

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 9/16/18</u>	\$2,790.00
<u>Online Giving – Sunday Collection – 9/9</u>	\$ 441.00
<u>Online Giving –Maintenance 9/9</u>	\$ 90.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

9/24	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/25	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/26	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
9/27	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/28	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/29	SAT:	5:00p	People of our Parish
9/30	SUN:	8:30a	Graciella Randazzo
		10:30a	George Fluhr
			Arthur Randall
			Ron Bobiak

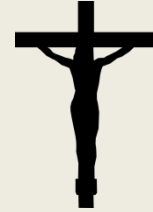
ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information
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Parish Office Hours: 9:30am–1:30pm Mon Tue Thurs and Fri.
THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.
Website: www.stmonicasussex.org
Email: stmonica@ptd.net
Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for
information to be printed on the following Sunday.

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.
THIS SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT
THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

EFFECTIVE THE WEEKEND OF OCT. 6/7, MASSES
WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: SATURDAY: 5:00 PM.
SUNDAY: 8:30, 10:30 AM AND 12:00 NOON.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
Sunday - Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37
Monday - Prv 3:27-34; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday - Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday - Prv 30:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday - Eccl 1:2-11; Lk 9:7-9
Friday - Eccl 3:1-11; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Jn 1:47-51

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 23, 2018



“Look out for Number One!” the saying goes. Society often encourages us to take care of ourselves first. This easily leads to a sense of selfishness, feelings of jealousy, and actions of greed. As Christians, we know that these attitudes are antithetical to the model of Jesus, who emptied himself to become flesh and offered himself as the ultimate sacrifice. Let us pray that we are able to avoid the temptations of jealousy and envy in our lives.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – First Sunday of each month 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, October 3rd 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 23rd 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, Oct. 9th.**

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 ROSARY SOCIETY

The first meeting of St. Monica’s Rosary Society will take place on Monday evening, September 24th at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall. All are invited! Remember to bring your rosaries!

TRICKY TRAY NEWS

The Tricky Tray committee is looking to borrow easels to help with notifications during the tricky tray. If anyone has one and can loan it until November 9th, the Committee would appreciate it. Please drop it off at the Church Hall with your name on it so we can return it.

There is a box located in the rear of the Church Hall for anyone who wants to start dropping off items for baskets. The items do not have to complete a basket nor do they have to have the same theme. Any items will help complete other baskets or can be added on to make full baskets.

The envelopes for local businesses from last year are located on the table in the back of the Church Hall. Please sign out an envelope and deliver and follow up with each business you are able to meet. There are many other businesses who you may know of so please take a blank envelope with the paperwork inside and add the business you are thinking about visiting to the list.

A POWERFUL STUDY ON THE BLESSED MOTHER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25TH

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for 8 sessions on **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother**. Sessions begin on Tuesday, September 25, 1:30 P.M. Other tentative dates are Tuesdays, Oct. 9, 23, 30, Nov. 13, 20, 27, and Dec. 4. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by calling the Rectory office or Terry at 845-258-8051 (email mtw195@embarqmail.com). Cost is \$24.95.

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center in Newton on October 4th, 2018. Our Theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for October is "Created in God's Image". The day begins at 9 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30 pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering.

For further information, kindly visit our website: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org or call: 973-383-2620.

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.

Attention All Those Who Love Music!

Our first adult choir rehearsal will be Thursday, 9/27 at 7:15 PM. We welcome all those who would like to be a part of making music in harmony. We have a core group that will support any new members that come, so don't be afraid to try it out!

Also, several people have mentioned they would like a children's choir...so if you are interested for your child to sing in church, talk to me after mass on Sunday. It would be very easy to have a 20 to 30 minute rehearsal with children on Sundays either before or after the 10:30 mass. If I get a group of five children, we can definitely have a children's choir. I would love for them to sing several times during the year as they progress!

Please give it some serious thought. Your participation in Sunday's music will add so much to you personally and to the congregation at large.

.... Judy

COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL AT HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 102 Route 284, Wantage. 973-702-0622.

