

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

TIME
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 9/15/2019	\$3,147.00
Online Giving – 9/8/2019	\$ 461.00
Online Maintenance Collection – 9/8/2019	\$ 86.00

As summer turns to autumn, many of the Gospel selections we hear concern themselves with the Last Judgment. Our worthiness for eternal life in heaven can be indicated by the way we treat each other and the way we handle our possessions. As we celebrate today's Eucharist, let us reflect on whether we are using our wealth for the benefit of others or if our pursuit of wealth is blinding us to the needs of our neighbors.



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Constance Mooney
Given by: Mary Del Monico

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

9/23	MON: 9:00a	Former Pastors of St. Monica's Jan Blachut Dominic & Marie Cerchio (LIV) (69 th Wedding Anniversary)
9/24	TUES: 9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
9/25	WED: 9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
9/26	THU: 9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
9/27	FRI: 9:00a	Grant R. Sheehan
9/28	SAT: 5:00p	Connie Mooney Edric Martinez
9/29	SUN: 8:30a 10:30a	William Knobel Jack Hingel George Fluhr and Arthur Randall Martin Finn

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – First Sunday of each month after the 8:30 a.m. 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 LEISURE GROUP meets the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is **Wednesday, October 2nd** 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. **Next meeting is Tuesday, October 8th.**

ST. MONICA'S ROSARY SOCIETY – meets on the first Monday of the month. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting will be **Monday, October 7th** 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.

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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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be a meeting on **Monday, September 30th** for First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth grade parents, students and teachers at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. If you have registered your child for Religious Ed or need to register your child, we request that you attend this meeting. All students **MUST** be registered by September 30th so that we can ensure we order the correct number of books. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Fazenbaker, Coordinator for Religious Ed at janicefazenbaker@yahoo.com or (908) 337-6718. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

There will be a meeting on **Saturday, October 5th** for Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth grade parents, students and teachers at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall. If you have registered your child for Youth Ministry or need to register your child, we request that you attend this meeting. All students **MUST** be registered by October 5th so that we can ensure we order the correct number of books. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Fazenbaker, Coordinator for Religious Ed at janicefazenbaker@yahoo.com or (908) 337-6718. Thank you!

CHURCH DIRECTORY



St. Monica's is partnering with "REMEMBER Church Directories" to create a *pictorial directory* of the members and families of our church. Professional photographers will be here October 3-5 to take photos of our parishioners.

Next Sunday, September 29th, will be the final opportunity to schedule your **FREE PHOTO SESSION**. Members of Helping Hands will be available in the Church Hall after each mass to help you. Remember, 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!**



Today is the **final day** to purchase tickets for the **PIG ROAST** being held here at St. Monica's on **Sunday, September 29th**. Members of Helping Hands are selling tickets after all

masses. **Reservations MUST be made in advance!** Cost is \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and under. Dinner will be served from 3-5 pm, with take-out available from 2:30 on.



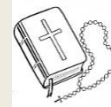
CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO JORGE GONZALEZ AND URSULA MESSYASZ WHO WERE UNITED IN MATRIMONY ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2019

HERE AT ST. MONICA'S CHURCH. MAY GOD BLESS YOU BOTH AS YOU BEGIN YOUR LIFE'S JOURNEY TOGETHER!

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1969 or 1994? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ on Sunday, November 3rd, 2019 at 3:30 pm. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion. Arrangements can be made by contacting St. Monica's parish office. The deadline to register is Friday, October 11, 2019. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Speaking of the Rosary: A Day of Retreat



Saturday, October 12, 2019

9:30 am – 3:00 pm

National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Middletown, NY

Please see the flyers posted in the Church Hall. Registration forms are available at the church exits. Please contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at (845) 343-1879 for more information.

**CATHOLIC CRUISES AND TOURS
FATIMA, LOURDES & SHRINES OF SPAIN
(Portugal, Spain and France)**

Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY, to Fatima, Lourdes and Shrines of Spain on this 12-night experience from February 3, 2020 – February 15, 2020.

Your included destinations while on this Journey are LISBON-SANTAREM-FATIMA-BRAGA-SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA, SPAIN, BURGOS-SANIGNACIO DE LOYOLA-LOURDES, FRANCE, CARCASSONNE-BARCELONA, SPAIN

Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your Journey. Land prices begin at \$1,549 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, please contact Matt or Eileen at (860) 399-1785 or Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
"For I Was Hungry...."

The 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal officially kicked-off last weekend. The theme of this year's Appeal is **"For I was Hungry..."** It is a reminder that what we do for our neighbors in need, we do for Christ himself. Please support this important annual cause that helps so many of our brothers and sisters in our Diocese.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities, priests' extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, urban elementary schools and seminarian education. These are all critically important ministries that touch many lives, so please make a pledge today. Please know that funds from the Appeal are used only for the causes described in the campaign materials. They are used for no other purpose.

For your convenience, you can support the Annual Appeal by making an on-line gift. Simply go to www.2019appeal.org and follow the instructions. You can either make a one-time gift or a pledge with monthly payments made automatically for your convenience. Whether it is a pledge, a one-time gift, or an on-line donation, your support is greatly needed. Every single gift counts! Please participate in the 2019 Appeal today! Thank you in advance for your generous support!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
Monday:	Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The prophet Amos expressed disgust over people who take advantage of the poor. He describes businessmen scheming to cheat the poor, then declares that God will "never forget the things they have done."

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Paul urges the Christians to pray for all people, especially those in authority. Paul even asked them to pray for the kings who denounced Christ's teachings, because God wants all people to be saved through Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 22, 2019

First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth."

Perhaps there is no clearer summary of what our prayer life should be like, than this directive of Paul to his disciple and companion. We are asked to move from prayer for myself to prayer for others, offering gratitude for His goodness to me and asking blessings for others.

As I respond to the Spirit's directive in my prayer I include praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude, my needs and the needs of others, seeking and offering forgiveness. There are many models of great and holy people teaching by example their way of prayer. Return to the Lord's Prayer and find all these elements in the words we recite so often, yet sometimes fleetingly.

That is why Paul's reminder today begins with 'first of all...'

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Gospel Today

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Luke 16:1-13

The person who is honest and trustworthy in small matters, will be honest and trustworthy in great ones.

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

- Circle your answers and talk about them -

1

If you eat more than your share...

YES, it was me -
I ate all the cookies.

or

NO, I don't know who
ate all the cookies.



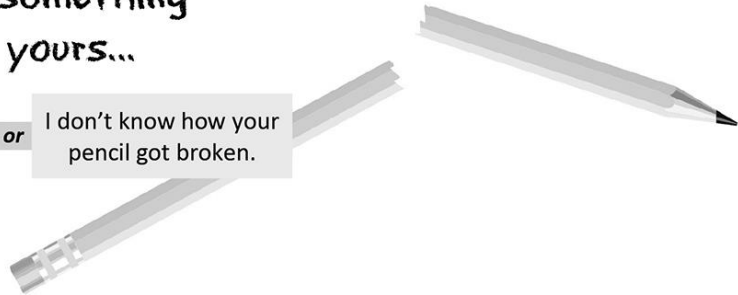
2

If you break something
that is not yours...

SORRY, I broke your
pencil by accident.

or

I don't know how your
pencil got broken.



3

If you find property
that is not yours...

I saw my friend / classmate
drop this, I am glad to return it.

or

I like this, I might
keep it for myself.

