

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

**Stewardship Report – Treasure**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<b>Budgeted Amount:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Regular Collection – 10/9/16:</b>	<b>\$3,309.73</b>
<b>Parish Pay - 10/9/16:</b>	<b>\$ 641.00</b>
<b>Total Regular Collection – 10/9/16:</b>	<b>\$3,950.73</b>

Parish Pay ---is a convenient way for you to set up your weekly contributions - **online – visit ParishPay.com**

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**The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:**

**In memory of: Joseph DelMonico**

**Given by: Mary DelMonico**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

10/24	MON:	9:00a	Sandra Staub
10/25	TUES:	9:00a	Sandra Staub
10/26	WED:	9:00a	People of the Parish
10/27	THU:	9:00a	No Mass today
10/28	FRI:	9:00a	Joseph Perricone
10/29	SAT:	5:00p	Barbara Restelli David Serkes Kevin Youong
10/30	SUN:	8:00a	Vincent Santucci Ida Leonardelli John Collins
		10:00a	James Fischer Joseph Gilchrist
		11:45a	Sally Caffery

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE AREA:**

St. Jude’s, Hamburg - Mon. - Sat. - 8:45am  
 St. Francis de Sales, McAfee - Mon.-Sat - 8:30am  
 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville - Mon.-Fri. - 8:00am  
 Immac. Concept., Franklin -Tues, Wed. Fri, 7:30am, Sat. 9:00am  
 National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown, NY  
 Mon.-Fri. 11:30am (Holy Door for Year of Mercy)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday** Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18, Lk 18:9-14  
**Monday** Eph 4:32—5:8; Lk 13:10-17  
**Tuesday** Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21  
**Wednesday** Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30  
**Thursday** Eph 6:10-20; Lk 13:31-35  
**Friday** Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16  
**Saturday** Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**DONATION TO THE DYER FAMILY.....**As many of you may know our fellow parishioners Keith and Gemma Dyer & family recently lost their house in Wantage to a fire. In the name of St. Monica’s parish, a \$250 donation was made to the Go Fund Me account that was established for the Dyers. Our prayers continue for them during this most difficult time.  
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**FOR THE NEEDY.....**clean and gently used towels and blankets - please leave on the tables in the rear of the hall October 16 thru October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, Joan Thomas

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 23, 2016**

<b>ST. MONICA’S CHURCH</b>
Phone #: 973-875-4521 Fax #: 973-875-7538
Parish office hours: 9:30– 1:30pm Mon-Fri
<a href="http://www.stmonicasussex.org">www.stmonicasussex.org</a> Email: <a href="mailto:stmonica@ptd.net">stmonica@ptd.net</a>

**PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**COFFEE & DONUTS** –is held on the first Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall –next Coffee and Donuts is Sunday, November 6th - all are invited!

**HELPING HANDS** – meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Please consider joining to support our parish. Contact Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051 for further information.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** – Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading & reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow. Call Carol at 973-875-4521.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** – The next book selection for November/December will be **Jesus, A Pilgrimage** by Fr. James Martin. The book is a wonderful resource written on the life of Jesus as Fr. Martin parallels the “Jesus of History” to the “Christ of Faith.” The group will not meet in November - call Carol for further information - 973-875-4521.

**ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP** - Each month we enjoy lunch, good company and delicious desserts made by our members. We meet at 12:00 noon in the church hall on the first Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$10 a year. New members are welcome. For further information please contact Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569. November 2 – Halloween Party; December 8(Thursday) –Christmas Party at Lampost Rest.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

A Bereavement Support session will be offered on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. The session is open to anyone who has suffered a loss and is seeking a place of comfort and friendship with others who are also grieving the loss of a loved one. Please call the Rectory office at 973-875-4521 if you plan to attend.

**2016 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**, “*Be Rich in Good Works*”.....Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Serratelli requesting support for the 2016 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is *Be Rich in Good Works*. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports four very worthy causes: 1) **our Catholic Charities agencies**; 2)**Nazareth Village**, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence; 3)**our inner-city elementary schools** and 4)**seminarian education**. You can help make this year’s Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today.

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**FAMILY PROMISE-** Our guests from Family Promise, a mother with 2 very friendly boys, were at the Presbyterian Church the week of October 2<sup>nd</sup>. I would like to thank the following people for making a difference in our community by volunteering, even with their varying schedules – Denise Wilson, Rosemary Gebhardt, Louise Dente, Emmy Dudzinski, Mary Eileen Schoen, Barbara Yetter, Donna Ferguson, Anna Sydow, Doug Cestone, Joe Luna and Bernhard Oesen. God Bless you all. For questions about the program, call 973-875-6053..... Carol Oesen

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

**TRICKY TRAY** - Thanks to those who signed up to assist in setting up for our annual Tricky Tray. For those who haven't but can give some of their time on Thursday, November 10th from 10am to 3pm or Friday, November 11th from 10am to 2pm your assistance in wrapping our many trays would be greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet is on bulletin board in the church hall. All those who have volunteered, you will be contacted as soon as the dates get closer. Again, thank you for your participation and help.

