

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 12, 2019

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

In the Gospel today Jesus compares himself to a shepherd protecting his sheep, promising his disciples that he will hold them securely in his hands. How appropriate that this wonderful image is presented on MOTHER'S DAY. Today we honor all types of mothers who have loved us, protected us, and held us, those who have treated us with the tender loving care of the Good Shepherd. Let us give thanks today for all our mothers, living and deceased.

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 5/5/19</u>	\$2,921.00
<u>Sunday Collection – Maintenance – 5/5/19</u>	\$1,227.00
<u>Online Giving – 4/28/19</u>	\$ 496.00
<u>Online Giving – Easter</u>	\$ 25.00
<u>Online Giving – Maintenance</u>	\$ 25.00

<u>ANNUAL CAMPAIGN</u> Pledges to date: \$31,870.01 Paid to date: \$29,708.49
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The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Blanca Espejo
Given by: Isabel Sly

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

5/13	MON:	9:00a	People of the Parish
5/14	TUES.	9:00a	People of the Parish
5/15	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
5/16	THU:	9:00a	People of the Parish
5/17	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
5/18	SAT:	5:00p	Marie Mayer Tommy Gawenus Raymond Halley
5/19	SUN:	8:30a	Florence M. Swiss Edwin Puzio Eleanor Murray
		10:30a	Deceased members of the Nisler Family Mildred Randall Raymond Cullen, Jr.
		12:00p	Grace Marino

<u>ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact information</u> 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.
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<u>MASS CARDS</u> SMALL: \$10.00 LARGE: \$15.00 <u>SANCTUARY LAMP: \$10.00</u> Please stop by the Rectory during office hours to purchase a Mass card for a loved one.

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, May 20** 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, June 5th** 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 – will meet on Monday, June 3rd at 7:00pm in the Church Hall.

TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, June 2 at 11:30 am in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are invited.

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.



A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Where would we be without our mother's love? Lord, bless our mothers with wisdom to teach and guide their children in a way that will help them to follow You and to become men and women who will be pleasing in Your sight. Give all mothers the patience to deal with the difficulties of their job and, most of all, give them a special blessing as they care so lovingly for the gifts that You have given them the honor of raising. Amen.



Helping Hands will be sponsoring “A Night of Baseball” at Skylands Ball Park on Saturday, July 13th at 6pm.

Come out to watch the Sussex County Miners play and stay for fireworks after the game. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and will be sold after all masses the weekends of May 18th, May 25th and June 1st. Ticket price is \$12.

FAMILY PROMISE

Our guests from Family Promise will be staying at the Presbyterian Church from May 14th through May 21st. This program provides shelter, meals, and support to homeless persons. We, from St. Monica’s can help by making meals, hosting guests in the evening or overnight.

Please consider helping Wednesday, May 15th or Thursday, May 16th: 5-7pm dinner shift, 7-9pm evening shift, 9pm-7am sleepover. Monday, May 20th 5-7pm dinner shift.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Church Hall if you would like to volunteer to help. If you have any questions about the program, please call me at 973-875-6053.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued support.

CAROL OESEN

Secular Franciscans – Information Night

The Order of the Franciscans Secular are lay people who strive to follow the Gospel more intensely and develop a deeper relationship with Christ in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. We are women and men of all ages and walks of life that engage in the same struggles as everyone else. We attempt to focus on daily conversion. We rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us and our local community of Franciscans to pray for us as we support each other. The Secular Franciscan vocation is a challenge, but the grace, love and joy that we experience and share is beyond awesome. We’d love to share that with you too, but most especially provide an opportunity for you to grow closer to Christ – even if you’re not called to join in the Franciscan family. If you would like to learn more, please join us at an Information Night.

When: Wednesday, June 12 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Where: Sacred Heart Center, Newton, NJ

Contact: Hugo Bader 973-579-1430 or JoAnn Jenson – jioejen@aol.com

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Thursday June 13
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

St. Monica’s Rosary Society

On Monday, May 6th, thirteen women were inducted into St. Monica’s Rosary Society. After the members’ entrustment to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fr. Jan announced: “You have been admitted to the Living Rosary and to participate in the Rosary indulgences. Pray with perseverance and live in mutual love of one another, and let the God of peace and grace be with you. Amen.”

Rosaries, blessed at the ceremony, were given to each member. Afterwards, Fr. Jan led the recitation of the Rosary.

