

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

**Stewardship Report – Treasure**  
**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Budgeted Amount:** \$5,000.00  
**Sunday Collection – 3/11/18** \$3,095.00

**ONLINE GIVING:** As promised, below are the contributions received from January 3rd to March 6th. They will now be printed each week to keep you updated. We thank you for your patience.

**Weekends of:**

- January 6/7 - Collections - \$506.00  
Maintenance - \$96.00
- January 13/14 - Collections - \$516.00
- January 20/21 - Collections - \$606.00  
Maintenance - \$25.00
- January 27/28 - Collections - \$506.00
- February 3/4 - Collections - \$512.00  
Maintenance - \$75.00  
Solemnity of Mary - \$35.00
- February 10/11- Collections - \$506.00  
Maintenance - \$50.00
- February 17/18- Collections - \$616.00
- February 24/25- Collections - \$506.00  
Maintenance - \$25.00
- March 3/4 - Collections - \$511.00  
Maintenance - \$76.00  
Central/Eastern Europe Collection - \$25.00

**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.

**Campaign Statistics as of 2/27/2018**

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Total # of Households:  | 438         |
| Total Pledged           | 117         |
| % of Participation      | 26.71%      |
| Total Amount Pledged    | \$32,060.01 |
| Total Amount Paid       | \$29,099.68 |
| Average Pledge          | \$274.02    |
| % of Pledges Collected: | 90.77%      |

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

**In Memory of:** The People of the Parish

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

|      |              |        |  |
|------|--------------|--------|--|
| 3/19 | <b>MON:</b>  | 9:00a  | People of the Parish   |
| 3/20 | <b>TUES:</b> | 9:00a  | Marie Monzo  |
| 3/21 | <b>WED:</b>  | 9:00a  | No Mass Today  |
| 3/22 | <b>THU:</b>  | 9:00a  | People of the Parish   |
| 3/23 | <b>FRI:</b>  | 9:00a  | People of the Parish   |
| 3/24 | <b>SAT:</b>  | 5:00p  | Martha Gonnoud<br>Dorothy Gawenus<br>Sonia & Greg Frankowski |
| 3/25 | <b>SUN:</b>  | 8:00a  | Edward Mitchell, Jr.<br>Robert Wagner                        |
|      |              | 10:00a | John & Andrew McGovern                                       |
|      |              | 11:45a | Katherine Ingrassellini                                      |

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 18, 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.

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

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**ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP** – The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 4 at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall. Annual dues are \$10.00. For more information, please call Grace or Mike Casalino at 973-702-8569.

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**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 Serratelli. The book is \$6 and may be picked up at the rectory.

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**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, April 10.

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**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.

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Mondays of Lent** – Confessions will be heard at 7:00pm until 8:30pm.

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

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner**

Sunday, March 18, at 4pm - Please sign up in the church hall. This is a very popular event and space is limited!

**Pasta Supper**

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

**Movie: THE PASSION OF CHRIST**. Directed by Mel Gibson, will be shown on Thursday, March 22 at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting room. All are invited.

## RELIGIOUS ED AND YM NEWS

**PALM SUNDAY HELPERS:** - Assistance is needed to help distribute palms before Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the church hall. Any student in Grade 7, 8, 9 or 10 is asked to consider helping. There is need for assistance at the 5pm, 8am and 10am Mass. Please stop by the bulletin board to sign up. Thank you!

**ATTENTION PHASE II STUDENTS** – All Confirmation paperwork should be turned in now along with the \$75.00 fee if you haven't already done so. If you are in need of any of the papers required, please contact Mrs. Vernacchio ASAP. Thank you!

### CALENDAR:

#### **GRADES 7 & 8:**

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

Class beginning with the 5pm Mass and followed by a light dinner and class in the rectory meeting room  
Theme: "The Jesus Question" and "The Prayer Process"

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY:**

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

"Day of Reflection" for both Phase I & Phase II  
Students beginning at 1pm. Speaker will be Fr. Carl Arico. This will be followed by the 5pm Mass with the "Rite of the Candidate" for the Phase II students with their sponsors. A Pasta dinner will follow Mass in the church hall.

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Ice Cream Social at Bristol Glen w/residents  
Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Class for YM students beginning with the 5pm Mass, light dinner, class  
Phase I – Theme: "The Sacraments"  
Phase II – Theme: "Gifts of the Holy Spirit"

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

#### **GRADES 1 & 2:**

Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation Rehearsal for Grade 2  
Church hall – 9am to 11am

Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup>

Reconciliation – Grade 2

Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup>

Class – 9:30am to 11:30am

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>

Gr. 2 – "Jesus Day" at Camp Auxilium in Newton 1pm to 3:30pm  
directions to follow

Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

LAST CLASS for Grades 1 & 2

#### **GRADES 4, 5 & 6:**

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

Class – 9am to 11am

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>

LAST CLASS! – 9am to 11am

## ALL ARE WELCOME

The Spring Cantata will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 at 7:00pm. Please note, this year's Cantata will be at Sussex Methodist Church, NOT Sussex Christian Church, as in the past.

### *A Musical Afternoon With Our Sisters*

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson** for *Our Sisters in Concert*. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

## ARRAY OF HOPE MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

**St. Clement Parish and Morris Catholic High School are partnering to bring ARRAY OF HOPE to Morris County. It is an evening of faith, hope and love...a musical multimedia experience. Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:30pm at Morris Catholic High School, 200 Morris Avenue, Denville, NJ. Cost: Adults \$10, 21 and under \$5, Families \$25, and Confirmation Students \$2. For tickets, contact Sue Drew.**

**Email: [sdrew@morriscatholic.org](mailto:sdrew@morriscatholic.org) or 973-627-6674 (ext. 337). Please see the flyers on the bulletin boards at the Church exits for more details.**

**CHECK OUT THEIR AWESOME MUSIC AND VIDEOS AT [www.arrayofhope.net](http://www.arrayofhope.net).**

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

### Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

### LENTEN READING

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

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday** - Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**Monday** - 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday** - Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday** - Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday** - Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday** - Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday** - Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

**"Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him 'Sir we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew, then Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'"**

It is not rare for someone to use another to get help to get a job, admission to school, or even just to meet someone of importance. In the political field we call them lobbyists. Today we find some Gentiles using Philip, and he another apostle to gain access to Jesus. The same Andrew is the one who told Peter he had met Jesus and we know how important that meeting was.

How many other persons are seeking Jesus, today without knowing it or Him. They have need for access to the Lord. Our restless world turns, but people do not know to whom to turn. Each one of us can assume the role of Philip or Andrew, to bring them to Jesus or Jesus to them. The grain of wheat will then produce much fruit.



**MANY THANKS to all who "weathered the storm" and came out for our Fish and Chips dinner last Thursday! Tastefully British prepared some delicious fish, chicken, and fries for us to enjoy. They definitely lived up to their reputation! Congratulations to our winner of the 50/50, Kathy Botteicher, and thank you for generously donating your winnings back to St. Monica's. The members of Helping Hands did an awesome job selling tickets, setting up the hall, serving food, cleaning up, etc., making it a very fun and successful event. All of their hard work is greatly appreciated!**

## PARISH PENANCE SERVICE, PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

#### Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00pm – Parish Penitential Service

The Church looks upon the Sacrament of Penance as a preparation for the celebration of the Triduum. Receiving this Sacrament will enable you to participate in these holiest days of the year with a renewed heart.



#### PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

The commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem is celebrated at every Liturgy with a procession, blessing and distribution of palm, the reading of the Passion Narrative and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Sat. – March 24 – 5:00pm – (No Confessions at 4:30pm)

Sun. – March 25 – 8:00am, 10:00am (Choir) and 11:45am

### THE TRIDUUM

This is the ancient Latin title for the three days in which our redemption was completed. They begin with sunset on Thursday and end with sunset on Sunday. We might call them "The Three Great Days", recognizing that they encompass one complex event rather than a number of separate ones, a fact which is structured into the services, in that from Holy Thursday evening, no service has a Dismissal until Easter. Thus, what we are doing is celebrating an extended liturgy from Thursday evening until Sunday. So, in the Three Great Days, we have one liturgical event celebrating and remembering the one event of the Lord's Passover which brought about our salvation. Each of the primary liturgies is one of the acts of the drama. The liturgical Services of Holy Week are among the very best things we do in the Church.

### HOLY THURSDAY

#### March 29 – 7:30pm – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(No morning Mass today)

Commemorating the Institution of the Eucharist

Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository Altar, up to 11:00pm.

"Could you not watch with me one hour?" Plan to spend time in prayer in the Church.

COLLECTION – FOR THE POOR

(PLEASE do not park in the Presbyterian Church parking lot)



### GOOD FRIDAY

(No morning Mass today)

March 30 – (Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence)

3:00pm – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION AND DEATH

Proclamation of the Passion Narrative

Veneration of the Cross

Communion

COLLECTION – SUPPORT OF SHRINES AND CHRISTIANS LIVING IN THE HOLY LAND

7:30pm – STATIONS OF THE CROSS



### HOLY SATURDAY

(No morning Mass today)

March 31

12:00 noon – BLESSING OF THE EASTER FOODS

### EASTER VIGIL

7:30pm – SOLEMN VIGIL AND FESTIVAL MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

St. Monica's Choir

### EASTER SUNDAY

April 1 – 8:00am, 10:00 (choir) and 11:45am