

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MAY 24, 2020

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Regular Sunday Collection– 5/17/20	\$ 1,717.00
Regular On-line giving for – 5/10/20	\$ 681.00
Collection – Peter’s Pence – 5/10/20	\$ 75.00
Maintenance On-line giving for 5/10/20	\$ 61.00

Many thanks to those who are continuing to support St. Monica’s Church by sending in weekly collection envelopes. Bills still need to be paid, and we are very grateful for your generosity during this difficult time.

Weekly collection envelopes may be mailed directly to the Rectory office at 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461. Collection envelopes may also be dropped in the metal milk box located to the left of the front door of the rectory. Another option to continue to support St. Monica’s is to go to the Diocesan link on their website which is: <http://helpmyparish.thankyou4caring.org>. Follow the prompts to make a one-time or recurring gift. Thank you for your generosity!



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Marie Perricone
Given by: The Vernacchio Family

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

- 5/25 MON: Alexander J. Vytell
- 5/26 TUES: Olindo Pinto
- 5/27 WED: NO MASS TODAY
- 5/28 THU: People of our Parish
- 5/29 FRI: People of our Parish
- 5/30 SAT: People of our Parish
- 5/31 SUN: Sophie Mitchell

Pass the word to those who do not have access to internet and are unable to receive the bulletin on line, that they may pick up a printed copy from the metal box at the entrance to the Rectory.

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH IS CLOSED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE



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JOIN US ON-LINE EACH SUNDAY TO
CELEBRATE MASS.

The Link for the video Mass will be available each weekend on our homepage. (stmonicasussex.org).

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WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

Due to the current restrictions on social gatherings imposed by the Governor of New Jersey and the mandates received from Bishop Serratelli’s office, we regret to announce that all parish events and devotions are cancelled until further notice. **FR. JAN IS HEARING CONFESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY OFFICE AND LEAVE A MESSAGE OR SEND AN E-MAIL.**

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION (ASCENSION THURSDAY)

The Bishops of New Jersey have agreed to transfer the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension (Ascension Thursday) from a holy day of obligation observed on Thursday, May 21, 2020, to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020, replacing the Mass and readings of the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

The transfer of the feast is for this year only.

During this unprecedented time when we are unable to attend Mass and participate together in parish events due to measures taken by our diocese to halt the spread of the coronavirus, we are going to try to keep all of you updated on latest developments by posting our bulletin each weekend on our website, stmonicasussex.org.

Mass intentions will be continue to be offered at Fr. Jan's private Mass; therefore, the deceased loved ones listed in our mass book will be remembered. If anyone would like to change the date already requested for their intention, please contact the church office.

The parish office is closed until further notice. Voice mail and email messages will be monitored as often as possible. Mass cards may be requested by leaving a message at the church office. We will continue to prepare a bulletin to keep you updated with any news.

God bless you all and we pray that we will all be able to worship together again soon.



WANTED: LOOKING FOR A USED, REASONABLY PRICED, RELIABLE CAR. IF ANYONE HAS ONE TO SELL, PLEASE CONTACT TONY SZWARTZ AT aszwartz@yahoo.com.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - The Ascension of the Lord: Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Monday - Acts 19:1-8; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday - Acts 20:17-27; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday - Acts 20:28-38; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday - Acts 22:30, 23:6-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday - Acts 25:13b-21; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Jn 21:20-25

May 24, 2020, Ascension of the Lord

Today we recall Christ's ascension to his Father in heaven. Before he left, he promised his disciples that he would be with them always. Indeed, the Lord is with us as we listen to the word of God, and as the bread and wine are consecrated. Let us celebrate the assurance that Christ is with us always, now and until the end of time.

In today's readings, we hear the familiar account of Jesus ascending to heaven while his disciples looked on. In the Gospel, we hear Jesus send his disciples on their mission. In between we hear Saint Paul tell the Ephesians, "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," praying that they may gain perception in their passion for Jesus Christ. Whenever we gather and listen to God's word, may the eyes of our hearts be enlightened as well.



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Corpus Christi
FOOD DRIVE
Creating hope in a Crisis

Supporting Catholic Charities Food Pantries
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CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those living in poverty the most and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson's three food pantries (Father English Center, Paterson; Hope House, Dover; and Partnership of Social Services, Franklin) are giving out more food than ever before.

Most months, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson gives out food to 5,000-7,000 people at their three food pantries. In April of 2020, this number practically doubled, as they helped over 11,000 individuals who are feeling the direct economic impact of COVID-19.

Bishop Serratelli has authorized a Catholic Charities Diocesan-wide food collection in all parishes. This year, the drive has gone virtual, and you can shop online and have items directly shipped to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus for more information and visit www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020 to find our parish, and shop for our pantries in need.

You may also email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call 973-737-2077, ext. 403 with any questions or to donate food directly to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

Thank you for supporting this important effort during this critical time.
God bless you all!

MEMORIAL DAY



This Monday we commemorate Memorial Day when we give thanks for those men and women who gave of their time, health and lives for the future of our nation and liberty of many people around the world. We, as a country, pay tribute to those who valiantly gave of their lives on foreign lands for the sake of freedom and liberty in our country and beyond.

Throughout the test of time, American soldiers have tirelessly given of themselves to fight for liberty, and to free millions in their respective homeland. It was Americans who freed people from the strife of the Great War now called WWI, from Nazism and the atrocity of WWII, from many dictatorships, and from all regimes. Without a doubt, they deserve our respect, and our memory. We should also keep in mind and in prayers our soldiers and their families serving in war against terrorism and against the evils of these terrorist groups, for they continue to serve with valor and honor for us and the liberation of others. Thus, since this year, we are unable to gather for parades and barbeques, say a prayer for our soldiers, deceased, retired, and active. They have served us well, and a prayer of thanks is the least we can do.

The freedom that our soldiers fought for is something that we should cherish. The liberties that we have because of our gallant and courageous forefathers stands as a testament to the basic rights that every American shares and has the pleasure to enjoy. It is those rights that our soldiers battled for in the Revolution, and is protected in wars today, not only for ourselves, but for others who are oppressed around the world.

Therefore, on this Memorial Day, let us give thanks to our heroes, to our nation which was founded by those who did not shy from freedom and liberty, and to those who still proudly serve. It is because of their efforts that we can live as a free nation, and have a gift to give our young people.

So enjoy Memorial Day, but also remember the sacrifice of our soldiers who are deceased, retired and active, and let us look with hope and pray for our nation and the world.

God bless you.

Fr. Jan