

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Online Giving – Sunday Collection – 8/19/18	\$ 616.00
Online Giving – Sunday 8/19/18 - Maintenance	\$ 25.00
Sunday Collection – 8/26/18	\$2,855.20

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: The People of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

9/3	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/4	TUES:	9:00a	Steve Wyssenski (LIV)
9/5	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
9/6	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/7	FRI:	9:00a	Phillip and Kathleen Kunz
9/8	SAT:	5:00p	Victor DiGerolamo, Jr. Irene Avagnano
9/9	SUN:	8:30a 10:30a	Vito Dziekonski John and Eleanor Murray Summer Ponce Eugene Pelliccia

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information

Phone: 973-875-4521 Fax: 973-875-7538
Parish Office Hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Mon., Tues, Thurs. and Fri. WE ARE CLOSED 9/3 – LABOR DAY. THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.
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.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.
THIS SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL OCTOBER 6/7, 2018.

Prices for Mass Cards: Large: \$15.00
Small: \$10.00

Sanctuary Lamp: \$10.00
Please stop by the Rectory Office between 9:30AM and 1:30PM to purchase a Mass card or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018



It's Labor Day weekend and a time traditionally associated with the beginning of a new school year. In that vein, let us pay attention to the lessons we are taught in today's readings. Jesus tries to teach the Pharisees and the scribes the importance of what we have in our hearts. He calls them hypocrites for concentrating on unclean hands instead of unclean hearts. Let us take this lesson to heart!

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – Resumes this Sunday, Sept. 2 after the 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – Thursdays at 6:00pm 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, September 5th 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.

TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE will meet in the rectory meeting room on **Sunday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m.** All are welcome. The Tricky Tray is our biggest fundraiser and many hands make light work.

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, September 11th.

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.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to know and understand the Mass as never before?

Then please join us as we take “A Biblical Walk Through The Mass”, a five-part, video-based series presented by Dr. Edward Sri on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and Nov. 26. Cost is \$21 which covers the cost of one book and one workbook.

Registration IS REQUIRED by no later than September 14.

Register at the Rectory Office or call Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051, or email to mtw195@embarqmail.com. Come, learn to love what others pray for, The Mass!



TO THE MEMBERS OF ST. MONICA’S HELPING HANDS for all your hard work in making St. Monica’s Feast Day BBQ a wonderful success!

We had a total of 84 people who attended the event! A special prayer service in honor of St. Monica was held in the church by Fr. Jan.

There was a wonderful variety of foods which were brought and shared by those in attendance. The Church Hall was beautifully decorated and we were invited to sample some Algerian wines. (Thank you, Mary Eileen). And the dessert table was amazing!

A special thanks to Darrin Boucher for donating the gas grill which was used to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs. (A great job by the “King of the Grill”, Paul Little).

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Filomena Montes de Oca. The prize was \$80. Congratulations, Filomena!

Again, thank you to everyone who took part in making this event a huge success!

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FREE: Four pairs of boy’s jeans. Size 12 Husky. Call the rectory if interested.

**OLD CLOVE CHURCH
Route 23, Wantage, NJ**

Annual Worship Service

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 2:00PM
Worship Service led by
Rev. Fr. David B. Rude of the House of the Good Shepherd, Wantage, NJ.
Special Music: Ms. Teresa Toriello, Soloist,
Mr. Robert Gibson, Saxophone Solo.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

REGISTRATION FOR 2018/2019

Registration forms for the upcoming school year are now available on the table in the Church Hall or can be picked up at the rectory office. This is for Religious Education AND Youth Ministry.

If anyone has a child entering first grade in September and wishes that they be a part of our program, please contact Mary Vernacchio at 973-875-2110.

Please return the completed form as soon as possible with the appropriate fee. The fees are: \$75.00 for one child, \$110.00 for two children, and \$150.00 for three or more.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

TRICKY TRAY NEWS

A box is located in the church hall for anyone wanting to donate items which will then be combined to make baskets. Cash donations can also be made.

Some ideas for Tricky Tray baskets:
For men: (Shaving items, wallet, etc.)
Pet baskets
Camping equipment
The possibilities are endless!

The next tricky tray meeting is on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. PLEASE JOIN US! This is an important fundraiser for St. Monica’s and the Tricky Tray date of November 9th is fast approaching; therefore, much help is needed! Thank you.