**PHASE II CANDIDATES** - Please mark your calendar for Sunday, November 13th - 10am Mass - Distribution of the Our Father. Your attendance is required.

### **CALENDAR:**

Saturday, Nov.

5th - YM Class - beginning with Mass, a light dinner then class.

Phase I - Theme: "What's Holding You Back" and a short talk on choosing a sponsor. Phase II - Theme: "The Holy Spirit"

Sunday, Nov. 13th - Phase II Candidates - "Dist. of the Our Father" at the 10am Mass attendance is required.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8

### 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS – Sundays, 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Rm.

11/6 3rd session  
11/20 4th session  
12/4 5th session  
12/17 6th session - Saturday – Breakfast in Bethlehem

### 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS – Sundays, 11:00am – Rectory Mtg. Rm.

11/6 3rd session  
11/20 4th session  
12/4 5th session  
12/17 6th session

### 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS – Saturdays, 6:00pm – Ch. Hall

10/29 2nd session  
11/12 3rd session  
11/19 4th session  
12/10 5th session  
12/17 6th session

All sessions are held in the Rectory Meeting and Church/Church Hall. Parents should strive to attend the Mass prior to/after your child's Religious Ed session. If you have more than one child who attends our Religious Ed program, you may attend the Mass that best fits your schedule. Mass attendance is an integral and necessary part of your child's faith formation – class without Mass just doesn't make sense!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – this program is open to children in Grades 1-4 at the 10:00am Mass each week. The children are dismissed to listen to the Sunday readings with volunteer Catechists who read and reflect with the children. Please consider having your child participate each week.

-----Carol Bezak, Coordinator of Religious Formation

## FIRST RESPONDERS MASS - "Heroes Live Forever"

The Catholic Campus Ministry Club at Sussex County Community College will sponsor a First Responders Mass on Thursday, November 17th at 12:15pm at Sussex County Community College's Performance Arts Center. Rev. Michael Rodak will preside at this Mass and will read the names of the deceased members from Sussex County who have died in the line of duty. For information, contact Bill McGovern, SCCC Criminal Justice Faculty at 973-300-2182 or Wendy Cooney, SCCC Criminal Justice Faculty at 973-300-2240. All are invited to attend – refreshments afterwards.

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## SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1966 or 1991? You are warmly invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Paterson. Bishop Serratelli will be the main celebrant at Mass at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany on **Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 4:00pm**. Registrations will be accepted through **Monday, October 24, 2016**. Information will be sent from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Registration for this celebration will be handled through the website. You can access the registration site at <http://insidethewalls.org/golden-and-silver-wedding-anniversary-celebration> (in English) or <http://insidethewalls.org/celebracion-aniversario-de-bodas-de-oro-y-plata> (en Espanol). Please note that it is best to collect all necessary information before filling out the online form, as there is no way to save progress and return to it at a later time; the registration must be completed in one session. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!!

**ALL SOUL'S DAY ENVELOPES** - can be found at the Church and hall exits. November 2nd is All Soul's Day. Masses celebrated on that day and for 8 days in the month of November are offered for our deceased relatives and friends. Please use the envelopes to write the names of deceased persons you wish to have remembered in prayer and they will be placed in our parish "Book of Remembrance" to be displayed for the nine-day period. Return the All Soul's Day envelopes to the collection box near the pulpit by Sunday, October 23rd. Those who receive our weekly envelopes have already received this in their packet – please use this one if you wish to participate.

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## ST. MONICA'S TRICKY TRAY is November 11th!!

We will be accepting your donations/trays for the Tricky tray after Masses in the Church Hall during the weekend of October 29th and continuing through the week from Thursday, November 3rd during the hours of 10 till 3, and Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 10 till 3; also after Masses during the weekend of November 5th and continuing through the following week from Monday, November 7th through Thursday, November 10th during the hours of 10 till 3:00 and on Friday, November 11th from 10 until 2:00. Please indicate somewhere on your tray the value of the tray (what it is worth and not what you paid for it).

I would also like to mention to anyone delivering a business letter to kindly follow up to that business with a courtesy visit as a reminder or to possibly receive their donation. We are hoping and praying to present at least 200 trays at our event so whatever support you are able to lend us towards achieving this goal would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity.

