

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 7/28/2019</u>	\$2,955.60
<u>Online Giving – 7/21/2019</u>	\$ 571.00
<u>Online Giving - Maintenance – 7/21/2019</u>	\$ 25.00



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Mary Losiewicz
Given by: Sr. Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8/5	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/6	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/7	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
8/8	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/9	FRI:	9:00a	Kathleen Kunz
8/10	SAT:	5:00p	Rozalia Dwornicka (Liv) Dorothy “Dot” Carroll
8/11	SUN:	8:30a 10:30a	Alexander J. Vytell Ray Ventoso Hector Gonzalez

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information

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**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.**

Prices for Mass Cards: Large: \$15.00

Small: \$10.00

Sanctuary Lamp: \$10.00

**Please stop by the Rectory Office between 9:30 AM and
1:30 PM to purchase a Mass Card or Sanctuary Lamp for
a loved one.**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME
AUGUST 4, 2019

*Here in the lazy, hazy days of summer, it is tempting to sit
back, relax, and enjoy the fruits of our labor. With summer’s
heat upon us, who can blame us for congratulating ourselves
for the work we have done and taking a well-deserved break?
But the way the world defines success is not the way God
would. What, in the end, matters to God? Gathering today in
the Lord’s name, let us reflect on what really matters in this
world.*

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – will be discontinued for July and
August. It will resume on the first Sunday of September.

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 LEISURE GROUP meets the first
Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is **Wednesday,
August 7th** 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. There will be no
July meeting. **Next meeting is Tuesday, August 13th.**

ST. MONICA’S ROSARY SOCIETY – meets on the first
Monday of the month. The next meeting is **August 5th** at
7:00pm in the Church Hall.

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.

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 be 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.

NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 10-11, IS MISSION WEEKEND AT ST. MONICA'S. BISHOP SERRATELLI AND THE DIOCESAN MISSION OFFICE HAVE ASSIGNED A MISSIONARY TO SPEAK IN EACH PARISH FOR THE AUGUST 2019 MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN COLLECTION. NEXT WEEK, PLEASE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO REV. PATRICK OKAFOR WHO COMES TO US FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ONITSHA, NIGERIA.



NEEDED: *An experienced caregiver with references to assist an elderly gentleman. Wantage residence. If you are interested, please contact Joan at (973) 875-6417. There is an answering machine, if necessary.*

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Sunday:** Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-1; Lk 12:13-21
- Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
- Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
- Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
- Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
- Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

"Vanity of vanities." Sometimes we may work for wealth, wisdom and knowledge only to discover that it has been left for someone who did not toil for it. The offering of our work, fatigue and pain, if not for God, can also be a kind of vanity.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Paul urges us to seek what is good and from God, encouraging us to put our minds on the spiritual. He reminds us that, as Christians, we have died with Christ and are hidden with Christ until his glory is once again revealed. We are all one in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

On being requested to settle a question of inheritance, Jesus heeds us to beware of all covetousness because our life does not consist on the wealth of possessions. Through the lesson of a parable Jesus reinforces this teaching, explaining that those who store up the treasures of wealth and possessions are not the richest in God's eyes.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 4, 2019

"Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.' He replied to him, 'Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?' Then he said to the crowd, 'Take care to guard against all greed, for though a man may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.'"

Without being fully aware, it is easy to fall into the trap of greed or avarice. Like the tiny squirrel, we gather and collect, thinking we are in need, cannot do without, and even forget what we have accumulated. The gospel teaching is a gentle reminder.

Consider all possessions as gift. I was not born with them and when the Lord calls me, they will be left behind. Our consumer society measures and praises what one possesses.

A good lesson for us is to look at the gift of health, of family, of service, as the riches I have. It is not what I have that counts, but what I do with the gifts I have been given. To see my children and grandchildren, their joy and accomplishments as treasures. Where my heart is, there is my treasure.



The Transfiguration of the Lord

Some facts about the Transfiguration:

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on **August 6th** of every year and it is featured during the Lenten season, on the Second Sunday of Lent.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Transfiguration is: “The mysterious event in which Jesus, speaking with Moses and Elijah on the mountain, was transformed in appearance – in the sight of Peter, James, and John – as a moment of disclosure of His divine glory” (CCC,

Glossary, pp. 901-902; 554). The English word “Transfiguration” comes from the Latin word “transfigurare” (pronounced *tranz-fig-you-ra-ray*). The first part of the Latin word, “trans” means “change;” and the Latin word “figura” (pronounced *fig-goo-ra*) means “figure” OR “appearance.” These words combine to describe what happened to Jesus at this event: Jesus’ appearance (figure) changed. The Greek text uses the word *metamorphosis* (pronounced *met-ta-mor-foe-sis*, meaning “to change form, shape, or appearance”) to describe the change or transformation that occurred in Our Lord at this momentous occasion.

There were three witnesses to the Transfiguration: St. Peter, St. James, and James’ brother, St. John. The event took place on Mt. Tabor.

During the Transfiguration, Our Lord’s appearance changed! The three Gospel narratives tell us that the Lord Jesus’ “face shone like the sun,” (Matthew 17:2); and “the appearance of His countenance was altered” (Luke 9:29). Each narrative tells us that Our Lord’s clothing changed: “His garments became white as light” (Matthew 17:2); “glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them” (Mark 9:3); “and His raiment became dazzling white” (Luke 9:29).

Why did Moses and Elijah appear to Our Lord during the Transfiguration? Both Moses and Elijah were real people that once lived; but, they were “bigger than life.” Moses symbolized the Jewish Law in much the same way “Uncle Sam” embodies the idea of “America.” Likewise, the Prophet Elijah was also a symbol of Prophecy as much the same way as the “Statue of Liberty” represents the ideal of freedom to Americans. The Transfiguration serves to “prove” by “The Law” (Moses) and “The Prophets” (Elijah) that Christ’s Suffering was indeed the plan of God (Luke 24:26). This “proof” is further backed by the testimony of God the Father Himself – commanding that Jesus’ revelation must be heeded (Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:25). Moses and Elijah are also the only Old Testament figures to hear God’s voice on Mt. Sinai, which is also called Mt. Horeb (Exodus 24:18; 1 Kings 19:8-18). The Transfiguration counteracts the mistaken belief held by the Apostles and many Jews of the time that the Messiah will bring only earthly blessings, like freedom from the Romans, material prosperity, and earthly contentment.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, the three disciples encounter not only the Lord Jesus, but also the other two Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity: God the Father, Who made Himself known by His Voice. The Holy Spirit made Himself known by appearing visibly in the form of the luminous “Cloud” (CCC, 555). This “Cloud” is the Shekinah (pronounced *Sheck-key-nah*) or “Glory of the Lord.”

Catholic Q&A

By: Fr. Rick Poblocki

