

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**  
**Stewardship Report – Treasure**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**JUNE 28, 2020**

Regular Sunday Collection – 6/21/20 \$ 3,117.00  
 Regular On-line giving – 6/14/20 \$ 531.00

**Many thanks to those who continued to support St. Monica's Church by sending in weekly collection envelopes.**

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!

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The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:  
In Memory of: Bernhard Oesen

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

6/29	MON:	9:00am	People of our Parish
6/30	TUES:	9:00am	Mary Ann Hingel
7/1	WED:	9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
7/2	THU:	9:00am	People of our Parish
7/3	FRI:	9:00am	People of our Parish
7/4	SAT:	5:00pm	Arthur DeJannie
			Albert Kreckel
7/5	SUN:	8:30am	Mary Ann Sampar
			Randy Middleton
		10:30am	Annie & Arthur Randall
			Summer Ponce

**SUMMER SCHEDULE MASS TIMES:**  
**SATURDAY: 5:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY: 8:30 AND 10:30AM (NO 12:00PM MASS)**  
**WEEKDAY MASSES: MON., TUES, THURS, FRI.**  
**AT 9:00AM (NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)**

**Deadline for bulletin submissions:** Please contact the Rectory Office by 12 noon on Tuesday of each week for articles to be printed on the following Sunday.

Those who  
 receive you...



receive me.



*Each week we are welcomed by our fellow sojourners as we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. Today we hear of a woman and her husband who offer hospitality to the prophet Elisha whenever he comes to their city, going so far as furnishing him with a place to stay. Let us furnish a place in our hearts for our Lord to stay so that we may gain strength and nourishment on our journey to the kingdom.*

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**WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS**  
**COFFEE & DONUTS** – Discontinued for the summer.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION:** Information to follow.

**ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP** – Cancelled until further notice.

**ST. MONICA'S ROSARY SOCIETY** – Will meet to recite the Rosary in the Church at 7:00pm on Monday, July 6.  
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**SPECIAL DEVOTIONS AT ST. MONICA'S**

**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 9:00A.M. Mass until 10:00A.M.

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**DUE TO RESTRICTIONS THAT ALLOW FOR ONLY 25% CAPACITY AT EACH MASS, THOSE ARRIVING AFTER CAPACITY IS REACHED MAY, REGRETABLELY, HAVE TO BE TURNED AWAY. IN THIS CASE, PARISHIONERS MAY ATTEND A WEEKDAY MASS OR JOIN US ON-LINE EACH SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE MASS.**

**The Link for the video Mass will be available each weekend on our homepage. (stmonicasussex.org).**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YOUTH MINISTRY STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION BY BISHOP ARTHUR J. SERRATELLI ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020**

*Emma Grace Babcock  
Ellanora Cabrera  
Olivia Crissey  
Victoria Cruz  
Christopher Fett  
Audrey Flannery*

*Juan Carlos Hughes  
Paige Hunsicker  
Kaylee Recchio  
Daniel Wask  
Paul Zydel*

**“...Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9**



**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. 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.**

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Sunday - 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42**
- Monday - Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19**
- Tuesday - Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12; Mt 8:23-27**
- Wednesday - Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34**
- Thursday - Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8**
- First Friday - Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29**
- First Saturday - Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17**

**Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America**

This weekend, we take up the Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america).

**PRAYER FOR SOLIDARITY**



*Merciful and loving God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we ask you to help us grow in unity and solidarity with the faithful around the world, especially those in Latin America and the Caribbean. Grant us the grace to give generously of our time, treasure, and talent to those in need. May we learn from the example of St. Junipero Serra, St. Rose of Lima, St. Oscar Romero, and all the saints from the Americas, and share our faith with humility and love. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Saints Peter and Paul's Story

**Monday, June 29, we celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul.**



**Peter (d. 64?)** The New Testament clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles, chosen by Jesus to have a special relationship with him. With James and John he was privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on every list of apostles.

And to Peter only did Jesus say, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:17b-19).

He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, "What are we going to get for all this?" (see Matthew 19:27). He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do" (Matthew 16:23b).

Peter is willing to accept Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears at the Last Supper that he will never deny Jesus, and then swears to a servant maid that he has never known the man. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus by cutting off Malchus' ear, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed his lambs and his sheep (John 21:15-17).

**Paul (d. 64?)** If the most well-known preacher today suddenly began preaching that the United States should adopt Marxism and not rely on the Constitution, the angry reaction would help us understand Paul's life when he started preaching that Christ alone can save us. He had been the most pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. Now he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate.

Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise.

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. JAN,

This weekend we can take great joy in the fact that we are hosting our Bishop Arthur Serratelli who will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in our Parish. This Saturday, eleven students are receiving the great seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. These High School students have made decision to confirm their commitment to the faith. It is encouraging and a true blessing to the Church that they realize the grace offered by Confirmation and how it will help them in their faith journey.

There is a great excitement for each of our high school students who receive the special graces of the sacrament as they are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

The Sacrament of Confirmation impresses a character on each of us, for one is enriched by the gift of the Holy Spirit and is bound more perfectly to the Church. It strengthens each recipient of the sacrament, as it obliges them more firmly to be witnesses to Christ by word and deed, and to spread and defend the faith.

Confirmation is a sacrament of initiation as one passes into the life of adult Christian witness. The Catechism tells us that there is a deepened presence of the Spirit, who comes to us in order to sustain us in a lifetime of witness to Christ and service to others. The Gift that we receive in this sacrament is the Spirit himself.

So who is this Holy Spirit that plays such a significant role in our lives?

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity who is co-eternal and co-equal with the Father and the Son. It is the Father and the Son who send forth the Spirit. Though the world cannot see Him, He speaks to us through the prophets of old and dwells within all of us, if we believe in Him and Jesus.

It is the Holy Spirit that inspired the Scriptures, inspires and assists the Church Magisterium, intercedes for us through prayer, puts us into communion with Christ at the sacred liturgy, builds up the Church, and is found in the signs of apostolic and missionary life.

The Holy Spirit imparts on us the spirits and gifts of: Understanding, Wisdom, Fortitude, Knowledge, Counsel, Piety and Holy Fear in God's Presence.

The Holy Spirit is someone who should not be ignored or denied for the Spirit of God. As St. John of Damascus said: "the Spirit of God is direct authoritative, the fountain of wisdom, life, and holiness." Additionally in Galatians 4:6 we find: "God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, Abba! Father!"

We congratulate each of our young men and women who will be confirmed. Let the Holy Spirit whom they receive in Sacrament of Confirmation enlighten and strengthen them, and lead them through all the challenges and difficulties in their lives.

