

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

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00
Online Giving – 7/22/18 \$ 506.00
Sunday Collection – 7/29/18 \$3,004.00

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 5, 2018



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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8/6 MON: 9:00a Chief David Bald Eagle
8/7 TUES: 9:00a People of our Parish
8/8 WED: 9:00a No Mass Today
8/9 THU: 9:00a Kathleen Kunz
8/10 FRI: 9:00a People of the Parish
8/11 SAT: 5:00p Raymond Sorg
John Murphy
8/12 SUN: 8:30a Special Intention for a Special Soul
10:30a John & Eleanor Murray
Chris Hennion
Dominik Biziak
Susan McGovern

*We are nourished each Sunday when we come to Mass.
We are nourished by the word of God. We are
nourished by the Eucharistic meal. The people in
today's readings need nourishment as well, both
physically and spiritually. In the Gospel, Jesus reveals
himself to be the Bread of Life, the source of everlasting
sustenance. Since our hunger can always be satisfied in
Jesus, we turn to him today for nourishment.*

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, September 5th 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,**
August 5th at 12:00 noon in the rectory meeting room. All
are welcome. The Tricky Tray is our biggest fundraiser and
many hands make light work.

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.

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact information

Phone: 973-875-4521 **Fax:** 973-875-7538
Parish Office Hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Mon-Fri
Website: www.stmonicasussex.org
Email: stmonica@ptd.net
Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week
for information to be printed on the following Sunday.
Email to stmonica@ptd.net

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.

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.

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.



BARBEQUE!!!!

Please join us for a St. Monica Feast Day Celebration BBQ on Sunday, August 26th, from 2-5 pm. Here in the Church Hall. Hamburgers (\$2) and hot dogs (\$1) will be available for purchase. Water, iced tea, condiments, plastic ware, and paper products will be provided. Please sign-up in the Church Hall and indicate the type of side dish, salad, or dessert you can bring to share. It's sure to be a fun afternoon to be enjoyed by all! Questions? Call Marianne at 973-271-9520.



Please welcome Nathan George Rubin, son of Nicole and Alexander Rubin, as he received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Monica's last Sunday, July 29th. The Godparents are William Szwartz and Caitlin Rubin. God bless you Nathan!

If you have an infant or young child, or you are expecting, and would like to have your child baptized, please call the rectory office to register for a Baptism Preparation session.

**Celebration of Marriage Retreat
September 28-30**

Marianist Family Retreat Center
417 Yale Ave., Cape May Point, NJ 08212

This weekend is intended for couples **married for at least 10 years**. It honors and *celebrates* the commitment of marriage. We strike a deliberate balance among participation/reflection, liturgy, free time, fun activities and plenty of "couple time" for walks on the nearby beaches.

Cost: \$270 per couple (includes all meals, room, and program)

Sign up online at www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829 for more information.

Next weekend, August 11-12, is Mission Weekend at St. Monica's. Bishop Serratelli and the Diocesan Mission Office have assigned a missionary to speak in each parish for the August 2018 Missionary Cooperation Plan collection. Next week, please extend a warm welcome to Rev. Emeka Okuosa who comes to us from the Society of Divine Vocations.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites complain that Moses led them to the desert and there is no food for them there. Then the Lord told Moses he would rain down bread from heaven so the people might know that I, the Lord, am your God. God did as he had promised and in the morning the people found the bread that he had given them.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Paul tells the Ephesians that they must give up their old way of life and live in accordance with the truth that Christ has brought them. He reminds them to acquire a spiritual way of thinking, and to remember that they are made in God's image and act accordingly.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

The people Jesus had fed on five loaves of bread follow him, and Jesus tells them they should not be looking for perishable food, but for spiritual food. The people want a sign that they should believe in him. He explains that he is the bread of life, and anyone who believes will not experience hunger or thirst. The people did not fully understand that he was speaking in the spiritual sense, and not of actual food.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 5, 2018

"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them to see if they follow my instructions or not.'... 'You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.'"

For several weeks we will be listening to the gospel of John, chapter 6, teaching us of the great gift of the Eucharist. John's gospel does not detail the institution of the Eucharist, but this chapter is telling us to listen and learn. We listen to Jesus telling once again 'I am'. The church is pleading for us to treasure the gift of the Eucharist, not to treat this great sacrament casually or routinely. Am I ready to learn again?

From the earliest days of the church, even before the gospels were written, St. Paul wrote of the tradition telling his readers of the gift of the Eucharist. He asked that they be worthy and prepared to receive such a great gift. We sometimes rush into mass, and even worse rush out to busy ourselves with other important things. What can be more important than to spend a reflective moment, thanking our loving God for feeding us. Am I hungry for the Lord?



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

Monday - Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday - Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday - Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday - Jer 31:31-34; Mt 16:13-23

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

Saturday - Hb 1:12—2:4; Mt 17:14-20



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

To the crowds Jesus called Himself "The Bread of Life." They did not understand He meant "spiritual life", which came by believing in Jesus, who was sent by God.

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Jesus said to them

"I am The Bread of Life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

- JOHN 6:35

We have: The Body of Christ (communion), to nourish our souls/spiritual life.

We have: Bread to eat, (flour, water, yeast) to nourish our bodies/physical life.

Let's cook up something fun, for adults and children together...



EASY TO MAKE FRESH PIZZA DOUGH

Makes one 12" pie • Preheat oven to 400°

Ingredients

Dough: 6 oz. warm water • 1 tbsp. sugar • 1 ½ tsp. dry yeast • ¼ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. olive or cooking oil • 2 ¼ cups flour

Toppings: Your choice, tomato sauce or fresh sliced tomatoes spread over dough.
8 oz. mozzarella or your favorite cheese. *Optional - meat, vegetables, spices.*

Directions

In a mixing bowl add water, sugar and yeast. Stir, let sit 15 minutes to activate yeast. Add oil, salt and flour, mixing well (if needed add a few drops of water). Knead 8-10 minutes on a floured surface. Put floured dough ball in a bowl and cover to rise, about 1 hour. Roll dough on floured surface into a 12" circle and put on baking sheet. Top with your favorites and bake for 10-12 minutes or until done.

Note: Flour, bread crumbs or cornmeal on pan help prevent pizza from sticking.

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