

**Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 3/31/19 \$4,656.00
Online Giving – 3/24/19 \$ 496.00

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

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: \$31,870.01

Paid to date: \$29,608.49

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In Memory of: Emil Ogrinz

Given by: The People of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

4/8 **MON:** 9:00a Geraldine Vaskas
4/9 **TUES.** 9:00a People of our Parish
4/10 **WED:** 9:00a NO MASS TODAY
4/11 **THU:** 9:00a People of our Parish
4/12 **FRI:** 9:00a People of our Parish
4/13 **SAT:** 5:00p Robert Anderson
Robert Stevens
4/14 **SUN:** 8:30a In Thanksgiving
10:30a Peter Randall
Patricia O’Brien
12:00p Vi Grabowski

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 at 12 noon 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.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Fridays of Lent – Stations of the Cross will be held after 9:00am Mass and at 7:30pm.

Mondays of Lent – Confessions will be heard from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

The parish Penance Service will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00 pm. Three priests will be available for confessions. Please plan to join us!

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – First Sunday of each month after the 8:30am 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, April 16** at 7:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. All are invited.

ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP – meets on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 1st** at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall. Dues are \$10 a year. All are invited. For more information, contact Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569.

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, May 14th.**

ST. MONICA’S ROSARY SOCIETY meets on **Monday, May 6th** at 7:30pm in the church hall. All are invited.

TRICKY TRAY – There will be a planning meeting of the Tricky Tray Committee on **Sunday, April 28** at 11:30am in the Rectory Meeting Room. The Tricky Tray is our biggest fundraiser and we need your help to continue!!! Without your participation, there may not be enough help to continue this worthwhile fundraiser.

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.

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PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Are you new to our parish? If so, welcome! Do you wish to register? If you are attending Mass and using our blue “blank” visitor envelopes and wish to receive our weekly envelopes in the mail, please register with us. If you wish to become a registered member and placed on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church exits. Please fill it out and give it to Fr. Jan after Mass, or drop it in the collection basket.



FISH AND CHIPS DINNER

Helping Hands is hosting a **FISH AND CHIPS DINNER** here at St. Monica's on **THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH**, 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Tastefully British will be catering the event. Tickets must be purchased in advance and this is the last weekend to purchase tickets. The meal includes fish, French fries, cole slaw, drink and dessert. Chicken is also available upon request. Adults \$15; Children \$10. Takeout will also be available.

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 – April 14
Sunday Class – April 28

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION **CALENDAR**

Sunday April 14
 YM – Phase I and Phase II
 Palm Sunday
Saturday Apr/May TBA - YM – Phase II Candidates
 Day of Reflection/Reconciliation
 Time: 1:00 pm concluding with the Rite of the
 Candidate at the 5:00 pm Mass.
 Dinner following for Candidates and Sponsors/Parents
Thursday June TBA
 YM Phase II
 Confirmation Rehearsal – 7:00 pm
 Church Hall
Sunday June 16
 YM – Phase II – Candidates & Sponsors
 Sacrament of Confirmation
 Time 11:45 am – Church

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 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11
Monday - Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Tuesday - Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday - Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday - Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday - Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

God says not to remember the events from long ago, but to focus on the things he plans to do next. He also claims he will again help his chosen people when they need him.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Paul describes knowledge of Jesus as more important than knowledge of the Old Law. He wishes to share in the power of Jesus' resurrection, and speaks of concentrating on the finish line of the race with salvation as the prize to be won.

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus preached forgiveness of sin, but in the old law those accused of adultery were to be stoned. So the Pharisees tried to trap Jesus and brought a woman accused of adultery to him, asking him what he would do to her. Jesus asked that one without sin cast the first stone, and then all of the elders left. Jesus told the woman that he did not condemn her, but warned her to avoid such sin in the future.

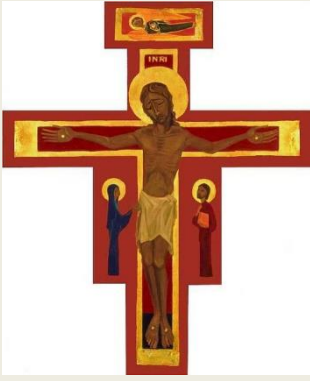
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Lent

“I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him...but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus.”

We measure so many things in life under the banner of profit and loss. I look for a bargain, I go out of my way when something is on sale, even when I don't need it. How shocking it is as I read Paul, as he speaks of rubbish what many consider of great value.

