

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 2, 2020

Sunday Collection-7/26/20 \$ 2,327.00

On-line giving - 7/19/20 \$ 636.00

On-line giving – Maintenance – 7/19/20 \$ 25.00

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 Losiewicz
Given by: Sr. Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8/3 MON: 9:00am	Intentions of the Rosary Society
8/4 TUES: 9:00am	William Fischer, Jr.
8/5 WED: 9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
8/6 THU: 9:00am	People of our Parish
8/7 FRI: 9:00am	People of our Parish
8/8 SAT: 5:00pm	Elizabeth Hourihan
	Deceased Members of the Markowski Family
8/9 SUN: 8:30am	Tammy Laird
10:30am	Bernhard Oesen
	Daniel Storey
	Fr. George Dudak (LIV)

SUMMER SCHEDULE MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

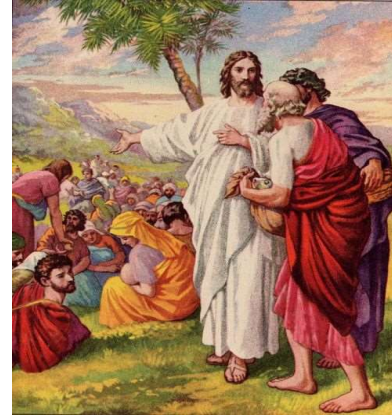
SUNDAY: 8:30 AND 10:30AM (NO 12:00PM MASS)

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.

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).



Thousands of people, many of them sick and all of them hungry, walked for miles from towns throughout Galilee just to see and hear Jesus. How fortunate we are that Jesus is with us here whenever we gather in his name. He nourishes us at this table, strengthening our weaknesses and fortifying us for our own journeys. Let us pray today that we may all eat and be satisfied at this Eucharist.

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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.

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 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

Monday: Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

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

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

First Friday: Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4; Mt 17:14-20

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

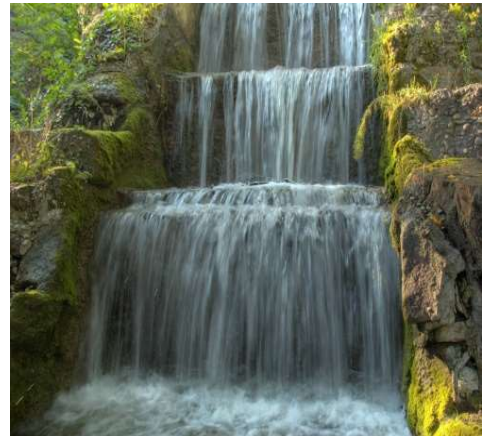
"Thus says the Lord: All you who are thirsty, come to the water. Come without paying and without cost... Heed me and you shall eat well. You who have no money, come receive grain and eat. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant."

During the hot days of summer we are constantly looking for relief. A refreshing drink, a cool breeze, a pool or lake, a break from oppression and toil. Water is often the most welcome solution.

It was the water of baptism which gave us new life, and allowed us to live the covenant the Lord made with His people. Water was a constant in the bible from creation, the flood, the Red Sea, and even the side of Jesus on Calvary.

It is the water of grace which enables us to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. When we celebrate the sacraments, every time we receive the Eucharist, we are touched by God's saving grace. Maybe it is worth a minute to ask the Lord to help me appreciate the great gift He offers me constantly.

Remember this spring when the virus reminded us to wash our hands for twenty seconds? It was not only a precaution, but a remedy. May we "come to the water" and be renewed.



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.

HEY KIDS OF ALL AGES!!!

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL TELLS US ABOUT THE MIRACLE OF THE LOAVES AND FISHES. COLOR THE PICTURE BELOW AND BRING IT TO THE CHURCH NEXT WEEK. WE WILL POST IT ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE CHURCH HALL.



SUBMITTED BY: _____

The Transfiguration of the Lord



Some facts about the Transfiguration:

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on **August 6th** of every year and it is featured during the Lenten season, on the Second Sunday of Lent.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Transfiguration is:

“The mysterious event in which Jesus, speaking with Moses and Elijah on the mountain, was transformed in appearance – in the sight of Peter, James, and John – as a moment of disclosure of His divine glory” (CCC, Glossary, pp. 901-902; 554). The English word “Transfiguration” comes from the Latin word “transfigurare” (pronounced *tranz-fig-you-ra-ray*). The first part of the Latin word, “trans” means “change;” and the Latin word “figura” (pronounced *fig-goo-ra*) means “figure” OR “appearance.” These words combine to describe what happened to Jesus at this event: Jesus’ appearance (figure) changed. The Greek text uses the word *metamorphosis* (pronounced *met-ta-mor-foe-sis*, meaning “to change form, shape, or appearance”) to describe the change or transformation that occurred in Our Lord at this momentous occasion.

There were three witnesses to the Transfiguration: St. Peter, St. James, and James’ brother, St. John. The event took place on Mt. Tabor.

During the Transfiguration, Our Lord’s appearance changed! The three Gospel narratives tell us that the Lord Jesus’ “face shone like the sun,” (Matthew 17:2); and “the appearance of His countenance was altered” (Luke 9:29). Each narrative tells us that Our Lord’s clothing changed: “His garments became white as light” (Matthew 17:2); “glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them” (Mark 9:3); “and His raiment became dazzling white” (Luke 9:29).

Why did Moses and Elijah appear to Our Lord during the Transfiguration? Both Moses and Elijah were real people that once lived; but, they were “bigger than life.” Moses symbolized the Jewish Law in much the same way “Uncle Sam” embodies the idea of “America.” Likewise, the Prophet Elijah was also a symbol of Prophecy as much the same way as the “Statue of Liberty” represents the ideal of freedom to Americans. The Transfiguration serves to “prove” by “The Law” (Moses) and “The Prophets” (Elijah) that Christ’s Suffering was indeed the plan of God (Luke 24:26). This “proof” is further backed by the testimony of God the Father Himself – commanding that Jesus’ revelation must be heeded (Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:25). Moses and Elijah are also the only Old Testament figures to hear God’s voice on Mt. Sinai, which is also called Mt. Horeb (Exodus 24:18; 1 Kings 19:8-18). The Transfiguration counteracts the mistaken belief held by the Apostles and many Jews of the time that the Messiah will bring only earthly blessings, like freedom from the Romans, material prosperity, and earthly contentment.

In the experience of the Transfiguration, the three disciples encounter not only the Lord Jesus, but also the other two Divine Persons of the Blessed Trinity: God the Father, Who made Himself known by His Voice. The Holy Spirit made Himself known by appearing visibly in the form of the luminous “Cloud” (CCC, 555). This “Cloud” is the Shekinah (pronounced *Sheck-key-nah*) or “Glory of the Lord.”

Catholic Q&A

By: Fr. Rick Poblocki