

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Online Giving – Sunday Collection – 8/12/18</u>	\$ 516.00
<u>Feast of the Assumption Collection - 8/15/18</u>	\$ 810.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 8/19/18</u>	\$3,355.80
<u>Additional Collection Missionary Cooperative 8/12/18</u>	\$ 37.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: The People of our Parish

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8/27	MON:	9:00a	Phillip Kunz
8/28	TUES:	9:00a	Virginia De Finis
8/29	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
8/30	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
8/31	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/1	SAT:	5:00p	Joan Braun Donna Ziegler
9/2	SUN:	8:30a 10:30a	Special Intention for a Special Soul Eileen Randall James Murray Donald Johnson

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information

Phone: 973-875-4521 Fax: 973-875-7538
**Parish Office Hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Mon., Tues,
Thurs. and Fri.**
THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.
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.**

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.

Prices for Mass Cards: Large: \$15.00
Small: \$10.00

Sanctuary Lamp: \$10.00
**Please stop by the Rectory Office between 9:30AM
and 1:30PM to purchase a Mass card or Sanctuary
Lamp for a loved one.**

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. If you wish to become a registered member and placed on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church Hall exit. Please fill it out and give it to Fr. Jan after Mass, or either drop it in the collection basket or visit the rectory during the week between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 26, 2018



It is time to take a stand. Just like the faithful in today’s first reading and the disciples in the Gospel, we must decide if we really believe things that are beyond our human understanding: that we are made in the divine image, that Jesus is both divine and human, that the Holy Spirit dwells inside of us, and so on. When we pray the Creed today, take note of all that we believe, pronounce firmly each “I believe,” and note the assent of those around you who share our beliefs.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – will resume in September.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – Thursdays at 6:00pm 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, September 5th 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.

TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE will meet in the rectory meeting room on **Sunday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m.** All are welcome. The Tricky Tray is our biggest fundraiser and many hands make light work.

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, September 11th.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Would you like to know and understand the Mass as never before?

Then please join us as we take "A Biblical Walk Through The Mass", a five-part, video-based series presented by Dr. Edward Sri on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and Nov. 26. Cost is \$21 which covers the cost of one book and one workbook.

Registration IS REQUIRED by no later than September 14.

Register at the Rectory Office or call Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051, or email to mtw195@embarqmail.com. Come, learn to love what others pray for, The Mass!

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples: Were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2018 AT 3:30PM

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

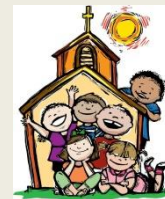
Congratulations on this joyous occasion!

NJ Conservatory Symphonic

Chorus

This December will be our 31st performance of Handel's Messiah with full orchestra. We invite teens and adults to join our Symphonic Chorus – no audition required! Rehearsals begin Monday, September 10, 2018 at 8PM (registration at 7:30 PM) at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ. There will also be a spring concert TBA. For information please call Conservatory at 973-402-2004.

Visit our website: newjerseyconservatory.com.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR 2018/2019

Registration forms for the upcoming school year are now available on the table in the Church Hall or can be picked up at the rectory office. This is for Religious Education AND Youth Ministry.

If anyone has a child entering first grade in September and wishes that they be a part of our program, please contact Mary Vernacchio at 973-875-2110.

Please return the completed form as soon as possible with the appropriate fee. The fees are: \$75.00 for one child, \$110.00 for two children, and \$150.00 for three or more.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

TRICKY TRAY NEWS

A box is located in the church hall for anyone wanting to donate items which will then be combined to make baskets. Cash donations can also be made.

Some ideas for Tricky Tray baskets:

For men: (Shaving items, wallet, etc.)

Pet baskets

Camping equipment

The possibilities are endless!

The next tricky tray meeting is on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. PLEASE JOIN US! This is an important fundraiser for St. Monica's and the Tricky Tray date of November 9th is fast approaching; therefore, much help is needed! Thank you.

Tony Szwartz

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel and told them if it did not please them to serve God, then they must decide who they would serve. The people claimed that God had brought them out of slavery and protected them on their journey. Therefore, they would serve, the Lord their God, and no one else.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Husbands and wives should love one another as Christ loved the Church. They should nourish and care for each other as Christ cared for the church. Through the union between the two, they become one.

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' followers were still disturbed by his teaching of the living bread, which they could not yet fully understand. Jesus explained that the Spirit gives life, and flesh is unimportant. Some of the disciples decided to leave. Jesus asked if the Twelve also wanted to leave. Although they do not completely understand yet, they have enough faith in Jesus to stay because they believe he is God's holy one.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Joshua addressed all the people, ‘If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve... as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.’...But the people answered, ‘Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods...He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey...Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.’”