Tony Szwartz

BAPTISM



Please welcome Kayleigh Jade Costigan, daughter of John and Arielle Costigan as she received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Monica's last Saturday, August 25TH, 2018. The Godparents are Joe

DuPont and Megan Costigan. God bless you Kayleigh!

If you have an infant or young child, or if you are expecting, and would like to have your child baptized, please call the rectory office to register for a Baptism Preparation session.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses tells the people to always observe the statutes God has given them, without adding or subtracting from these laws. He reminds them that the law is just, and that any nation who heard their statutes would consider them a wise nation.

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

James discusses the gifts that God has given to all people and implores them to respond by welcoming the words of truth that can save them. He emphasizes that through good deeds and pure conduct, our faith in God is proven to him.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Pharisees observed some of Jesus' disciples eating without first purifying their hands and ask the disciples why they are going against their ancestor's traditions. Jesus responds that nothing from the outside can make a person impure. The only true evil, acts such as fornication, murder, and greed among others, come from within and make a person impure.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights... Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep yourself unstained by the world."

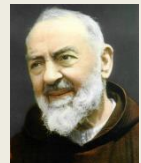
As we reflect on the word each week, we are encouraged to not just hear or read, but to decide how it directs me to live it and put it into practice. From the first page of the bible, care for the oppressed, widows and orphans was a key measure for being a faithful person. The history of the church celebrates the heroes who reached out to the needy, beginning in the Acts of the Apostles. Saints like Vincent de Paul, Mother Katherine Drexler, saw needs and acted upon them.

In his exhortation 'Rejoice and Be Glad' Pope Francis indicates that the Beatitudes are our identity card. So if anyone asks 'What must I do to be a good Christian?', the answer is clear. We have to do each in our own way what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. Saint James and Pope Francis tell us 'we are a people of the beatitudes'.

RELICS OF SAINT PIO COME TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON

St. Peter the Apostle Church 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054
Thursday, September 20, 2018 (from 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.)

For information about the public veneration, please call 973-334-2090 or send an email to stpeterpar@optonline.net. A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. by Msgr. Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A., Pastor of the St. Peter the Apostle Church.



RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA VISIT DIOCESE OF PATERSON

October 4 – St. Anthony of Padua Church
65 Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ (10:00 AM to 1:30 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM)

October 13 – St. Anthony of Padua Church
276 Diamond Bridge Ave., Hawthorne, NJ (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

October 13 – St. Vincent DePaul Parish
250 Bebout Ave., Stirling, NJ (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

October 14 – Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
209 US-Route 206, Branchville, NJ (8:00AM to 1:00PM)

October 14 – Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish
63 E. Main St., Rockaway, NJ (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)



PLEASE SEE THE FLYERS AT THE CHURCH AND HALL EXITS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MASS TIMES

Statement of the Roman Catholic Bishops of New Jersey

August 15, 2018

New Jersey's Roman Catholic Bishops acknowledge that media accounts of the details contained in Pennsylvania's grand jury report show a heartbreaking departure from our fundamental belief in the dignity and value of every child. As a Church, our calling remains unchanged - to help children in our care encounter leaders who exemplify God's commandment to love and protect the most vulnerable.

As Bishops, we hold that every parent and every child deserve a safe environment to learn and explore their faith. Every space where teaching, worship, and ministry take place must provide this safe environment. There must be no compromise on this principle. The children entrusted to our care are treasures.

We cannot undo the actions of the past, but we shall remain vigilant to ensure that not one child will ever be abused on our watch.

New Jersey's Catholic dioceses have conducted some 380,000 criminal background checks of all diocesan and parish personnel who have regular contact with minors. In addition, all Catholic dioceses have integrated a comprehensive program of reporting abuse to civil authorities, compensating and counseling victims, and implementing rigorous protocols and training for more than 2.3 million clergy, employees, volunteers and children.

We thank law enforcement agencies, child protection advocates and victims themselves who have helped us move beyond compliance to creating the safest environments for learning and worship. We are deeply thankful for those who have joined our efforts to extend both healing and hope to every victim and their family. We renew our commitment to foster healing and seek forgiveness.

We urge anyone who was abused by clergy to come forward to civil authorities.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.

Bishop, Diocese of Trenton

Most Reverend Dennis J. Sullivan

Bishop, Diocese of Camden

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli

Bishop, Diocese of Paterson

Most Reverend James F. Checchio

Bishop, Diocese of Metuchen

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday - 1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday - 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday - 1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday - 1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

First Friday - 1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday - Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23