

Stewardship Report – Treasure WEEKLY COLLECTION

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Budgeted Amount, Sunday Collection, Special Collection, Online Giving, and Maintenance Collection.



Summer can be a difficult time for many, when extreme heat can contribute to wildfires and drought, heat-related illness and difficulty breathing. It is disturbing, then, to hear Jesus say in today's Gospel, "I have come to set the earth on fire!"



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week: In Memory of: Wesley James Birdsell Given by: Peter and Awatef Constant

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Table of Mass Intentions for the week of 8/19 to 8/24, listing days, times, and names of the people being remembered.

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, September 10th.

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.

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.

**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!**

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**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.

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**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.



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**BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey (VNA) hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver’s license and auto insurance and pass a criminal background screening. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at (973) 451-4128 or [renderle@vnannj.org](mailto:renderle@vnannj.org).

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**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 24<sup>th</sup> – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com).

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

- Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53
- Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1:45-51

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

Jeremiah urged the people of Jerusalem to surrender to the enemy. This angered the princes, who then requested that Jeremiah be put to death. The king allowed the princes to leave him in a cistern without food or water. But after Ebed Melech pleaded for Jeremiah's life, the king decided to free him.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

This letter to the Hebrews inspires all Christians to persevere, in spite of the trials they may face. Jesus endured much suffering and was rewarded by God. Despite our struggles, we must remember Jesus' ability to endure and maintain strong faith in him.

**Gospel: Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus tells his disciples that his message will not bring peace to the earth. Instead, even families will become sharply divided because some members will embrace him, while others condemn him.

**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 18, 2019**

**“Jeremiah ought to be put to death: he is demoralizing the soldiers that are left in the city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of the people, but in their ruin....let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith.”**

Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke for God. The role of the prophet is to disturb the comfortable and calm the disturbed. Unlike our current political promises, he was calling people back to the Lord. It is not easy to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, as our culture of selfishness, greed, and consumerism, are the cause of detours and distraction, of sadness and division.

As a missionary disciple, I am counter cultural, seeking to walk with others in pursuit of the values of the gospel. In this way I work for the well being of all. Where are your eyes and efforts directed?

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## Gospel Today Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 12:49-53

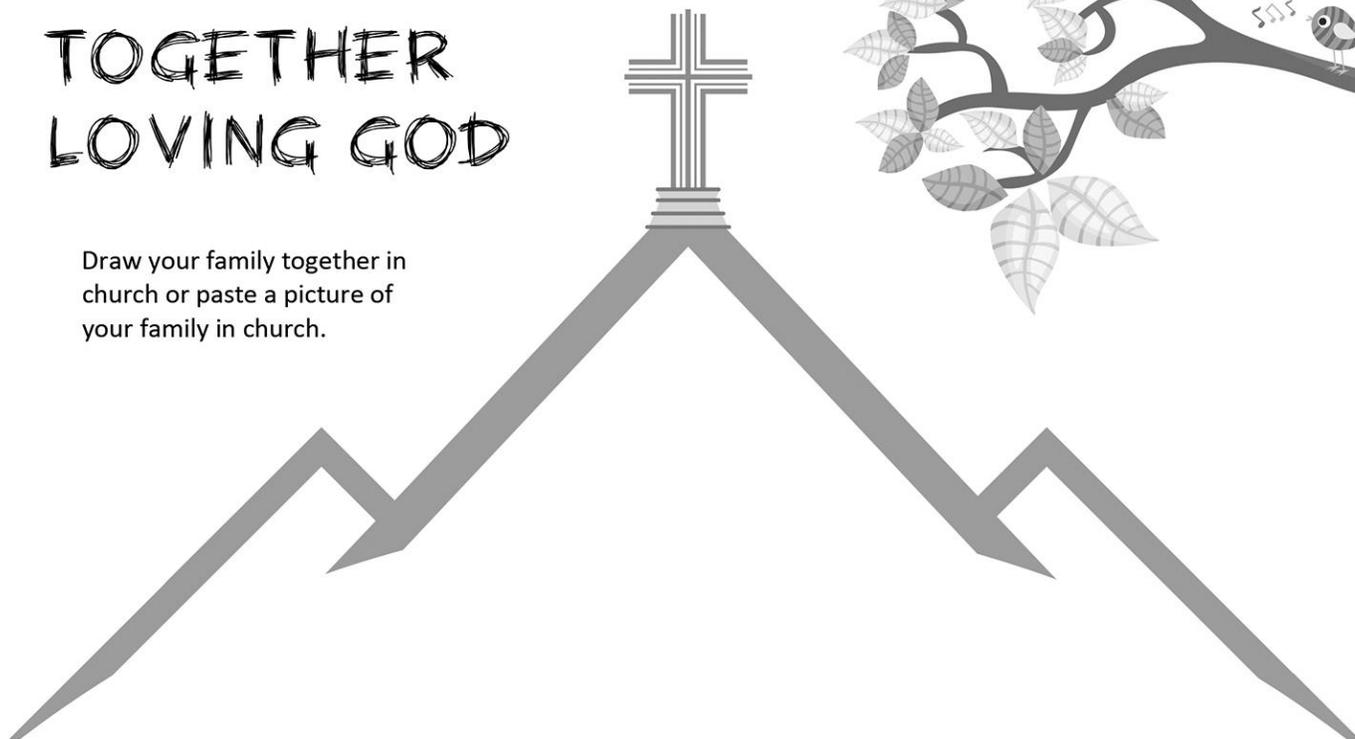
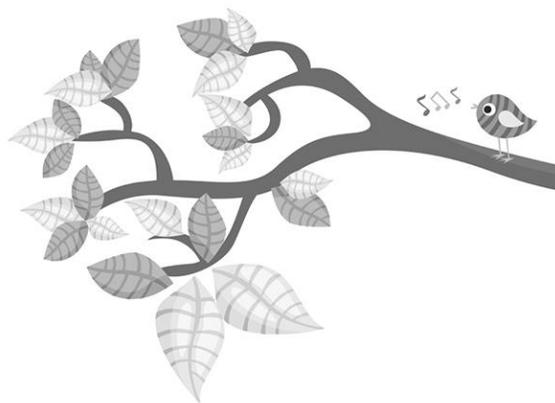
Jesus reminds us that not everyone is living according to God's plan. He says even some family members will disagree with each other and become divided.

