

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 2/2/20</u>	\$3,361.00
<u>Maintenance Collection – 2/2/20</u>	\$1,528.00
<u>Online Giving – Regular Collection -1/26/20</u>	\$ 466.00

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 1/13/20

Please support St. Monica's Church by contributing to our Annual Campaign. Forms are located at the Church Hall exits.

We thank you for your generosity.

Pledges to date: \$35,830.00

Paid to date: \$32,888.34



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Mary Losiewicz
Given by: Sr. Theresa

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2/10	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/11	TUES:	9:00a	Sharon Schneider (LIV)
2/12	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
2/13	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/14	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/15	SAT:	5:00p	Diane Perini
2/16	SUN:	8:30a	John O'Krepky
		10:30a	John & Eleanor Murray Rita & Ed Puzio Mary Eckert Florence DiStasi
		12:00p	People of our Parish

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

This is celebrated every Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. We encourage all families with children, Grades 1-4, to have your son/daughter participate in this as part of their faith formation.

Deadline for bulletin submissions: Please contact the Rectory Office by 12 noon on Tuesday of each week for articles to be printed on the following Sunday.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All those who use collection envelopes on a weekly basis should have received a contribution statement from our envelope company, DP Murphy Co., Inc. Also, We Share, the on-line giving company, should have sent out statements last month. If you have not received these statements as yet, please let us know by calling the Rectory.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 9, 2020

During these days in the middle of winter, when nights are long and sunshine can be scarce, we realize the value of the sun. It brightens our day and our mood. It gives life, warmth, and light. The light of Christ can do the same. With the light of Christ, we can bring light to the darkness in our world: injustice, violence, conflict, fear, poverty, and countless other shadows. Let us resolve to let the light of Christ shine forth wherever we go and whatever we do.

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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 1:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow.

ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP There will be no meetings for the months of January, February and March. Meetings will resume on **Wednesday, April 1, 2020.**

HELPING HANDS meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. **Next meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2020.**

ST. MONICA'S ROSARY SOCIETY There will be no meetings for the months of January, February and March. Meetings will resume on **Monday, April 6, 2020.**

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 am Mass until 10:00 am.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

GRADES 1&2 (First Holy Communion Class)

Rectory Meeting Room
 Classes start promptly @ 9:00 am to 10:30 am
 Children will attend 10:30 am Mass after Class-Mass attendance is part of the Religious Education requirement.

Sunday February 9th CLASS
 Sunday February 23rd CLASS

(Second Grade Students –time

change 9:00 to 11:50 – Lenten Workshop. Children may attend 8:30 Mass before class or noon Mass after class)

Sunday March 1st CLASS
 Sunday March 15th CLASS

(Second Grade Students –time

change 9:00 to 11:50 – First Reconciliation Workshop. Children may attend noon Mass after class)

***Thursday March 19th -**First Reconciliation**
 Please arrive at Church promptly at 5 pm.***

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Classes start promptly @ 9:30 - 11:00 am

Saturday February 22nd CLASS
 Saturday March 7th CLASS
 Saturday March 21st CLASS



Knights of Columbus #5563 thanks you all for supporting our Pancake Breakfast at St. Francis de Sales last weekend. On Saturday, February 15th, we will have a St. Valentine's Day Pot Luck Supper at St. Francis de Sales Church in Vernon from 6:30 – 9:30 pm. There will be a DJ and a 50/50. All are invited. Just bring a covered dish and enjoy. If there are any questions, please contact aszwartz@yahoo.com.

The Knights of Columbus #5563 serves St. Monica's, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Francis de Sales. We ask that you support us at all three parishes as we help and support you and your individual parish.

"WELCOME HOME TO HEALING"



"Welcome Home" is a diocesan initiative to invite all Catholics to experience the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday in March from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you. Experience the gracious mercy of God!

www.WelcomeHomeToHealing.org

FAMILY PROMISE

Volunteers are needed for Family Promise which serves homeless families. They will be staying at the Presbyterian Church from Feb. 25th through March 3rd. Please consider helping Wednesday 2/26 or Thursday 2/27 for 5 pm-7 pm dinner shift, 7 pm- 9 pm evening shift, 9 pm – 7 am sleep over and Monday, 3/2 5 pm - 7 pm dinner shift. Please consider helping. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. Any questions about the program and how you can help, please call Carol Oesen at (973) 875-6053. Thank you!!

PRAYER REQUESTS



St. Monica's Rosary Society has placed "Prayer Request" boxes on the tables at the exits of the Church. If you have a special prayer request, please write it on a slip of paper and drop it in the box. The requests will be picked up after each weekend and distributed to the members of St. Monica's Rosary Society. Your intentions will be included in their prayers each day.

St. Monica's is registered with WSUS 102.3 FM Radio for closings and/or delays due to inclement weather and other emergency situations. These announcements can be heard on the radio, but the quickest way is to visit the following website: wsus1023.iheart.com, then simply click on "Closings and Delays".

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday, February 15th – CLASS (7th & 8th Grades Only)

***Saturday, February 15th – RETREAT – 9TH & 10TH GRADES CONFIRMATION RETREAT– 10 am – 5 pm at Sacred Heart Center, 20 Old Swartswood Road, Newton, NJ 07860
 Cost - \$35 per person***

Saturday, February 29th CLASS – 9th and 10th Grades only

Saturday – DATE TBD – Youth Ministry Activity. Visit Dept. of Persons with Disabilities, 1 Catholic Charities Way, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438. 12 pm – 2:30 pm.

Saturday, March 28th CLASS –All Grades. 8th & 9th Grade – Distribution of the Creed – 5 PM Mass



Thanks to all who contributed to the "SOUPER BOWL" collection last weekend. Members of our Youth Ministry collected a total of \$515 which will benefit

Harvest House. Thank you to our Youth Ministry volunteers and for the generosity of our parishioners!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our “dawn,” our “rear guard,” our “light” if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called “wisdom” of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be “the salt of the earth.” They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 9, 2020

“I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God....You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world.”

We are so accustomed to read the letters of St. Paul, or travel with him on his journeys, to consider this itinerant preacher as one who had it all together. As we listen to him today, he placed his trust on the Lord, the Spirit and God’s good grace or power. Although he denies the use of persuasive speech, our Christian lives are molded and formed by his great teaching. As I listen to the homily at mass, may I ask that that same Spirit and power be on the lips and in the heart of the preacher, to assist me in my growth as a disciple.

May the image of salt and light, strengthen and guide me as the words and Spirit move my heart.

St. Valentine’s Day – February 14th



In early accounts of martyrdom, three different St. Valentines are mentioned, all sharing February 14th as a feast day. The historical records are sparse so it is unclear if these accounts are truly about three different men or one man but, in all, these men each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church. The love of our Lord is a sacrificial, self-less and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his own life, for God and neighbor. Clearly, St. Valentine showed such a love, bearing witness to the faith in his dedication as a priest and the offering of his own life in martyrdom. On this Valentine’s Day, looking to the example of this great saint, each person should offer again his love to the Lord, for only by doing so can he properly love those who are entrusted to his care and any other neighbor. Each

person should again pledge his love to those loved ones, praying for their intentions, promising fidelity to them and thanking them for their love in return. So in the midst of our exchange of “Valentines” (a secular custom rather than a remembrance of St. Valentine), there is a Christian message to be remembered. Jesus’ own words tell us “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (Jn 15: 12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command and may we do the same.