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

*"The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard, his petition reaches the heavens. The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds; it does not rest until it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds, judges justly and affirms the right..."*

Why pray? God does not care! He seems to be deaf. How often we have felt this way? How frequently we are tempted to give up? Somehow the grace of God revives me, reminds me, and restores me as a person of faith and prayer.

When Pope Francis was asked 'who are you?' he replied by saying 'I am a sinner.' It is the sinner person who approaches the Lord with confidence, eyes down, asking 'O God be merciful to me a sinner.'

Perhaps our approach to God in prayer is not to be limited to what I want, though I am told to ask, but to ask God for what I need most from His point of view. The prayer of mercy 'Jesus I trust in you' can take on even greater meaning. My petition reaches the heaven and pierces the clouds, and reaches its goal.

# Poverty Simulation

Experience first-hand the daily struggles of life

Date: November 10, 2016 – 6:30 – 9:00pm

Location: Romano Conference Center

Newton Medical Center

175 High Street

Newton, NJ 07860

**RSVP Required – registration is limited.**

Call Emily at 973-383-4787 or email [willse@norwescap.org](mailto:willse@norwescap.org) to register.

Box dinner provided to first 50 registrations. Box dinners, donated by Faith Community Health partnership, will be served from 5:30 – 6:15pm. During this simulation participants take on the role of low income families. Each family must provide food, shelter and other basic necessities while interacting with community social service agencies.

This interactive evening is for all members of the community including clergy, congregations, community leaders, elected officials, teachers, business leaders, employers, health workers and social service providers. Learn about the harsh realities of poverty and what we can do as a community to create a culture where all families can thrive not just survive.

Sponsored by Pathways 2 Prosperity, NORWESCAP, Newton Medical Center Pastoral Care Department, Newton Medical Center Community Health Department, Newton Medical Center Faith Community Health Partnerships and the Center for Prevention and Counseling.



## < KID'S > KORNER

### Gospel Today

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 18:9-14

Jesus reminds us we must be like the tax collector in the parable - humbly admitting our sins and asking for forgiveness. Again we hear Jesus say, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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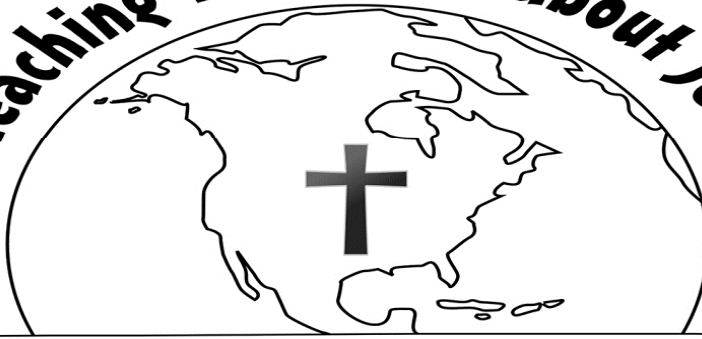
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Provide Shelter

Teaching the World about Jesus



World Mission Sunday

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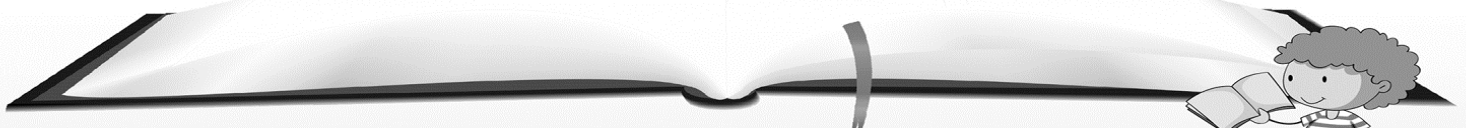
Provide  
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Pray

Provide Food

Bring Jesus  
to the World

Share/Teach Gospel



Be humble, in service to others in the name of Jesus.

Today I can be a Missionary by \_\_\_\_\_ .



*O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. (Gospel)*

*The Pharisee and the Publican,  
James Tissot, (1836–1902)*

### **THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

**Gospel: Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted."

### **A special "THANK YOU" from Catholic Charities (regarding the Clothing Bin in our parking lot)**

Thanks to all the generous parishioners of St. Monica's for the donations to our Catholic Charities donation bin. Unfortunately we have removed the bin. Sadly this is due to the fact that some of the local individuals have taken to using the bin as an outlet of the Sussex County Municipal Dump. We still would like to offer the option of a house pick up for larger quantities of clothing, shoes and usable household items (sorry no furniture, no outdated technology, TV sets or similar items). You can schedule a pick up by calling our toll free number at 877-343-3651.

