

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 6/10/18</u>	\$3,279.00
<u>Sunday Collection – online giving – 6/10/18</u>	\$ 566.00
<u>Peter’s Pence</u>	\$ 50.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Carol Luna
Given By: Joe Luna

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6/18	MON:	9:00a	People of the Parish
6/19	TUES:	9:00a	People of the Parish
6/20	WED:	9:00a	No Mass Today
6/21	THU:	9:00a	Thomas & Evelyn Burke
6/22	FRI:	9:00a	People of the Parish
6/23	SAT:	5:00p	Hilary Battaglia Sr. Joan Granville
6/24	SUN:	8:00a	Mary Swiss Brady Patricia Peterson
		10:00a	Raymond Cullen, Jr. Mary Eckert Michael Rizzo
		11:45a	Jeri Vaskas (LIV) Paul P. Kelusk, Jr.

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READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Ez 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
Monday - 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday - 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday - 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday - Sir 48:1-14; Mt 6:7-15
Friday - 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday - 2 Chr 24:17-25; Mt 6:24-34

PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Are you new to our parish? If so, welcome! Do you wish to register? If you are attending Mass and using our blue “blank” visitor envelopes and wish to receive our weekly envelopes in the mail, please register with us. If you wish to become a registered member and placed on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church Hall exit. Please fill it out and give it to Fr. Jan after Mass, or either drop it in the collection basket or visit the rectory during the week between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 17, 2018



Today we celebrate Father’s Day, honoring our fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, and all those who have acted as fathers in our lives. How fortunate are we if we had or have a father who is like the majestic cedar described in the first reading, providing comfort and protection for all those in its care. Whatever our own circumstances, we can look to God, our Almighty Father, as the ideal of a fostering, loving, forgiving parent.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – will resume in September.

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 – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 11 (second Wednesday) at 12:00 noon** in the Church Hall. Annual dues are \$10.00. For more information, please call Grace or Mike Casalino at 973-702-8569.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will not be meeting during the summer months. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m.** in the rectory meeting room. Mark your calendar – all are invited.

HELPING HANDS meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! **The next meeting is Tuesday, July 10.**

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.

TRICKY TRAY MEETING

There will be a tricky tray meeting on Sunday, June 24th at 12:00 in the rectory meeting room. Anyone is welcome. Please start considering putting a tray together (pair up if needed) for the upcoming tricky tray (date coming soon). Many items now may not be available in the fall. If you can drop off only a few items for a basket, please consider dropping them off soon so the committee can start making baskets and lists of what we need to add to these items. Anything you do to help our largest fundraiser for the church will be appreciated. If there are any questions please contact a committee member.

Thank you. Tony Szwartz

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION

For parishioners who use weekly envelopes, the special envelope, dated June 17, 2018 for South American and Latin American Missions and Bishops' Overseas Relief, will be collected on the weekend of June 23/24, 2018. Please see the letter from Bishop Serratelli in this bulletin.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

God will restore the kingdom of Judah, as symbolized by the cedar. The deed is emphasized by the words, "As I, the Lord have spoken, so will I do."

Second Reading: II Corinthians 5:6-10

Paul acknowledges "that we are, in a sense, away from the Lord while in this life and bound to our bodies." We will be fully united with God in the next life, if we please him in this life.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is compared to a mustard seed which is the smallest of seeds yet grows to become the largest of shrubs. Similarly, God's community grows gradually until it becomes large and strong.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

In recent years we have heard calls for transparency and accountability. Whether in politics, the corporate world or the church, demands are being made on the activities of others. Judgments follow. The television is filled with many court room cases being exposed and decisions made – guilty, non-guilty, fines and recompense. That is entertainment.

St. Paul reminds us that we all will experience the same accountability for reward or punishment. Sometimes we try to avoid finding ourselves as the subject of such scrutiny, yet it is only as a result of our goodness, our prayer life, our service to others, that the reward will come.