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# MY FAMILY...

# TOGETHER LOVING GOD

Draw your family together in church or paste a picture of your family in church.





## The Queenship of Mary

*Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary* is celebrated by the Catholic Church in the liturgical calendar on August 22. On October 11, 1954, Pope Pius XII pronounced the new feast in his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* ("To the Queen of Heaven"). This feast is a logical follow-up to the Assumption and is now celebrated on the octave day of that feast. It has been placed eight days after the Solemnity of the Assumption, in order to emphasize the close bond between Mary's queenship and her glorification in body and soul next to her Son. The Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Church states that "Mary was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son" (*Lumen gentium*, 59).

This teaching of the Catholic Church derives from ancient fathers of the Church. Origen (died c. 254) gives Mary the title *domina*, the feminine form of Latin *dominus*, Lord. In the fourth century St. Ephrem called Mary "Lady" and "Queen." That same title also appears in many other early writers, e.g., Jerome, and Peter Chrysologus. The first Mariological definition and basis for the title of *Mary Queen of Heaven* developed at the Council of Ephesus (431 A.D.), where Mary was defined to be the Mother of God (*theotokos*). The Council fathers specifically approved this version against the opinion that Mary is "only" the mother of Jesus. So with complete justice, St. John Damascene could write: "When Mary became Mother of the Creator, she truly became Queen of every creature".

Because Mary is the Mother of God, He would not allow her body to corrupt in the earth so at the end of her earthly life, she was bodily and spiritually assumed into heaven and honored there as Queen. According to Catholic doctrine, Mary was assumed into heaven and is with Jesus Christ, her divine Son and is represented as *the woman clothed with the sun and on her head there is a crown of twelve stars* (Book of Revelation 12:1-2). The Church accepts Revelation 12 as a reference to Mary.

Pope Pius XII in his encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam*, states that Mary is called Queen of Heaven because her son, Jesus Christ, is the king of Israel and heavenly king of the universe; indeed, the Davidic tradition of Israel recognized the mother of the king as the Queen Mother of Israel. Pius XII also points out that Mary deserves the title because she is Mother of God, because she is closely associated as the New Eve with Jesus' redemptive work, because of her preeminent perfection and because of her intercessory power. *Ad caeli reginam* states that the main principle on which the royal dignity of Mary rests is her Divine Motherhood.

The Catholic faith states, as a dogma, that Mary is assumed into heaven and is with Jesus Christ, her divine son. Mary should be called Queen, not only because of her Divine Motherhood of Jesus Christ, but also because God has willed her to have an exceptional role in the work of eternal salvation. Mary was chosen Mother of Christ so she might help fulfill God's plan in the redemption of humankind. This veneration of Mary as the Queen of heaven and our great intercessor comes from the earliest times of the Church and Pius XII describes it in his encyclical in this way:

*"From the earliest ages of the Catholic Church a Christian people, whether in time of triumph or more especially in time of crisis, has addressed prayers of petition and hymns of praise and veneration to the **Queen of Heaven** and never has that hope wavered which they placed in the Mother of the Divine King, Jesus Christ; nor has that faith ever failed by which we are taught that Mary, the Virgin Mother of God, reigns with a mother's solicitude over the entire world, just as she is crowned in heavenly blessedness with the glory of a Queen."*

God bless you,  
*Fr. Jan*