

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection – 11/11/18 \$3,014.00

Online Giving – 11/4/18 \$ 471.00

Online Giving - Maintenance – 11/4/18 \$ 66.00

Online Giving – Missions – 11/4/18 \$ 60.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In Memory of: John O’Shea

Given by: Grace Casalino

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11/19 MON: 9:00a People of our Parish

11/20 TUES: 9:00a Geraldine Vaskas

11/21 WED: 9:00a NO MASS TODAY

11/22 THU: 9:00a John O’Shea

Joe Dul

Gerry Dudzinski

11/23 FRI: 9:00a People of our Parish

11/24 SAT: 5:00p Ed Zwirek

Emil Ogrinz

11/25 SUN: 8:30a George Sampar

Elsie and Ella Rodriguez

Antoinette Bianco

10:30a Rita and Edwin Puzio

Catherine McGovern

Jan Hugo

12:00p Stanley Losiewicz

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information

Phone: 973-875-4521 Fax: 973-875-7538

Parish Office Hours: 9:30am–1:30pm Mon. Tue. Thurs. and Fri.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21 AND THANKSGIVING DAY.

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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

St. Monica’s Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at 9:00am. Please come and first give thanks to God. Each year, freshly baked loaves of bread are blessed and distributed to each family in attendance.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Happy Thanksgiving

Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

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

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS STUDY GROUP meets on **Monday, Nov. 26 at 7:30pm** in the rectory meeting room. This is the last session in the series.

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

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 – Members only: The Christmas Party is on Thursday, December 6 at 12:30 at The Lamp Post Restaurant. If you were not at the November meeting and would like to attend the Christmas Party, please call Grace or Mike Casalino at 973-702-8569 before Nov. 30.

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, December 11th.**

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

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 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.



A special thanks to the members of the Tricky Tray Committee for sacrificing their time and effort and for all their hard work in planning St. Monica's Tricky Tray.

We also thank everyone who participated in any way by donating baskets, and items for baskets. Many thanks go to our local businesses who donated gift cards and other items. We also thank those that helped: wrappers, bakers, security, runners, transporters, those that sold tickets, those that bought 50/50 tickets and everyone who attended...the list goes on....

We collected over \$6,000 this year. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was our own parishioner, Priscilla McLean, who received \$622.00! Congratulations, Priscilla!

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 15th WILL NOT be used this year.

God bless you for your sharing and caring!

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



Helping Hands will be hosting their 8th Annual Fiesta de la Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe on Sunday, December 9th. There will be prayer, music and a covered-dish dinner beginning at 3:00 pm. Mexican, Spanish and American foods will be served. Please sign up on the form

in the Church Hall. For further information, please contact Mary Eileen Schoen at 862-266-0573.



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.

Saturday Class – December 1
Christmas in Bethlehem
Sunday Class – December 9
Sunday Class - January 13

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

Classes run from 9am to 11am
Saturday December 1
Saturday December 15
Saturday January 5

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

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)

Saturday January 5
YM/Rel. Ed. Classes
Gr. 7&8 – Theme: "The Jesus Question"
Phase I & Phase II – Theme: "Confirmation"
Time: 5:00 pm Mass, 6:00 pm light dinner
Class 6:30 to 9:00 pm – Church Hall

Sunday January 6
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.

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).

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.



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.

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

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Bishop's Annual Appeal is completely dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests' residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals - with a total of over \$700,000 being returned to parishes last year alone! Please help your neighbors in need and our parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel discusses the end of the world, a time when the dead shall rise and everyone will be judged. He warns that some shall "be an everlasting horror and disgrace." But he promises that some will live forever, and the wise will shine brightly to lead others to justice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Priests repeatedly offered sacrifices that were unable to take away sin. But through Jesus' one sacrifice, our sins were forgiven, leaving no need for other offerings.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus told his disciples that many signs would be seen before the end of the world. He explained that the earth would pass away but his words would not. He also told them that neither the angels nor himself, but only his Father knew when this would take place.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 18, 2018

"Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took His seat forever at the right hand of God. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin."

Jesus is our high priest. When we come to mass our priest leads us in prayer, but he acts only in the person of Christ. It is Jesus who offers the sacrifice of Calvary. Sometimes we know the priest quite well. At times a visitor or missionary celebrates the Eucharist for us. How special it is that we have someone to, in the words of St. Peter, 'to lead us to God.'

May we reflect for a moment on the person of the priest. Pray for him, offer him your friendship and support, express your gratitude for his role in leading, teaching, preaching and living the gospel. Encourage others to follow Christ on the service of the community. Remember your priests who have died, asking the Lord to reward them for their ministry. Although a priest is often at our side at moments of sickness and death, it is often said that the priest dies alone. Pray for priests.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Monday - Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday - Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday - Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday - Lk 19:11-28; Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44

Friday - Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday - Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40

