

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 7/1/18</u>	\$3,231.00
<u>Latin American Missions Collection – 7/1/18</u>	\$1,348.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 7/8/18</u>	\$3,060.00

**The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: The People of our Parish**

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

7/16	MON:	9:00a	Paula Craig
7/17	TUES:	9:00a	Joe Johnson
7/18	WED:	9:00a	No Mass Today
7/19	THU:	9:00a	People of the Parish
7/20	FRI:	9:00a	People of the Parish
7/21	SAT:	5:00p	Vince Dalena Grace Manser Orville "O.J." Jackson
7/22	SUN:	8:30a	Special Intention for a Special Soul
		10:30a	Florence DiStasi Dale Barnes Marge Wease

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for information to be printed on the following Sunday.

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NEW SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

THERE WILL BE NO 11:45 A.M. SUNDAY MASS.

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE WILL RESUME
ON THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 8/9.**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 15, 2018



We are all called to be disciples. What does it mean to be a disciple? Today's Gospel describes what Jesus told his disciples when he sent them out: what to bring, what to leave behind, what to say, what to do. As we listen to this passage today, let us imagine what Jesus is saying to us as he sends us out to be his disciples.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – will resume in September.

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 – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, August 1st at 12:00 noon** in the Church Hall. Annual dues are \$10.00. For more information, please call Grace or Mike Casalino at 973-702-8569.

TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE will meet on Sunday, July 15th at 12:00 in the rectory meeting room. All are welcome. There are many items which still need to be completed and the more hands make light work. If there are any questions please see someone on the committee.

HELPING HANDS meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! There is no meeting in July. **The next meeting is Tuesday, August 14.**

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.

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. If you wish to become a registered member and placed on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church Hall exit. Please fill it out and give it to Fr. Jan after Mass, or either drop it in the collection basket or visit the rectory during the week between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm.



A NIGHT OF BASEBALL

Many thanks to Helping Hands for arranging a Night of Baseball at Skylands Stadium on Saturday, July 7th. We watched the Sussex County Miners play against the Quebec Capitales.

The weather was perfect! We enjoyed a clear, cool evening. We sat behind home plate, and had an excellent vantage point to watch the game. We were getting hungry as we watched people go by with hot dogs, fries, chicken fingers, hamburgers, cotton candy, sodas and ice cream. The kids were having fun scurrying around to catch the foul balls. This was Fr. Jan's first baseball game, so Joe Luna sat next to him and explained the rules as the game progressed.

The Westdyke family tried the start "the wave" but the people two sections down were not paying attention, so it didn't get too far. Many of us were cheering on the Miners and yelling at the umpires, so there must have been a few cases of laryngitis the next morning. But we had a lot of laughs.

Everyone was looking forward to the fireworks after the game, but the score was tied up in the ninth inning straight through to the twelfth inning. At this point, we didn't care who won the game. WE WANTED FIREWORKS!

We were treated to some fireworks from the Fairgrounds at about 9:30 while the game was still going on, but finally in the thirteenth inning, the Quebec Capitales scored the winning run, making the final score 8-7. Our fireworks display then began, and they were spectacular!

When Fr. Jan was asked how he enjoyed the game, he said it was good, but it was too long (thanks to those extra innings). I think most of us felt the same way.

All in all, it was a fun evening and we hope to do it again next year. Thank you Helping Hands for making it all possible.

Grace C.



Special thanks to Mary Eileen Schoen, Theresa Losiewicz and Terry Westdyke for taking a ride up to Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Monday to pick up our Divine Mercy picture.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah (priest of Bethel) ordered Amos to leave Bethel and never prophesy there again. Amos replied that he had not been a prophet, but was a shepherd until he was called by God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10

Paul exults God's immeasurable generosity as he recounts all the blessings that have been bestowed upon all God's people. We all became adopted children of God when we heard the message of truth Christ brought to us, and because of it, believed in him.

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus gave the twelve disciples authority over unclean spirits and sent them out to preach and heal the sick. He advised them to bring nothing with them and to shake the dust from their feet of any town where they had not been welcomed. Jesus wanted them to understand what they would need to do in his place after his death.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 15, 2018

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him. In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ, in accord with the favor of his will, for the praise and glory of his grace that he granted us in the beloved."

A lengthy introduction to Saul's letter to the Ephesians, not revealing his own identity, but that of all Christians. Through Christ we have been gifted with so much including His choice of us with our calling to be holy, that is, living in His grace and friendship.

Identity is so important. We hear so much about identity theft. Here we learn that we are not only especially chosen, but adopted giving us all the rights and privileges which are given as our inheritance. They cannot, in the words of Pope Francis, be taken from us. As I recognize my special identity and status, I ask that I move beyond self and see those same gifts in others. Made in His image and likeness, I want to be able to join with them on my journey, as they too share in the same gift and destiny.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

Monday - Is 1:10-17; Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday - Is 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday - Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday - Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Mt 11:28-30

Friday - Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday - Mi 2:1-5; Mt 12:14-21

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Gospel Today

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 6:7-13

Cycle B

Jesus knew the apostles would not be welcomed everywhere. He instructed them to go in pairs (2) and only stay where they were accepted. So with only the clothes on their backs, sandals on their feet and stick in hand, they went out to continue Jesus' work (preaching and healing).

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Draw a line from the Apostles to what they took on their journey.

Circle what you would bring on a journey.

Would you need more than the Apostles took? Why?

We can be just like the Apostles, minus a long journey with no provisions. Each day when we leave home for work or school, we can spread God's love, peace, happiness and good will to everyone we meet.



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