For many, it is quite convenient to pass over the idea of judgment. Maybe we should spend a moment to judge ourselves, ask forgiveness and reap the reward. Remember Matthew 25, 'Come blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you....'

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

***Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your
grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into
the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and
insights gained through their education to
use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life
even when faced with challenges and
difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they
grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your
beloved Son. Amen.***

***Congratulations to all our graduates...from
pre-school to grad school. May God bless you!***



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June 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes throughout our Diocese are asked to take up a collection for the Church in Latin America and for Catholic Relief Services. I ask you to please support these worthy causes by participating in this combined collection.

Although the people in Latin America are eager to practice their faith, obstacles beyond their control make it extremely difficult. For example, in Cuba, people have not had the opportunity to share their faith and essentially no place to worship as a community. Through the collection for the Church in Latin America, religious education, retreats and evangelization efforts are now beginning. This has given the faithful the hope and joy of the Gospel.

Catholic Relief Services has been a beacon of hope for many people in need around the world. In Central America, for example, a great effort has begun to reach out to the massive number of young people who are uneducated and therefore unemployed. With the help of Catholic Relief Services, they are being provided with school reentry, job skills training and social services. Offering this help now will guide many on the road to opportunity, making them productive citizens. Your support of Catholic Relief Services changes lives for the better!

Please join your fellow parishioners throughout the Paterson Diocese by being as generous as possible when this combined collection is taken in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D.
Bishop of Paterson

THIS COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN NEXT WEEKEND, JUNE 23/24.

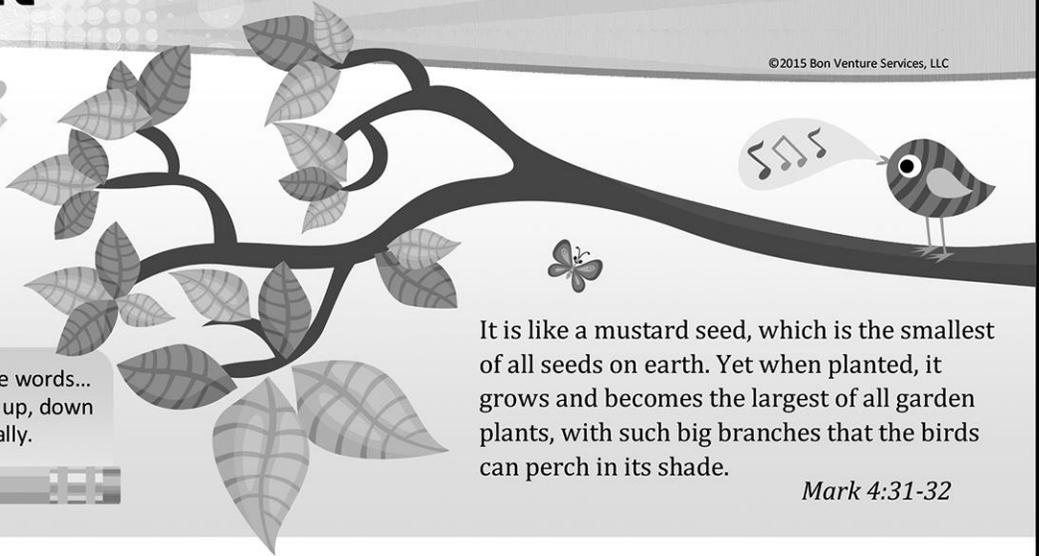
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Gospel Today

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 4:26-34

Like seeds planted in good soil, the Word of God grows quietly and powerfully in the hearts of His people.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.



It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.

Mark 4:31-32

- Kingdom
- God
- Parable
- Scattered
- Seeds
- Sprout
- Planted
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- Soil
- Yields
- Harvest
- Mustard
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- Largest
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- Word
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- Quietly
- Powerfully
- Among
- Hearts
- People

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