

Mass Intentions

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 16, 2018



Pray for the Sick

Clara Asaro, Krista Bugenhagen,
Marie Doescher, John Flynn, John Gill, Molly Henry,
Francine Holley, Richie Hughes, Freeman Huntington,
Liz Leinhard, Kevin Mahoney, Kelly Mealia, Daphne Root,
Ann Smith, Drew Swiss, Dr. Michael Walsh,
Eileen Riley Zawada
and all who request our prayers

Service Personnel Prayer List

The names listed below are service personnel serving in our nation's armed forces who are relatives of our parishioners. Please keep them in your prayers.

Darren Adler/Marines
Charlie Carr /Air Force
Richard Hughes/Marines
Steven Scully/Marines
Thomas M. Stevenson/Army

RECENT COLLECTIONS:

December 9, 2018 \$8,561

Last year: \$7,001

Immaculate Conception: \$1,587

Religious Retirement: \$2,766



Please consider a Flower Donation in memory of a loved one or special intention.

Many weekends in

January & February are available!

Call the Parish Office 234-3344

DATES TO REMEMBER: Due to shipping demands during the holiday season, Bulletins are due to the printer early. If you need an announcement in the Dec 30th bulletin, your request must be received at the parish office by **Wednesday, Dec 19th**. If you need an announcement in the Jan 6th bulletin your request must be received by **Wednesday, Dec. 26th**. We thank you for your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.

Saturday, December 15st

- 9:00 Mario Franco Iacino req. by the Religious Education Program
5:30 Anne Longobardi req. by The Scuderi Family

Sunday, December 16th

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
9:00 Richard Alvarez req. by Patrice Browne & Family
10:30 Joseph LaMotta req. by Deena LaMotta
12:00 Laura & Joseph DelRiccio req. by Rosa Cannistraci
5:30 Mario Franco Iacino req. by Grace Cipriano

Monday, December 17th

- 7:00 Doug Robbins (L) req. by Carol Best
9:00 Terry Stevenson req. by the Family

Tuesday, December 18th

- 7:00 --
9:00 Patricia Gilvey req. by Charles Tomaselli

Wednesday, December 19th

- 7:00 --
9:00 Sally Bosse req. by The Corelli Family

Thursday, December 20th

- 7:00 --
9:00 James Flynn req. by The Flynn Family

Friday, December 21st

- 7:00 --
9:00 Vincent J. Luccarelli req. by the Family

Saturday, December 22nd

- 9:00 Ellen Doucey req. by Sr. Kathleen Fitzgerald
5:30 Mary Degnan req. by Victoria, Daniel & Thomas Assumma

Sunday, December 23rd

- 7:30 For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick's Parish
9:00 Rafael & Noemia Neto req. by Anne Neto
10:30 Scott Tinter req. by the Family
12:00 John DeRuzza, Sr. req. by John DeRuzza, Jr.
5:30 Nancy Benkhart req. by Raymond Infarinato & Lisa Cribari

Confessions:

Reconciliation Monday, 12/17: 4pm-8pm
Saturday, 12/22: 4pm-5pm

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

The Third Sunday of Advent has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday" from the Latin word meaning to rejoice. St. Paul in our second reading today begins his message with the words "Gaudete in Domino Semper," which is Latin for "Rejoice in the Lord always." The first reading and the Responsorial Psalm call us to be joyful as well. The cause of our joy is that Christmas and the celebration of the Lord's Nativity are quickly approaching and Advent is half over. The pink candle on our Advent Wreath is lit this week as a symbol of the call to experience the joy of knowing the Lord is near. Of course, the most important word of St. Paul is **always**. While we hopefully experience at Christmas a renewed sense of Jesus' presence in our lives, we should also become more aware that He is always with us.

Monday of this week is "**Reconciliation Monday**." Confessions will be heard here at St. Patrick's and throughout the Archdiocese from 4 PM to 8 PM. Please take advantage of this opportunity to receive the grace of the Sacrament through the forgiveness of sins. It is a wonderful way to make yourself ready to celebrate the coming feast of Christmas.

Rejoice in the Lord always!

Msgr. John T. Ferry



Words of Inspiration:

Rejoice with The Lord!

