

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

**Stewardship Report – Treasure**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<b>Budgeted Amount:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Regular Collection – 11/6/16:</b>	<b>\$2,889.00</b>
<b>Parish Pay – 11/6/16:</b>	<b>\$ 631.00</b>
<b>Total Regular Collection – 11/6/16:</b>	<b>\$3,520.00</b>

<b>Capital Improvements/Repairs – 11/6/16:</b>	<b>\$1,410.00</b>
<b>Parish Pay – CIR – 11/6/16:</b>	<b>\$ 254.00</b>
<b>Total CIR – 11/6/16:</b>	<b>\$1,664.00</b>

**Parish Pay** ---is a convenient way for you to set up your weekly contributions - **online – visit ParishPay.com**

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**The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:**

**In memory of:** All deceased members of the Fischer family & Bilz family

**Given by:** Marie Fischer

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

- 11/21 **MON:** 9:00a No Mass today
- 11/22 **TUES:** 9:00a No Mass today
- 11/23 **WED:** 9:00a No Mass today

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

- 11/24 **THU:** 9:00a People of the Parish
- 11/25 **FRI:** 9:00a No Mass today
- 11/26 **SAT:** 5:00p John & Hilary Battaglia
- 11/27 **SUN:** 8:00a George Sampar  
Stanislaw Zagola  
Nicholas & Caroline Partyka  
10:00a Roger & Patricia Werthman  
Yolanda Casta  
Celerino Porpillasar  
Robert Baldwin  
11:45a Peter Horvath  
Robert Baldwin

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE AREA:**

- St. Jude's, Hamburg - Mon. - Sat. - 8:45am
- St. Francis de Sales, McAfee - Mon.-Sat - 8:30am
- Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville - Mon.-Fri. - 8:00am
- Immac. Concept., Franklin -Tues, Wed, Fri, 7:30am, Sat. 9:00am
- National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown, NY  
Mon.-Fri. 11:30am

**SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

- Sunday** 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43
- Monday** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday** Rv 14:14-19; Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday** Rv 15:1-4; Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9a; Lk 21:20-28
- Friday** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday** Rv 22:1-7; Lk 21:34-36

**ST. MONICA'S 2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN**

Every registered parish family should have received a letter from Fr. Charles this week asking for a contribution to our Annual Campaign. The participation of ALL parishioners is essential for the success of this effort. Please return your gift card today. Thank you!

**CHRIST THE KING**

**November 20, 2016**

**ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact info**  
**Phone #: 973-875-4521 Fax #: 973-875-7538**  
**Parish office hours: 9:30– 1:30pm Mon-Fri**  
[www.stmonicasussex.org](http://www.stmonicasussex.org) Email: [stmonica@ptd.net](mailto:stmonica@ptd.net)

**PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS**

**COFFEE & DONUTS** – is held on the first Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall –next Coffee and Donuts is Sunday, December 4th - all are invited!

**HELPING HANDS** – meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Please consider joining to support our parish. Contact Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051 for further information.

Helping Hands will be hosting our **7th Annual Fiesta de la Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe** on Sunday, December 11th, 2016. There will



be prayer, music, and a covered – dish dinner beginning at 3:00 P.M. Mexican, Spanish, and American foods will be served. Please sign up on the form in the church hall. For further information please contact Mary Eileen Schoen at 862 – 266 - 0573

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** – Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

Weekly reading & reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow. Call Carol at 973-875-4521.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** – The next book selection for November/December will be **Jesus, A Pilgrimage** by Fr. James Martin. The book is a wonderful resource written on the life of Jesus as Fr. Martin parallels the “Jesus of History” to the “Christ of Faith.” The group will not meet in November – please purchase your own copy of the book. Call Carol for further information – 862-266-6626.

**ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP** - Each month we enjoy lunch, good company and delicious desserts made by our members. 12:00 noon in the church hall -first Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$10 a year. New members are welcome. For further information please contact Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569. December 8(Thursday) –Christmas Party at Lampost Rest.

**GIVING TREE** – yes, it is already that time of year and the tree **IS NOW READY** with gift tags. Please select your tag, shop & wrap your gift and secure the tag to it!! Gifts may be left in the Church Hall Saturday, Dec. 10 thru Thursday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> absolute latest) Gift brought on Saturday will not be used, just kept for next year. We hope you will participate in this caring tradition again this year, helping us give Christmas to our area needy! Your enthusiasm and generosity has always been overwhelming.

