

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

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

<b>Budgeted Amount:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection – 1/27/19</b>	<b>\$3,196.00</b>
<b>Online Giving – 1/20/19</b>	<b>\$ 571.00</b>
<b>Online Giving – 1/20/19 - Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>

**ANNUAL CAMPAIGN as of 1/9/19**

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: Mary Losiewicz**

**Given by: Sr. Theresa Losiewicz**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

2/4	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/5	TUES.	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/6	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
2/7	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/8	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/9	SAT:	5:00p	Jessie Hughes Evelyn McKeever
2/10	SUN:	8:30a	Dorothy Gawenus
		10:30a	Roger Matthews Susan McGovern
		12:00p	John Collins

**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.**

**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.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2019**

*Expectations have a habit of tripping us up. We think we have it all figured out. We know what to expect. But then something happens to surprise us and we have to decide whether to believe it or not. Is this for real? The folks in Nazareth had expectations of their native son. This “son of Joseph” couldn’t possibly be the Anointed One, could he? God has a habit of surprising us, of defying our expectations.*

**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 BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will resume it’s meetings on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. All are invited.

**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!

**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>.**

**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.

**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.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. MONICA’S?**

Many times, people think that because they attend a certain church on weekends and holydays, they are automatically members of that church. Registration at St. Monica’s, or any other parish, is a way to be included in the activities of your parish. Registration shows you belong! It is also necessary for certain benefits like scheduling sacraments (weddings, baptisms, etc.), obtaining sponsor certificates to be a Godparent or confirmation sponsor, registering your children for religious education, and getting donation statements for tax purposes. Most importantly, it is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Please obtain a registration form at the church exits or stop by the rectory office during the week. Registration takes just a few moments of your time. We would be happy to have you as part of our parish community.

**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 – February 10  
Sunday Class – February 24  
Sunday Class – March 10  
Saturday FHC Class ONLY – March 23  
Reconciliation Workshop  
Sunday First Grade only Class – March 24

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

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

**YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
CALENDAR**

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)  
  
Saturday March 2  
Phase I – Candidates  
Rite: Distribution of the Creed – 5:00 Mass  
YM/Rel Ed Classes  
Gr. 7 & 8 – YM – Phase I & Phase II – YM Class –  
Theme: “Holy Week”, Last Supper & Stations of the Cross  
Time: 5:00 pm Mass, 6:00 pm light dinner  
Class: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – Church Hall  
  
Sunday March 3 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** - Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30  
**Monday** - Heb 11:32-40; Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday** - Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday** - Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday** - Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday** - Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday** - Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34

**First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center**

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on February 7, 2019. Our Theme for this year is “Holiness is for Everyone!” Our topic for February is: “Eight Paths to Holiness”. The day begins at 9AM with ‘coffee and,’ and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 noon, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30 pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register – All are welcome. For further info, visit our website: [sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org](http://sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org)., e-mail us at [shretreatcenter@gmail.com](mailto:shretreatcenter@gmail.com), or call 973-383-2620.

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19**

God tells Jeremiah that he was chosen to be a prophet to the nations before he had even been born. He also promises him strength and protection, providing Jeremiah does as God asks.

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13**

Paul discusses the importance of love and claims that one who possesses any gift, but lacks love, has nothing. He explains that true love never fails, although knowledge or other talents can fail to endure in the same manner. Paul says that three things last: "faith, hope, and love, the greatest of these being love."

**Gospel: Luke 4:21-30**

Jesus spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth, at first appealing to all who were present. But he knew that they would be expecting him to do the things he had already done in other towns. He reminded them of other prophets who had preached and gained acceptance in foreign places instead of their home towns. This angered the people, who expelled him from town.

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 3, 2019**

**“When the people in the synagogue heard this they were filled with fury. They rose up and drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But Jesus passed through their midst...They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”**

The call of the prophet Jeremiah and the prophetic voice of Jesus can be the source of comfort, as well as concern. A prophet is sometimes described as one who comforts the disturbed and disturbs the comfortable. Surely the mission of the Old Testament prophet and the challenge of Jesus can arouse anxiety or produce a calm, as He with us to deliver us.

