

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 10/21/18</u>	\$2,908.00
<u>World Missions Collection – 10/21/18</u>	\$ 980.00
<u>Online Giving – 10/14/18</u>	\$ 481.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In Memory of: Samantha DelMonico
Given by: Mary DelMonico

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

10/29	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
10/30	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
10/31	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
11/1	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
		7:30p	People of our Parish
11/2	FRI:	9:00a	In memory of those whose names
		7:30p	have been placed at the altar.
11/3	SAT:	5:00p	Samantha DelMonico
			Emil Ogrinz
			Dorothea Paoletta
11/4	SUN:	8:30a	Martin Swiss
			Emil Ogrinz
		10:30a	John Fluhr
			Giorgio Gallara
			James Murray
		12:00p	Edmund Zwirek

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THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.
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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST IS ALL SAINTS DAY AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASSES ARE AT 9:00 A.M. AND 7:30 P.M.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK
Sunday - Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Monday - Eph 4:32–5:8; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday - Eph 5:21-33; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday - Eph 6:1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday - Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
First Friday - Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
First Saturday - Phil 1:18b-26; Lk 14:1, 7-11

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 28, 2018

Every Sunday we are invited anew to follow Jesus. No matter what our limitations or impediments may be, Jesus calls us to follow him. In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus cure Bartimaeus, the blind man who begged at the side of the road. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus as well. After receiving the gift of sight, Bartimaeus responds to Jesus' call and follows him. As we gather in Jesus' name today, let us consider how he is calling us.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – First Sunday of each month after the 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome!

BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS STUDY GROUP meets on **Monday, Oct. 29 at 7:30pm** in the rectory meeting room. Remaining dates are Nov. 12 & Nov. 26.

ST. MONICA'S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the third Monday of each month. Next meeting is **Monday, Nov. 19th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Book selection is "Fly While You Still Have Wings" by Joyce Rupp.

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, November 14th 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, October 28th at 11:30 a.m.** All are welcome.

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, Nov 13th.**

ST. MONICA'S ROSARY SOCIETY There is no regular meeting in November. **The next meeting will be on Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church Hall.

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.

ALL SOUL'S DAY ENVELOPES – can be found at the Church and hall exits. November 2nd is All Soul's Day. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The purpose of these envelopes is for writing on the back the names of deceased persons you wish to have remembered in prayer. We ask that the names be printed clearly. The envelopes will be displayed on that day. Return the All Soul's Day envelopes to the collection box near the pulpit by Sunday, October 28th. Envelopes can also be dropped off at the Rectory Office until Tuesday, October 30th. Those who receive weekly envelopes have already received the envelope in their packet. The 7:30 pm Mass on November 2nd will have a special candle lighting ceremony in memory of those who died during the past year. All are invited.

TRICKY TRAY NEWS

TRICKY TRAY IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH!!!!

There is a box located in the rear of the Church Hall for anyone who wants to start dropping off items for baskets. Anyone donating single items please leave new, unopened items so they can be placed in baskets with similar themes. The items do not have to complete a basket nor do they have to have the same theme. Any items will help complete other baskets or can be added on to make full baskets.

The envelopes for local businesses from last year are located on the table in the back of the Church Hall. Please sign out an envelope and deliver and follow up with each business you are able to meet. There are many other businesses who you may know of so please take a blank envelope with the paperwork inside and add the business you are thinking about visiting to the list.

The Tricky Tray Committee needs help picking up baskets from businesses for those who have not sent their tray in yet. Please see the list in the Church Hall for a list of names. Anyone who would like to go to a business not on the list is welcome to ask for donations. An example is the Irish Cottage Restaurant in Hamburg. Any help is appreciated.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 17th!

St. Monica's is excited to have Jim and Coleen Caulfield of St. Peter the Apostle Parish in Parsippany come here to share a multimedia presentation entitled "Advent Reflections". Jim and Coleen have crafted presentations on a variety of religious topics and have presented them at many parishes around NJ. These presentations contain a mix of Scripture, prayer, music, poetry, humor, stories, personal reflections, and visual art. So please plan to join us in the church Hall on **Saturday, November 17th from 11-12 noon** for what's sure to be an enjoyable and enlightening experience! Light refreshments will be served.

ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL CAMPAIGN will be starting the beginning of November. Every registered parish family will be receiving a letter from Fr. Jan asking for a contribution for our parish. Please prayerfully consider participating in the campaign as it is essential for the success of this effort. Thank you!

Celebration of a Memorial Mass in Honor of Sr. Thomasina

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Place: St. Jude R.C. Church
4-24 Beaver Run Road
Hardyston, NJ

St. Thomasina Gebhard has contributed so much to Sussex County. We have been touched by a very special angel. In her honor, would you please bring a few non-perishable items to donate to our local food pantries. All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

GRADES 1 & 2 (First Holy Communion Class)

Rectory Meeting Room

Classes run from 9 am to 10:25 am

Children will attend 10:30 am Mass after Class – Mass

Attendance is part of the Religious Education requirement.

Sunday Class – November 11

Sunday Class – November 18

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

Classes run from 9am to 11am

Saturday November 3

Saturday November 10

Saturday November 17

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday, Nov. 3rd YM/Rel.Ed. Classes
Grs. 7 & 8 – Theme: "The Decision is Yours"
Phase I & Phase II – Theme: "The Eucharist"
Time: 5:00 pm Mass, 6:00 pm light dinner
Class 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – church hall

Sunday, Nov. 4th Make Up class – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (no dinner)

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

This is celebrated every Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. We encourage all families with children, Grades 1 – 4, to have your son/daughter participate in this as part of their faith formation.

HEALING MISSION at ST. MONICA'S

Please see the flyer inserted in this week's bulletin pertaining to the Healing Mission at St. Monica's which will be conducted by Paul Rymniak on Nov. 5, 6 and 7. He will need volunteers for the following:

- Someone to be available after the services to take care of the selling of his tapes each evening from 8 to 9 pm.
- Someone help him with the Rosary on Monday and Wednesday evenings.
- Two men to serve as ushers to help with the collection at the end of each evening.

There is a volunteer sign-up sheet in the Church Hall. Any help will be appreciated for this important event.

FUNDRAISER

Helping Hands is sponsoring a fundraiser at **Friendly's** in Wantage on **Thursday, November 1st**. Our parish will receive 10% of all proceeds that evening from 5-8 pm. Diners may eat in, take out, or order online. Please support St. Monica's by participating in this easy, convenient fundraiser.

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on November 1st, 2018, which is also All Saints Day! Our theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for November is: "Claimed for Christ!" The day begins at 9 AM with 'coffee and,' and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. For further info, kindly visit our website: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org or call: 973-383-2620.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 10:00 AM.

At St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson, Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the Annual Respect Life Mass. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. The Mass is a wonderful way for us to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life. Please see the posters on the bulletin boards at the Church exits.

FIRST SATURDAY MASS IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Mass is held every month at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY.

Mass at 10:00 am, followed by the Rosary, prayer and Confessions. 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Next First Saturday Mass is November 3rd. Call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director at 845-343-1879.



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Jeremiah speaks of God reuniting the people of Israel after their exile. He states that although they departed in tears, God will lead them all back and protect them, because he is father to Israel.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Each high priest is taken from among people and offers sacrifices for their sins. High priests do not choose to take on this honor, but are chosen by God. Even Christ did not choose this office, but was chosen by God to be a priest forever.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

A blind beggar approached Jesus and pleaded that Jesus heal him. Jesus called the man over and said, "Your faith has healed you." The man immediately received his sight and proceeded to follow Jesus up the road.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly **Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Bartimaeus, a blind man, son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.'...Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.'...He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man replied to him 'Master, I want to see.' Jesus told him, 'Go your way; your faith has saved you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way."

The parable of the Good Samaritan told on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho. It was a story of compassion. Today we have the meeting of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar that took place on that road. He heard it was Jesus, and called out to Him in his need. The dialogue was simple and clear. What he needed and Jesus' response.

