

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 2/9/20</u>	\$2,412.00
<u>Online Giving – Regular Collection -2/2/20</u>	\$ 466.00
<u>Maintenance Collection – 2/2/20</u>	\$ 61.00
<u>Solemnity of Mary – 2/2/20</u>	\$ 60.00

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: Anthony Giordano
Given by: Loretta Giordano

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2/17	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/18	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/19	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
2/20	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/21	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
2/22	SAT:	5:00p	Diane Perini Joyce Keating
2/23	SUN:	8:30a	For Thanksgiving
		10:30a	Ron Bobiak John & Andrew McGovern Matthew Dox Joseph D’Onofrio
		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.

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”.

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 16, 2020

Over the next two weeks we will hear an extended passage from Matthew’s Gospel in which Jesus reinterprets the law for his disciples. He challenges his disciples to take it one step further, to do more than just follow the letter of the law. On this Presidents’ Day weekend, when we honor those people who we have trusted to guide our country, let us consider how we can trust Jesus to guide us in our daily life.

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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, March 10, 2020.**

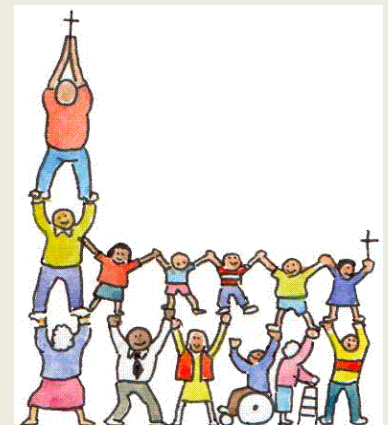
ST. MONICA’S ROSARY SOCIETY There will be no meetings for the months of January, February and March. Meetings will resume on **Monday, April 6, 2020.**

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.



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 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

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

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



On Saturday, February 8, 2020, Elliott Walter Rumfield, son of Asher and Alexis (Dudzinski) Rumfield, received the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Monica's. The Godparents are Justin Dudzinski and Kay Scheren. Congratulations and God bless you, Elliott!

DEATH NOTICE: St. Monica's has been notified of the recent death of Mrs. A. Marie Tarantino, mother of the Reverend John F. Tarantino, who is Pastor of the Resurrection Church in Randolph and is well known to some of our parishioners. If you wish to offer condolences, Fr. Tarantino's email address is info@resurrectionparishnj.org. Please keep Fr. John and his family in your prayers.



“WELCOME HOME TO HEALING”

This Lenten season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Paterson will have Confession available every Monday in March from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. If you have been reluctant to come to the Sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon Confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to re-connect with Christ and His Church. 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.

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for the 2020-2021 school year for a principal for St. Mary School, Pompton Lakes, NJ. St. Mary School is a PK-8 elementary school. Closing date for application is March 9, 2020. A job description and application material can be found at www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings.

Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week, February 22 – 23, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee. Please also see Bishop Serratelli's letter in today's bulletin.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 16, 2020

“If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you, if you trust in God, you too shall live. He has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”

How blessed we are with freedom of choice. On a daily basis we make countless choices, some of little importance, others of great significance. Many times we give little thought to what we decide and choose. At other times we debate, struggle and finally make our choice.

As we reflect on the word of God today, may we wholeheartedly make the right choices. To help us keep the commandments, whether the short form of love of God and our neighbor, of the ten given to Moses on the tablets of stone, try seeing them as directives for sound living, not prohibitions but positive. The commandments we choose are based upon a single word – RESPECT. I respect God and my neighbor. I respect His name and His day. I respect authority, life, my sexuality and that of others, I respect the truth, property and in my thoughts, I respect other people and what is theirs.

We have been given these aides for our Christian living, not obstacles we need to hurdle. This might be the true meaning of pro-choice, for it helps us to be pro-life, our lives in the Lord.





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February 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

This month, parishes in our Diocese are conducting a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I ask for your support for this important mission.

This collection helps our brothers and sisters like the people of Armenia who have experienced persecution and displacement throughout their history and now live scattered throughout the world—many in areas of former Soviet bloc countries such as Georgia, Russia, and other areas of Eastern Europe. Armenian Catholic youth are particularly vulnerable as they deal with difficult daily circumstances, often isolated from their religious and cultural heritage.

With help from the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, a conference with hundreds of Armenian Catholic was held. It was a week of worship and pilgrimage. Participants were involved in sessions on Catholic teachings and they worshipped together. These efforts helped rebuild and renew their faith and encouraged them to evangelize by sharing the Gospel message to all who will listen. This is just one example of how this collection changes lives for the better with your support.

Please respond generously to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe when it is taken up in your parish and help your brothers and sisters continue to grow in their faith.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

This collection will be taken at St. Monica's next weekend February 22nd and 23rd.