

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

**Stewardship Report – Treasure**  
**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<b><u>Budgeted Amount:</u></b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b><u>All Saints’ Day Collection – 11/1/18</u></b>	<b>\$1,180.00</b>
<b><u>Sunday Collection – 11/4/18</u></b>	<b>\$2,947.00</b>
<b><u>Maintenance Collection – 11/4/18</u></b>	<b>\$1,678.00</b>
<b><u>Online Giving – 10/27/18</u></b>	<b>\$ 481.00</b>

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The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:  
**In Memory of: Emil Ogrinz**  
**Given by: Mary Dunleavy and Agnes Gubernard**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

11/12	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
11/13	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
11/14	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
11/15	THU:	9:00a	Geraldine Vaskas
11/16	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
11/17	SAT:	5:00p	Emil Ogrinz Sharon Fraunberger
11/18	SUN:	8:30a	Emil Ogrinz Angelle Jazrawi
		10:30a	Raymond Cullen, Jr. John & Eleanor Murray Susan Polomski
		12:00p	Anne Naused

<b><u>ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information</u></b> <b><u>Phone: 973-875-4521 Fax: 973-875-7538</u></b> <b><u>Parish Office Hours: 9:30am–1:30pm Mon Tue Thurs and Fri.</u></b> <b><u>THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.</u></b> <b><u>Website: <a href="http://www.stmonicasussex.org">www.stmonicasussex.org</a></u></b> <b><u>Email: <a href="mailto:stmonica@ptd.net">stmonica@ptd.net</a></u></b> <b><u>Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday.</u></b>
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<b><u>MASS CARDS</u></b> <b><u>SMALL: \$10.00 LARGE: \$15.00</u></b> Please stop by the Rectory during office hours to purchase a Mass card for a loved one.
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<b><u>READINGS FOR THIS WEEK</u></b> <b><u>Sunday - 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44</u></b> <b><u>Monday - Ti 1:1-9; Lk 17:1-6</u></b> <b><u>Tuesday - Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10</u></b> <b><u>Wednesday - Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19</u></b> <b><u>Thursday - Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25</u></b> <b><u>Friday - 2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37</u></b> <b><u>Saturday - 3 Jn 5-8; Lk 18:1-8</u></b>
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**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

*As Thanksgiving approaches, we would do well to think about the sacrifices others have made for us. These sacrifices, material and spiritual, may well have sustained us in our needs and comforted us in our troubles. As we come together today, let us ask ourselves what sacrifices we can make for our family members, our friends, and our neighbor. What sacrifices might the Lord be asking us to make?*

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS**

**COFFEE & DONUTS** – First Sunday of each month after the 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome!

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**BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS STUDY GROUP** meets on **Monday, Nov. 12 at 7:30pm** in the rectory meeting room. Remaining date is Nov. 26.

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**ST. MONICA’S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting is **Monday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Book selection is “Fly While You Still Have Wings” by Joyce Rupp.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** – **Thursdays at 6:00pm** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow.

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**ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP** – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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, Nov 13<sup>th</sup>.**

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**ST. MONICA’S ROSARY SOCIETY** The next meeting will be on **Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall.

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**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 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

**Every registered parish family should have received a letter from Fr. Jan this week asking for a contribution to our Annual Campaign. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Extra letters can be found on the table in the hall in case you did not receive one.**



**ARE YOU THINKING OF CHRISTMAS??**

Because Thanksgiving is a week early this year, our "Giving Tree" will also be a week early...EXCEPT, it will be a "Giving Wreath"!

Our number of needy families and children on Santa's list is DOWN this year. So the number of tags available will also be less. Otherwise, everything will be the same. Take a tag (you have two weeks to shop). Gifts should be in the Church Hall the week of December 9 through Friday, December 14. Please be sure your tags are attached securely to your package.

Remember, gifts received on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> WILL NOT be used this year.

God bless you for your sharing and caring!

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**ALL ARE WELCOME.....**There will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm. Church of the Good Shepherd, 200 Rt. 23, Wantage, NJ.

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**Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>!**

St. Monica's is excited to have Jim and Coleen Caulfield of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Parsippany come here to share a multimedia presentation entitled "Advent Reflections". Jim and Coleen have crafted presentations on a variety of religious topics and have presented them at many parishes around NJ. These presentations contain a mix of Scripture, prayer, music, poetry, humor, stories, personal reflections, and visual art. So please plan to join us in the church Hall on **Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> from 11-12 noon** for what's sure to be an enjoyable and enlightening experience! Light refreshments will be served.

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**ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE IS BACK!**

Our Rosary Society and Leisure Group are conducting a Christmas Cookie Sale in the Church Hall on Saturday, December 1 and Sunday, December 2. The cookies are \$5 a plate. Anyone wishing to participate by baking cookies for the sale is welcome to do so! Please be sure to bring your cookies to the Church Hall on Saturday afternoon, December 1 between 1-3pm. (Cookies containing nuts must be labeled and kept separate from cookies without nuts).



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**

**GRADES 1 & 2 (First Holy Communion Class)**

Rectory Meeting Room  
Classes run from 9 am to 10:25 am  
Children will attend 10:30 am Mass after Class – Mass Attendance is part of the Religious Education requirement.

