

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

PALM SUNDAY
March 25, 2018

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 3/18/2018	\$3,588.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection: - 3/11/18	\$ 506.00
Online Giving Maintenance Collection – 3/11/18	\$ 50.00



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%

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Deceased Parishioners
Given by: People of St. Monica's

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

3/26	MON:	9:00a	Rev. Ken Hewitt (LIV)
3/27	TUES:	9:00a	People of the Parish
3/28	WED:	9:00a	No Mass Today

HOLY THURSDAY

(no morning Mass today)
 3/29 THU: 7:30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

(no morning Mass today)
 3/30 FRI: 3:00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion/Death
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

(No morning Mass today)
 3/31 SAT: 12:00 noon - Blessing of Easter Foods

EASTER VIGIL AND MASS OF THE RESURRECTION
(FIRST MASS OF EASTER)

3/31 SAT: 7:30pm FOR ALL IN WHOSE MEMORY
 FLOWERS HAVE BEEN
 PLACED AT THE ALTAR

EASTER SUNDAY

4/1 SUN: 8:00a FOR ALL IN WHOSE MEMORY
 10:00a FLOWERS HAVE BEEN
 11:45a PLACED AT THE ALTAR

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 – 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.

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, April 16. 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.

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.

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW AND PLAN TO ATTEND ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Monday evening, April 30, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at High Point Regional High School.
More details to follow.

RELIGIOUS ED AND YM NEWS

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 14th

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 14th

"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 21st

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

Saturday April 28th

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 7th

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

Tuesday April 10th

Reconciliation – Grade 2

Sunday April 15th

Class – 9:30am to 11:30am

Saturday April 21st

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

Sunday April 22nd

LAST CLASS for Grades 1 & 2

GRADES 4, 5 & 6:

Saturday April 14th

Class – 9am to 11am

Saturday April 21st

LAST CLASS! – 9am to 11am



HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY!

Our long-time parishioner, Jennie Ratti, celebrated her 101st birthday on March 15!

Jennie has lived in Sussex County for many years and been a member of St. Monica's since 1947.

Several parishioners and friends stopped by her house to celebrate with her. What an amazing lady! God bless you, Jennie!

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

Isaiah describes the pain and insults of the Servant of God. Yet he sounds hopeful when describing God as his help, knowing he will not be disgraced.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Paul exults Christ's great sacrifice of humbling himself to become human and die on the cross. He explains that this is why we should now realize the importance of honoring both his name and memory.

Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47

Mark describes the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion. The Last Supper is described, explaining where the Eucharist began. Judas betrays Jesus and his suffering at the hands of the Sanhedrin (Council) is detailed.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 25, 2018

“The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue that I may know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. The Lord God is my help therefore I am not disgraced. I have set my face like flint knowing that I will not be put to shame....Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend.”

May the words of Isaiah and Paul help set the stage for our Holy Week. The gospel of Mark provides details of the passion not just to provide information but to rouse us to break from routine and ordinariness and appreciate the saving mystery of salvation.

We may read and reflect upon the scriptures and find great meaning as we live in 2018. The suffering servants are those displaced by war and the natural disasters. Those trying Christ are the oppressors, attacking Christians in various parts of the world as the Sudan, Syria and Nigeria. The passion of Christ continues today when wars rage, poverty grows, exploitation reigns, and worst of all, indifference to suffering continues.

We are called this week to die and rise with the Christ. Pope Francis has asked that we not be robbed of our missionary enthusiasm. He tells us not to look the other way but to address the cause, as well as the effects, out of concern for those who are marginalized and suffering. May this be a new approach to Holy Week.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday - Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday - Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday - Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday - Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday - Chrim Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9
Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday - Is 52:13—53:12; Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday - Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a;

Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ex 14:15—15:1;
Is 54:5-14; Is 55:1-11; Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ez 36:16-17a,
18-28; Rom 6:3-11; Mk 16:1-

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.



Thank you to all who made St. Monica's St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner a success... from those who helped to set up, those that helped during the event and all those who helped to clean up. We thank our parishioners for all the delicious food, drinks and desserts that were enjoyed by all. It was a great success! A special thanks to Tony Szwartz and his committee for their hard work in helping to make this year's dinner a huge success.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2018

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, 10:00am (choir) and 11:45am

