

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JUNE 20, 2021

Sunday Collection – 6/13/21	\$ 2,588.00
On-line giving – Regular – 6/6/21	\$ 518.00
On-line giving – Maintenance – 6/6/21	\$ 66.00
On-line giving-Special Collections – 6/6/21	\$ 120.00



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. Collection envelopes may also be dropped in the metal milk box located to the left of the front door of the rectory.

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 4/1/2021

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: \$35,796.68



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is
in memory of: John O'Shea
Given by: Grace & Mike Casalino

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6/21	MON:	9:00am	Thomas & Evelyn Burke
6/22	TUES:	9:00am	People of our Parish
6/23	WED:	9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
6/24	THU:	9:00am	People of our Parish
6/25	FRI:	9:00am	People of our Parish
6/26	SAT:	5:00pm	Florence DiStasi Sr. Lucy Blyskal Anita Rose Gawenus
6/27	SUN:	8:30am 10:30am	Anita Gawenus Elsie Rodriguez (LIV) Eric Koehne

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)

Deadline for bulletin submissions: Please contact the Rectory Office by 10 am on Tuesday of each week for articles to be printed on the following Sunday.



In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus calm the raging sea as his disciples cling to the storm-tossed boat. The disciples were terrified that they would die, but Jesus suggests that their faith should have reassured them. Many of us can probably recall a time when our father came to our rescue, protecting or supporting us, making everything all right. Today, we honor our dads, our grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, and all who have acted as fathers to our lives. May their protection and constancy be a model of God's care for us.

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WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

HELPING HANDS- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14, 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
 Jb 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Monday
 Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday
 Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday
 Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20

Thursday
 Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday
 Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday
 Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

DUE TO THE DISPENSATION OF SUNDAY MASS ATTENDANCE BEING LIFTED, THE WEEKLY YOUTUBE MASS VIDEO HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED.

OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING PURPOSES ARE LIFTED (EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR, 242 – MAY 24, 2021). MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED. IF ANYONE PREFERS, YOU MAY ATTEND MASS IN THE CHURCH HALL WHERE CHAIRS ARE SET UP TO ALLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING. SANITIZING STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES. OTHER LITURGICAL MATTERS, SUCH AS HOLY WATER FONTS, ALTAR SERVERS, OFFERTORY PROCESSIONS, ETC. ARE BEING ADDRESSED BY OUR PASTOR.

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.

USHERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED for the Saturday 5:00 pm Masses. If interested, please call the church office at (973) 875-4521 or see Grace Casalino after Mass. Thank you!!

UPCOMING EVENT



HELPING HANDS will be sponsoring "A Night of Baseball and Fireworks" at Skylands Ball Park on Saturday, July 24th, at 6:00 pm. Come out to watch the Sussex County Miners take on the New Jersey Jackals, and stay for the fireworks after the game! Tickets must be purchased in advance, and will be sold after all masses in the church hall the weekends of June 5th, 12th and 19th. Tickets will also be available for purchase in the church office. Ticket price is \$15.





A Father's Day Prayer

God, Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Amen.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM
Diocese of Paterson**

"If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator Dr. Ken McNiel at (973) 879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Monsignor T. Mark Condon, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia (973) 777-8818 Ext. 205 OR Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious (973) 777-8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan website www.patersondiocese.org."



Combined Collection for The Catholic Relief Services and for the Church in Latin America.

Next weekend, our parish will take up the combined collection for **The Catholic Relief Services and the Church in Latin America**. There is one envelope devoted to this combined collection in your weekly envelope packet.

Funds from **The Catholic Relief Services Collection** provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to this collection and help **Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholicrelief.

For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the **Collection for the Church in Latin America** provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL in Middletown, NY, will hold a *Healing Mass with Anointing of the Sick* on Thursday, June 24th at 7:00 pm. Fr. Nicholas Blackwell, O.Carm, will preside. For further information, contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at (845) 343-1879 or visit www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com.

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

*Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace,
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education
to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life, even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow evermore grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.*



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR GRADUATES...FROM PRE-SCHOOL TO GRAD SCHOOL. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS!

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

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

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 20, 2021

“Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him: ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’ He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Quiet, be still!’ The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them: ‘Why are you terrified?’”

Jesus suggested that they cross the sea. While asleep, the climate changed, the wind, waves and rough sea confronted them. Even the fishermen were afraid. Their question, ‘Do you not care that we are perishing?’, would find a clear answer in the three words. He cared, calm ensued, and normality returned. They responded to His peaceful presence.

Crises cause us to panic. How rarely we turn to the Lord and ask, ‘Teacher do you not care?’ The answer is ‘yes’ and we wish to find His guiding hand to assure us of His constant care in great things and in small. He is not asleep, we are. In times of tumult and distress we seek His calming hand. He is with us now.

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist



Thursday, June 24th, we celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. The birth of St. John the Baptist is one of only three births celebrated on the liturgical calendar. The birth of Jesus is celebrated on December 25; the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, is September 8; and the birth of St. John the Baptist, the prophet who announced the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, is June 24. It ranks as a solemnity.

The birth of St. John the Baptist was a momentous occasion. He was no ordinary child. Jesus said of John, “Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (Mt 11:11).

John the Baptist ranks first among the prophets. All of the prophets that went before him announced that the Messiah was coming. The Baptist was blessed with the singular privilege to announce that the Messiah had come. He was the only prophet who pointed to Jesus and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world” (Jn 1:29). He “ranks ahead of me because he existed before me” (Jn 1:30). “He is the Son of God” (Jn 1:34b).

The date for the feast is based on Luke’s Infancy Narrative. At the Annunciation the angel Gabriel told Mary that Elizabeth had conceived and that she was in her sixth month (Lk 1:36), after which Mary visited Elizabeth and “remained with her about three months” (Lk 1:56a), presumably until John was born. June 24 is six months before the birth of Jesus.

St. Augustine saw a connection between June 24 and December 24, John and Jesus, the light, the summer and winter solstices, and their relative importance. Jesus said that John “was a burning and shining lamp, and for a while you were content to rejoice in his light” (Jn 5:35). Later Jesus said of himself, “I am the light of the world” (Jn 8:12). John is the lesser light. Jesus is the greater light. St. Augustine observed that John was born after the summer solstice when light begins to decrease, Jesus was born after the winter solstice when light begins to increase, which correlates to John’s statement, “He must increase and I must decrease” (Jn 3:30).

The Preface for the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the Precursor’s life. “For you consecrated him for a singular honor among those born among women. His birth brought great rejoicing; even in the womb he leapt for joy at the coming of human salvation. He alone of all the prophets pointed out the Lamb of redemption. And, to make holy the flowing waters, he baptized the very author of Baptism and was privileged to bear him supreme witness by the shedding of his blood” (Roman Missal, 732).
