

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
AUGUST 6, 2017

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasury
WEEKLY COLLECTION

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| <u>Budgeted Amount:</u> | \$5,000.00 |
| <u>Sunday Collection – 7/23/17</u> | \$3,033.00 |
| <u>Parish Pay – 7/23/17</u> | \$ 586.00 |
| <u>Total Sunday Collection – 7/23/17</u> | \$3,619.00 |
| <u>Sunday Collection – 7/30/17</u> | \$2,549.50 |
| <u>Parish Pay – 7/30/17 (not reported yet)</u> | |

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

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In memory of: Mary Losiewicz
Given by: Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| 8/7 | MON: | 9:00a | Kathy and Greg Shaw (LIV) |
| 8/8 | TUES: | 9:00a | Kathleen Kunz |
| 8/9 | WED: | 9:00a | No Mass today |
| 8/10 | THU: | 9:00a | People of the Parish |
| 8/11 | FRI: | 9:00a | People of the Parish |
| 8/12 | SAT: | 5:00p | Margaret Johnson Mary Ann Hingel |
| 8/13 | SUN: | 8:00a | Florence Mitchell Swiss Margaret Johnson |
| | | 10:00a | Carmen Fluhr Edward Losiewicz Richard Olsen Mary Ann Hingel |
| | | 11:45a | Rocco DeVito |

DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9
Monday - Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday - Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday - Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday - 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Friday - Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday - Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact info

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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday. Email to stmonica@ptd.net

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – There will be no coffee and donuts after the 8:00 Mass during the months of July and August.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION –Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/ reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow.

ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP - St. Monica's Leisure Group meets in the Church Hall at 12:00 noon on the first Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$10.00 a year. Listed below is a schedule of meetings for 2017. Please call Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569 if you would like further information.

September 6 - Labor Day Pizza

October 4 – Oktoberfest;

November 1 - Halloween Party

December 7 (Thursday) - Christmas Party at Lamp Post Rest.

THE TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE will have a donation box in the Church Hall for anyone who wants to donate items for this year's Tricky Tray. We want to start early, so if there are any sales, especially back-to-school specials which can be purchased, the committee can start making baskets.

The Tricky Tray Committee would like to know if there are any parishioners who may work for a large company (like Costco) and would be willing ask the corporate office if a donation could be made. Small companies will be visited by the committee to get donations. Any donations can be given to the rectory to be used for the Tricky Tray.

The next meeting of the Tricky Tray will be Sunday, August 13 at 12:00 in the rectory meeting room. Those interested in helping with the Tricky Tray are invited to attend. Thank you for your support

- The Tricky Tray Committee

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS AT ST. MONICA'S

Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – every Tuesday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

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.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning August 7, weekday masses will return to the regular schedule: Masses will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY FAMILIES!

Registration forms for the 2017/2018 school year can be found on the table in the church hall and at the rectory office. All former Rel. Ed & YM students need to re-register for this school year. Any new family who has a child entering First Grade in September and would like their child to partake in our Religious Education Program should contact the rectory office.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mary Vernacchio at (973)875-4521 or (973)875-2110 after 6pm.

The fees are as follows: 1 child - \$75.00, 2 children - \$110.00 and 3 or more - \$150.00

Please complete and return the registration form(s) as soon as possible. Thank you!

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

Daniel depicts God as a judge with many people standing before him. He also describes a man who came to him, and was given power over all other people. This power is described as everlasting and never to be destroyed.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19

Peter discusses how the disciples witnessed Jesus being honored and spoken to by God, fulfilling all the prophecies. He also reminds us that these prophecies were God's words, delivered through a person moved by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took three of his disciples to a high mountain, where Elijah and Moses appeared and spoke to him. Peter suggested they make three tents, one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah. While he spoke, a voice came from a cloud saying, "This is my Son, the beloved one; listen to him." The disciples became very afraid and fell to their knees. Jesus told them to rise and not to be afraid. As they looked up, they saw only Jesus. As they left the mountain, Jesus warned the disciples not to mention this until he had risen from the dead. Although they did not understand, they obeyed.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017

"Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty... We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain."

