

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 8/4/2019</u>	\$2,898.20
<u>Maintenance Collection – 8/4/2019</u>	\$1,231.00
<u>Online Giving – 7/28/2019</u>	\$ 471.00



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: People of our Parish

Faithfully living the life of a disciple requires great trust in a God who can seem distant or even absent, depending on the circumstances of our lives. Sometimes we create the distance by giving priority to the distractions of the world, and sometimes tragic events beyond our control can cause us to doubt God's presence. Maintaining steadfast faith requires dedicated care and attention to our relationship with God. Jesus' example and the power of the Holy Spirit provide us the strength and guidance we need.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8/12	MON:	9:00a	Aileen Lawlor (Liv) Emil Oswald (Liv) Athos Rossi (Liv)
8/13	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/14	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
8/15	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/16	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/17	SAT:	5:00p	Dorothy "Dot" Carroll
8/18	SUN:	8:30a	Florence M. Swiss Chris O'Halloran
		10:30a	Austin Randall Norma Jean Fazenbaker

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, September 4th** at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall.

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. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting will be Tuesday, **September 3rd** at 7:00 p.m. 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.



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.

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.



THIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH, IS THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES WILL BE HELD AT 9:00 A.M. AND 7:30 P.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.



Jack Xander Lynes received the sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, August 4th. Jack is the son of Ian and Julie Alex Lynes. The Godparents are Caelan Lynes and Christina Alex.

Congratulations to Jack and may God bless you always.

SAVE THE DATES!

HELPING HANDS has several upcoming events:

- Lorenzo's Fundraiser – Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019**
- Pig Roast – Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019**
- Parish Directory Pictures- Oct. 2, 3 & 4, 2019**

Mark your calendars. Details to follow!



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.*



JAKE AND PEDRO NEED A HOME!
Two adult cats – black and white and gray and white-very affectionate. For more information, please call Louise Dente at (973) 670-5454.

FATIMA, LOURDES & SHRINES OF SPAIN

Take your *Faith on a Journey* to Fatima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain (Portugal Spain & France) on this 12-night experience September 24th – October 5th, 2019.

Your included destinations while on this *Journey*: Lisbon-Santarem-Fatima-Braga-Santiago de Compostela, Spain, Burgos-San Ignacio de Loyola-Lourdes, France, Carcassonne-Barcelona, Spain

Plus, Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1749 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 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday:	Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday;	Dt 34:1-12; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.



< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 12:32-48

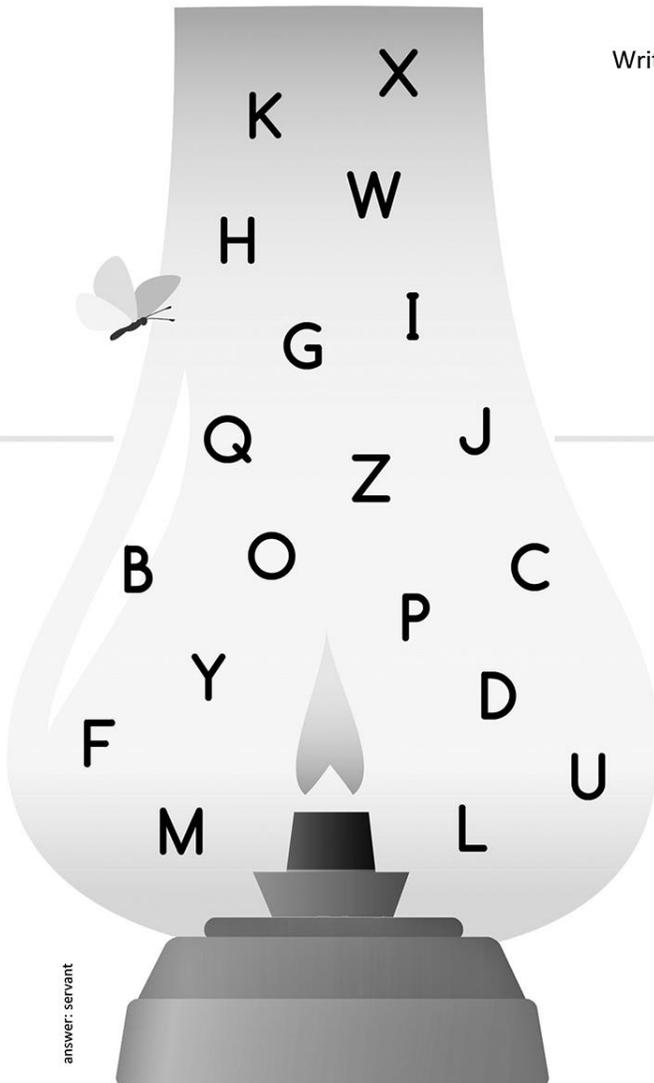
As good and faithful servants we are expected to always be prepared for a visit from God. Are you ready?

©2019 Bon Venture Services, LLC



*Be loving and respectful
Be helpful, trustworthy and prayerful
Be ready, faithful and have hope!
Be kind, generous and forgiving*

Write the alphabet letters NOT found in the lamp below.



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

...light your lamp and be like the

who awaits their master's return...

ready to open immediately when he

comes and knocks.

Luke 12:35-36



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrated every year on August 15, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into Heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Belief that Mary, without dying or shortly after death, has been taken up into Heaven with body and her soul has been part of the teaching of the Catholic Church since the earliest centuries of Christianity. That early Christians believed in Mary's Assumption is proven in lack of her relics, empty tomb, the existence of *Transitus Mariae* stories, and quotes from early Christians.

The Feast of the Assumption is the effect of these beliefs and is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition variously places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living.

The doctrine of the Assumption says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven (just as Enoch or Elijah). It is also necessary to keep in mind what the Assumption is not. Some people think Catholics believe Mary "ascended" into heaven. That is not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by Jesus. She did not do it under her own power. The Church has never formally defined whether she died or not, and the integrity of the doctrine of the Assumption would not be impaired if she did not in fact die, but the almost universal consensus is that she did die. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined dogma of the Catholic Church. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII, exercising papal infallibility, declared in *Munificentissimus Deus* that it is a dogma of the Church "that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

The Assumption of Mary has two purposes. The first is that we celebrate the happy departure of Mary from this physical life on Earth. The second purpose is the assumption of her body into heaven. We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception, Mary was free of all sin, including Original Sin, by a special favor of Almighty God. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as "full of grace", "blessed among women" and "one with the Lord"(Luke 1:26-28). Mary always freely and actively cooperated in a unique way with God's plan of salvation (Luke 1:38; Gal. 4:4). Like any mother, she was never separated from the suffering of her Son (Luke 2:35), and Scripture promises that those who share in the sufferings of Christ will share in his glory (Rom. 8:17). Since she suffered a unique interior martyrdom, it is appropriate that Jesus would honor her with a unique glory. We Christians believe that one day we will be raised in a glorious form and then caught up and rendered immaculate to be with Jesus forever (1 Thess. 4:17; Rev. 21:27). Mary is in a sense the prototypical Christian, and received early the blessings we will all one day be given.

By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods, we will one day share in this same glory. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance.

God bless you

Fr. Jan