

**Stewardship Report – Treasure**  
**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**TIME**  
**AUGUST 25, 2019**

<b><u>Budgeted Amount:</u></b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b><u>Sunday Collection – 8/18/2019</u></b>	<b>\$2,745.00</b>
<b><u>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-8/15/2019</u></b>	<b>\$ 862.00</b>
<b><u>Online Giving – 8/11/2019</u></b>	<b>\$ 461.00</b>
<b><u>Maintenance Collection -8/11/2019</u></b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>



*We gather together today in our own local communities, while millions of others gather together in their communities all over the world. When Isaiah wrote that the Lord comes to “gather nations of every language,” could he have imagined over a billion believers, millions from a hemisphere not even conceived of by those of his place and time? Let us celebrate that hundreds of years later and thousands of miles away, we are welcomed just as much as people in Isaiah’s or Jesus’ time.*



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

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

8/26	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/27	TUES:	9:00a	Phil Kunz
8/28	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
8/29	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/30	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/31	SAT:	5:00p	Joseph Cosentino Dorothy “Dot” Carroll Edric Martinez Finian Murphy Ewa Brzosko Maria Degoot-Brzosko
9/1	SUN:	8:30a 10:30a	People of our Parish Gregory and Sonja Frankowski Eileen Randall

**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 4<sup>th</sup>** 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 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.**  
**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, 9/2/19 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**  
**Website: [www.stmonicasussex.org](http://www.stmonicasussex.org)**  
**Email: [stmonica@ptd.net](mailto: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.



**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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### NJ Conservatory Symphonic Chorus

This December will be their 32<sup>nd</sup> performance of Handel's 'Messiah' with full orchestra. They invite teens and adults to join their Symphonic Chorus – no audition required! Rehearsals begin Monday, September 9, 2019 at 8:00 pm (registration 7:30 pm) at St. Peter Episcopal Church, 215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ. There will also be a spring concert TBA. For information please call the Conservatory at (973) 402-2004. Visit their website: [www.newjerseyconservatory.com](http://www.newjerseyconservatory.com).



### ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY FAMILIES

Registration forms for the 2019-2020 school year are available at the Church exits, in the Rectory Office and on our church website: [stmonicasussex.org](http://stmonicasussex.org). If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Janice Fazzenbaker, Director of Religious Education at (908) 337-6718 or [janicefazzenbaker@yahoo.com](mailto:janicefazzenbaker@yahoo.com).

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### CHURCH DIRECTORY



St. Monica's is partnering with "REMEMBER Church Directories" to create a pictorial directory of the members and families of our church. The benefits of having a pictorial church directory are many:

- it helps us to put names with faces
- it draws the church family closer together
- it creates a tool for telling people about our ministries
- it makes our ministries stronger, which leads to a stronger church

Professional photographers will be here October 3-5 to take photos of our parishioners. Beginning the weekend of September 8 and each weekend throughout September, members of Helping Hands will be available to help you schedule your **FREE PHOTO SESSION**. There is no cost to you or our church. You will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory for participation. You may make additional purchases if you like.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to have a professional family portrait taken, and to celebrate your church at the same time. Please sign up for your **FREE PHOTO SESSION**. OUR DIRECTORY WON'T BE COMPLETE WITHOUT YOU!



### THE NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The Catholic University of America is unique among universities in the United States – even among Catholic universities. Established by Pope Leo XIII and the U.S. bishops in 1887, it is the national university of the Catholic Church. In addition to alumni who live in your diocese, more than one third of the U.S. bishops and 12,000 priests and religious are Catholic University alumni, including five of the six American Cardinal Archbishops. Through its 12 schools and 23 research centers located in the nation's capital, every year the University provides an education grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition to almost 7,000 students.

Next weekend we will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University. Baskets will be placed at the Church exits for this collection after each mass. Your investment will enable the University to continue to support the Church and to advance its work of preparing the next generation of leadership, both religious and lay, of our Church and nation. Thank you for your generosity.

You can learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu).

#### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Sunday:</b>	Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
<b>Monday:</b>	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Mt 23:13-22
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23:23-26
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Thes 3:7-13; Mk 6:17-29
<b>Friday:</b>	1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25:1-13
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Thes 4:9-11; Mt 25:14-30

#### First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

#### Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

#### Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's Kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God and he will reject them.

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## Gospel Today Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 13:22-30

Jesus tells us entering heaven will be as difficult for some as entering through a narrow gate. Today's disciples who live and behave like Jesus every day will find salvation with the prophets and people from around the world.

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"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God."

LUKE 13:29

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

- Lord
- Advised
- Followers
- Strive
- Enter
- Heaven
- Through
- Narrow
- Gate
- Many
- Lack
- Strength
- Attempts
- Fail
- Live
- Life
- Always
- Imitating
- Jesus
- Pleasing
- God
- Gain
- Salvation
- Prophets
- Abraham
- Isaac
- Jacob
- People
- East
- West
- North
- South
- Recline
- Table
- Kingdom

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*On August 27<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast day of St. Monica, the patroness of our church and the patron saint of troubled parents, married women and widows. Here is a short history of the life of St. Monica and a Novena Prayer for her intercession:*

*The woman we know as St. Monica was born in 332 A.D. into a Christian family in Tagaste, Algeria, across the Mediterranean Sea from Rome.*

*Like many of her girlfriends, she married young and she married a pagan, a minor Roman government official named Patricius. Christians were few and far between in those days. The marriage was blessed with three children, the oldest and most famous named Augustine.*

*Patricius was not a model husband. He was short tempered and a carouser. Yet Monica prayed ceaselessly for his conversion. Her sweet piety, patience and persistence paid off. One day Patricius accepted Baptism, but he lived only a short year as a Christian before he died.*

*Her son, Augustine, was a constant concern for this patient and forgiving mother. Brilliant and likable, Augustine took after his father (much to St. Monica's dismay), refusing to accept Baptism and began saying the Manichean heresy was right and the Christians wrong. For years Monica prayed, fasted and cried silently into her pillow for the wasted, dissolute life her oldest son was leading.*

*God was listening. He heard and finally answered these prayers of this faithful mother. Augustine, abandoning his sinful ways, accepted Baptism on Easter Sunday 387 A.D. from the great preacher, scholar and Doctor of the Church, St. Ambrose of Milan.*

*Augustine's mother, St. Monica, died shortly after at the age of 55, secure in the knowledge that her son had heard God's call and her work on earth was finished.*

### **Novena Prayer to Saint Monica**

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet, you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence, and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine; your prayers were answered.

Grant me the same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, that God may favorably hear my plea for (*mention your intention here*) and grant me the grace to accept His Will in all things, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.