

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

Regular Sunday Collection - 7/19/20 \$ 2,302.00
Regular On-line giving - 7/12/20 \$ 546.00

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!



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Mary Ann Hingel
Given by: Barb & Ted Valliere

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

7/27	MON:	9:00am	People of our Parish
7/28	TUES:	9:00am	People of our Parish
7/29	WED:	9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
7/30	THU:	9:00am	People of our Parish
7/31	FRI:	9:00am	People of our Parish
8/1	SAT:	5:00pm	Peter Crawn
8/2	SUN:	8:30am	Sophie Mitchell
			Emil Ogrinz
		10:30am	Mary Losiewicz
			Bernhard Oesen

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 10 am on Tuesday of each week for articles to be printed on the following Sunday.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 26, 2020



Today we hear a young Solomon meekly asking God for wisdom and understanding so that he might properly distinguish right from wrong and judge with kindness and compassion. We often find ourselves misleading ourselves about right and wrong or judging others hastily and unfairly. Let us take this opportunity today to pray that we may emulate Solomon and welcome God's wisdom and mercy into our lives so that we can be guided in using right judgment.

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WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – Discontinued for the summer.

HELPING HANDS- There will be a meeting on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS AT ST. MONICA'S

Recitation of the Rosary – Come join us every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Church to recite the Rosary for peace in our nation and around the world.

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.

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).



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 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58

First Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

"Jesus said to his disciples: The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all he has and buys it."

At this time of the year it is not rare late in the day to find a person on the beach, moving from left to right, with a metal detector, listening for a sound to reveal a coin, or other valuable, beneath the sand. I often wonder if something of value surfaces.

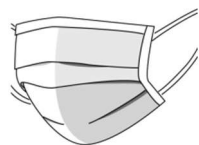
Jesus tells us what the treasure is, what the pearl of great price is, but how do I react? Does it move me, to put other things aside, to move below the surface and discover how blessed I am? We might hear the detector signal us, but we must bend, sift and reach out to discover what is really important for our spiritual lives. The treasure and the pearl are the life of grace, the gift of God's very life, accepted by me, and shared with others.

What are the treasure and pearl for me today?



TO ALL PARISHIONERS: BEWARE!

The Rectory Office has been notified of a phone texting scam circulating through our parish!! Several parishioners have received a text from (609) 543-4696 claiming to be Fr. Jan, requesting that you purchase gift cards to aid in Covid-19 relief. THIS IS A SCAM – DO NOT FOLLOW ANY INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS TEXT AND DELETE IT FROM YOUR PHONE IMMEDIATELY! You should report the incident to the State Police at (973) 383-1515. Apparently other churches in the area have experienced the same type of scam recently. There is no further information at this time.



WHY I WEAR A MASK AT CHURCH

Jesus has called me to love my neighbor. There are vulnerable people in my congregation. The virus is real and it is dangerous. If I'm wrong, there's no harm. If I choose not to wear a mask, people could get sick and possibly die. So I choose to wear a mask as a way to serve, as a way to love, and as a way to do my part to protect the most vulnerable people in our congregation.

Submitted by a faithful parishioner of St. Monica's.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE POOR

Our Diocesan-wide Corpus Christi Food Drive will conclude on Friday, but there is still time to feed the hungry throughout our Diocese.

Visit www.ccpaterson.org/corpus to make a monetary donation or for more information about this important effort. Visit www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020 to find our parish, and shop for Catholic Charities' pantries in need.

You may also email: Info@ccpaterson.org or call (973) 737-2077 ext. 403 with any questions.



Thank you for supporting this important effort during this critical time. God bless you all!



ATTITUDE

By Charles Swindoll

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company...a church...a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for the day. We cannot change our past...We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play of the one string we have, and that is our attitude...I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes."

In these current times, it's important for us to keep our attitudes in check, focus on the positive in our lives and keep looking forward to a brighter tomorrow.

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Gospel Today | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mt 13:44-52

Jesus tells us nothing we could ever own on earth is more valuable than the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as the Apostles gave up their earthly possessions and followed Jesus, we can share our earthly possessions with others.

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The Grace of God is a Great Treasure.

Grace is a gift God gives us! With His love, protection and blessing we can help others, and share ourselves and our talents.

Our parents/guardians show us God's love and grace every day when they take care of us. What can you do for your family & friends today, to show them your love?

Pretend you are the treasure chest and your talents are your treasure. What does God want you to share with others?



Don't forget you are one of
God's great treasures on earth!



Cut out treasure chest, fold in half and tape tabs to back of chest. Cut out & put in treasure strips, share with someone.



SHARE SOMETHING YOU
LEARNED AT SCHOOL

HELP A FAMILY
MEMBER OR FRIEND

SHARE YOUR ART
OR MUSIC TALENTS

PUT AWAY YOUR THINGS /
HOUSEWORK / CLEAN UP

HELP PREPARE /
CLEAN UP A MEAL

WORK IN THE
GARDEN / YARD

PRAY FOR SOMEONE YOU KNOW
WHO IS SICK OR TROUBLED

↓ Fill in your own talents ↓

