him by the time we get to the parking lot. From time to time we devise clever but fast fading slogans like "WWJD?" We even call Him "Superstar." But if we're going to be honest, we must acknowledge that believing in Him is far easier than obeying His teaching. You see, doctrine and doing are like the two chemical ingredients of salt, which is composed of two poisons: sodium and chlorine. If we ingested either of the two poisons, we would die. But if we combine them properly, we have sodium chloride, which is common table salt that gives flavor to our food and indeed life and health to our bodies. So, too, are faith and good works inseparable. Knowing that, may I ask, Does "Candidate Jesus" have your vote to be "King of Hearts?" More importantly, does he have your heart?

# Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 16, 2020

Saturday, 2/15/20	9:00 am	Ann Smith (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Heaven)
,, ,	5:00 pm	Michael & Nora Hyland (Anniversary in Heaven)
	7:00 pm	Anthony & Margie Signore (Health)
Sunday, 2/16/20	8:30 am	Rosemary & Benjamin Chase (Wedding Anniversary in Heaven)
	9:45 am	Paige E Lembert (Difunta)
	11:30 am	Shante Mishawn Lewis & martin Magdaleno (Deceased)
Monday, 2/17/20	9:00 am	Grace & Al Leichman (Deceased)
Tuesday 2/18/20	9:00 am	Michael Denihan (Health)
	12:30 pm	Clara Vazquez (Health)
Wednesday, 2/19/20	9:00 am	For the people of the Parish
Thursday, 2/20/20	9:00 am	For the Little Portion Fraternity
Friday, 2/21/20	9:00 am	Anthony & Margie Signore (Health)
Saturday, 2/22/20	9:00 am	Luke Gallagher (14 <sup>th</sup> Birthday in Heaven)
	5:00 pm	Steven Ty Ortega ( 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary in Heaven)
	7:00 pm	Jose & Rosa Rodriguez (27 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)
Sunday, 2/23/20	8:30 am	Health of Rafael Roman-Recovery from Surgery
	9:45 am	No Intenciones en Español
	11:30 am	Ed Aurisy (Birthday In heaven)