Sunday Class – November 18  
Saturday Class – December 1  
Christmas in Bethlehem  
Sunday Class – December 9

**GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6**

Classes run from 9am to 11am  
Saturday November 17  
Saturday December 1  
Saturday December 15

**YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**

Sunday November 18  
YM – Phase II  
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Mass – 10:30 am  
  
Saturday December 1  
YM/Rel. Ed. Classes  
Gr. 7&8 – Theme: "What's Holding You Back?"  
Phase I & Phase II – Theme: "Reconciliation - Fr. Jan" with a short talk on choosing a sponsor.  
Time: 5:00 pm Mass. 6:00 pm light dinner  
Class – 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – Church Hall  
  
Sunday December 2  
Make-up class – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (no dinner)

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN**

**This is celebrated every Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. We encourage all families with children, Grades 1 – 4, to have your son/daughter participate in this as part of their faith formation.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

At St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson, Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. The Mass is a wonderful way for us to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life. Please see the posters on the bulletin boards at the Church exits.

## **Christmas Music CD Offer**

This year, the musicians at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Church in Paterson are offering an hour-long CD of 19 freshly recorded sacred Christmas hymns with singers from both Broadway and the opera. The \$15.75 tax-deductible donation per CD will again be devoted to assisting the homeless and disadvantaged in the Paterson area. The CD will surely make a beautiful, lasting and thoughtful Christmas gift for you and others you care for.

For more information, obtain a purchase form which is located on the table in the Church Hall, or call Tom Kieren at 973-214-6473, and send it together with your check made out to "Cathedral of St. John the Baptist" to: Christmas CD Offer, 140 Notch Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

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**AN ADVENT NIGHT OF TAIZE PRAYER will be held on Monday, December 10, 2018 at 7:00pm at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY.**

**Taize Prayer comes from the Ecumenical community in Taize, France visited each year by thousands of people from all over the world. The music of Taize is a combination of sung prayer and meditative scripture readings that penetrate the whole person. By employing few words, it expresses a basic truth which the mind quickly grasps and which penetrates the whole person. Join us in song and prayer with instrumentalists and choir.**

**Call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879 for further information.**

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## **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Here I Am, Lord!**

With the help of funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests retirement residence, has been a home over the years for a number of our priests. These priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. You gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is a concrete way to acknowledge our priests decades of faithful service to our Church. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org). Thank you!

## **THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16**

Elijah asked a widow for a cup of water and a piece of bread. She told him she was almost out of flour, and that she and her son would soon starve. Elijah told her not to be afraid, as God had told him the jar of flour would not go empty. So she did as he had asked and prepared bread from the last of her flour. As God had said, her jar did not go empty, and she and her son had plenty to eat.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

The high priests entered the sanctuary each year and offered a sacrifice, but not a sacrifice of their own blood. Just as people die once and are judged, Christ was offered up once for the sins of many.

### **Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

Jesus expressed disgust over the hypocrisy of some of the scribes for wanting special treatment from the people. He watched the wealthy put large contributions into the collection box, but explained that what they gave was surplus wealth, and not a real sacrifice. He told them the biggest donation was a small amount from a widow, because she had given up the only money that she had to live on.

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**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 11, 2018**

**"Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling His disciples to Himself, He said to them, 'Amen I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributions to the treasury. For they have contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.'"**

The scriptures feature widows and their gifts. A few drops of oil and a little flour, or two cents. What could these simple elements teach us? Don't be too quick to judge. Consider the state of life, without husbands, with their own felt needs. Yet these simple gifts represented them, their life, perhaps their family too. But the Lord recognized their willingness to give of themselves.

How often when we are asked to support our church do we calculate, complain, and even feel insulted that we are asked to give? Whose church is it? It is mine and the Lord's. What do I have that was not a gift for me? Nothing. Many times when a parent is carrying his shoeless baby when leaving church I ask another person if they have a dollar. Readily they reach to answer my request. We then joke that the people did have shoes. They respond as we should, like today's widows.



**NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> IS VETERANS' DAY**

This holiday started as a day to reflect upon the heroism of those who died in our country's service and was originally called Armistice Day. It fell on November 11 because that is the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. However, in 1954, the holiday was changed to "Veterans Day" in order to account for all veterans in all wars.

We celebrate and honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

We stand united in respect for you, our veterans!

**Prayer for all Veterans**

*O God, Great and Almighty creator, we thank you and praise You for the freedom we enjoy in our country and pray that our liberties will continue to be protected.*

*Thank You for America's heroes, that have fought for our freedoms and who have faithfully served our country. We honor all of our veterans, for their sacrifices and for their courage and integrity.*

*As we celebrate these freedoms, we ask Your blessing on those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country. Bless their families and comfort them with the thankful prayers of a grateful nation.*

*We thank you for our veterans, past and present. Through the efforts of these individuals, help us continue to promote justice in all nations. Amen.*

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**UNITY CHOIR presents A CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE  
COMMEMORATING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENDING OF WORLD WAR I**

**Featuring  
Haydn's Mass in Time of War  
and other anthems  
Sunday, November 11 at 4 p.m.  
First United Methodist Church  
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton, NJ**

**Free Will Offering  
Ample Parking**

**Handicapped Accessible  
Reception to follow**

**For further information, call First United Methodist Church at 973-383-4450.**