

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

<u>Sunday Collection – 3/21/21</u>	\$3,877.00
<u>Maintenance Collection – 3/21/21</u>	\$ 250.00
<u>On-line giving –Regular – 3/14/21</u>	\$ 498.00
<u>Maintenance Collection – 3/14/21</u>	\$ 25.00

If you are unable to attend Mass, weekly collection envelopes may be mailed directly to the Rectory office at 33 Unionville Avenue, Sussex, NJ 07461.

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 3/5/2021

Please support St. Monica's Church by contributing to our Annual Campaign. Forms are located at the Church Hall Exits and at the Rectory Office. *We thank you for your generosity!*

Pledges to Date: \$37,930.01
Paid to date: \$35,696.68



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is
in memory of: People of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

3/29 MON:	9:00am	People of our Parish
3/30 TUES:	9:00am	People of our Parish
3/31 WED:	9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
4/1 HOLY THU:	7:30pm	People of our Parish
4/2 GOOD FRI:	NO MORNING MASS TODAY	
4/3 HOLY SAT:	7:30pm	Easter Flower Memorials
4/4 EASTER SUN:	8:30am	Easter Flower Memorials
	10:30am	Easter Flower Memorials

MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES: MON., TUES, THURS, FRI.
AT 9:00AM (NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)

FRIDAYS OF LENT – Stations of the Cross will be held after 9 am Mass and at 7 pm.



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021



Holding our blessed palms and shouting hosannas, today we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We do so with a note of melancholy, for we know that his arrival is also his entrance into the dark days of abandonment, agony, and death. However, we know that in the end God will triumph and sin, darkness, and even death will be defeated. Confident in Jesus' redemptive power, we raise our voices in love and thanksgiving.

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WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

HELPING HANDS- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS AT ST. MONICA'S

Recitation of the Rosary – Come join us every Monday at 4:00 pm in the Church to recite the Rosary for peace in our nation and around the world.

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.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 1-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

First Friday: Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

First Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a; Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ez 36:16-17a; 18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-7

For everyone's safety, face masks are required when attending Mass. Also, remember to social distance and use the hand sanitizing stations at the church entrances. If you are sick, or have come in contact with someone with COVID, PLEASE STAY HOME! The Link for the video Mass will be available each weekend on our homepage. (stmonicasussex.org).

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. 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.

Easter Flower Memorial Envelopes are available on the tables in the church and hall. Please print CLEARLY the name(s) of your deceased loved ones and enclose your monetary donation for an Easter Flower to be placed in the church. A printed list will be made available and a copy placed on the altar. This weekend is your last opportunity to return your envelopes. Please put them in the collection boxes at the church exits.



GOLD ANNIVERSARY MASS 2020

Did you celebrate your 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2020? If you were married in 1970, the Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH, 2021 at 3:30 pm.** Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register with the parish office is Thursday, April 8th, 2021.** You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration is processed. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*



**A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY**

by Rev. William J. Reilly, Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 28, 2021

“Even though I should have to die with you I will not deny you. And they all spoke similarly. Then they came to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, ‘Sit here while I pray.’ He took with him Peter, James and John, and began to be troubled and distressed. Then he said to them, ‘My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch.’ He advanced a little and fell to the ground and prayed.”

Following the last supper, we join the three disciples and Jesus in the garden. We hear His prayer as the apostles fall asleep. The hurt of the betrayal, soon to be followed by the denial filled the heart of Jesus. We are present to support and console Him.

Yet all which takes place is to comfort, console and save us. We move from sorrow to gratitude for what the Lord did and does for us today. The Christ who suffered for us, suffers in His people today. May we find comfort, but also act to ease the hurts of others near and far.

Jesus, save us.



ST. MONICA'S CHURCH
PENANCE SERVICE, HOLY WEEK

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Tuesday, March 30th – 7:00 pm – Parish Penitential Service

The Church looks upon the Sacrament of Penance as a preparation for the celebration of the Triduum. Receiving this Sacrament enables you to participate in the holiest days of the year with a renewed heart.

THE TRIDUUM

This is the ancient Latin title for the three days in which our redemption was completed. They begin with sunset on Thursday and end with sunset on Sunday. We might call them “The Three Great Days”, recognizing that they encompass one complex event rather than a number of separate ones, a fact which is structured into the services, in that from Holy Thursday evening no service has a Dismissal until Easter. Thus what we are doing is celebrating an extended liturgy from Thursday evening until Sunday. So, in the Three Great Days, we have one liturgical event celebrating and remembering the one event of the Lord’s Passover which brought about our salvation. Each of the primary liturgies is one of the acts of the drama. The Liturgical Services of Holy Week are among the very best things we do in the Church.

HOLY THURSDAY – (No morning Mass today)

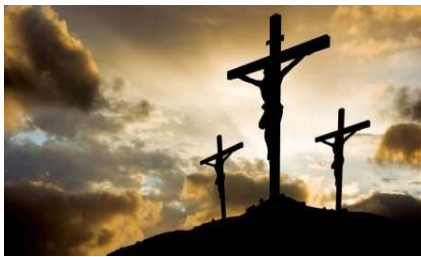
April 1st – 7:30 pm – MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Commemorating the Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository Altar, up to 11:00pm.
“Could you not watch with me one hour?” Plan to spend time in prayer in the church.



COLLECTION – FOR THE POOR

(PLEASE do not park in the Presbyterian Church parking lot)



GOOD FRIDAY – (No morning Mass today)

April 2nd (Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence)

3:00 pm – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD’S PASSION AND DEATH

Proclamation of the Passion Narrative

Veneration of the Cross

Communion

COLLECTION – SUPPORT OF SHRINES AND CHRISTIANS LIVING IN THE HOLY LAND

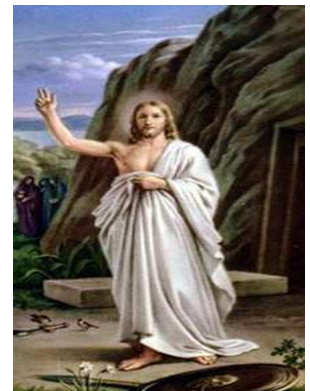
7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY – (No morning Mass today)

April 3rd

12:00 noon -- BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

7:30 pm – EASTER VIGIL - SOLEMN VIGIL AND FESTIVAL MASS OF THE LORD’S RESURRECTION



EASTER SUNDAY

April 4th – 8:30 am and 10:30 am

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JESUS RIDES INTO JERUSALEM

