

**FEBRUARY 28, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS INTENTIONS – BUCHANAN LOCATION

Saturday, February 27th
7:30 P.M. Dorancy Gonzalez

Sunday, February 28th
8:45 A.M. People of the Parish
11:30 A.M. Arthur Simeoni
1:30 P.M. Mariana Pintado

Monday, February 29th
8:00 A.M. Joseph Davis

Tuesday, March 1st
8:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Wednesday, March 2nd
8:00 A.M. Michael & Anne Lynch/Nora Lynch

Thursday, March 3rd
8:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Friday, March 4th
8:00 A.M. Margiotta & Lombardi Families

Saturday, March 5th
8:00 A.M. Living & Dec'd Members of Feely Family
7:30 P.M. Dorancy Gonzalez

Sunday, March 6th
8:45 A.M. Stephen Keenan & David Palmisano
11:30 A.M. John Finn
1:30 P.M.

ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, February 27th
5:00 P.M. Lisa Pasquale
7:30 P.M. Lilana, Melaniey & Arlene Gordillo

Sunday, February 28th
8:45 A.M. Christopher Boonstra, Tony Mills & Elijah Negron
11:30 A.M. Christa & Ava DeCaprio
1:30 P.M. Belinda Chillogalli, Kevin & Kenny Pasato

Saturday, March 5th
5:00 P.M. Lilana, Melaniey & Arlene Gordillo
7:30 P.M. Lilibeth & Erick Villa, Kimberly Llapa

Sunday, March 6th
8:45 A.M. Gabriella Quist, Emily Stout & Michael Pio
11:30 A.M. Veronica & Matthew Paolucci
1:30 P.M. John & Jefferson Apuango, Alex Suscal

The second collection this week is for Catholic Publications.

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

This weekend is our Commitment Weekend for the 2016 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. Pledge envelopes are available in the pews and at the entrances to the Church. If you have not yet contributed, please consider making this sacrifice today to support your fellow Catholics in the Archdiocese. Please visit www.cardinalsappeal.org to find out more information or to make an on-line gift today.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise**.

MASS INTENTIONS – VERPLANCK LOCATION

Saturday, February 27th
5:00 P.M. Billy Sellick

Sunday, February 28th
10:15 A.M. Lucy Margiotta

Monday, February 29th
9:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Tuesday, March 1st
9:00 A.M. Michael & Anne Lynch/Nora Lynch

Wednesday, March 2nd
9:00 A.M. Evelyn Greene & Dec'd Family Members

Thursday, March 3rd
9:00 A.M. Michael & Anne Lynch/Nora Lynch

Saturday, March 5th
5:00 P.M. People of the Parish

Sunday, March 6th
10:15 A.M. Lucille Simmons

BAPTISMS: Celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at 12:30 or 3:00 pm. Parents should call the rectory at least four weeks in advance, and must attend instructions which are held on the third Thursday of the month. Church Law requires that only Catholics in good standing are eligible to be Godparents. No Baptisms will be scheduled during Lent.

ANNOINTING 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 Rectory 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.

WEDDINGS: Engaged couple must make arrangements, in person, with a priest at the Rectory, at least six months in advance.

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

St. Patrick's Day Fundraising Dinner

Please join us for a St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Sunday, March 13 at 4:00pm at the Mt. Carmel Banquet Room in Verplanck. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 10 to 15 and \$5 for children under 10. Registration forms can be found in the bulletin and at the entrances to the Church. Seating is limited. Please call Mary Jane at 737-8025 for more information.

Donations Made By Check

Please remember that all contributions made to the parish by check should be made payable to the parish in the parish's name. Contributions to the parish by check should not be made payable to the pastor, administrator or any parish employee.

WEEKLY FOCUS

WE ARE TO BE OPEN TO THE MANY AND VARIED WAYS THAT GOD WANTS TO WORK IN AND THROUGH US.