**September 29, 11 am to 9 pm and
September 30, noon to 4 pm.**

Enjoy American and Slavic cuisine, including sausage with peppers and onions, hot dogs and hamburgers, pierogis, haluski, home-baked goods, and more! Live music featuring the Snake Oil Willie Band on Saturday from 6-8 pm. and Culver Gap Bluegrass Trio on Sunday from 1-3 pm. Renaissance lute performances and more. FREE ADMISSION.

Please see the flyers at the Church and hall exits for more information.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

“They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, he began to ask them, ‘What were you arguing about on the way?’ But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, ‘If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.’”

How can I serve? The path to holiness requires that we humbly reach out to see Christ in the faces of those around us. “In this call to recognize Him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, His deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to attain.” These are the words of Pope Saint John Paul, as quoted by Pope Francis.

These are the demands of Jesus with no ‘ifs and buts.’ Holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is ‘the beating heart of the gospel.’ When He washed the feet of the disciples, He spoke by His action, what a true disciple is to do. It is when we serve we receive not only Jesus, but the One who sent Him.

2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal **Here I am, Lord!**

While there are many ways to give to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, there is a particularly beneficial opportunity if you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA. If you are in this category, the IRS requires you to take a required minimum distribution from your IRA each year. As a result, this distribution is added to your taxable income and increases the amount of taxes owed to the government. However, instead of taking your required minimum distribution, you can instruct your IRA investment manager to donate this distribution to a charity such as the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and this automatically omits this amount from your adjusted gross income. This tax benefit can be realized by all qualifying individuals, whether you take the standard deduction or itemize your deductions. This can be a significant benefit to you and a great way to support the work of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. *If you are considering making a charitable donation using your IRA required minimum distribution, please be sure to first discuss this with your financial or tax advisor to make sure it is right for you.*

NEW JERSEY RIGHT TO LIFE **2018 Respect Life Raffle**

Each year, St. Monica’s participates in this worthwhile cause. Raffle tickets will be sold outside the Church Hall after each mass on the weekends of September 22/23 and 29/30. Proceeds for are for the Benefit of New Jersey Right to Life. Raffle tickets are \$10 each for a chance to win a 2019 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV (Retail value is \$41,215). Second, Third and Fourth Prizes are Shop Rite Gift Certificates. Please see the posters at the Church exits for further details.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY will celebrate the Feast of St. Theresa of Lisieux, the Carmelite nun known as the Little Flower, on Monday, October 1, 2018. “Breakfast with Therese” will begin at 9:00 am with prayer, a reflection talk given by Fr. Tim Ennis, O.Carm, followed by a “French” breakfast and rose activity. The feast day mass is at 11:30 am. The cost is \$10 per person. Deadline to register is Wednesday, September 26. To register or for further information, please call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879. All are welcome! Please see the flyers on the table in the Church Hall.

FAMILY PROMISE

Volunteers are needed for Family Promise which serves homeless families. They will be staying at the Presbyterian Church the week of October 2nd. We at St. Monica's, a support congregation, will be helping on the following days:

Wednesday, October 3rd
 Thursday, October 4th
 Monday, October 8th

We are responsible on Wednesday and Thursday for the following shifts: 5-7 pm dinner shift; 7-9 pm evening shift; 9 pm-7am sleepover shift. On Monday, we are responsible for 5-7 pm dinner shift.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. If you have any questions about the program and how you can help, please call me at 973-875-6053. Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Oesen


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Gospel Today
 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 9:30-37
 Jesus says blessed are those who put others first. They will be first in Heaven.


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Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me.
 - Mark 9:37



Below are words showing behaviors towards God's children...
 Color the **GOOD ACT BLOCKS** yellow (the ones who put others first).
 Color the **SELFISH ACT BLOCKS** blue (the ones who put themselves first).



<p>Not sharing</p>	 <p>Sharing a snack</p>	<p>Being a bully</p>
 <p>Doing somebody's chores</p>	<p>Teaching your talents to others</p>	 <p>Thank you God for my talents</p>
<p>Bragging about yourself</p>	<p>Praying for those in need</p>	<p>Saying mean things</p>
<p>Not inviting everyone to play</p>	 <p>Inviting friends to play</p>	<p>Thinking you are better than others</p>

We have learned, as followers of Jesus, we must carry our _____.

Hint: See yellow colored blocks above.

Our talents come from God - be thankful and humble, but not boastful to others.

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