The word of God is designed to help us discern how we can grow in our Christian lives, to know the Lord better, to love Him in the most trying circumstance, and to serve Him in the most vulnerable and marginalized.

We do not have to look far to discover where this challenge can be put into action. We so admire those who seemingly give of themselves for the good of others. Remember when a wealthy admirer told a Missionary of Charity that he wouldn't dress the wound of a suffering leper for a million dollars. The Sister replied 'I wouldn't either.'



**INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS AND DELAYS NOTIFICATIONS**

It's that time of year!! St. Monica's is registered with WSUS 102.3 FM Radio for closings and/or delays due to inclement weather and other emergency situations. These announcements can be heard on the radio, but the quickest way is to visit the following website: [wsus1023.iheart.com](http://wsus1023.iheart.com), then simply click on "Closings and Delays".

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**Travel Opportunities:**

The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY is hosting a trip to the Holy Land – October 16-24, 2019. Fr. Richard Champigny, O.Carm will accompany the group. Highlights include Tel Aviv, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem, Jerusalem & Hecht Museum in Haifa, followed by a visit to the Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Trip Information session will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940. Please call Carol Bezak at 845-343-1879 or Collette Tours at 1-800-581-8942 and refer to booking #885437 if you plan to attend this session.

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**Fatima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain**  
**(Portugal, Spain and France)**

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY to Fatima, Lourdes and Shrines of Spain on this 12-night experience. September 24 – October 5, 2019 with Catholic Cruises and Tours, LLC and AOS-USA.

Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1,749 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785. You may also contact us by email at [Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com](mailto:Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com).

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**Bible Quiz:**

Question 1 - To whom is the book of Revelation credited in the Bible?

- A) Matthew; B) Mark; C) Luke; or D) John

Question 2 - St. Sir Thomas More was put to death for refusing to recognize King Henry VIII of England as the head of the Church. How did he meet his martyrdom?

- A) Hanging; B) Beheading; C) Burning at the Stake; or D) He was imprisoned for life

Question 3 - Which saint is thought to be the maternal grandfather of Jesus Christ?

- A) St. Joseph; B) St. Anne; C) St. Joachim; or D) David

Question 4 - Who is the patron saint of the United States?

- A) St. Christopher; B) St. Katherine Drexel; C) St. Brendan; or D) Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

Question 5 - What saint has a square at the Vatican named after him?

- A) St. Michael the Archangel; B) St. Francis; C) St. Paul; or D) St. Peter

(Answers on next page)

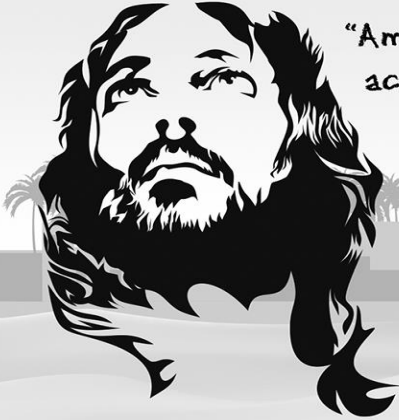
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## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 4:21-30

After reading from the prophet Isaiah, Jesus told the people in the synagogue He was the One sent by God to fulfill, or make true, the scripture. Jesus was recognized as the ordinary son of Joseph the Carpenter, who was raised among them, and not seen as a prophet. Jesus would not perform special miracles for them and the angry group chased Him out of town.

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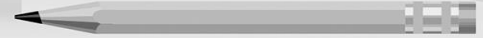


“Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place.”

Luke 4:24

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.



Isaiah  
Today  
Scripture  
Reading  
Passage  
Fulfilled  
Hearing  
Amazed  
Spoke  
Highly  
Gracious  
Words  
Recognized  
God  
Son  
Joseph  
Carpenter  
Ordinary  
Prophet  
Unaccepted  
Native  
Place  
Synagogue  
Town  
People  
Chased  
Jesus  
Away

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Answers to Bible Quiz:  
1-D, 2-B, 3-C, 4-D, 5-D