

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection – 11/18/18 Will be reported next week
Online Giving – 11/11/18 \$ 471.00
Online Giving - Maintenance – 11/4/18 \$ 50.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Stanley Losiewicz
Given by: Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11/26 MON: 9:00a People of our Parish
11/27 TUES: 9:00a People of our Parish
11/28 WED: 9:00a NO MASS TODAY
11/29 THU: 9:00a Geraldine Vaskas
11/30 FRI: 9:00a People of our Parish
12/1 SAT: 5:00p Joan Yocamelli
Eileen Herzog
Pauline Yarussi
12/2 SUN: 8:30a Emil Ogrinz
Frank Rankl
10:30a Carmen Fluhr
Giorgio Gallara
James Murray
12:00p Raymond Kazmierski

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 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 CARDS
SMALL: \$10.00 LARGE: \$15.00
Please stop by the Rectory during office hours to purchase a Mass card for a loved one.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 25, 2018

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, acknowledging that Jesus Christ is above all temporal rulers, past, present, or future. We also recognize that Jesus Christ should reign in our lives, guiding us in our thoughts, our decisions, and our conduct. In both the universe that is in the entire world, and the universe that is our own heart, Jesus Christ is Lord.

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.

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.

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!

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.



WOMEN'S RETREAT

SACRED HEART SPIRITUALITY CENTER is pleased to be offering our Women's Retreat on the first weekend of January 4-6, 2019.

Jesus invites you to come and receive his gift: "My Peace I Give You!" Jesus knows and loves us as we are. He desires to come closer to us and renew us in His love. The gentle presence of His Holy Spirit will lead the way in helping us grow more fully into the beautiful woman God intends us to be. We want you to feel welcome, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey. Just bring your desire for God and for His transforming love in our life. He will do the rest.

Act now to reserve your place on this retreat at the beginning of the new year. **The registration form can be found on the table in the Church Hall. Kindly return the form with the deposit by December 3, 2018.**

Please know that each retreatant has a special place in the Sisters' and Retreat Team's prayers, so that her retreat experience will be lifegiving throughout the year and beyond!

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center
20 Old Swartwood Road, Newton NJ 07860
973-383-3083

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!

This time of year, as we come together to celebrate Thanksgiving, please consider making a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal as a way to give thanks for our many blessings. Each year, tens of thousands of people in profound need seek out the services of our Catholic Charities and, with the help for the Bishop's Annual Appeal, they find an open door and a compassionate response. Please make a pledge to our Bishop's Annual Appeal today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2018appeal.org.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Daniel describes the one who will appear on the clouds of heaven and receive glory. People of every language will serve this one, and his leadership and community will be his forever.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Jesus is so powerful, he is the ruler of kings. He loved us enough to free us from sin, and so he will be glorified forever. He will appear again and be seen by all the people of the earth. God calls himself the first and last, "the One who is and who was and who is to come," reminding all people that God will remain with us always.

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus explains that his kingdom is not of this world. Pilate asks again if Jesus is a king, to which he replies, "I came into the world to testify to the truth. Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice."

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 25, 2018

"Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the ruler of the kings of the earth. In Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, who has made us into a kingdom of priests for His God and Father, to Him be glory and power forever. Amen."

On the day of our baptism when the minister took the holy chrism and anointed our foreheads we were told that now we share with Jesus in the threefold role of priest, prophet and king. The name Christ means the anointed one. We often refer to baptism by another name 'christening.'

As we bring the church year to a close, we pledge our loyalty to Jesus Christ, and dedicate ourselves to build the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The many parables taught by Jesus described His kingdom, the church. Many told us of the hidden treasure, as well as the weeds and the wheat. The kingdom of Jesus finds good and bad, strengths and weaknesses, but it's the kingdom of the Lord and we are part of it. Let us build the kingdom of God, as He wishes it to be. May we pray, 'thy kingdom come' with new awareness and deep devotion.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Monday - Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday - Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday - Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday - Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28

Friday - Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

First Saturday - Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

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Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Jn 18:33b-37