Jesus selected the three apostles, allowing them to catch a glimpse of His divinity. The scene – a mountain, where God met Moses, where Jesus gave the beatitudes in His sermon, provides the backdrop for this special revelation.

The voice, echoing the words spoken at the Jordan at His baptism, reveals the special relationship of Jesus with the Father. Peter is witness to it all.

'This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' May the words spoken on this occasion be a mantra for us, reflecting God's care and love for us. We are His beloved and He is pleased as we strive to live our Christian lives. And like the three, may we open our eyes and see no one but Jesus.

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Gospel Today

The Transfiguration of the Lord | Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain Jesus is Transfigured and appears with Moses and Elijah, who in the old testament both remind the people to "Obey God". Jesus tells Peter, James and John to believe and obey Him and keep this vision a secret until the resurrection.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.

On the mountain, a voice from Heaven is heard,
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well
pleased; listen to Him."

Matthew 17:5

- Transfigured
- Matthew
- Jesus
- Mountain
- Peter
- James
- John
- Appears
- Shone
- Sun
- Clothes
- White
- Light
- Moses
- Elijah
- Obey
- God
- Believe
- Speaking
- Cloud
- Son
- Love
- Well
- Pleased
- Listen

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THE SAINTS – Part Four

Continuing with the saints, below are saints whose feast days we celebrate this week:

August 8 – St. Dominic, priest (c. 1170-1221) Patron saint of astronomers and astronomy.

Born in Spain, Dominic de Guzman began his priestly life as a cathedral canon. When St. Dominic was baptized, stories say his mother saw a star on his chest. That star was a portent of his future destiny as the patron saint of astronomers. He adapted an austere lifestyle of begging and preaching and laid the foundations for the new Order of Preachers (the Dominicans) for both women and men. Dominic himself walked from city to city preaching and inviting vocations. May we follow his advice to “practice charity in common, remain humble, and stay poor willingly.”

August 9 – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) (1891-1942). Virgin and martyr.

Born a Jew in Germany, after reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, she converted to Catholicism and later joined the Carmelites. To lessen the chance of persecution of her convent by the Nazis, she went to Holland, where the Nazis tolerated Jewish-Christians. But when the bishops spoke out against the persecution of the Jews, the Nazis retaliated. They arrested all Jewish-Catholics, including religious like Teresa and her sister Rosa, and sent them to the gas chambers at Auschwitz. Like her, may we search for truth and give ourselves in service of others.

August 10 – St. Lawrence (d. 258) Deacon and martyr. Patron saint of librarians, students, miners, tanners, chefs and firefighters.

We know little about Lawrence, who was martyred four days after Sixtus II and six other deacons during the persecution under the emperor Valerian. According to tradition, when asked to surrender the Church’s riches, Lawrence gathered the poor and said they were the Church’s real treasure. For this affront, he was put to death. He was placed on a hot gridiron and roasted to death. (Probably why is the patron of tanners, chefs and firefighters). The Perseid Meteor Shower occurs during his feast day, and the Perseids are sometimes referred to “the tears of St. Lawrence.” He was the most venerated Roman martyr of the early Church and is a patron of Rome. He is mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I. We admire his willingness to speak the truth to authorities whose policies may bring death, not life.

August 11 – St. Clare (1193-1253). Virgin. Patron saint of eye disease, embroiderers, needle workers and good weather.

Born in Assisi, at age 18 she heard Francis of Assisi preach and was inspired by his message. She secretly left her home and went to Francis’s community, where she received the habit from him and went to a nearby Benedictine convent. She was later made superior of a community in San Damiano. The Poor Clares practiced radical poverty like the Franciscans, sleeping on the ground and going without shoes. Greatly revered and respected as a “new leader of women” and credited with many miracles, she was canonized just two years after her death. Like her, may we learn to “go forth without fear, for God who created you has made you holy.”