Gaudete! Rejoice in the Lord always! That the Entrance Antiphon for today's liturgy. The readings are of one accord: rejoice because God is near – even among us. Now, in the last days before Christmas, the spirit of the season can be contagious. Beyond the commercialism and the hassles of shopping, etc., people are wishing one another well – even if they avoid saying "Merry Christmas." Today is a good day to soak in the spirit of the season and let it permeate our hearts. Let's let this season of gift giving remind us how much we appreciate one another. Let's remember that deep down, everyone wants to give and receive love. Zephaniah says that as we do that, God will rejoice over us in gladness. How much more could we ask?

~ Mary M. McGlone, CSJ

Ministry Reminders:

Youth Ministry meets tonight, Sunday, December 16th at 6:30pm. Church Meeting Room.

Reconciliation Monday: December 17th - Confessions from 4pm to 8pm in the Church.

Christmas Eve Children's Mass Nativity Play Rehearsal: Tuesday, December 18th - 5:30pm to 6:45pm in the Church.

Women's Faith Sharing Group: Thursday, December 20th at 6:30 at the Cenacle.

Men's Ministry: Saturday, December 22th at 7:30am in the Church Meeting Room.

BEST ADVENT EVER

With the Season of Advent here, please join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season.

Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with

- Short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt, Matthew Kelly, and the Dynamic Catholic team.
 - Practical tips for your everyday life
 - Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey
- To sign up, visit www.BestAdventEver.com/Christmas18

The Community Center of Northern Westchester

Wants to thank you for your generous donations in the December Food Drive!

The St. Patrick's community donated over 216 pounds of food this month.

Many thanks for your kindness and support!

Share the Warmth!

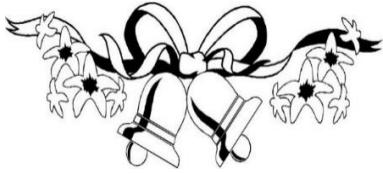
Last year over 1500 sets of pajamas were distributed to children visiting the

Community Center of Northern Westchester!

A donation box is located inside the St. Patrick's Church vestibule. New & gently used Hats, mittens, sweaters and jackets may also be donated.

Please mark them New or Used
Donations will be delivered to the Center on Monday, December 17th

Thank you for your continued support!



LONGEST MARRIED COUPLE SEARCH

The search begins for the longest married couple in the Archdiocese of New York!

To enter: Couples must be sacramentally married for a minimum of 65 years and reside in the Archdiocese of New York.

The longest married couples will receive commemorative certificates signed by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan. Couples will be interviewed and featured in an article in *Catholic New York*. Winners will be determined by how long the couple has been married as of **World Marriage Day, February 10, 2019.**

For further info, contact Joan Brisson at the Family Life Office at 646-794-3190 or joan.brisson@archny.org.

Deadline for entries is 5pm on January 24, 2019.



Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette

for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer session. The camps are located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15.

Round trip bus transportation is available out of Ling Island. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email brendan@bfcamp.com

The Living Cornerstone, A Christian Gifts & Book Store in Mt. Kisco has asked me to announce that, after 30 years in business, they are closing their doors in January, 2019. They are offering a huge discount of 50% off the price for all their inventory. They invite you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to purchase items for current as well as possible future needs. They wish to thank you for your loyal support through the years!

For store hours, please call:
914-666-8288.

RideConnect of Westchester, a program of Family Services of Westchester is looking for volunteer drivers to take seniors in our area who no longer drive where they need to go. Church, the doctor, food shopping, hair dressers, etc. If you'd like to volunteer, please call Maggie Traynor, Outreach Coordinator at 914-643-0730.

www.rideconnectwestchester.org

Westchester County Human Rights Commission PROPOSAL FOR REPORTING AND PREVENTING HATE INCIDENTS

PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2018

WHITE PLAINS LIBRARY

100 MARTINE AVENUE

TIME: 6 - 8 P.M.

Please RSVP HRC-Inquiries@westchestergov.com

The WCHRC is pleased to share its' recommendations for Policy and Procedures in Reporting and Preventing Hate Incidents in Westchester County. We believe the implementation of these recommendations will effectively address the concerning rise of hate incidents, and begin to shift the culture of Westchester County to promote mutual respect, appreciation of differences and build stronger communities across the County.

This implementation plan has several components, including:

- Defining the term "hate incident"
- Training community-based organizations, schools and law enforcement on implicit bias
- Handling incidents that come to our attention
- Education and Outreach Plan
- Communications Campaign

