

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasury
WEEKLY COLLECTION

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 12, 2017

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 11/5/17</u>	\$2,728.00
<u>Capital Improvement Collection – 11/5/17</u>	\$1,550.00
<u>All Saints Day Collection – 11/1/17</u>	\$ 777.00

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Rudolph Ephrussi
Given by: Emmy Dudzinski

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11/13	MON:	9:00a	People of the Parish
11/14	TUES:	9:00a	Rudolph Ephrussi
11/15	WED:	9:00a	No Mass Today
11/16	THU:	9:00a	People of the Parish
11/17	FRI:	9:00a	Elizabeth Westdyke
11/18	SAT:	5:00p	Jack Hingel
11/19	SUN:	8:00a	John O'Shea
		10:00a	Elsie and Ella Rodriguez (LIV)
			Jack Hingel
			Rita & Edwin Puzio
		11:45a	Edward Losiewicz

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal – In Giving, We Receive

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SAVE THE DATE:

On December 9th, 2017, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese (Dec. 9, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11:00 a.m. *All are invited to attend this communion breakfast!* Tickets are \$40 per person and are available online at www.rcdop.org/breakfast.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday	- Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14; Mt 25:1-13
Monday	- Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday	- Wis 2:23—3:9; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday	- Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday	- Wis 7:22b—8:1; Lk 17:20-25
Friday	- Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-3
Saturday	- Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – are served after 8:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month in the Church Hall. All are invited to join us.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION –Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/ reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow.

ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP - St. Monica's Leisure Group meets in the Church Hall at 12:00 noon on the first Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$10.00 a year. Listed below is a schedule of meetings for 2017. Please call Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569 if you would like further information.

December 7 (Thursday) - Christmas Party at Lamp Post Rest.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are invited.

Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS AT ST. MONICA'S

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – every Tuesday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy - Every Friday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – First Friday of the month after the 9:00 A.M. Mass until 10:00 A.M.

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact info

Phone # 973-875-4521 Fax # 973-875-7538

Parish office hours: 9:30– 1:30pm Mon-Fri

Website: www.stmonicasussex.org

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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday. Email to stmonica@ptd.net

ST MONICA'S ANNUAL
COLLECTION

Every parish family should have received a letter from Father Wodziak this week asking for a contribution to our Annual Collection to help make repairs to the Church. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!



Helping Hands will be hosting their **Annual Fiesta de la Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe** on Sunday December 10th, 2017. There will be prayer, music, and a covered-dish dinner beginning at 3:00 p.m. Mexican, Spanish and American foods will be served. Please sign up on the form in the church hall. For Further information please contact Mary Eileen Schoen at 862-266-0573.



SAINT MONICA LEISURE GROUP NEWS

Above are the winners of St. Monica Leisure Group's Halloween Costume contest. From left to right: Ace Conrad, Jayne Konkol, Bernhard Oesen, Carminia Brink and Mary Case. Congratulations!

NEEDED FOR SENIORS: Older ladies' casual wear, winter jacket, size large. Older man's winter jacket, size XL. Clean and gently used, please. These items can be left in the Church Hall. Mark "for Joan." Thank you!!

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 12, 2017**

“Go instead to the merchants and buy some oil for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the doors were locked. Afterwards the others came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us.’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

How often we hear the expression ‘this is a wakeup call.’ It might call us to study harder, begin a healthier life style, or even to express gratitude for escaping an accident or tragedy.

The parable of Jesus, who many have read this year, is directed to me today. How ready and prepared am I to accompany the Lord, who is walking with me today. The lamp oil is God's grace. Is it burning in me, at this moment? If the battery is low, where can I have it recharged? God's grace we find in the sacraments.

How often we have been offered the example of a door, as opening the door of our hearts to the Lord, or He Himself knocking at the door wanting to enter. He is the gatekeeper. A door allows entrance to another place.

Don't put off applying the parallel to your own spiritual life. It is my wakeup call.

MUSIC MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES



Helping Hands is hosting a Fiesta to Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. We are in need of children to volunteer to sing at the Fiesta. Please contact the rectory or call Anne Chirico at 862-268-0875. We need your voices!!

Our Music Minister and Choir Director, Judy Consentino, would like to get a group of people together for a Christmas Eve choir. Rehearsals will be on the four Thursdays after Thanksgiving from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Please call or text Judy at 908-294-0571 if you are interested. Come and sing of the joy of Christmas to your fellow parishioners. What a great way to celebrate Christmas Eve!

SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017, 7:30 p.m.
Fr. Jude Salus, Chaplain of Newton Medical Center and Chaplain to the Filippini Sisters at Villa Walsh Motherhouse in Morristown, will be our guest here at St. Monica's Church Hall. He will give an Advent talk titled "Jesus's Prayer: "Be calm, be still, it's only me." Please be sure to join us for this inspiring and uplifting reflection.

Following are two Saints whose feast days we celebrate this week:

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini – July 15, 1850 – December 22, 1917 Feast Day: November 13.

Patron saint of hospital administrators, immigrants, impossible causes and India.

Frances Xavier Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

She was refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. She then began charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy. In September 1877, she made her vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named Frances prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Seven young women from the orphanage joined her.

Since her early childhood in Italy, Frances had wanted to be a missionary in China but, at the urging of Pope Leo XIII, Frances went west instead of east. She traveled with six sisters to New York City to work with the thousands of Italian immigrants living there. She found disappointment and difficulties with every step. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. The archbishop advised her to return to Italy. But Frances, truly a valiant woman, departed from the archbishop's residence all the more determined to establish that orphanage. And she did. In 35 years, Frances Xavier Cabrini founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

As a child, she was always frightened of water, unable to overcome her fear of drowning. Yet, despite this fear, she traveled across the Atlantic Ocean more than 30 times. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago on December 22, 1917.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – 1207 – November 17, 1231. Feast Day: November 17.

In her short life, Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic Charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the king of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers.

At the age of 14, Elizabeth was married to Louis of Thuringia, whom she deeply loved. She bore three children. She led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick. Seeking to become one with the poor, she wore simple clothing. Daily she would take bread to hundreds of the poorest in the land who came to her gate.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and Elizabeth was grief-stricken. In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of St. Francis. Elizabeth's health declined, and she died before her 24th birthday in 1231. Her great popularity resulted in her canonization four years later.