

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasury
WEEKLY COLLECTION

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2018

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 1/7/18</u>	\$2,798.00
<u>Maintenance Collection – 1/7/18</u>	\$1,379.00

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN – As you can see from the newest update (these figures were reported on December 28th) we have pledges of \$30,360.00 and that does not include what has come in the mail this week. There is still time to donate to the campaign if you would like. Just complete and return the form at your earliest convenience. We are very grateful to all who have already sent in their pledges and we sincerely thank you.

Campaign Statistics as of 1/3/2018

Total # of Households:	435
Total # Pledged:	108
% of Participation:	24.83%
Total Amount Pledged:	\$30,360.00
Total Amount Paid:	\$26,324.67
Average Pledge:	\$281.11
% of Pledges Collected:	86.71%

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Edward Losiewicz
Given by: Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1/15	MON:	9:00a	Joseph & Lyona Druzarovsky
1/16	TUES:	9:00a	People of the Parish
1/17	WED:	9:00a	No Mass Today
1/18	THU:	9:00a	People of the Parish
1/19	FRI:	9:00a	People of the Parish
1/20	SAT:	5:00p	Nicholas Rosania
1/21	SUN:	8:00a	Stanley Boralsky
		10:00a	Eileen Christensen Susan McGovern
		11:45a	People of the Parish

<u>Prices for Mass Cards:</u>	Large - \$15.00
	Small - \$10.00
<u>Sanctuary Lamp:</u>	\$10.00

Please stop by the Rectory Office between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to purchase a Mass card or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one.

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 - There will be no meetings of St. Monica's Leisure Group during the months of January and February. Meetings will resume beginning Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. The current book is entitled, “God of the Fairy Tale.”

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
Email: stmonica@ptd.net

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Monday - 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday - 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday - 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday - 1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday - 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday - 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21

2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal

If you have not yet responded to the 2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal, there is still time to do so as the 2017 Appeal funds are used to support ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2018. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2017appeal.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 1 and 2: Sunday Jan. 28th Class – 9:30am to 11:30am

Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6: Saturday Jan. 20th Class – 9am to 11am

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

MASS ATTENDANCE –We sincerely hope that each and every one of you is living up to your commitment of attending weekly Mass. This is an integral part of your faith journey as you prepare for the reception of Confirmation.

SERVICE: Completion certificates should be handed in on a timely basis. These include whatever service you perform for school. For those who assisted with the Tricky Tray, I already have your name so there is no need to hand in a completion certificate. Remember you are required to perform 3 services for church and 3 for community.

CALENDAR:

Saturday/Sunday	Feb. 3 rd /Feb. 4 th	“Souper Bowl” collection which benefits Harvest House – Collection is taken after all the Masses.
Saturday	Feb. 10 th	YM/Rel Ed Classes Time: 5PM beginning with Mass, a light dinner and then class – Reconciliation will take place at this class for all students in YM and Grs. 7 & 8 6:30 pm to 8:30pm.
Sunday	Feb. 11 th	Make up class – Snow Date No dinner – class- 6:30 to 8:30.
Saturday	Feb. 24 th	YM – Phase I and II – Confirmation Retreat at the Sacred Heart Center Time: 10am to 4pm. – More info to follow.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR OF EIGHT

Those of you who attended Midnight Mass or the 10 a.m. Mass during Christmas were pleasantly surprised! Our eight singers, four men and four women, sang in beautiful harmony with only four Thursday evening practices!

Lent and Easter are now around the corner – Ash Wednesday is on Valentine’s Day, February 14! I’m hoping we can increase our choir to at least TEN singers (two more!) I want to rehearse four Thursdays in March: March 1, 8, 15 and 22. Palm Sunday is March 25th. That enables us to sing on a few Sundays in Lent at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, plus Holy Week Masses for those able to attend. Please see me if you are interested. Thank you!

Judy Consentino

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2018

“John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by he said ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi...where are you staying?’ He said to them ‘Come, and you will see.’”

The scene from John's gospel is simple and clear. John, the arrow, points out Jesus, with words we hear as we celebrate the Eucharist. It aroused the curiosity of Andrew. The conversation continues, as He asks, ‘what are you looking for?’ The same question is posed for the followers of Jesus today but we can change the what to who. ‘Come and you will see.’

This encounter with Jesus led Andrew to bring Peter to Jesus, and the rest is history. Pope Francis in his beautiful book ‘Walking with Jesus’ points out for us today the way of Jesus. May we look and find Him.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.



Helping Hands will be hosting our **5th Mardi Gras** on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018. There will be fun & food with a **covered – dish** dinner beginning at 5:30 P.M. Please sign up on the form in the church hall. For further information please contact Mary Eileen Schoen at 862 – 266 – 0573. *Laissez les bon temp rouler!!*

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:35-42

John saw the Holy Spirit when he baptized Jesus and told the others "this is the Lamb of God". Interested people began to follow Jesus.



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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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| Look | John | Messiah |
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Draw a picture of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove as John saw it appear above Jesus after His baptism.

