

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

Sunday Collection – 7/25/21 \$2,010.00
On-line giving –Regular – 7/18/21 \$528.00

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: Mary Losiewicz
Given By: Sr. Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8/2	MON: 9:00am	People of our Parish
8/3	TUES: 9:00am	People of our Parish
8/4	WED: 9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
8/5	THU: 9:00am	People of our Parish
8/6	FRI: 9:00am	Janet Holczer
8/7	SAT: 5:00pm	John & Eleanor Murray Margaret Renard
8/8	SUN: 8:30am	Florence M. Swiss Robert J. Schneider
	10:30am	Gaby & Julio Lorente (LIV) Mary & Julio Lorente (LIV)

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.



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.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 1, 2021



When we come together today, as we do each Sunday, we receive the Lord - the Bread of Life - in the Eucharist. He satisfies our hunger, be it material or spiritual. When we receive the Lord, in the Eucharist and into our hearts, he brings fullness, mission, God’s grace, and the promise of everlasting life into our poor, imperfect, and needy human lives. He enables us to “put away the old self” and “put on the new self.” Joined together with our brothers and sisters in faith, let us celebrate the generosity of our Lord.

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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
 Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Monday
 Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday
 Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday
 Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday
 Nm 20:1-13; Mt 16:13-23
First Friday
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
First Saturday
 Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

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.

A NIGHT OF BASEBALL AT SKYLANDS STADIUM



A special “thank you” to Helping Hands for planning our night at Skylands Stadium last Saturday, July 24th. It turned out to be a beautiful summer evening...perfect for a ballgame. The Sussex County Miners took on the New Jersey Jackals so it was a NJ rivalry! It looked like the Miners were going to take it, leading 2-0 going into the ninth inning but the Jackals came alive and tied it up! Neither team scored in the 10th so the game finished up with a Home Run Derby, which, unfortunately for Miners fans, proved the Jackals to be the winners. It was a great game and the outfielders on both teams put on quite a show with some amazing hold-your-breath catches.

There was a free bobble-head giveaway so some of the early arrivals were fortunate enough to get a Bobby Jones, Manager of the Miners, bobble-head doll as a souvenir of the night.

People enjoyed the usual baseball food: hot dogs, burgers, chicken nuggets, fries, ice cream, soda and beer. We sang God Bless America and Take Me Out to the Ballgame. To make the evening complete, after the game, we enjoyed a spectacular display of fireworks.

Thanks to Helping Hands for a fun evening, and thanks to all who purchased tickets to make the night a great success!



The original silent movie version of “The Phantom of the Opera” will be shown in the church on Sunday, October 17, 2021. John Barratta will be accompanying the movie with his organ music. More info to come in the next few weeks!

ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY FAMILIES



Registration forms for the 2021-2022 school year for Grades 1 thru 8 are now available in the Church Hall, the Rectory Office and available to download from our website www.stmonicasussex.org under the Faith Formation tab. Registration forms will be sent next week via text to all parents of students enrolled last year. You may return completed forms by mail to the Church, drop them at the church office or place them in the YOUTH MINISTRY bin on the back wall of the Church Hall. **Please return completed forms by August 29th so we may place our book order.** We are working on the calendars and hope to start classes in September. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Janice Fazenbaker, Coordinator of Religious Education at (908) 337-6718 or at janicefazenbaker@yahoo.com.

MISSION APPEAL SUNDAY

Next weekend, Father Bill Vos will speak at all of our Masses on behalf of the Benedictine Sisters from Chipole, Tanzania (www.chipolebenedictines.org). We welcome him as he represents our annual Mission Appeal assigned by the Diocese. Fr. Vos, a priest of the St. Cloud Diocese in Minnesota, spent twenty years in East Africa and has worked closely with this community of Tanzanian Sisters. They are a community of over 500 Sisters who serve in a wide variety of ministries and pastoral work in dioceses in Tanzania. These include health care, including free medical care for the needy and schools from K-12, technical training institutions and religious education programs. Please be as generous as possible in assisting this Community of dedicated Sisters who represent the face of Christ to those most in need.



MUSIC DIRECTOR/ORGANIST, Immaculate Conception Church, 75 Church Street, Franklin NJ.

Candidates must possess organ, piano, and vocal skills, be knowledgeable in Catholic liturgy & music and have experience in choral direction. Will need to be available for Saturday evening Mass 5 pm, Sunday 9:30 am & 11:30 am Masses, holiday Masses and willing to work with the children’s choir, adult choir and cantors. If interested, please email your resume to the attention of Carol Giacchi, Parish Secretary at icchurch@ptd.net.

