

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 10/20/2019	\$3,097.00
World Mission Collection – 10/20/2019	\$ 833.00
Online Giving – 10/13/2019	\$ 471.00
Online Maintenance – 10/13/2019	\$ 20.00



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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

10/28	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
10/29	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
10/30	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
10/31	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
11/1	FRI:	9:00a	Walter Gedeon John K. Sheehan (LIV)
11/2	SAT:	5:00p	Giorgio Gallara
11/3	SUN:	8:30a	Martin Swiss
		10:30a	Gregory & Sonja Frankowski John Fluhr Richard Olsen
		12:00	People of our Parish

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact information

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THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.

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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week at 12 noon for articles to be printed on the following Sunday.

Friday, November 1st is All Saints Day and is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 9:00 am and 7:30 pm. Saturday, November 2nd is All Soul's Day. Mass will be at 9:00 am.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27, 2019

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

What kind of attitude do we bring with us to Mass each weekend? Do we feel proud of ourselves for what we have accomplished this week? Or do we feel inadequate, sorry for all the times we've failed, aware of our human weaknesses? As we celebrate the Eucharist together, let us examine our consciences and recognize our need for God's mercy.

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, November 6th** 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, November 12th.**

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, November 4th** 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.

O, Jesus, I pray for more faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me; the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially.....). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart and bless them abundantly in time and eternity. Amen.

"Daily Prayer for Priests", St. Therese of Lisieux

ALL SOULS' DAY ENVELOPES – Can be found at the Church and hall exits. Saturday, November 2nd is All Soul's Day. The purpose of these envelopes is to write on the back the names of deceased persons you wish to have remembered in prayer. Today is the final day to return the envelopes to the collection box near the pulpit. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of November.



*Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on **World Mission Sunday**. Our parish raised \$833. You may stay connected*

*year-round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday, by visiting **MISSIO.org**.*

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS
Save the Date!

The **Annual Respect Life Mass** will be celebrated at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson, on Saturday, November 16, 2019 at 10:00 am. This mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life. **All are invited to attend.**

New Jersey Right to Life
2019 Respect Life Raffle

This weekend raffle tickets are being sold at all Masses, the proceeds of which will benefit New Jersey Right to Life, the state's oldest and largest pro-life organization, dedicated to protecting all human life from conception to natural death. The prizes this year are: 1st prize -2020 Volvo XC40 AWD SUV valued at \$42,000; 2nd prize - \$1,000 Shop Rite Gift Card; 3rd prize - \$750 Shop Rite Gift Card; 4th prize - \$500 Gift Card. Please show your support for LIFE by buying a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10 per ticket. THANK YOU.



Many thanks to all who participated in our fundraiser at Lorenzo's Restaurant last month. Because of you, \$270.75 was donated to St. Monica's. Thanks, also, to Lorenzo's for their generosity in sponsoring this event.



Fun time at the Knights of Columbus Pig Roast on October 20th. Thanks to all who attended to support this event.

FIRST THURSDAY ST SACRED HEART CENTER

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on November 7th, 2019. Our theme this year is "Living As Missionary Disciples!" Our topic for this month is "Missionary Discipleship: Call and Challenge". The day begins at 9 am with 'Coffee and' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 noon and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30 pm. \$15 is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register- all are welcome. For further information, visit our web site; sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org or call (973) 383-2620.



The **Knights of Columbus Council #5563** is sponsoring a **Dinner/Dance** on Saturday, November 16th at St. Monica's Church from 6:30 pm until 10:30 pm in honor of all veterans.

There will be music, food and good times for all. You do not have to be a veteran to attend. Ticket prices are \$25 for non-vets, \$20 for vets and \$7 for children. There will be a 50/50 and prizes to honor our veterans. A portion of the proceeds will go back to veterans for charitable projects. If there are any questions, please contact Grand Knight Anthony Szwartz at (973) 919-4061. **Hope to see every one there for a fun night out!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

GRADES 1&2 (First Holy Communion Class)

Rectory Meeting Room
Classes start promptly @ 9 am to 10:25 am
Children will attend 10:30 am Mass after Class-Mass attendance is part of the Religious Education requirement.

Sunday November 3rd – CLASS
Sunday November 17th - CLASS

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

Saturday November 2nd – CLASS
Saturday November 16th – CLASS

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday, Nov. 23rd CLASS – all grades.