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Gospel Today

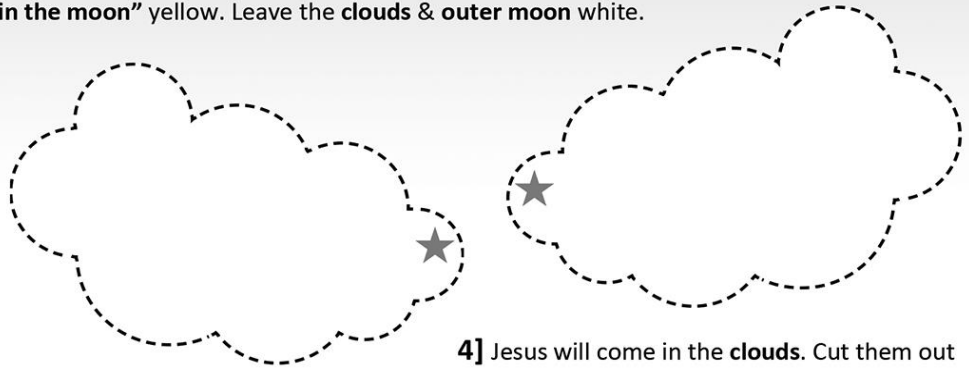
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 13:24-32

As a sign of His second coming, Jesus says we will see changes in the sun, moon and stars. In the clouds, Jesus will come in all His glory, with the angels, and gather His people.

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1] Color the sun, stars and "man in the moon" yellow. Leave the clouds & outer moon white.

2/3] The sun & moon will not give light, so we will not see them. Cut them out & put them aside.



4] Jesus will come in the clouds. Cut them out & put them aside with sun & moon.

5] Cut large square (with falling stars) on dotted line. This will be your picture board.

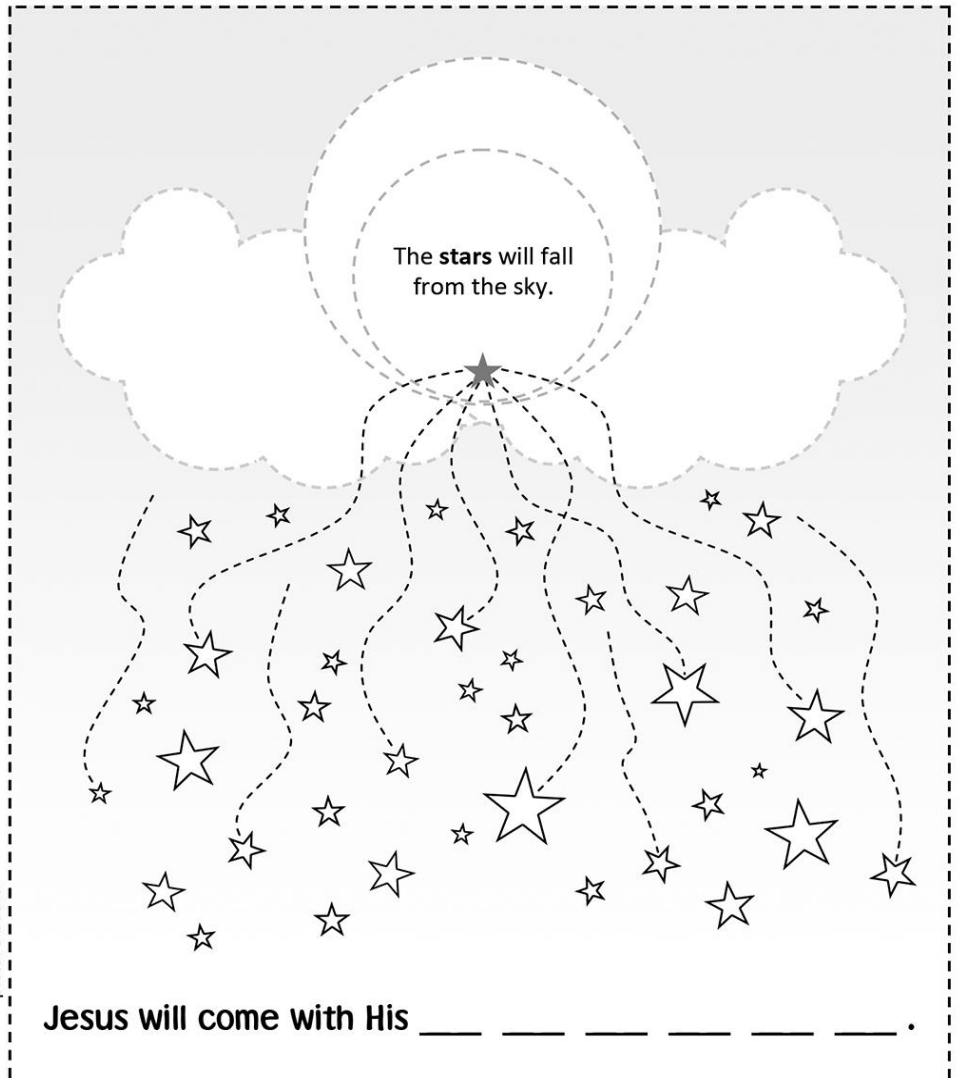
Using the bold star on each piece as a match up point, tape or glue the four pieces to your picture board matching up the bold stars & dotted lines.

Begin with the clouds, then place the sun on top of clouds and finally the moon on top of sun, being sure to match up the bold stars.

Fill in the word on the bottom of the picture of your new creation!



picture board



Jesus will come with His _____.