Each of us is familiar with at least one – if not several – of what we might call “God moments” in which God reveals himself in sacred Scripture. One of the most well-known was brought to life on the big screen in Cecil B. DeMille’s *The Ten Commandments*. We find this profound God moment in today’s first reading from Exodus. Here we read of Moses’ encounter with God speaking to him from a burning bush that was not being consumed by the flames! Wouldn’t we give anything to witness such a profound God moment? The reality is, my dear friends in Christ, when we witness the birth of a child or that child’s baptism we witness a most profound God moment. When we lovingly prepare a special meal for our family or serve the homeless a warm meal, we witness a most profound God moment. We must not allow ourselves to think that all the God moments have passed by. These profound holy moments of God’s love intersecting our lives play out every day. We must be attentive. We must not grumble like an unbeliever, rather, we must till the soil and fertilize around the fig tree in hopes it will produce abundant fruit. Lent is a time of tossing off whatever hinders us from being good fertilizer, that is, from being the nourishment someone in our life needs in order to find their way back to Christ. To do this, it is good to remember those who have been good fertilizer, good pruners, in our own lives. Think of that teacher, pastor, parent, neighbor or grandparent who brought holy moments – God moments – into our lives. As believers in God’s unconditional love for us, we know all of God’s holy moments have not passed us by. Every time we gather for Mass, we celebrate one of the most profound God moments known to humankind, and are invited to partake in one of the most profound ways that God is present to us. In this most Blessed Sacrament of holy Communion, Christ who is really and truly present nourishes us with the gift of himself. We come forward to receive the bread of life and the cup of salvation, so that we may be drawn closer to him and then share his light and love with others by the witness of our lives. Let us be open to the many and varied ways that God wants to work in and through us, so that others might experience God’s love for them through our actions.

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BIBLE VERSE OF THE WEEK

Philippians 41:13 I can do all things through God who strengthens me.

Reflection: This popular verse tells us that when we have faith in God, he empowers us to accomplish great things. With the start of baseball spring training, it calls to mind some MLB players who have attributed their success to their faith in God. Retired NY Yankee pitcher Mariano Rivera, one of the greatest closers of all time, was quoted as saying, “Everything I have and everything I became is because of the strength of the Lord.” However, we also need to use that success that God has given us to do what He asks of us. For example, Los Angeles Angels’ first baseman Albert Pujols said, “...God gave me the ability to succeed in baseball. But baseball is not the end; baseball is the means by which my wife Dee Dee and I glorify God.” He and his wife use the rewards that God has given them through baseball to help others through their Pujols Family Foundation.

ST. CHRISTOPHER/ST. PATRICK CHURCH PARISHIONERS’ COLLECTIONS AND OTHER REVENUE FISCAL YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, 2016

<u>Buchanan Location</u>	<u>02/21/16</u>	<u>Y/T/D</u>
Regular Collections:	\$ 5,004	\$ 124,416
Special Collections:	77	7,010
Other Revenue:	305	98,202
TOTAL	\$ 5,386	\$ 229,628

<u>Verplanck Location</u>	<u>02/21/16</u>	
Regular Collections:	\$ 1,484	
Special Collections:	361	
Other Revenue:	0	
TOTAL	\$ 1,845	

26 WEEK CLUB

The winners for Week 13 are: (\$100) #65-Robert Puff, #345-Eileen Feely, #49-Edward & Diana Vargo, #114-Gerry Tiburi, #250-Todd Fredrickson and (\$50) #99-John Smith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

James Boddie, Helen Burress, Margaret Hesselgrave, Collin Lent, Ed Lent, Eddie Lent, Beverly Lewis, Roy Mackey, George Malles, Paul Rederer, Tucker See

**Names on the sick list will be included for 4 weeks unless the family contacts the Rectory to request an additional 4 weeks.

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We have a ministry at the Veterans Nursing Home that was started by Mary Schlitt 10 years ago. Communion is brought to residents every Wednesday morning between 9:30 and 11:00am. Over the years, some Eucharistic Ministers have left and they have not been replaced. We are in need of additional people to volunteer or the program will have to be discontinued. If you are able to join the ministry, even just part time, please contact Lucille Magnaldi at 914-293-7423. Thank you.

MARCH 4: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Every year, on the first Friday of March, the four churches in the tri-village come together to celebrate the “World Day of Prayer”. This year the host church will be The Reformed Church of Cortlandtown in Montrose. The service will be held on Friday, March 4 at 11am with a luncheon to follow. Although the program is written by women, everyone is welcome. Flyers are located at the entrances to the Church. Please call the Reformed Church at 737-6482 for more information.