How many other Bartimaeus' are there in our own time? People, described by Pope Francis as marginalized sitting on the side. They too want to hear of Jesus, cry out to Him in their pain, and seek the compassion, help and mercy of Jesus. It might seem easy, to cross to the other side of the street, to speed up, or ignore the cry. Is that the Christian response?

In the mail each day, on the television, there are continued requests for the kindness and mercy of Jesus. The requests for donations grow and the hurts of others tug at our hearts and purse strings. We cannot respond to all requests, but we can as Jesus did. The faith of Bartimaeus restored his sight and he followed Jesus on the way. The hand of Jesus reaching out and responding to one more request can make a big change in the life of someone else.



FROM THE DESK OF FR. JAN.....

This week marks two special days in liturgy of the Catholic Church: The Feast of All Saints, which we celebrate on November 1, and All Souls Day, also known as Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed which we remember on November 2.

On the Feast of All Saints, we rejoice with all the Saints who have completed their earthly journey and are now with God in heaven. Some of them have been recognized by the Church, and canonized as great Saints so that we can look to them and find strength and courage for our own faith journey. These great Saints have been singled out for their holiness, but in heaven there are countless number of Saints without names, “whose faith is known to you alone,” as Eucharistic Prayer IV expresses it. All these Saints (known and unknown) have one thing in common: they have responded to the call of Jesus to love God with all their hearts and souls and their neighbor as themselves. These Saints put God above any of their own personal desires, and wishes and gave unselfishly in their good works for Him and others.

We are fortunate in having so many Saints to choose from because they come from different environments, different temperaments and backgrounds. That is why we rejoice at this time because of God’s gift of salvation to all of us and hope of heaven. Indeed we are all called to be saints, and heaven is full of souls whose names we do not know. In this week we are honoring our Saints, giving thanks for their goodness, but also calling upon them for assistance so we could also one day be with those Saints in heaven. This is what is known as “communion of saints.” “The term communion of saints refers to the communion of holy persons in Christ who died for all, so that what each one does or suffers in and for Christ bears fruit for all.”(CCC 961) We can be saints too if only we (like those Saints) desire a loving and holy relationship with God. Then the Holy Spirit can work through us and lead us to follow our Baptismal calling to holiness.

On All Souls Day we commemorate and pray for the deceased, especially those who have died over the last year. All Souls Day is the Day in which we specially pray for the Souls in Purgatory. We often do not hear much use of the word Purgatory, but it is the temporary resting place for those who have been placed there by God. It is a place for final purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the great joy of heaven. The soul is assured of its eternal salvation and it is entirely different from the punishment of eternal damnation of hell. Nonetheless, we pray for the happy repose of all souls on All Souls Day and throughout the month of November.

The Catholic Church calls the faithful to an appreciation of efficacy of praying for the dead. This includes our personal prayers, the celebration of All Souls’ Day, and offering of Masses for the intention of our faithful departed. The Catechism of Catholic Church states the following: “from the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.”(CCC 1032). The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

In this holy week the Church in a special way teaches us of the “communion of saints”, and reminds us of oneness among the members of the Church in three different states. The Church teaches us that there are three different states of the Church: the Militant Church, the Triumphant Church, and the Suffering Church. The Militant Church are all the faithful who are still on pilgrimage in this life; the Triumphant Church are those in heaven enjoying the bliss of God's life; and the Suffering Church are those who are being purified in purgatory to prepare them for the Church Triumphant. The doctrine of “communion of saints” tells us that the Saints in the Triumphant Church pray and intercede for us who are struggling in our pilgrimage in this life, and we can pray for the Suffering Church, the souls in purgatory. So we Catholics pray for the dead and those in purgatory and we ask for the help and prayers of those in glory. Those in purgatory benefit from our prayers and the help of those in heaven. Those in heaven can pray for and assist those on earth and the souls in purgatory.

May this week in which the Church in a special way celebrates the “communion of saints” inspire us to renew our Baptismal calling to be saints, and to live a life truly devoted to God by loving Him and by our service to God and to others. May it also inspire us to pray for the poor souls in Purgatory.