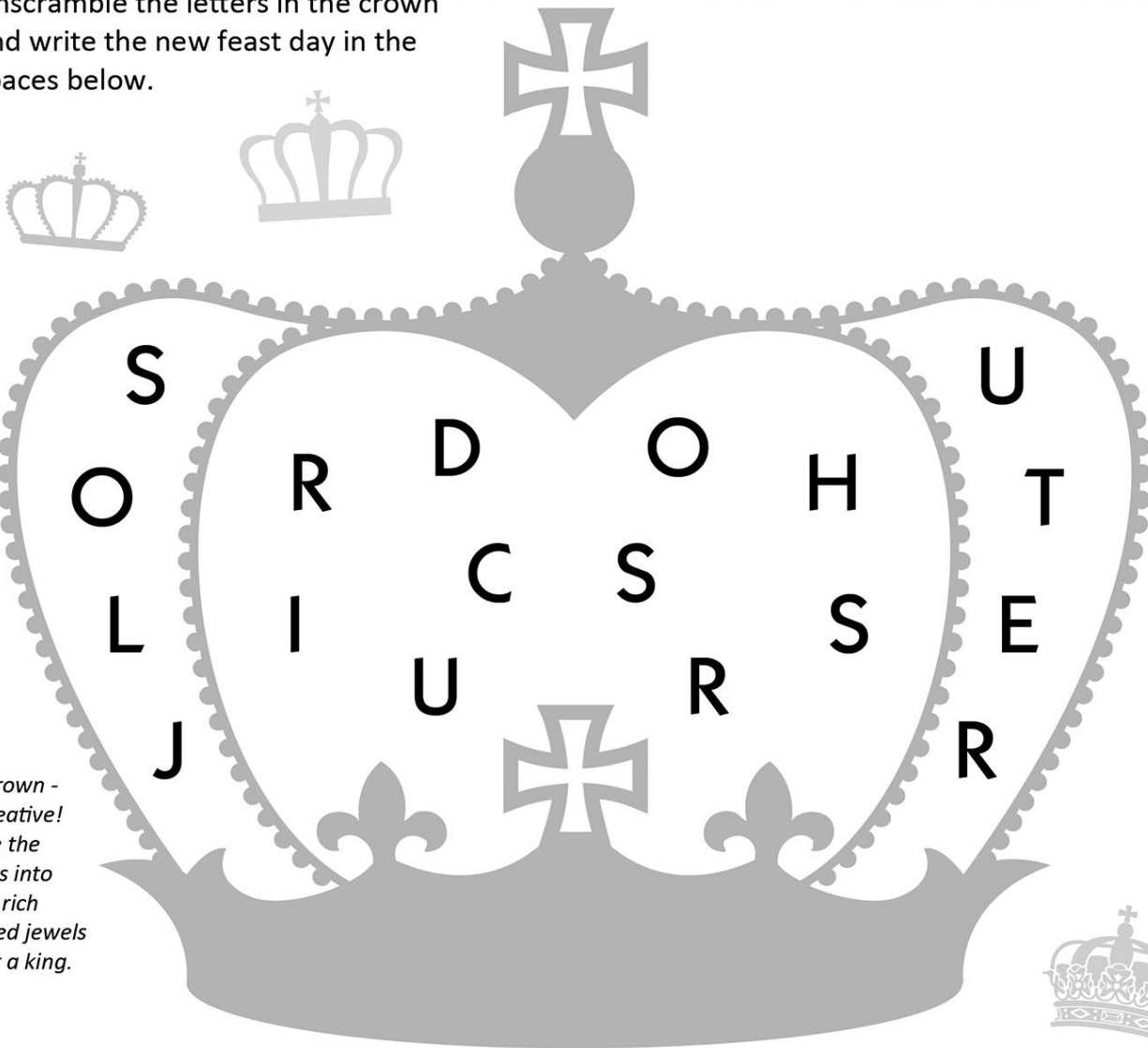
Jesus tells Pilate His Kingdom is not of this world. Jesus came to this world to testify to the truth, to teach of God's Kingdom of love, peace and kindness. We believe when Our Lord Jesus Christ rose from the dead, He showed the world He was King of the Universe.

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What was known as The Feast of Christ the King has been given a new name.

Use this space to unscramble the letters...

Unscramble the letters in the crown and write the new feast day in the spaces below.



Color the crown - be creative! Make the letters into dark, rich colored jewels fit for a king.

KING OF THE UNIVERSE