

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

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 1/21/18 \$3,284.00

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN – There is still time to donate to the campaign if you would like. Just complete and return the form, which is located at the church and hall exits, at your earliest convenience. We are very grateful to all who have already sent in their pledges and we sincerely thank you.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Joan Yocamelli
Given by: Mary Del Monico

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1/29 MON: 9:00a People of the Parish
1/30 TUES: 9:00a Olga Glynn
1/31 WED: 9:00a No Mass Today
2/1 THU: 9:00a William Staszewski (LIV)
2/2 FRI: 9:00a William Staszewski (LIV)
Joseph and Lyona Drutanovsky
2/3 SAT: 5:00p Joan Yocamelli
George Douglas
2/4 SUN: 8:00a Maria Polonczyk
10:00a Annie Randall
11:45a Mary Losiewicz

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All those who use collection envelopes on a weekly basis will be receiving a contribution statement from our envelope company, DP Murphy Co., Inc. If you do not receive this statement by the end of January, please let us know by calling the Rectory. Also, all those who gave a contribution of \$250 or more to the 2017 Annual Campaign will receive an acknowledgment letter from the parish office. Those who participate in online giving will receive a statement from the company.

Prices for Mass Cards: Large - \$15.00
Small - \$10.00
Sanctuary Lamp: \$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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2018

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.

Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting will take place Feb. 13th, following our Mardi Gras celebration.

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
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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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Helping Hands will be hosting our **5th Mardi Gras** celebration 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!!*

Fish & Chips Dinner

Mark your calendars! St. Monica's will have a Fish and Chips dinner in the church hall on Thursday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 pm, prepared by **Tastefully British**. More details to follow.

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner – Sunday, March 18, at 4pm in the church hall. Details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 1 & 2 –

Sunday	February 11 th	Class – 9:30 to 11:30
Sunday	February 25 th	Class - 9:30 to 11:30

Grades 4,5,6 –

Saturday	February 3 rd	Class – 9 am to 11am
Saturday	February 17 th	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. 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.



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Lent and Easter are 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. 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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

“And the Lord said to me: This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among your kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. ...All were amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority.’”

Maybe we are not accustomed to read the book of Deuteronomy, but we find Moses, the prophet the spokesperson for God, who requested others to speak and the assembly to listen. As we read the Old Testament, we meet many others who responded to God's call, sometimes reluctantly, to speak in His behalf. Can you name some?

Prophetic voices continue to be heard today, as God calls leaders to teach and guide us. There are the well known teachers as the Holy Father, and our local bishops, assuming the role of teacher. There are others who through baptism assume the role of catechists and teachers of the faith. But there are countless others too who speak through their actions, bringing the mercy and message of the Lord to others.

As we begin this New Year may we open our ears to hear the message, our hearts to carry it out, and discover ways the Lord wishes to use us to do His ministry.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Monday - 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30, 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday - 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday - 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday - 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

First Friday - Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

First Saturday - 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34



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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:21-28

Jesus teaches and heals with authority in the synagogue.

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Fill in the blanks with the underlined words from above.

Just like the people in Jesus' community, we still ask Jesus to help and heal us through daily prayer and attending mass.

- ➔ Where can we hear the Good News?
- ➔ How can praying help us in our daily lives?
- ➔ Who in our community can help us keep our bodies healthy?

