

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection – 2/5/17: \$3,793.00
Parish Pay – 2/5/17: (not yet reported) \$ 506.00
Total – Sunday Collection - 2/5/17: \$4,299.00

Capital Improvements/Repairs – 2/5/17: \$1,541.00
Parish Pay – 2/5/17: 88.00
Total – CIR – 2/5/17: \$1,629.00

Sunday Collection – 2/12/17: \$1,842.00
Parish Pay – 2/12/17:
Total – Sunday Collection – 2/12/17:

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

2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATISTICS – AS OF 1/30/17

Total # of Families: 442
Total # Pledged: 129
% of Participation 29.19%
Total Amount Pledged: \$38,015.00
Total Amount paid: \$32,385.00
Average Pledge: \$ 294.69
% of Pledges Collected: 85.19%

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In memory of: Mary Losiewicz

Given by: Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2/20 **MON:** 9:00a Special Intention (LIV)
2/21 **TUES:** 9:00a Dec. members of Lange family
2/22 **WED:** 9:00a No Mass today
2/23 **THU:** 9:00a Justin Dudzinski (LIV)
2/24 **FRI:** 9:00a Dec. members of Cochrane family
Kathy Shaw (LIV)
2/25 **SAT:** 5:00p Dolores Malanche
John Kohut
2/26 **SUN:** 8:00a Frank Rankl
Kathy Shaw (LIV)
10:00a John McGovern, Sr.
Christine VanDerVelden
Greg Shaw (LIV)
Howard Johnston
11:45a Edward Losiewicz

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

Sunday Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48
Monday Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
Thursday Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50
Friday Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12
Saturday Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 19, 2017

COFFEE & DONUTS – first Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. Next Coffee and Donuts is March 5th - plan to join us.

HELPING HANDS – meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Contact Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051.

Helping Hands will be hosting our 4th Mardi Gras on



Tuesday, February 28th, 2017. There will be fun & food with a covered – dish dinner beginning at 5:30 P.M.

Please sign up on the form in the church hall. For further information please contact Mary Eileen Schoen at 862 – 266 - 0573

Laissez les bon temp rouler!!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/ reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow. Call Carol at 973-875-4521 for further information.

ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP - There will be no meetings of St. Monica's Leisure Group during the months of January and February. Meetings will resume beginning Wednesday, March 8, 2017 in the Church Hall. I take this opportunity to thank our members for helping to make the Leisure Group a success during the past year, and look forward to getting together again in March.

---Grace Casalino

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SESSION

A Bereavement Support session will be held on Thursday, February 23rd (snow date is March 2nd) in the Rectory Meeting Room. Anyone wishing to attend should call Carol at 862-266-6626.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All those who use collection envelopes on a weekly basis should have received a contribution statement from our envelope company, DP Murphy Co., Inc. Also, all those who gave a contribution of \$250 or above to the 2016 Annual Campaign will receive a Gift Acknowledgment letter from the parish office(I am doing these as time permits – sorry for the delay if you are still waiting for yours)

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST.

Masses will be celebrated at 9:00am & 7:30pm.

Please check next week's bulletin for full details on all Lenten services and upcoming spiritual & social events.

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact info

Phone # 973-875-4521

Fax # 973-875-7538

Parish office hours: 9:30– 1:30pm Mon-Fri

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 20th for President's Day.

Website: www.stmonicasussex.org

Email: stmonica@ptd.net

Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday. Email to stmonica@ptd.net

YOUTH MINISTRY

DEPARTMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY

visit is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th. The sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the church hall. Please consider giving of your time to bring some cheer to these young adults. We guarantee that you will come away feeling very uplifted and rewarded.

PHASE I CANDIDATES - The Distribution of the Creed is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at the 5pm Mass. Your attendance is required at this special rite.

PHASE II CANDIDATES - If you have not sent in your Confirmation Information Sheet or your completed Sponsor certificate please do so. I will check my records to see what I have and will forward another set to those of you who have not turned anything in yet. You should be receiving a letter within the next week or so.

CALENDAR -

Saturday, Mar. 4th - Phase I Candidates - "Dist of Creed" - 5pm Mass - attendance is required
YM Class beginning with Mass, followed by dinner then Class - Phase I and Phase II - Theme: "Holy Week"

Saturday, Mar. 18th - Visit to Dept. of Persons with Disabilities in Jefferson - leaving at 11am and returning by 2pm. More info to follow

Saturday, Apr. 1st - YM Class - beginning with the 5pm Mass, Phase I- Theme: "Relationships"
Phase II - Theme: "Holiness is Possible"

Saturday, Apr. 8th - Ice Cream Social at Bristol Glen w/residents - Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Saturday, Apr. 15th - Spring Roadside Clean Up - more info to follow

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Grades 1-8

CALENDAR FOR 2017

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 3/5 | 11th session |
| 3/19 | 12th session |
| 4/2 | 13 th session |
| 4/23 | 14 th session |

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------|
| 3/5 | 11th session |
| 3/19 | 12th session |
| 4/2 | 13 th session |
| 4/23 | 14 th session |

FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 2/25 | 10th session |
| 3/11 | 11th session |
| 3/25 | 12th session |
| 4/8 | 13th session |
| 4/29 | 14th session |

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 ReligiousFormation

AN INVITATION TO ALL CATECHISTS.....A short meeting followed by an Afternoon of Reflection "*God's Call to Speak about our Faith*" is planned for Saturday, February 25th in the church hall from 1:30 - 3:30pm - lunch will be served. Call Carol at 862-266-6626 to RSVP.

FATIMA CENTENNIAL

Pope Francis has granted an indulgence opportunity from November 27, 2016 through November 26, 2017 in celebration of the 100th Anniversary Year of the Fatima apparitions. He will be visiting Fatima on May 13, 2017 joining in the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions to the three young children, Lucia Santos, Jacinta and Francisco Marto in 1917.

The Carmelites have a special link to this popular Catholic Devotion.

During the last vision of our Lady to the shepherd children on October 13th, Mary appeared as our Lady of Mount Carmel.

At The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY, we have the historic statue from Portugal acquired by the Province of Saint Elias, created by the famous sculptor, Jose Ferreira Thedim which is based on Sr. Lucia's description of how our Lady looked during the last vision at Fatima.

A statue of Our Lady of Fatima is also placed in the shrine and will remain there as well for the duration of the Centennial year.

Make a visit to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel soon! For further information, call Carol Bezak, Director at 845-343-1879.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS - "Treasures of the Church" will be held at St. Francis de Sales Parish in McAfee on Sunday, February 19th at 3:00pm. This will be presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. For further information see

www.treasuresofthechurch.com

Help People with Disabilities - Support the Murray House Dinner Dance! www.dpd.org/murray

Please help support the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities Agency, as they host their 47th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance at the Brownstone in Paterson. DPD provides care for over 100 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Diocese of Paterson.

The Annual Gala will be held on February 19th at 6:00 PM. This year, DPD will be honoring Joe Duffy, past Catholic Charities President as their Person of the Year, as well as several service recipients, volunteers and employees.

Help support the event by attending, taking out an ad, or by sponsoring a DPD resident to attend. Last year over 60 individuals were sponsored to attend this event!

For more information visit: www.dpd.org/Murray or contact DPD's Development Office at 973-406-1104 or at Chrisb@dpd.org.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP!

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta from 7:00 - 9:00pm. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818 ext. 711.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Speak to the whole Israelite community, and tell them: ‘Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy.’... You have heard the commandment... But I say to you... offer no resistance to injury... but I say to you love your enemies, pray for your persecutors... you must be perfected as your heavenly father is perfect.”

The letter of the law reads one way, but the spirit of the law as taught by Jesus and which we are to follow demands much more. To turn the other cheek, and eliminate the word “hate” from our life and vocabulary is not easy, but it is His command.

We have lived the jubilee year of mercy, being reminded constantly to be perfect, to seek mercy and then reflect it to all. All of us are called to be holy, to walk the path of sanctity, although we seem to put it on a back burner. What God said to Moses, what Jesus taught, is the call of the Holy Father to us today. Through prayer, sacrifice and good works, the road we are on will bring us to the perfection we strive for, the holiness to which the Lord invites us. The few words of Jesus ‘but I say to you...’ should make us think.



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Lord urges Moses to tell the Israelite Community to love their neighbors as themselves. They should bear no grudge or hatred against another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Paul, once again, reminds the Corinthians that they are the temple of God, and, as such, must avoid internal disputes and wrangling. He tries to make them realize that they belong to Christ and that the Spirit of God dwells within them.

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

In this part of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus exhorts his followers to do an extraordinary thing — to love their enemies and to pray for their oppressors. He reminds them that there is nothing laudatory in loving those who love them for even the “pagans” do this. He urges them to “turn the other cheek” and to “walk the extra mile.”

INTERESTED IN TRAVEL FOR 2017?

If you like to travel or if you wish to begin some new travel adventures, come and share the company of others who do!! The “Cruise Café” travel group may offer an interesting and exciting opportunity to meet new people and possibly travel together. We continue to meet once a month for dinner at a local venue in and around the Sussex/Newton/Lafayette area and welcomes anyone. **Upcoming travel/cruise opportunities include:** **BUS TRIP: One World Observatory/September 11th Memorial – Sunday, May 7th;** **CRUISES:** Halifax, Nova Scotia and Boston (with 4th of July fireworks in Boston harbor) on the Queen Mary 2 departing July 1st from NY and returns on July 6thBermuda.....New England and Canada..... Caribbean..... Fatima, Portugal & Santiago de Compostella, Salamanca & Avila, Spain (brochures will be ready soon) Call Carol at 862-266-6626 for further information.

Morris Catholic St. Patrick's 5k Run

Morris Catholic High School is holding its 6th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. at its Denville, NJ campus. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 8, 2017. \$30 registration fee after March 8 and day of race. For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K> or contact MC5KRace@gmail.com.

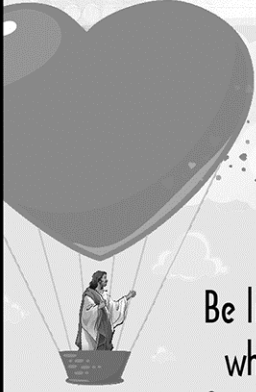
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Gospel Today

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 5:38-48

As Jesus continues His Sermon on the Mount, He tells us to love and pray for everyone and be forgiving to those who hurt us.

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Be like God our Father
who always loves and
forgives His people.



Find the word
hidden among
all the symbols...

HINT...
Color the
smiley faces ☺

