

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasury
WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection – 2/18/18 \$2,860.00

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN – There is still time to donate to the campaign if you would like. Just complete and return the form, which is located at the church and hall exits, at your earliest convenience. We are very grateful to all who have already sent in their pledges and we sincerely thank you.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Rev. Martin C. Connolly
Given by: Gail Lawlor

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2/26	MON:	9:00a	Dolores Malanche
2/27	TUES:	9:00a	People of the Parish
2/28	WED:	9:00a	No Mass Today
3/1	THU:	9:00a	People of the Parish
3/2	FRI:	9:00a	People of the Parish
3/3	SAT:	5:00p	Dorothy Gawenus Kevin Flotaro
3/4	SUN:	8:00a	Philipp Kunz Vincent Peluso Dorothy Gawenus
		10:00a	Francesco B. DiMaria
		11:45a	Walter Losiewicz Jody Vaskas

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mondays of Lent - Confessions will be heard from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

Fridays of Lent - Stations of the Cross will be held after 9:00am Mass and at 7:30pm.

Many thanks to the 80+ people who came out to celebrate **Mardi Gras** last week here at St. Monica's! The abundance of delicious food, great music (special thanks to Peter Kazmierski and his guitar), and warm fellowship was enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the Misyak family for winning the 50/50! Thanks, also, to the members of Helping Hands for all of their hard work in making it such a successful event. We hope to see you all at our **Fish and Chips** dinner **March 8th!**

Prices for Mass Cards: Large - \$15.00
Small - \$10.00
Sanctuary Lamp: \$10.00

Please stop by the Rectory Office between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to purchase a Mass card or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2018

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – are served after 8:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of each month in the Church Hall. All are invited to join us.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION –Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/ reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow.

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 14, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. The next meeting is Monday, March 19. We are currently reading From the Cross to the Empty Tomb, by Bishop Seratelli. The book is \$6 and may be picked up at the rectory.

Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! The next meeting is Tuesday, March 13th.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS AT ST. MONICA'S
Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – every Tuesday after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.

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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Fish & Chips Dinner

St. Monica's will have a Fish and Chips dinner in the church hall on Thursday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 pm, prepared by Tastefully British. Members of Helping Hands will be taking reservations and payments after all masses the weekends of Feb. 25 and March 4. Adults \$15 Children \$10 Take-out is available.

Please note that tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door the night of the dinner.

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner

Sunday, March 18, at 4pm in the church hall. More details to follow.

Pasta Supper

Monday, April 30, from 5-8pm, at High Point Regional High School. More details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 1 & 2 –

Sunday, March 11 Class - 9:30 to 11:30

Grades 4,5,6 –

Saturday, March 3rd, and Saturday, March 17th Class – 9am to 11am

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

MASS ATTENDANCE –We sincerely hope that each and every one of you is living up to your commitment of attending weekly Mass. This is an integral part of your faith journey as you prepare for the reception of Confirmation.

SERVICE: Completion certificates should be handed in on a timely basis. These include whatever service you perform for school. For those who assisted with the Tricky Tray, I already have your name so there is no need to hand in a completion certificate. Remember you are required to perform 3 services for church and 3 for community.

GRADES 7, 8, AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Saturday, March 3rd Phase I Candidates – Dist. of the Creed – 5pm Mass

Classes for all, following a light dinner

Theme: The Last Supper Activity – “Holy Week” and the Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 4th Bake Sale (7th and 8th grade) to collect funds for Heifer International activity;
Will take place after 10:00 and 11:45 am masses

Saturday, March 10th Visit to Dept. of Persons with Disabilities in Jefferson
Leaving at 11am and returning by 2pm

FAMILY PROMISE

Volunteers are needed for Family Promise, which serves homeless families. They will be staying at the Presbyterian Church the week of Feb. 26th. We are responsible for Wed., Feb. 28, Thurs., March 1, and Mon., March 5. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church hall. Thank you for your continued support. –Carol Oeson

Join us for the First Thursday Retreat on March 1st at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton. Fr. John Connell from Nazareth Village will give a Lenten talk, "My Heart is His" at 9:30 am, offer confession, adoration and Mass. A light lunch and fellowship will follow Mass. Kindly donate \$15 or make a free will offering to help defray costs. God bless you and your Lenten journey!

LOST and FOUND

Several items (eyeglasses, teddy bear backpack, gloves, hats, and more) are in the Lost and Found at the back of the church hall. Please check to see if anything belongs to you. Any items not claimed by the end of the month will be disposed of.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God ordered Abraham to take his beloved only son to Moriah and offer him as a sacrifice. Abraham built an altar and took out a knife to sacrifice his son Isaac. But God called out to him and told him of blessings that would be bestowed on him and his descendants because he had been willing to do what God had asked.

Second Reading: Romans 8:31b-34

Paul reminds the people that God did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for the sake of all people. This proves God views us all as his children, and that no person can harm or condemn us because God will protect us.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus led Peter, James and John up a high mountain, where he conversed with Elijah and Moses. A voice proclaimed 'This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him.' Then Jesus was alone and warned them not to tell anyone what they had seen until he had risen from the dead.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

"Then Peter said to Jesus in reply 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them, from the cloud came a voice, 'This is my beloved Son, Listen to him.' Suddenly looking around they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them."

Today we join the three apostles, the two prophets and Jesus on the Mount of the Transfiguration. A mountain in the bible is where God meets His people. The two great persons representing the law and the prophets, and Jesus, have a new experience of God's presence.

Like Peter today, it is good we are here for worship, or for private time reading, or reflecting on this scripture account. Like Peter we may not know what to say in the awesome presence of the Almighty. Following the voice from the cloud, we pause to listen. What is the Lord asking of me as I begin this second week of Lent? Is He offering me words of comfort and consolation in my life as I struggle to draw closer to Him? Is He wishing that I consider how special it is to spend some time apart to grow in holiness this Lent? As I descend from the mountain is it time for me to invite others to experience the great love Jesus has for us?

He is the Father's beloved and so am I. As I look around may I too see only Jesus.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Monday - Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday - Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday - Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday - Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

First Friday - Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

First Saturday - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



LENTEN READING

As mentioned in the Beacon newspaper, Bishop Seratelli has written a book, From the Cross to the Empty Tomb. The book is available for \$6 and may be purchased at the rectory.

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Gospel Today

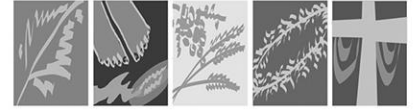
Second Sunday of Lent | Mark 9:2-10

Peter, James & John went up the mountain with Jesus, and saw Elijah and Moses, who lived long ago, appear with Jesus in a blinding, dazzling light.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is My Son, whom I love.
Listen to Him." Mark 9:7



Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

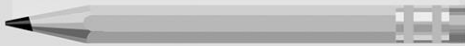
This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.



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| Peter | Elijah |
| James | Moses |
| John | Appeared |
| Jesus | Cloud |
| Mountain | Voice |
| Transfigured | Listen |
| Dazzling | Love |

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