

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**  
**Stewardship Report – Treasure**

<u>Sunday Collection – 6/20/21</u>	\$2,251.00
<u>Special Collection – Seminararians 6/20/21</u>	\$ 162.00
<u>On-line giving –Regular – 6/13/21</u>	\$ 630.00
<u>On-line giving – Maintenance – 6/13/21</u>	\$ 35.00

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!



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

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

6/28	MON: 9:00am	People of our Parish
6/29	TUES: 9:00am	People of our Parish
6/30	WED: 9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
7/1	THU: 9:00am	People of our Parish
7/2	FRI: 9:00am	People of our Parish
7/3	SAT: 5:00pm	John & Eleanor Murray Reina & Donald Masson
7/4	SUN: 8:30am	Mary Ann Sampar Katherine Schweisthal
	10:30am	People of our Parish

**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.



***PLEASE NOTE:*** *The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.*



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 27, 2021**



*Today we are filled with joy, for our God is a God of life. God brought life into the world at creation, making us in the divine image. Jesus brought new life to the world, redeeming us and preparing us for eternal life with the Lord. We come together here today, as we do each Sunday, to hear the word of God, to be nourished in the Eucharist, and to give praise and glory to God. May our lives, energized by the Holy Spirit, witness to the wonderful generosity of our God, our God of life.*

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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.

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**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**

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;  
 Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

**Monday**

Gn 18:16-33; Mt 8:18-22

**Tuesday**

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19  
 Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19

**Wednesday**

Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34

**Thursday**

Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9:1-8

**First Friday**

Gn 23:1-4, 19, 24:1-8, 62-67; Mt 9:9-13

**First Saturday**

Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

**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.

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**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.

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**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!!

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



This weekend, our parish is taking 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.

**The Catholic Relief Services Collection** will help *Jesus in disguise*. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**Collection for the Church in Latin America** is needed in a part of the world where the Catholic faith is strong but the resources are limited due to the financial constraints of the people living there. Through your support, programs that strengthen the family unit, provide catechetical training and promote the Rosary are made possible and continue to be tools for evangelization. Visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) to learn more.

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**PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY**

*Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junipero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*



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We welcome Addison Cabrera as a new Lector from our Youth Ministry. Addison proclaimed the First Reading last Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Thank you, Addison and we are so glad to have you with us!

**THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

**70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940**

**FIRST SATURDAY MORNINGS, Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Schedule is as follows: 9:15 am Scriptural Rosary; 10:00 am Mass with Fr. James Sidoti, O.Carm; 11:00 – 12noon Confessions. First Saturday mornings run through October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SOLEMN FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL.** Schedule is as follows: Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm with Evening Prayer at outdoor Mount Carmel Shrine; Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00am Morning Prayer; 11:30 am Mass with Bishop Kevin Sweeney, Diocese of Paterson, NJ, followed by a procession and crowning at outdoor Mount Carmel Shrine; 1:00 – 3:00 pm Adoration, Scriptural Rosary and Benediction. Bring your own breakfast or lunch for outdoor picnic area.

Contact Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at (845) 343-1879 or visit [www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com](http://www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com) for further information.

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**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24**

This reading relates how death of the spirit entered the world by the envy of the devil, but those not in his possession will not experience it.

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15**

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to contribute to the poor of the Jerusalem church in accordance with their means. He explains that if people help each other, they will one day be helped when they are needy.

**Gospel: Mark 5:21-43**

“Do not be afraid, only have faith.” Jesus’ power over sickness and death requires absolute trust and absence of fear.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS  
**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 27, 2021**

**“One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, ‘My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live.’ He went off with him... He took her by the hand and said to her, ‘Talitha koum’, which means ‘little girl, I say to you arise.’”**

How frequently people ask for prayer for someone who is ill. During the pandemic we have become increasingly aware of the power of intercessory prayer for healing. The sure gift we can give another is to offer prayer.

The official knelt and pleaded with his whole heart as any good parent would. He asked for the beautiful gesture of laying on of hands. When we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the same gesture is used as we implore the presence of the healing God for the sick person.

Who is it that needs my prayer today? A family member who is ill, someone who has wandered from the faith, a person asking for guidance as to what to do – school, work, vocation? Like the official, don’t just pray, but earnestly plead. The Lord will always listen. He takes us by the hand too.

## Saints Peter and Paul's Story

**Tuesday, June 29, we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.**



**Peter (d. 64?)** The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

And to Peter only did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19).

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (see Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23b).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus' ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep (John 21:15-17).

**Paul (d. 64?)** If the most well-known preacher today suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.

Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise.