

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS
FLOW**

Stewardship Report – Treasure

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| <u>Regular Collection – 5/1/22</u> | \$2,092.00 |
| <u>Maintenance Collection – 5/1/22</u> | \$1,190.00 |
| <u>Peter’s Pence Collection – 5/1/22</u> | \$486.00 |
| <u>On-line Giving – 4/24/22</u> | \$461.00 |
| <u>Maintenance Collection – 4/24/22</u> | \$25.00 |

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!

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
Matthew 6: 21

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The Sanctuary Lamp this week is
in memory of: People of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| 5/9 | MON: | 9:00am | People of our Parish |
| 5/10 | TUES: | 9:00am | Al Monzo |
| 5/11 | WED: | 9:00am | NO MASS TODAY |
| 5/12 | THUR: | 9:00am | People of our Parish |
| 5/13 | FRI: | 9:00am | People of our Parish |
| 5/14 | SAT: | 5:00pm | Mary Weins |
| 5/15 | SUN: | 8:30am | Florence M. Swiss |
| | | 10:30am | Carol Poshpeck |
| | | | Raymond Cullen, Jr. |
| | | | Katerina Souliopoulou |



*“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”
-Psalm 23*

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)**

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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 8, 2022**



HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

Every Sunday, Jesus draws us here, as a shepherd draws his flock. “My sheep hear my voice,” he says in today’s Gospel, “and they follow me.” Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He feeds his flock with his own Body and Blood. He loves his flock, suffering and dying for us. He provides for his flock by sending us the Holy Spirit. At home in the comforting embrace of our Good Shepherd, we join together today in thanks and praise.

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WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

HELPING HANDS- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome.

LEISURE GROUP- Meets the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 1st at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall.

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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 - Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Monday - Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday - Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday - Acts 12:24–13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday - Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

Friday - Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday - Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

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.





THE MONTH OF MARY

THE CROWNING OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TOOK PLACE AT ST. MONICA'S ON SUNDAY, MAY 1ST AT THE 10:30 AM MASS. A SPECIAL THANKS TO JULIETTE FARRELLY FOR VOLUNTEERING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CEREMONY.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

"Be a sign of mercy"

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$486! Our contributions will join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



SPRING PLANT SALE

Sponsored by ST. MONICA'S HELPING HANDS



SPRING IS HERE! GARDENING IS COMING! MOTHER'S DAY IS COMING!

Flyers with details for the Spring Plant Sale are on the tables at the church exits. The flyer also serves as a coupon for purchases from C&C Growers, Route 206, Newton. C&C Growers is graciously offering 10% off on your purchase through Friday, May 27th. St. Monica's will also receive 10% of all coupon purchases. It is a win for all! So please pick up a flyer and visit C&C Growers for your spring plants. Thank you for your support!

Wednesday, May 11th begins NATIONAL POLICE WEEK. Please remember in prayer those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and to pray for an increase in patience, courage, compassion and safety for those who continue to answer the call and sacrifice much to keep us safe.



Mother's Day Prayer
 Heavenly Father,
 We lift up all mothers today and
 thank them for their guidance and love.
 We ask You to bless them
 with Your own special love, today and always.
 Amen.

A photograph of a field of colorful flowers, including pink, purple, and yellow ones, under a soft, hazy sky.

Guideposts



Appearance of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima

May is a month which is especially dedicated to Our Lady, the Mother of God. On May 13TH, we also celebrate the anniversary of the first appearance of the Blessed Virgin in Fatima, Portugal.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children, Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta, between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message of peace from God to all people. Coming at a time when civilization was torn by war and bloody violence, She promised that Heaven would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. She told that war is a punishment for sins; war is a consequence of our sins and our egoism, and we can stop war by praying the Rosary every day, by conversion, and by reparation for our sins.

In all Her appearances at Fatima, Our Mother repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, of wearing the Brown Scapular of Mount Carmel and performing acts of reparation and sacrifice.

Our Lady of Fatima Novena Prayer

Most Holy Virgin
who chose to come to Fatima
to reveal the treasures of graces hidden in the recitation of the Rosary,
inspire our hearts with a sincere love of this devotion
that meditating on the mysteries of our redemption therein,
we may obtain the conversion of sinners
(mention your request here)
and

For the greater glory of God, for your honor, and for the good souls. Amen.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS **HIS WORD TODAY**

by Rev. William J. Reilly - Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 8, 2022

“Then one of the elders said to me: ‘These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress, they have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.’ For this reason, they stand before God’s throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them...But the Lamb who is at the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The book of revelation offers us, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, a wonderful image of our Shepherd, caring for us in every way. The past two years have found us struggling with a pandemic, taking countless lives, altering lifestyles, depriving us of what we once considered ‘normal.’

These events give us greater reason to seek the Lord and the shelter He provides. The role of shepherd to lead, to guide, to feed and heal, continues today, and it is Jesus, and in Him alone that we can find what we need. He offers us comfort, care, protection, but like the lost sheep we must search for Him as He seeks us. If I am honest, with myself and with God, I realize that the church, the sacraments, our prayer, life provides what we need from our Good Shepherd.

WE THANK GOD FOR MARY

By Christine Kearney
(Parishioner of St. Monica's)



As I recall, you answered God's call.
When the Angel Gabriel came he said your name.
He uttered "Mary".
Of all the women in the human race.
You were given God's grace to be the mother of his
only Son, the Holy the anointed one.
God chose Mary.

Daughter of Joachim and Anne,
where thy Holy life began.
Living a most holy life.
Loyal to Joseph you were his wife.
We remember Mary.

You were there always in prayer.
Obeying God and his law.
Perfect lady with no flaw,
We love thee Mary.

Knowing Jesus from the womb to the tomb.
During happiness, during gloom.
My loyal Mary.

When Jesus was a young boy.
I know you comforted Him when he did cry.
Console us Mary.
Joseph your husband and Jesus' friend.
Joseph you stayed with until the end.
We appreciate Mary.

When Jesus went on his mission to teach and
preach. You were always there within reach.
I know Jesus visited you in your home.
God made sure you were not alone.
We thank thee Mary.

Towards Jesus final days.
Who did I think of in many ways?
I think of Mary.
While most of the Apostles ran away.
Mary did not, Mary did stay.
The bravery of Mary.

Standing with St. John at the foot of the cross.
Weeping, a terrible loss.
You saw the brutality of how your Son died.
Beaten, whipped and nailed I cried.
I mourned with Mary.

On that magnificent day.
When Jesus in his tomb no longer lay.
In radiant white, he stood in your sight.
Oh what delight!
You must have got a fright.
Don't be scared Mary.

When God called you to his heavenly house,
In the sky.
Body and soul up high.
God rewarded you for your wonderful acts.
These are true facts.
Mary returned to heaven to join her Son.
Jesus Christ, the precious one.
Reunited with Mary.

You see I thank God every day for giving us Mary.
To light our way.
A daughter, a wife, a mother too.
Guiding us along always true.
We thank God for Mary.