Roger & Hammerstein’s Cinderella

Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers in putting on a production of Rogers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella from Thursday, March 3rd through Sunday, March 6th. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Please call 914-232-5061x226 for more information.



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TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

¿Por qué permite Dios el sufrimiento? Las noticias instantáneas y todos los medios de comunicación social hacen muy real y gráfica la devastación del sufrimiento. Los desastres naturales abundan —huracanes y golpes de calor, tornados y tifones, terremotos, avalanchas de lodo y hambre. Infinitamente peor es el sufrimiento causado intencionalmente por la violencia humana —racismo, terrorismo, genocidio. Es así que Pilato combinó la violencia innecesaria con la arrogancia sacrílega, matando a los galileos pacíficos que estaban ofreciendo su oración y su sacrificio ritual a Dios. Los accidentes causan constantemente sufrimientos inesperados, siempre devastadores y a veces fatales, como los dieciocho inocentes que, según describe Jesús, murieron aplastados por la torre inesperadamente.

En vez de cuestionar a Dios o juzgar a los demás, Jesús dice que debemos poner nuestra atención en aquello que podamos controlar y debemos hacer: profundizar o restaurar nuestra propia relación con Dios. El nombre de Dios era un misterio transcendental para Moisés: “Yo-soy”. Pero, en Jesús, Dios se hizo misericordia viviente entre nosotros. Pablo nos recuerda que Jesús espera que nuestra vida compasiva dé frutos de misericordia. Afortunadamente, durante el tiempo primaveral de Cuaresma en este Año Jubilar de la Misericordia, la misericordia del Jardinero Maestro cultiva pacientemente aún esos árboles que parecen irremediablemente infértiles, como el mundo, la Iglesia o mi vida. Jesús nos da misericordiosamente más tiempo y hasta usa el “estiércol” de la vida, demasiado abundante a veces, empeñándose en sacar un fruto fresco que manifieste la misericordia de Dios —la redención del mundo, la renovación de la Iglesia y nuestra salvación.

EXPOSICION Y ADORACION CON EL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO



Viva Jesús Sacramentado,
 sea por siempre bendito,
 y alabado

JUEVES 3 DE MARZO

El Grupo de Oración les invita a la EXPOSICION Y ADORACION AL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO el jueves 3 de marzo a las 7:30 pm. En la capilla. Los esperamos.

ESTADO FINANCIERO DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN CHRISTOPHER/ SAN PATRICIO Y OTROS INGRESOS
9/1/15-8/31/2016

Iglesia de Buchanan		
Colectas Semanales:	2/21/16	Y/T/D
Colectas Regulares	\$ 5,004	\$124,416
Colectas Especial	77	7,010
Otras Colectas	<u>305</u>	<u>98,202</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 5,386	\$229,628

Iglesia de Verplanck		
Colectas Semanales:	2/21/16	
Colectas Regulares	\$ 1,484	
Colectas Especial	361	
Otras Colectas	<u>0</u>	
TOTAL:	\$ 1.845	

Catholic Relief Services Collection

La próxima semana nuestra parroquia realizara la Catholic Relief Services Collection. Esta Colecta da fondos a seis agencias católicas que tocan la vida de más de 100 millones de personas en el mundo. Los fondos de esta Colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y el respeto y el amor de Cristo a todas las personas. Por favor contribuyan generosamente a la Catholic Relief Services Collection de la próxima semana y **ayuda a Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudará?**

SACRAMENTOS

CONFESIONES: Se realizan los primeros y los últimos sábados del mes antes de la Misa de las 7:30 pm.

BAUTIZOS: Se celebran los últimos sábados del mes a las 3pm o durante las misas de español. Si desea realizar el Bautizo en otra fecha diferente se lo puede hacer con permiso del Pastor dependiendo la situación.

Padres y Padrinos deben recibir una preparación bautismal a las 7pm los primeros jueves del mes. No se realizan bautizos durante cuaresma ni adviento. Reservar la fecha con 6 semanas de anticipación.

BODAS: Deben reservar con 6 meses de anticipación. Lo deben hacer en la rectoría.

QUINCEAÑERAS: Deben reservar en la rectoría por lo menos con tres meses de anticipación.