

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

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 2/17/19</u>	\$3,353.00
<u>Collection for Church in Eastern Europe – 2/17/19</u>	\$ 996.00
<u>Online Giving – 2/10/19</u>	\$ 471.00
<u>Maintenance Collection – 2/10/19</u>	\$ 50.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
 In Memory of: **Anna Sydow**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2/25	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/26	TUES.	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/27	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
2/28	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
3/1	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
3/2	SAT:	5:00p	Robert Jeffrey Richie Olsen Kathy Shaw (LIV)
3/3	SUN:	8:30a	Fred Best Gloria Torres
		10:30a	Gregory and Sonja Frankowski
		12:00p	Walter 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 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.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
 Masses with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at
 9:00am and 7:30pm. A prayer service with the
 distribution of ashes will be held at 4:15pm.

LENTEN SCHEDULE
Fridays of Lent – Beginning March 8, Stations of the Cross
 will be held after 9:00am Mass and at 7:30pm.
Mondays of Lent – Beginning March 11, confessions will
 be heard from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 24, 2019

Jesus teaches his disciples the Golden Rule in the passage we hear today: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” But he goes on to require more: “Love your enemies and do good to them...expecting nothing back.” Today let us listen for what God is calling us to do for the people in our lives, both those who treat us kindly in return and those who do not.

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 meet on **Monday, March 18th** 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, March 12th.**

BIBLE STUDY “Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance” on **Tuesday, February 26th** at 1:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

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 1st, 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.



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, then simply click on “Closings and Delays”.

**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 - March 10
Saturday FHC Class ONLY – March 23
Reconciliation Workshop
Sunday First Grade only Class – March 24
Tuesday FHC Class Only – March 26
First Reconciliation

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

Classes run from 9am to 11am in Church Hall

Saturday March 2
Saturday March 16
Saturday April 6 LAST CLASS!

**YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
CALENDAR**

Saturday March 9
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 10 Make-up class – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (no dinner)

Saturday March 23
YM/Rel Ed Activity
Visit to Dept. of Persons with Disabilities in Jefferson
Meeting Point: Church Hall
Time: Leaving at 11:00 am and returning by 2:30 pm

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 - 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38
Monday - Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday - Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday - Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40
Thursday - Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
First Friday - Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
First Saturday - Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!



Training for new altar servers will begin next month. If you have a child who would like to become an altar server at St. Monica’s, please see Fr. Jan, or call the rectory (973-875-4521). Candidates must be in fifth grade or older.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Saul wanted to harm David and went into the desert to locate him. David and his companion Abishai visited Saul and his troops while they slept. Abishai wanted to kill Saul, but David would not allow it, as he refused to kill the Lord's anointed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul portrays Adam as the first physical man and Jesus as the first man to give us our spirituality. One man was formed from dust, the other sent down from heaven. Just as we resemble the first being physically, we should model ourselves after Jesus spiritually.

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus explains that loving only people who love us is no great achievement. He also reminds us that doing a favor for someone while expecting something in return is not what he asks of us. Instead, we should emulate God by being compassionate and non-judgmental, even towards individuals who hate and mistreat us.

**HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“But love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful...Stop judging...stop condemning, forgive and you will be forgiven.”

If we wished to choose one word to describe the ministry of Pope Francis, it would be ‘mercy.’ His writings reflect this teaching of Jesus in the beatitudes. He proclaimed a holy year of mercy. He constantly is extending the compassionate hand of Jesus to the poor and marginalized.

Luke’s teaching asks us to consider what seems so difficult. Love enemies, give without expecting a return, be concerned for ungrateful and those so distant from the gospel.

When driving and someone cuts you off, pray for him. If you are offended by someone’s remark, chalk it up to a bad day and don’t brood over it. Don’t live the expression ‘I don’t get mad, I just get even.’ Spend a moment discerning who might be an ‘enemy’ and seek a way to open the door to friendship, by prayer, a smile, or another sign of peace.

Didn’t Jesus tell us to forgive so we may be forgiven?



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

If anyone is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister at St. Monica's, there is a sign-up sheet in the Church Hall. Training will begin next month. Those who are already Eucharistic Ministers are urged to attend the training as it will serve as a good "refresher course." Date of training will be announced before the end of this month. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE

Volunteers are needed for FAMILY PROMISE which serves homeless families. They will be staying at the Presbyterian Church the week of February 26 through March 5. We at St. Monica's, a support congregation, will be helping on the following days:

- Wednesday, February 27
- Thursday, February 28
- Monday March 4

We are responsible on Wednesday and Thursday for the following shifts:

- 5-7 pm dinner shift
- 7-9 pm evening shift
- 9 pm – 7 am sleep-over shift

On Monday, we are responsible for: 5-7 pm dinner shift

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. If you have any questions about the program and how you can help, please call me at 973-875-6053.

Thank you for your continued support.

.... Carol Oesen

Contemplative Prayer Retreat, April 26-28

Marianist Family Retreat Center – www.capemaymarianists.org

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

609-884-3829

This retreat is intended for those interested in a contemplative prayer experience. First-timers as well as those who are familiar with this type of retreat are all welcomed. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, quiet personal time, special liturgies and daily Eucharist.

Cost: \$140/pp



- Take time to pray... it is the greatest power on earth.***
- Take time to laugh...it is the "singing" to help with life's burdens.***
- Take time to play...it is the secret of perpetual youth.***
- Take time to dream...it hitches the soul to the stars.***
- Take time to plan...it is the secret of having time for all the rest.***
- Take time to attend Mass...it is essential for you to be all you can be!!***

BIBLE QUIZ

Friends are the closest thing to angels this side of heaven.

ANGELIC CHOICES

See how much you know about angels in the Bible. Circle the right answer from the choices given;

1. How many times are angels mentioned in the Bible?
a. 3 b. 12 c. 112 d. 273
2. In the Old Testament, with whom did the Angel of the Lord wrestle?
a. Adam b. Jacob c. Moses d. Elijah
3. After the fall of man, what guarded the Garden of Eden along with the angels?
a. Fiery darts b. Flaming Sword c. Red-hot brimstone d. Smoking gun
4. This angel announced Jesus' conception to Mary:
a. Gabriel b. Michael c. Satan d. Unnamed angel
5. Which statement is not true concerning all angels?
a. Created by God b. Possess strength c. Possess will d. Punish evildoers
6. Which is not an order of angels?
a. Thrones b. Virtues c. Battalions d. Powers

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Gospel Today
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:27-38
Jesus wants us to show love, kindness, respect and generosity to everyone. He tells us,
"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

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Find and write the missing letters (from A to Z) not found below...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence below.

"Do to _____ as you would have them do to you."

LUKE 6:31

Answers to Bible Quiz: 1-D 2-B 3-B 4-A 5-D 6-C