Not a day goes by when we fail to make decisions. Some are important, others of little value. Many we do not ‘give a second thought to.’ As I read the instruction of Joshua, the chosen successor of Moses, I find him challenging the people – decide, and decide today. Like the people he spoke to, I probably can affirm the choice I have already made to follow and serve the Lord. But let’s take it a step further. Do I only pay lip service or do I act? Do I try to make a difference in the lives of others? What is the quality of my service?

Joshua said ‘decide today’. Are you ready?

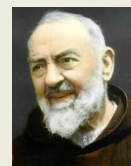
RELICS OF SAINT PIO COME TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON

St. Peter the Apostle Church 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054

Thursday, September 20, 2018 (from 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.)

For information about the public veneration, please call 973-334-2090 or send an email to stpeterpar@optonline.net

A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. by Msgr. Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A., Pastor of the St. Peter the Apostle Church.



RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA VISIT DIOCESE OF PATERSON

October 4 – St. Anthony of Padua Church

65 Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ (10:00 AM to 1:30 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM)

October 13 – St. Anthony of Padua Church

276 Diamond Bridge Ave., Hawthorne, NJ (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

October 13 – St. Vincent DePaul Parish

250 Bebout Ave., Stirling, NJ (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

October 14 – Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

209 US-Route 206, Branchville, NJ (8:00AM to 1:00PM)

October 14 – Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

63 E. Main St., Rockaway, NJ (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)



PLEASE SEE THE FLYERS AT THE CHURCH AND HALL EXITS FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT MASS TIMES

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Gospel Today

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 6:60-69

Some of Jesus' followers lacked the faith to believe Jesus' teachings and went back to their former lives. The Apostles had strong faith and stayed with Jesus.

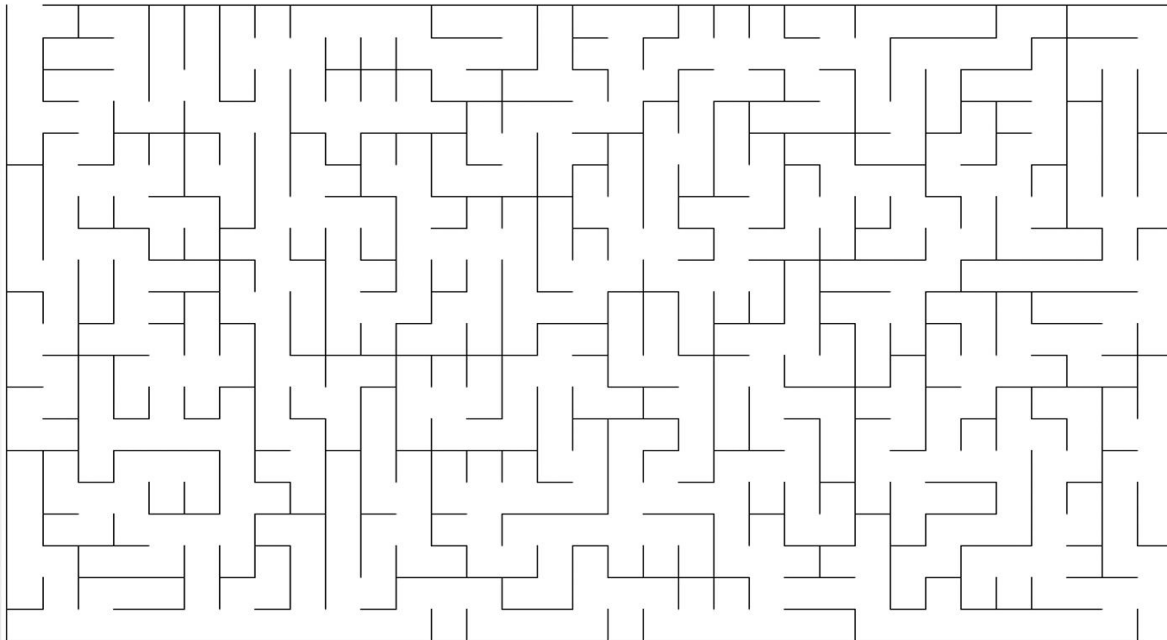


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It is the spirit
that gives life.

JOHN 6:63

Start Today



Finish today, but never end. Always read and believe God's words of eternal life.

FOLLOW JESUS THROUGH THE BIBLE AND SAY,
"YES, JESUS, I BELIEVE YOU ARE THE HOLY ONE OF GOD."

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Eph 5:21-32
Or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

Monday - 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday - 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday - 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Mk 6:17-29

Thursday - 1 Cor 1:1-9; Mt 24:42-51

Friday - 1 Cor 1:17-25; Mt 25:1-13

First Saturday - 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 25:14-30