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**CHOIR** – if you were a member of our choir in the past – or if you are newly interested in singing, would you consider helping out for Christmas Midnight Mass? Anyone who would like to help should call the Rectory as soon as possible.

Rehearsals will begin soon – help if you can – all voices are needed!!! Try something new and lend a hand – thank you!

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**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 many new faces at Mass each weekend – if you wish to become a registered member and put on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church Hall exit (large white envelopes) which can be mailed back to the Rectory office (there is another envelope enclosed for this purpose – it couldn't be any easier!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8**

**1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADERS – Sundays, 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Rm.**

11/20 4th session  
12/4 5th session  
12/17 6th session - Saturday – Breakfast in Bethlehem

**3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS – Sundays, 11:00am – Rectory Mtg. Rm.**

11/20 4th session  
12/4 5th session  
12/17 6th session

**5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS – Saturdays, 6:00pm – Ch. Hall**

11/19 4th session  
12/10 5th session  
12/17 6th session

All sessions are held in the Rectory Meeting and Church/Church Hall. Parents should strive to attend the Mass prior to/after your child’s Religious Ed session. If you have more than one child who attends our Religious Ed program, you may attend the Mass that best fits your schedule. Mass attendance is an integral and necessary part of your child’s faith formation – class without Mass just doesn’t make sense!

**CRAM THE VAN – Thank you to all families who supported the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive – you have helped to make someone’s Thanksgiving a special holiday this year!**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – this program is open to children in Grades 1-4 at the 10:00am Mass each week. The children are dismissed to listen to the Sunday readings with volunteer Catechists who read and reflect with the children. Please consider having your child participate each week.

-----Carol Bezak, Coordinator of Religious Formation

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

**CALENDAR**

**Saturday, December 3rd** - YM Class - beginning with 5pm Mass, light dinner then class - Phase I - Theme: "The Jesus Question" - Phase II - Theme: "The Church"

**Sunday, December 4th** - Make up class - 6:30pm to 8:30pm - no dinner

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP**

This year’s Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held at the Sussex Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm. All are welcome!!

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**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**



St. Monica’s Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at 9:00am. Please come and first give thanks to God. Each year, freshly baked loaves of bread are blessed and distributed to each family in attendance.

Did you ever wonder how that bread makes it there in a timely manner early in the morning each year? Perhaps you attend that Mass on Thanksgiving morning every year – if so, would you be willing to help with any of the following?

**Your help is very much needed this year!!**

**...Picking up the bread...which is baked at DeFilippis Bakery** in Middletown and delivered in the early morning hours to Horler’s General Store in Unionville (Rt. 284) where we can pick it up

**....Driving the bread** to the Church Hall by 8:00am – if you have a van or SUV, this would help alot;

**....Bagging the bread** and helping to put it in baskets on the altar  
Please call the Rectory – 973-875-4521 or Carol at 862-266-6626 if you are available to help out!

**Dance Expression - Dance Arts Proudly Presents “Happy Holidays”**

**A Holiday Dance Spectacular for the Senior Citizens of our local community.**

Including dance performances in jazz, theatre dance, modern, tap and ballet performed by dancers of all ages!!!

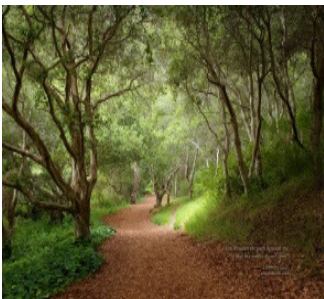
**Sunday, December 4, 2016 - 1 P.M. Dance Performance - 3 P.M.**

**Refreshments – Coffee, Cookies, Snacks, Door PRIZES, CANDY Canes**

**Wallkill Valley Regional High School Auditorium, 10 Grumm Road, Hamburg, NJ (off Rt. 94)**

**No ADMISSION....it’s all FREE!!!**

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***JOIN A PILGRIMAGE!!!!!!***

*Please consider joining the Book Discussion Group in reading Jesus, A Pilgrimage by Fr. James Martin, SJ.*

“Having travelled to the Holy Land with our parish, I remember feeling overwhelmed by just being there in that special place, walking the roads that Jesus walked and welling up in tears multiple times. I would not hesitate to travel there again – for anyone who may wish to make a spiritual pilgrimage instead, please consider reading this book along with us!” ..... Carol Bezak, MA, Pastoral Associate

“This book isn’t about a pilgrimage. It is a pilgrimage. I didn’t want the pilgrimage to end.” ...Dr. Scott Hahn, author of Understanding the Scriptures

“Part travel guide, part spiritual reflection, and part scripture study and altogether delightful.” ...Cardinal Timothy Dolan  
James Martin, SJ, gifted storyteller, editor at large of America magazine, popular media commentator, and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, brings the Gospels to life in *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, and invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel. Combining the fascinating insights of historical Jesus studies with profound spiritual insights about the Christ of faith, Father Martin recreates the world of first-century Galilee and Judea to usher you into Jesus’s life and times and show readers how Jesus speaks to us today. Martin also brings together the most up-to-date Scripture scholarship, wise spiritual reflections, and lighthearted stories about traveling through the Holy Land with a fellow (and funny) Jesuit, visiting important sites in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

# Christ the King

## His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

*“Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation! And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes but this man has done nothing criminal.” Then he said, ‘Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied to him, ‘Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’”*

Almost daily, the media offers us stories of crimes, criminals, trials and sentencing. Shame, humiliation, and despair wound families of both victims and the accused.

How different it was on Calvary that afternoon, when the ‘good thief’ acknowledged guilt, expressed remorse, and won his place in heaven. Bishop Sheen stated ‘He committed another crime as he stole heaven.’

Pope Francis tells the story of a person to be executed who did not repent of his deeds, and if he had the chance, he would continue to do the same wrong. The confessor asked ‘Are you sorry then that you are not sorry?’ May we allow the words of the repentant thief fall from our lips: ‘Jesus remember me...’

The year of mercy has repeated these stories over and over again.

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### United Nations International Statue of Our Lady of Fatima – reprinted from The Beacon



Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother, Catholics find inspiration and are led closer to Jesus. During the week of Nov. 14-20, the faithful of the Paterson Diocese will have a special opportunity to spend time with Our Lady at the 14 parishes that will host the United Nations International Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The visit will conclude the Diocesan celebration of the Year of Mercy as requested by Bishop Serratelli.

“In the Year of Mercy and with the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima next year,” the Bishop said, “we have the wonderful opportunity to host the United Nations International Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. We will have the distinct opportunity not only to come in prayer but to share the gift of Fatima.”

The Blessed Mother who first appeared at Fatima, Portugal on May 13, 1917 to three children telling them not to be afraid, make a sacrifice for sinners and pray. The prayer for sinners is the prayer said after each decade of the rosary.

Pope Pius XII blessed the statue that is visiting the Paterson Diocese, on May 13, 1947. On Oct. 13, 1952, the bishop of Fatima blessed the statue for its mission to the United Nations. On Dec. 8, 1952, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception it was brought forward to the meditation room at the United Nations where the Rosary was recited. Since that time, the UN International Pilgrim Statue has been part of the World Apostolate of Fatima. Relics — a piece of holm-Oak tree on which the Blessed Mother appeared and relics of Ss. Jacinta and Francesco, two of the three children, to whom the Blessed Mother appeared to in Fatima — will accompany the pilgrim statue as it makes a way through the Paterson Diocese. The remains will be in a small gold reliquary that can be used to bring hope and healing and the Fatima story to everyone including children.

Father Michael Rodak, diocesan director of pilgrimages and pastor of Our Lady Queen of Peace in West Milford, coordinated the visitation. “Simply, we are fortunate to come to seek Our Lady’s intercession,” he said. “The opportunity for the faithful to see the statue and relics is noteworthy and we, as a Diocese, hope that people make the pilgrimage to pray and seek the intercessory help of the Blessed Mother and the saints.”

**This statue will visit Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Branchville on  
Sunday, Nov. 20 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m**

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## Gospel Today

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe | Luke 23:35-43

One of the criminals, believing Jesus was truly Christ the King, asked Jesus for forgiveness. Jesus replied, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...  
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### CHRIST THE KING

#### First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Samuel describes how all the tribes of Israel went to David in Hebron and said they were his bone and his flesh and it was he who led them back to Israel. The Lord told David he would be a shepherd to His people. David made an agreement with the elders and was anointed king.

#### Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Paul explains to the Colossians that God has made them fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light and that through the Son we have redemption and forgiveness of sin. He describes Jesus as the image of the invisible God, the head of the church and in Him all things hold together.

#### Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Jesus is mocked by the crowd as he hung on the cross. Above him was an inscription that read "This is the king of the Jews." One of the men being crucified with Jesus tells Him to save them and Himself, while the other asks that he be remembered when Jesus is in his kingdom. Jesus said in reply, "Amen I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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