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Solution

To find the vertex, we look at the coefficients in the function $p(j) = aj^2 + bj + c$ in this equation, $a = 3$ and $b = 3$

The first coordinate of the vertex has the formula: $\frac{-b}{2a}$ now, plugging into formula to get:

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = -\frac{3}{2(3)} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{The second coordinate of the vertex is } p\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) &= 3\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + 3\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) - 5 \\ &= -\frac{23}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the vertex of the graph of f is $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{23}{4}\right)$