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

The **Bishop's Annual Appeal** helps support the significant cost associated with the education of our seminarians for the priesthood in our Diocese – such as years of room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your gift today helps prepare our seminarians for the future. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2019appeal.org. May God bless you for your support!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14
Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Lk 13:31-35
First Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
First Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40 or any readings from no. 668 or from the *Lectionary for Mass* (vol. IV), the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted."

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 27, 2019

"The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial to the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed. The Lord is not deaf to the wail of the orphan, nor to the widow when she pours out her complaint. The one who serves God willingly is heard, his petition reaches the heavens.... Oh God, be merciful to me a sinner."

The parable of Jesus provides a clear and poignant teaching. We can identify only with one of the two persons. The writer from the Jewish scriptures provides us with the oppressed or the one who serves God willingly. I too can identify as one of them.

If God hears the cry of the poor, can I as a willing servant hear and listen to their voice? Christians throughout the world are suffering great hardship, precisely because of their faith. Do I respond to their need? I may not know them, their language, or culture, but they are victims of oppression and neglect. From earliest times the bible responds to the widows and orphans.

Those detained at our border are sufferers and seekers of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Can I see them as us? Pope Francis stated that God's last name is 'Mercy'. Does the word of God today call me to compassion and action?



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JAN.....

This week marks two special days in liturgy of the Catholic Church: The Feast of All Saints, which we celebrate on November 1, and All Souls Day, also known as Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed which we remember on November 2.

On the Feast of All Saints, we rejoice with all the Saints who have completed their earthly journey and are now with God in heaven. Some of them have been recognized by the Church, and canonized as great Saints so that we can look to them and find strength and courage for our own faith journey. These great Saints have been singled out for their holiness, but in heaven there are countless number of Saints without names, “whose faith is known to you alone,” as Eucharistic Prayer IV expresses it. All these Saints (known and unknown) have one thing in common: they have responded to the call of Jesus to love God with all their hearts and souls and their neighbor as themselves. These Saints put God above any of their own personal desires, and wishes and gave unselfishly in their good works for Him and others.

We are fortunate in having so many Saints to choose from because they come from different environments, different temperaments and backgrounds. That is why we rejoice at this time because of God’s gift of salvation to all of us and hope of heaven. Indeed we are all called to be saints, and heaven is full of souls whose names we do not know. In this week we are honoring our Saints, giving thanks for their goodness, but also calling upon them for assistance so we could also one day be with those Saints in heaven. This is what is known as “communion of saints.” “The term communion of saints refers to the communion of holy persons in Christ who died for all, so that what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all.”(CCC 961) We can be saints too if only we (like those Saints) desire a loving and holy relationship with God. Then the Holy Spirit can work through us and lead us to follow our Baptismal calling to holiness.

On All Souls Day we commemorate and pray for the deceased, especially those who have died over the last year. All Souls Day is the Day in which we specially pray for the Souls in Purgatory. We often do not hear much use of the word Purgatory, but it is the temporary resting place for those who have been placed there by God. It is a place for final purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the great joy of heaven. The soul is assured of its eternal salvation and it is entirely different from the punishment of eternal damnation of hell. Nonetheless, we pray for the happy repose of all souls on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

The Catholic Church calls the faithful to an appreciation of efficacy of praying for the dead. This includes our personal prayers, the celebration of All Souls’ Day, and offering of Masses for the intention of our faithful departed. The Catechism of Catholic Church states the following: “from the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.”(CCC 1032). The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

In this holy week the Church in a special way teaches us of the “communion of saints”, and reminds us of oneness among the members of the Church in three different states. The Church teaches us that there are three different states of the Church: the Militant Church, the Triumphant Church, and the Suffering Church. The Militant Church are all the faithful who are still on pilgrimage in this life; the Triumphant Church are those in heaven enjoying the bliss of God's life; and the Suffering Church are those who are being purified in purgatory to prepare them for the Church Triumphant. The doctrine of “communion of saints” tells us that the Saints in the Triumphant Church pray and intercede for us who are struggling in our pilgrimage in this life, and we can pray for the Suffering Church, the souls in purgatory. So we Catholics pray for the dead and those in purgatory and we ask for the help and prayers of those in glory. Those in purgatory benefit from our prayers and the help of those in heaven. Those in heaven can pray for and assist those on earth and the souls in purgatory.

May this week in which the Church in a special way celebrates the “communion of saints” inspire us to renew our Baptismal calling to be saints, and to live a life truly devoted to God by loving Him and by our service to God and to others. May it also inspire us to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory.