

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection – 7/24/16 (corrected amount) \$3,021.60

Parish Pay – 7/24/16: \$ 541.00

Total Sunday Collection – 7/24/16: \$3,562.60

Sunday Collection – 7/31/16: \$3,097.00

Parish Pay – 7/31/16:

Total Sunday Collection – 7/31/16:

Parish Pay --is a convenient way for you to set up your weekly contributions - online – visit ParishPay.com

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL COLLECTION

Parish Goal \$50,000.00

Total # of Families 463

Total # Pledged 145

% of Participation 31.10 %

Total Amount Pledged \$44,190.00

(Includes 3 matching grants pledged)

Total Amount Paid \$43,415.00

(Includes 2 matching grants pd. in full)

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In memory of: Mary Losiewicz

Given by: Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8/8	MON:	9:00a	No Mass today
8/9	TUES:	9:00a	No Mass today
8/10	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
8/11	THU:	9:00a	No Mass today
8/12	FRI:	9:00a	No Mass today
8/13	SAT:	5:00p	Lois Chamings Mario Malanche Ewa Brzosko Maria & Roger DeGroot
8/14	SUN:	8:00a	Florence M. Swiss Gregory Frankowski Henry Hosbach
		10:00a	James Fischer Giorgio Gallara Mary Costa Austin Randall
		11:45a	Deborah Lehman Grover Gribb (LIV)

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE AREA:

St. Jude's, Hamburg – Mon. – Sat. – 8:45am

St. Francis de Sales, McAfee – Mon.-Sat – 8:30am

Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville – Mon.-Fri. – 8:00am

Immac. Concept., Franklin – Tues, Wed, Fri, 7:30am, Sat. 9:00am

National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown, NY

Mon.-Fri. 11:30am (Holy Door for Year of Mercy)

TO RESERVE FOR 2016 MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMP DEVOTIONS - CALL THE RECTORY 973-875-4521

Masses: \$5.00 each; Mass cards: small(\$5.00) & large(\$10.00) sizes. Sanctuary candle devotions - \$5.00. for one-week.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 7, 2016

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

www.stmonicasussex.org

COFFEE & DONUTS –will resume in September.

HELPING HANDS – meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting room. There are no meetings in July or August. Call Terry at 845-258-8051.

Helping Hands at Skyland Ball Game

Because of the rain, anyone that was at the game on Saturday evening, July 9, may use your ticket stub to attend a game of your choice. Whenever you go, you must present your ticket stub to the box office.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading & reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow. Call Carol at 973-875-4521.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – will resume the third Monday of the month schedule at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room on August 15th. If you like to read books that will enhance your faith journey and keep you spiritually nourished, plan to join us. Members gave input and suggestions and the following books will be covered in the next several months: **Learning to Walk in the Dark** by Barbara Brown Taylor. **Short stories of Flannery O'Connor** will also be read and shared by all. Call Carol for information - 973-875-4521.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS will continue on Tuesday, August 16th with **The Way** - a story about a father and son journey centered around **The Camino de Santiago** in Spain - stars Martin Sheen- at 7:00pm in the meeting room. Hope you will join us for these special presentations. No charge to attend – free-will offering only.

ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP - below are dates and themes for 2016. Each month we enjoy lunch, good company and delicious desserts made by our members. We meet at 12:00 noon in the church hall on the first Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$10 a year. New members are welcome. For further information please contact Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569.

September 7 – Labor Day Celebration; October 5 – Oktoberfest; November 2 – Halloween Party; December 8(Thursday) –Christmas Party at Lampost Rest.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

OR R.C.I.A PROGRAM is offered for anyone over the age of 18 who was never baptized and may wish to become Catholic; or for anyone who is already baptized Catholic but never received the sacraments of initiation (Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation) or for those who wish to be received into the Catholic Church from another Christian denomination. If you are interested in learning more, please call Carol at 973-875-4521.

ST. MONICA'S TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER

We are once again bringing back our Tricky Tray Theme List which we hope you will find helpful in choosing an idea for your tray.

There are 3 copies, but they are all the same and located on the table in the Church Hall. Please take a moment to browse through and choose an idea that best suits you. In addition, we are introducing something new on the same table. It is our Tricky Tray Donation Box. The purpose of this box is to receive any additional items you may wish to donate that the Tricky Tray Committee will put together to achieve a greater number of trays at our event. Thank you for your generosity and support towards this very important fundraiser.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL... August 15 & 16th - 9:00am – 12:00noon – if your child is interested in attending VBS this year, please let us know – 973-875-4521. Respond to stmonica@ptd.net .

Once again VBS will be coordinated by Anne Chirico.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Monday, August 15th is the feast of the Assumption of Mary which is normally a Holy Day of Obligation – but since it falls on a Monday, it is not celebrated as a Holy day this year. As we have done in the past here at St. Monica's, we will celebrate the feast day with one Mass at 9:00am on Monday, August 15th. Plan to join us!

YOUTH MINISTRY

MASS ATTENDANCE – Even though classes are over, Mass attendance is still important. Please make Mass a weekly attendance and a priority during your summer vacation.

REGISTRATION: We are making an effort to get everyone registered/re-registered for the new school year. Please pick up a registration form on the table in the church hall and return it to us by June 30th. Fees are as follows: 1 student - \$75.00, 2 students - \$110.00 and 3 or more is \$150.00. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8

REGISTRATION for the 2016/2017 - registration forms will be available on the table in the hall or can be downloaded from our website www.stmonicasussex.org. - go to "Faith Formation" and go to "Forms." We appreciate your cooperation in registering as early as possible as we are in the process of deciding on class days/times for the coming year. Payment can be made at the time you send it in or if necessary later on, but we do need the registration forms returned in order to plan the upcoming Religious Ed year. Thanks to all who have sent in registrations so far!!!

Fees are as follows: 1 student - \$75.00, 2 students - \$110.00 and 3 or more is \$150.00.

PARENTS: Have you ever thought about being a Religious Ed Catechist? Maybe your children's journey has inspired you to think about it? Don't be afraid to say "yes" – and serve as a Catechist!!

TEENS AND THOSE RECENTLY CONFIRMED are also invited to team-teach and share their faith with our young students. Please call Carol at 973-875-4521 and we can explore the possibilities! Service doesn't end after Confirmation – it just begins.

Vacation Bible School..... Monday, August 15 & Tuesday, August 16th – 9:00am – 12:00noon – if your child is interested in attending VBS this year, please let us know – 973-875-4521. Respond to stmonica@ptd.net and let us know. We will start to plan for VBS!! The session will most likely run in August!!!

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

Sunday Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Thursday Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15



FOR SALE: 2004 Chevy Malibu Classic – 140,000 miles. Very good running condition, well-maintained. Good car for student or new driver. Asking \$1,000. Call Ann or Peter at 973-875-2268.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His Word Today.....by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Jesus said to his disciples: ‘Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, that no thief nor moth can destroy... Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more.’”

Think for a moment of the many times in the scriptures it says not to be afraid. We find this advice in the Old Testament. We hear these words again when Gabriel spoke to Mary, Joseph was advised in a dream, and when Peter and his friends were adrift on the sea.

Fear is a very human emotion and response. I can ask myself of what I am afraid?

A child might be afraid of the dark. An adult fears losing his job, family problems or poor health. Many fear death. Jesus offers a remedy we can follow, if we are one with Him. In the long run, we need only be afraid of losing God's friendship, and each person has the power to make sure that does not happen.

Peter asked to whom the parable was directed. I know the answer.

LIVING WITH GRIEF – a four part lecture will be held Wednesday Evenings, September 7,14,21 & 28 at the Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center, 61 Spring Street, Suite 100, Newton, NJ – 6:30 to 8:30pm. Guest Presenter is Cecelia T. Clayton, MPG, Executive Director, Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice. This series is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the effects grief has on our lives, our loved ones, our relationships. It is offered to anyone who has experienced a loss, who is helping another cope with loss, or who would like to learn more about the grieving process. Contact info – 973-383-0115 or cclayton@karenannquinlanhospice.org
Registration is limited.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise guests will be arriving at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 21. As a support congregation we at St. Monica's will help on Monday, Aug. 22, Wednesday, Aug 24 and Thursday, Aug. 25. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Church Hall. If you can volunteer for a certain time slot please write in your name. We will be helping Monday, Aug. 22, 5-7pm by providing dinner for the guests; Wed. Aug. 24, 5-7pm providing dinner, 7-9pm talking and listening to guests, 9pm – 7am staying overnight; Thurs. Aug 25, 5-7pm providing dinner, 7-9pm talking and listening to guests, 9pm – 7am staying overnight. If you have any questions please call me at 973-875-6053. Again, thank you for volunteering to assist homeless families. ----Carol Oesen

SUMMER IS HERE!!

If you plan to travel this summer and will need to look for a church why not visit - www.massimes.com

SECOND COLLECTION - 2016 MISSION APPEAL – This year's Annual Mission Appeal will be conducted on the weekend of August 20-21 here at St. Monica's. Those who use weekly collection envelopes have received an undated envelope for this collection. The Mission Appeal will be conducted this year by the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) as follows:

Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (CMI) is the first indigenous religious congregation of India founded by Saint Kuriakos Elias Chavara. There are more than 2000 CMI members serving in 30 countries in the fields of pastoral care, education, social apostolate, health care, mass media and ecumenism. Currently more than 100 priests are serving in the USA (www.cmiusa.org) and many more are serving in Africa, Latin America, Australia and Europe. A missionary from Africa, Reverend Jose Oliver Inchody CMI will be at our parish the weekend of August 20-21 to preach at all Masses about their missionary activities. There will be a second collection and your generous financial support and prayers will be highly appreciated.

REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR OF MERCY

"God's mercy can make even the driest land become a garden, can restore life to dry bones (cf. Ez 37:1-14). ... Let us be renewed by God's mercy, let us be loved by Jesus, let us enable the power of his love to transform our lives too; and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish." — Pope Francis, E aster Urbi et Orbi message on March 31, 2013



"Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love of the brethren, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not return evil for evil or reviling for reviling; but on the contrary bless, for to this you have been called, that you may obtain a blessing." 1 Peter 3:8-9

THE YEAR OF MERCY WILL BE ENDING ON NOVEMBER 20TH - WHY NOT MAKE A PERSONAL PILGRIMAGE AND PASS THROUGH A DESIGNATED HOLY DOOR?

Passing through a Holy Door is part of the pilgrimage that all Catholics are encouraged to make, whether during a trip to Rome, or a trip to the cathedrals or specially designated churches in and around their own dioceses. These pilgrimages come with special graces, and they allow each of us to share in the many blessings of the Holy Year. Passing through the Holy Door symbolizes our leaving the world outside and entering into the realm of salvation. As Pope St. John Paul II said, the Holy Door "evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish" (There are several designated Holy Doors in the surrounding area – St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC, Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark, The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY)

Program Helping Young Adults with Special Needs

The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is proud to announce the fall opening of their Saturdays at the Center program (SATC)! DPD is a nonprofit, Catholic Charities organization in the Diocese of Paterson that provides support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. This endeavor is designed for young adults with disabilities living in the community, who are interested in weekend socialization and recreational activities with their peers. Education about group home and independent living is also part of the curriculum. Respite time for caregivers of the participating individuals will be provided, as the program is well supervised by experienced staff and volunteers.

SATC will meet Saturdays at Gruenert Center on Rt. 15 in Lake Hopatcong and will run for a 12 week span. Meeting times are from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. The tuition for the entire program is \$120 plus minimal additional fees for special activities such as bowling or dining out. They are seeking interested participants and volunteers for their fall start date of September 17, 2016.

Please contact Patt Foth, SATC Coordinator, at (973)440-0983 or satc@dpd.org for any further information or to obtain applications. You can also visit www.dpd.org or www.facebook.com/dpdcc for more information about DPD. Christopher Brancato, MA - Director of Development and Public Relations, Department for Persons with Disabilities, 1 Catholic Charities Way - PO Box 2539 - Oak Ridge, NJ 07438 **Phone:** 973-406-1104 **Fax:** 973-697-9603

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

DIOCESE OF PATERSON – Safe Environment Program

"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: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahoney, 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 Web site: www.patersondiocese.org

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Gospel Today

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 12:32-48

Be prepared for Jesus all the time, by always being a good servant to God.

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Follow the dots and see where God is in your life!