

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**  
**Stewardship Report – Treasure**  
**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<b>Budgeted Amount:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection – 1/13/19</b>	<b>\$3,101.00</b>
<b>Online Giving – 1/6/19</b>	<b>\$ 471.00</b>
<b>Online Giving – 1/6/19 – Maintenance Collection</b>	<b>\$ 116.00</b>

**ANNUAL CAMPAIGN as of 1/3/19**  
 Please support St. Monica’s Church by contributing to our Annual Campaign. Forms are located at the Church Hall exits.  
**We thank you for your generosity.**  
**Pledges to date: \$31,270.00**  
**Paid to date: \$27,858.49**

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:  
In Memory of: Ann Dalena  
Given by: Mary DelMonico

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

1/21	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
1/22	TUES.	9:00a	Bernice K. Felor
1/23	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
1/24	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
1/25	FRI:	9:00a	Greta Evertz Herman Brandt
1/26	SAT:	5:00p	Richard Storniolo William Joseph Shadwell
1/27	SUN:	8:30a	Adele Famiano
		10:30a	Gloria LiTrenta Susan McGovern
		12:00p	Anna Sydow

**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](http://www.stmonicasussex.org)**  
**Email: [stmonica@ptd.net](mailto:stmonica@ptd.net)**  
**Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week**  
**for information to be printed on the following Sunday.**

**ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

All those who use collection envelopes on a weekly basis will be receiving a contribution statement from our envelope company, DP Murphy Co., Inc. If you do not receive this statement by the end of January, please let us know by calling the Rectory. Also, We Share, the on-line giving company, will be sending out statements this month.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JANUARY 20, 2019**

*Since today is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, last Sunday must have been the first. We didn’t realize it because it was also the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Through baptism, we each became members of the Body of Christ, the Church. It may seem quite “ordinary,” but it certainly is not, as our baptism was the occasion of our rebirth in the Spirit. As we celebrate Ordinary Time today, may we realize the extraordinariness of God’s grace.*

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS**

**COFFEE & DONUTS** – First Sunday of each month after the 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome!  
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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 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will resume it’s meetings on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. All are invited.  
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**ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP** – There will be no meetings during the months of January, February and March. Meetings will resume on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 in the Church Hall. See you in the Spring!  
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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! **Next meeting is Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.**  
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**ST. MONICA’S ROSARY SOCIETY** There will be no meetings during the months of January, February and March. The next meeting will be Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.  
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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.  
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**Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** – Every Friday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.  
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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** – First Friday of the month after the 9:00 A.M. Mass until 10:00 A.M.  
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**EPHESIANS BIBLE STUDY**

**Discover your Inheritance**

One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God’s grace, we have become his adopted sons and daughters. In your day-to-day life, what does it mean to be a son or daughter of God – an heir to his promises and blessings? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to you to be part of his family, the Church? To help you uncover this meaning, we will begin Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance on Tuesday, January 29 at 1:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. You will receive a workbook and will meet every other week to view a total of eight engaging 30-minute video presentations presented by Jeff Cavins followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Please see the posters on the Church Bulletin Boards. For more information or to register for the study, please call Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051, or email [mtw195@embarqmail.com](mailto:mtw195@embarqmail.com). We hope you can join us. You will love it!



to all those who helped with taking down the Christmas decorations and the indoor and outdoor nativities last week. We had thirteen people who pitched in and performed a wonderful job in getting the church back to "ordinary time." God bless each and every one of you!!!

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

Isaiah prophesizes that Jerusalem will again be held in high esteem by God. He states that all nations will witness its glory. He compares a groom's joy toward his bride to the joy that God will feel toward Jerusalem.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

Paul discusses the different gifts and talents bestowed upon different individuals. He explains that each individual receives various talents so that everyone can contribute something to society.

**Gospel: John 2:1-11**

Jesus and Mary attended a wedding where Mary informed Jesus that there was no more wine. At first he said it did not concern him, but then he turned several jugs of water into wine. His disciples were also present, and believed in him more strongly after they witnessed the first sign of glory he revealed to them.

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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 20, 2019**

**“There was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding...the mother of Jesus told him ‘they have no wine.’ His mother said to the servers, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’...and his disciples began to believe in him.”**

It is easy to remember the first miracle as told by John. Like all weddings there was an invitation, and they were present. A near crisis caused Mary to intervene. She directed the difficult moment to be converted into a miracle, instructing the waiters what to do. Using what was at hand, water and jars enabled Jesus to transform the situation. The result was a newfound belief for those who accompanied Him to the wedding.

We too are invited to be with Jesus at the Eucharistic banquet. Jesus directs us ‘do this in memory of me’ and our own faith is strengthened and renewed by His presence. Mary knows the crises in our lives, of family, injustice, illness. Although the words spoken by Mary in the scriptures are the last we read, she too speaks to us ‘do whatever he tells you.’ Her presence and intervention or intercession in our behalf still has meaning ‘pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.’

**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 – January 27  
Sunday Class – February 10  
Sunday Class – February 24  
Sunday Class - March 10

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

Classes run from 9am to 11am in Church Hall  
Saturday February 2  
Saturday February 16  
Saturday March 2  
Saturday March 16  
Saturday April 6 LAST CLASS!

**YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR**

Saturday and Sunday February 2 and February 3  
Phase I & II Candidates  
SERVICE: Superbowl Sunday Collection - All Masses

Saturday February 9  
YM/Rel. Ed Classes  
Gr. 7 & 8 – Theme: “The Prayer Process and the Bible”  
Phase I & Phase II – Theme: “Made for Mission”  
Time 5:00 pm Mass, 6:00 pm light dinner  
Class 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – Church Hall

Sunday February 10  
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.**

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sunday** - Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11  
**Monday** - Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22  
**Tuesday** - Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28  
**Wednesday** - Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6  
**Thursday** - Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12  
**Friday** - Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18  
**Saturday** - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:20-21



## **SAINT OF THE WEEK: St. Agnes of Rome, January 21.**

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a wealthy Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high-ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death! Whenever a man wished to Marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity, that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower. In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl said, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!"

In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy.

Another story states that she was placed on trial again and was sentenced to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead Agnes. She died a virgin-martyr at the age of on January 21, 304 AD.

Agnes is buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. In 1859, Father Caspar Rehri, an Austrian missionary, founded the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity and rape survivors. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms.

On January 21, her feast day, it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the Pope. On Holy Thursday, the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the Pope.

