

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
FLOW**

Stewardship Report – Treasure

<u>Regular Collection – 2/6/22</u>	\$2,538.00
<u>Maintenance Collection – 2/6/22</u>	\$889.00
<u>On-line Giving – Regular 1/30/22</u>	\$463.00

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!

“I give, and gifts are given to me; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For with the measure I deal out, it will be measured back to me.”
Luke 6: 38

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AS OF 1/25/2022

You may still support St. Monica’s Church by contributing to our Annual Campaign. Forms are located at the Church Hall Exits and at the Rectory Office.

We thank you for your generosity!

Pledges to Date: \$37,500.01

Paid to date: \$36,600.01



The Sanctuary Lamp this week is in memory of: Mary Losiewicz
Given by: Sr. Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2/14	MON:	9:00am	People of our Parish
2/15	TUES:	9:00am	Jan Wodziak
2/16	WED:	9:00am	NO MASS TODAY
2/17	THU:	9:00am	People of our Parish
2/18	FRI:	9:00am	People of our Parish
2/19	SAT:	5:00pm	John Imbarato
2/20	SUN:	8:30am	Patricia Meyers
			Anthony Annuzzi
		10:30am	David Facer
			Richie Olsen
			Nicholas Iodice

MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES: MON., TUES, THURS, FRI. AT 9:00AM (NO MASS ON WEDNESDAYS)

NOTE: THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022 IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 13, 2022



On this midwinter day, cold and snow-covered across much of the continent, the Holy Spirit draws us here together through a shared hunger for a life in the Lord that can overcome the hardships of our lives. Our sensory hunger and physical hunger are joined by a spiritual hunger. We hunger for the word of God to guide us and for the Eucharist to nourish us. Jesus tells us that those who are now hungry will be satisfied. May that comfort us as we hunger for light, for warmth, for guidance, for nourishment, for eternal life in the Lord.

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WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

HELPING HANDS- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 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 4:00 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 9:00 A.M. Mass until 10:00 A.M.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK



Sunday
Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday
Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday
Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday
Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday
Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33
Friday
Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1
Saturday
Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

MASKS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR THOSE WHO ARE VACCINATED. IF ANYONE PREFERS, YOU MAY ATTEND MASS IN THE CHURCH HALL WHERE CHAIRS ARE SET UP TO ALLOW SOCIAL DISTANCING. SANITIZING STATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH ENTRANCES. DUE TO THE INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF CASES OF COVID, FLU AND COMMON COLD, IF YOU ARE FEELING ILL, PLEASE STAY HOME.



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.

WEEKLY ROSARY AT ST. MONICA'S



Each day, we listen to news reports that can be very disturbing. We wonder how all of these things can be happening in our nation and in the world. We feel so helpless. But there is something we can do...PRAY! The benefits of praying the Rosary are countless. It is simple and powerful. It may be something you can pray every Monday at St. Monica's, or perhaps once a month or every day. The point is, praying the Rosary is an incredible prayer that can change your life if you make it a spiritual habit. When we come together, great things can happen. When we come together to pray the Rosary, even greater things can happen. **Please consider joining us every Monday afternoon at 4:00 pm in the Church to recite the Rosary. This invitation is open to all parishioners.**

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All those who use collection envelopes on a weekly basis should have received a contribution statement from our envelope company, Cathedral Corporation (formerly D.P. Murphy Co., Inc.). Also, We Share, the on-line giving company, should have sent out statements. If you have not received these statements as yet, please let us know by calling the Rectory. Thank you.

On Saturday, February 5, 2022, **AIDEN ANTHONY SMITH**, son of Jacqueline Smith, received the Sacrament of Baptism here at St. Monica's. The Godparents are Brian Connolly and Denise Eduardo. Congratulations and God bless you, Aiden!





ST. MONICA'S YOUTH MINISTRY will be taking a "Souper Bowl" collection after all Masses this weekend (February 12th & 13th) to benefit **Harvest House**. Your generosity is

greatly appreciated!

The beautiful poinsettia plants that have decorated the church will be available to anyone that wishes to take one beginning on Monday, February 14th. Copies of poinsettia care instructions will be available for the taking on the table in the Church Hall.





Today is World Marriage Day!

'Together invite the Holy Spirit of love into your hearts and into your homes'
Pope John Paul II

World Marriage Day, occurring each year on the second Sunday of February, honors the lifelong commitment of husband and wife. Pope St. John Paul II, in 1993, gave **World Marriage Day** his Apostolic Blessing

On this World Marriage Day, may you continue to honor God and each other by making the daily decision to love and respect one another and do some random acts of kindness for your spouse.



Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

Next week, February 19th and 20th, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

St. Valentine's Day – February 14th

In early accounts of martyrdom, three different St. Valentines are mentioned, all sharing February 14th as a feast day. The historical records are sparse so it is unclear if these accounts are truly about three different men or one man but, in all, these men each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church. The love of our Lord is a sacrificial, self-less and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his own life, for God and neighbor. Clearly, St. Valentine showed such a love, bearing witness to the faith in his dedication as a priest and the offering of his own life in martyrdom. On this Valentine's Day, looking to the example of this great saint, each person should offer again his love to the Lord, for only by doing so can he properly love those who are entrusted to his care and any other neighbor. Each person should again pledge his love to those loved ones, praying for their intentions, promising fidelity to them and thanking them for their love in return. So in the midst of our exchange of "Valentines" (a secular custom rather than a remembrance of St. Valentine), there is a Christian message to be remembered. Jesus' own words tell us "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15: 12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command and may we do the same.



A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 13, 2022

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. He is like a tree planted beside the water that stretches out its roots in the stream. It fears not the heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."

May we listen as Jeremiah speaks and using the image from the environment, reflect upon his teaching. Where do I place my trust, in whom is my hope?

As we experience climate change, reflect upon Francis' *Laudato Si'*, as we watch millions of acres burn, floods wipe out entire villages, and crops spoil because of lack of rain, Jeremiah's words should touch us deeply. The earth and what it contains is a gift and we are to take care of it for present and future generations.

The mantra, 'Jesus I trust in you', asks us to manifest concern for all creation and others.



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Gospel Today

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:17, 20-26

In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus tells His listeners, all who are mistreated on earth for believing in Him will find reward in Heaven. But woe to you who mistreat others.

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Jesus wants us to love others the way He loves us.



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