Congratulations and blessings to: Barbara Ulrich, Carol Oesen, Nancy McCurdy, Cecilia Kaczala, Sharon Schneider, JoAnn Horvath, Alice Stebal, Isabel Sly, Anita Gawenus, Emmy Dudzinski, Grace Casalino, Priscilla McLean and Theresa Losiewicz.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30
Monday - Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday - Acts 12:24—13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday - Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday - Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday - Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

FREE EVENT FISHING DERBY

**Our Lady Queen of Peace
209 US Hwy 206, Branchville, NJ
Saturday, May 18, 10am to 1pm
Ages 0-14 years old
Rain or shine
Bring your own bait and tackle**

Hamburgers, hot dogs and French fries will be available

For more information, call 973-948-3185.

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Gospel Today Fourth Sunday of Easter | John 10:27-30

Jesus is the Good Shepherd and we are His little sheep - loved, guided and cared for. Following His voice leads us to eternal life, with God.

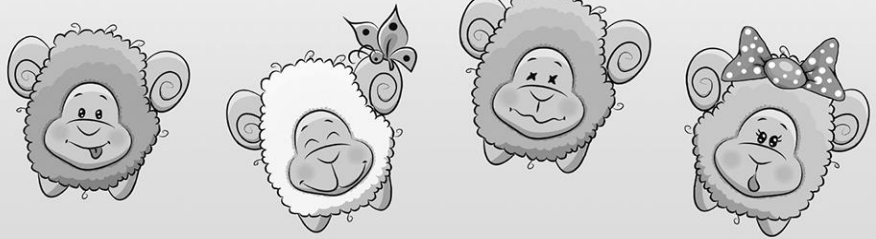
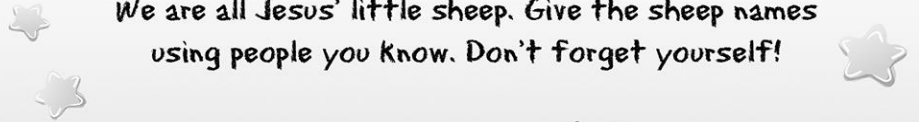
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Jesus says, "The Father and I are one."

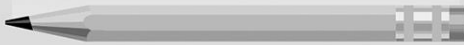
JOHN 10:30



We are all Jesus' little sheep. Give the sheep names using people you know. Don't forget yourself!



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



- Bible
- Jesus
- Good
- Shepherd
- Little
- Sheep
- Hear
- Listen
- Know
- Follow
- Voice
- People
- Guided
- Given
- Eternal
- Life
- Never
- Perish
- God
- Father
- Greater
- Than
- All
- One
- Me
- Loved
- Hand
- Snatch

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Appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima

May is a month which is especially dedicated to Our Lady, the Mother of God. On May 13, we also celebrate the anniversary of the first appearance of Blessed Virgin in Fatima, Portugal.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children; Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta; between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message of peace from God to all people. Coming at a time when civilization was torn by war and bloody violence, She promised that Heaven would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. She told that war is a punishment for sins; war is a consequence of our sins and our egoism, and we can stop war by praying the Rosary every day, by conversion, and by reparation for our sins.

In all Her appearances at Fatima, Our Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice.

Our Lady's Message to the world is contained in what has come to be called the 'Secret'. The Secret actually consists of three parts, the first two of which have been revealed. The first part of the Secret was a horrifying vision of hell "where the souls of poor sinners go" and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls. The second part of the Secret told of the outbreak of World War II and asked for the Consecration of Russia as a condition of world peace. It also predicted the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart following Russia's consecration and conversion. The last part of the Secret (often called the "Third Secret") was written down by Sister Lucia in 1944 and is in the possession of the Holy See.

As a great sign of the whole message truly coming from God, a marvelous miracle was worked in the sky above Fatima before 70,000 witnesses on October 13, 1917 at the time, date and place that Lucy and the other two children had prophesized in the name of Our Lady of Fatima. The children were told by Our Lady that God would perform a miracle so that people would believe in the apparitions. The date the children prophesized was October 13, 1917 in Fatima. On that date, 70,000 people came to see the phenomenon. The miracle occurred with the sun. All could stare perfectly at the sun without blinking, or even hurting their eyes. While all were watching the sun, it rotated, got large and small, got close to the people, and got far away from them. The sun "danced". Every single person who was there testified to seeing the sun dance, even non-believers.

Our Lady of Fatima continues to work miracles even today through Fatima water which is sent from Fatima, around the world. This Fatima water is known to cure people with sicknesses and poor health. Still, other people are cured when they go on pilgrimage to Fatima, which is about 90 miles north of Lisbon.

The Catholic Church has officially endorsed the Fatima Message as worthy of belief since 1930. Pope John Paul II has publicly credited Our Lady of Fatima for saving his life during the assassination attempt in 1981. The following year, he went to Fatima to give thanks for Her intervention.

So encouraged by Our Lady and by so many messages and events, let us keep on praying the Rosary daily until true peace will prevail on earth.

..... *Fr. Jan*