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940

FEAST OF ST. BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS (Edith Stein, Discalced Carmelite)- Monday, August 9th- 10 am talk in Edith Stein Conference Room. Sr. Peggy Murphy, OP, Director, Honors Seminar of Holocaust Studies, Mount Saint Mary College, Newburgh, NY. Feast day Mass at 11:30 am. Free-will offering will be taken.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK - Tuesday, August 17th - 11:30 am Mass at outdoor Knock Shrine at National Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm will preside. All are welcome.

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

The Transfiguration of the Lord



The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on **August 6th** of every year and it is featured during the Lenten season, on the Second Sunday of Lent.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Transfiguration is: “The mysterious event in which Jesus, speaking with Moses and Elijah on the mountain, was transformed in appearance – in the sight of Peter, James, and John – as a moment of disclosure of His divine glory” (CCC, Glossary, pp. 901-902; 554). The English word “Transfiguration” comes from the Latin word “transfigurare” (pronounced *tranz-fig-you-ra-ray*). The first part of the Latin word, “trans” means “change;” and the Latin word “figura” (pronounced *fig-goo-ra*) means “figure” OR “appearance.” These words combine to describe what happened to Jesus at this event: Jesus’ appearance (figure) changed. The Greek text uses the word *metamorphosis* (pronounced *met-ta-mor-foe-sis*, meaning “to change form, shape, or appearance”) to describe the change or transformation that occurred in Our Lord at this momentous occasion.

There were three witnesses to the Transfiguration: St. Peter, St. James, and James’ brother, St. John. The event took place on Mt. Tabor. During the Transfiguration, Our Lord’s appearance changed! The three Gospel narratives tell us that the Lord Jesus’ “face shone like the sun,” (Matthew 17:2); and “the appearance of His countenance was altered” (Luke 9:29). Each narrative tells us that Our Lord’s clothing changed: “His garments became white as light” (Matthew 17:2); “glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them” (Mark 9:3); “and His raiment became dazzling white” (Luke 9:29).

Why did Moses and Elijah appear to Our Lord during the Transfiguration? Both Moses and Elijah were real people that once lived; but, they were “bigger than life.” Moses symbolized the Jewish Law in much the same way “Uncle Sam” embodies the idea of “America.” Likewise, the Prophet Elijah was also a symbol of Prophecy as much the same way as the “Statue of Liberty” represents the ideal of freedom to Americans. The Transfiguration serves to “prove” by “The Law” (Moses) and “The Prophets” (Elijah) that Christ’s Suffering was indeed the plan of God (Luke 24:26). This “proof” is further backed by the testimony of God the Father Himself – commanding that Jesus’ revelation must be heeded (Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:25). Moses and Elijah are also the only Old Testament figures to hear God’s voice on Mt. Sinai, which is also called Mt. Horeb (Exodus 24:18; 1 Kings 19:8-18). The Transfiguration counteracts the mistaken belief held by the Apostles and many Jews of the time that the Messiah will bring only earthly blessings, like freedom from the Romans, material prosperity, and earthly contentment.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, the three disciples encounter not only the Lord Jesus, but also the other two Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity: God the Father, Who made Himself known by His Voice. The Holy Spirit made Himself known by appearing visibly in the form of the luminous “Cloud” (CCC, 555). This “Cloud” is the Shekinah (pronounced *Sheck-key-nah*) or “Glory of the Lord.”