Paul teaches us that what really matters is knowledge of Christ Jesus, not just knowing about Him, but having a personal relationship with Him. There is nothing as important as knowing Jesus, His great love for me, and His redeeming sacrifice, as we draw closer to Holy Week. May we make an extra effort to be freed from possessions and be possessed by Him.



TAIZE “Prayer around the Cross”
Friday, April 12th 7:00
National Shrine of
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
70 Carmelite Drive
Middletown, NY 10940

Taize “Prayer around the Cross” is a unique service of hymns and prayer that comes from the Ecumenical Monastic Community in Taize, France, visited each year by thousands of people from all over the world. Join us in song, scripture and prayer! Call Carol Bezak, Director – 845-343-1879 for further information.

Sacred Heart Center will be offering our Women’s Retreat on May 31 – June 2, 2019.

Jesus invites you to come and experience his “Compassion” so that we can all be come witnesses of his compassion in our own lives. 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 women 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 your life. He will do the rest.

Act now to reserve your space on this retreat. The registration form is located on the table in the Church Hall. Kindly return the form with the deposit by May 3, 2019.

For more information, please contact:
 Sacred Heart Spirituality Center
 20 Old Swartswood Road
 Newton, NJ 07860
 Telephone: 973-383-2620
shretreatcenter@gmail.com
www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org

UNITY CHOIR PRESENTS: REQUIEM

By Charles Villiers Stanford
 Sunday, April 14 at 4 p.m.
 First United Methodist Church
 111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton, NJ 07860

Henry Repp – Organist and Director
 Cassandra Lambros – soprano
 Kathryn Elliott – alto
 Tom Carle – tenor
 David Young – bass

Free-will offering
 Disabled accessible
 Ample parking
 Reception to follow
 For more information, call 973-383-4450

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KORNER

Gospel Today
 Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 8:1-11
The gospel reminds us to think about our own behaviors and not talk about the faults or sins of people in our community.

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Love, mercy and forgiveness

are shown to the woman in the gospel - let's practice being more like Jesus, and **forgive** anyone who has hurt or wronged us, as we: **FOLLOW OUR FAITH FOR 40 DAYS.**

Write the letters below that are missing from the milkshake...

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blank below to finish the lesson for today.

Jesus asks us to

one another.

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH
PENANCE SERVICE---PALM SUNDAY---HOLY WEEK

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Tuesday, April 9th – 7:00pm – Parish Penitential Service

The Church looks upon the Sacrament of Penance as a preparation for the celebration of the Triduum. Receiving this Sacrament enables you to participate in the holiest days of the year with a renewed heart.



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

The commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem is celebrated at every Liturgy with a procession, blessing and distribution of palm, the reading of the Passion Narrative and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Saturday, April 13th – 5:00pm – (No Confessions at 4:30pm)

Sunday, April 14th – 8:30am, 10:30am (CHOIR) & 12:00pm

THE TRIDUUM

This is the ancient Latin title for the three days in which our redemption was completed. They begin with sunset on Thursday and end with sunset on Sunday. We might call them "The Three Great Days", recognizing that they encompass one complex event rather than a number of separate ones, a fact which is structured into the services, in that from Holy Thursday evening no service has a Dismissal until Easter. Thus, what we are doing is celebrating an extended liturgy from Thursday evening until Sunday. So, in the three Great Days we have one liturgical event celebrating and remembering the one event of the Lord's Passover which brought about our salvation. Each of the primary liturgies is one of the acts of the drama. The Liturgical Services of Holy Week are among the very best things we do in the Church.

HOLY THURSDAY (No morning Mass today)

April 18th – 7:30pm – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Commemorating the Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood

- 1) Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet
- 2) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository

Altar, up to 11:00pm. "Could you not watch with me one hour?" Plan to spend time in prayer in the church.

COLLECTION – FOR THE POOR

(PLEASE do not park in the Presbyterian Church parking lot)



GOOD FRIDAY (No morning Mass today)

April 19th - (Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence)

3:00pm – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH

Proclamation of the Passion Narrative
Veneration of the Cross
Communion

COLLECTION – SUPPORT OF SHRINES AND CHRISTIANS LIVING IN THE HOLY LAND

7:30pm – Stations of the Cross



HOLY SATURDAY (No morning Mass today)

April 20th

12:00 noon – BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

EASTER VIGIL

7:30pm – SOLEMN VIGIL AND FESTIVAL MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

St. Monica's Choir

EASTER SUNDAY

April 21st – 8:30am, 10:30am (CHOIR) and 12:00pm