Catholic Q&A - By: Fr. Rick Poblocki

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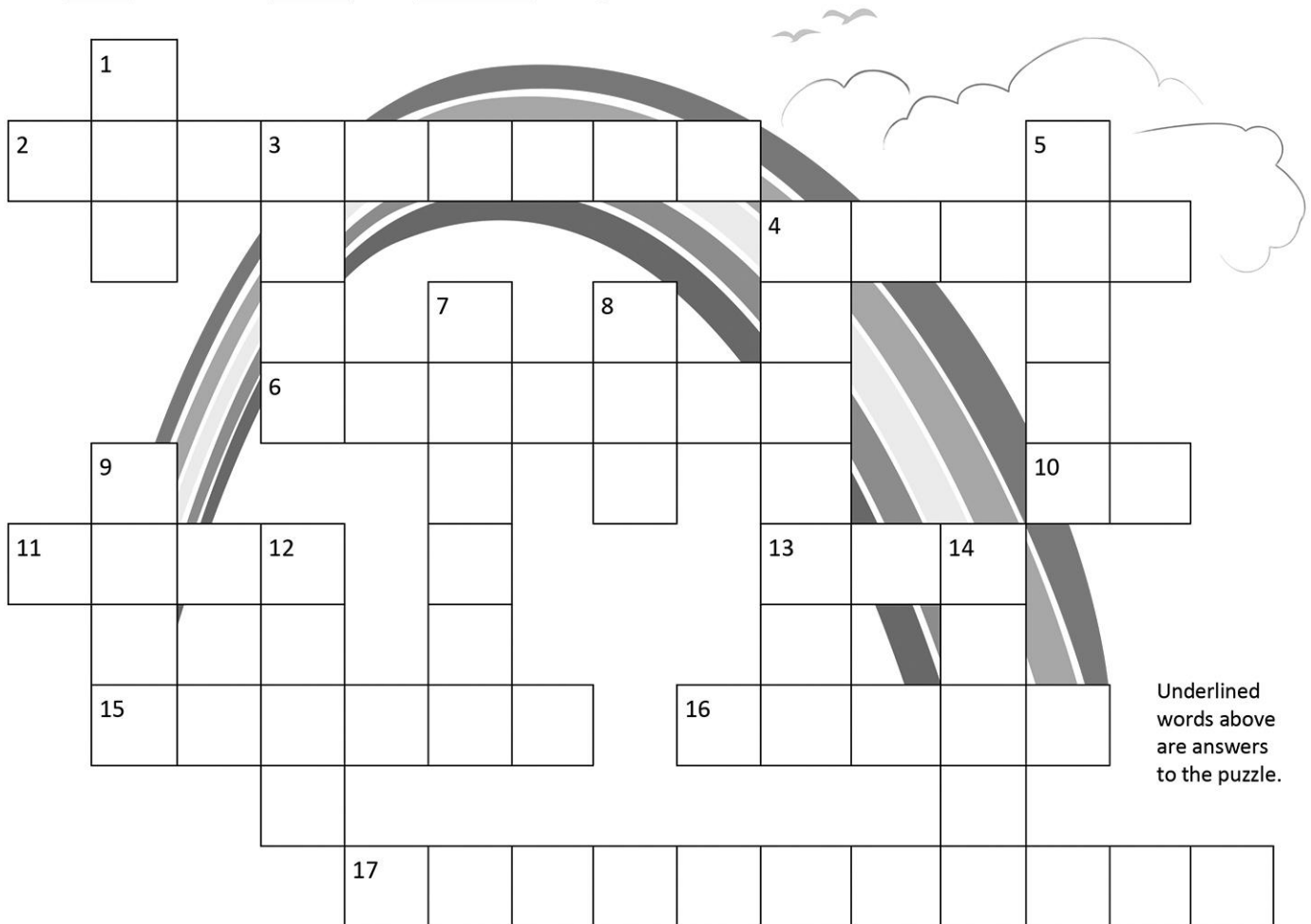
Gospel Today

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:24-35

The people following Jesus are looking for miracles like the bread and fish they had to eat, but they are also looking for something to believe in. Jesus tells them the truth, to believe in the One sent by God, and says "I am the bread of life".

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They don't understand Jesus means eternal life, not food to sustain life. The people near Jesus are looking for a sign, like the manna "bread from heaven" their forefathers were given.



Underlined words above are answers to the puzzle.

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- 1 ----- Jesus was sent by _____.
- 3 ----- Jesus is the bread of _____.
- 4 ----- We _____ in one God.
- 5 ----- Moses was given _____, "bread from heaven".
- 7 ----- Many _____ were following Jesus.
- 8 ----- Jesus is the _____ sent by God.
- 9 ----- The people had eaten bread and _____.
- 12 ----- Not far, _____.
- 14 ----- Jesus says, "I tell you the _____".

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- 2 ----- People were _____ Jesus.
- 4 ----- Jesus says, "I am the _____ of life".
- 6 ----- Everlasting, or _____ life.
- 10 ----- Jesus says, "I _____".
- 11 ----- The people are looking for a _____ from God.
- 13 ----- Hungry people _____.
- 15 ----- Manna was called "bread from _____".
- 16 ----- The people were following _____.
- 17 ----- Their _____ ate manna.