

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

**Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 10/28/18</u>	\$3,288.00
<u>Online Giving – 10/21/18</u>	\$ 581.00
<u>Online Giving – Maintenance</u>	\$ 25.00

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Joseph DelMonico
Given by: Mary DelMonico

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11/5	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
11/6	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
11/7	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
11/8	THU:	9:00a	Geraldine Vaskas
11/9	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
11/10	SAT:	5:00p	Joseph DelMonico Carol Jacodine Timothy Callahan
11/11	SUN:	8:30a 10:30a 12:00p	Emil Ogrinz Florence DiStasi Susan McGovern Gregory and Sonja Frankowski People of our Parish

<p><u>ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information</u> <u>Phone: 973-875-4521 Fax: 973-875-7538</u> <u>Parish Office Hours: 9:30am–1:30pm Mon Tue Thurs and Fri.</u> <u>THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.</u> <u>Website: www.stmonicasussex.org Email: stmonica@ptd.net</u> <u>Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday.</u></p>

<p><u>MASS CARDS</u> <u>SMALL: \$10.00 LARGE: \$15.00</u> <u>Please stop by the Rectory during office hours to purchase a Mass card for a loved one.</u></p>

<p><u>READINGS FOR THIS WEEK</u> <u>Sunday - Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34</u> <u>Monday - Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14</u> <u>Tuesday - Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24</u> <u>Wednesday - Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33</u> <u>Thursday - Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10</u> <u>Friday - Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22</u> <u>Saturday - Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15</u></p>

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 4, 2018**

This week we celebrated the twin holy days of All Saints and All Souls, bringing those who have died to the front of our minds. Focusing on them, we reflect on what is truly important in this life. Perhaps the scribe who comes to Jesus to ask “Which is the first of all the commandments?” is thinking this way. He certainly was after Jesus told him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” Let us contemplate this today as we celebrate the Eucharist.

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, Nov. 12 at 7:30pm** in the rectory meeting room. Remaining date is 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.

TRICKY TRAY – FINAL MEETING – Sunday, November 4 at 11:30 am in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are invited.

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.

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.

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.

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

Anyone who has or is still planning on putting a basket together can drop off the baskets at the Church Hall this week beginning on Monday, November 5 from 10am - 2pm. If you would like to help the tricky tray committee, there is still a need to check up with local businesses and pick up baskets. Baskets can be brought to the Church Hall right up to the final day, Friday, November 9. If you are unable to donate a full tray, single-item donations go a long, long way. By collecting individual items, the Tricky Tray Committee is able to make up wonderful, full trays. There is a box under the table in the Church Hall where individual items can be placed at any time before Nov. 9.

Thank you to all those who have donated and helped with this event. This is an important fundraiser for St. Monica's and we need all the help we can get. **THANK YOU!!**

The last tricky tray meeting is Sunday, November 4 at 11:30 am in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are invited.

Tricky Tray 50/50 raffle tickets are being sold after each Mass in the Church Hall.

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

Sr. 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 NOVEMBER 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 10
Saturday November 17

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday, November 18 YM – Phase II
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Mass – 10:30 am

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

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL HEALING MISSION, CONDUCTED BY PAUL RYMNIAK, ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH, 6TH AND 7TH. ALL THREE EVENINGS WILL BEGIN AT 7:00 PM.

The Healing Mission will also include the Rosary and Stations of the Cross. Paul will offer his healing efforts to all who seek it. All Christians are welcome to attend, whether they are Catholic or not.

The thrust of all of these evenings will be FORGIVENESS and HEALING. There will be priests available for Confession. Healing is NOT just for the physically impaired. Mental and emotional stresses and strains can take a heavier toll on our lives, even more than the worst of diseases. So if you and your family are in need of HEALING in these areas, come and experience the Lord, and what He can do for you.

Come and enjoy Jesus by worshiping Him. Come and see what Our Lord has for you. Come and be healed!

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.

Christmas Music CD Offer

This year, the musicians at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist Church in Paterson are offering an hour-long CD of 19 freshly recorded sacred Christmas hymns with singers from both Broadway and the opera. The \$15.75 tax-deductible donation per CD will again be devoted to assisting the homeless and disadvantaged in the Paterson area. The CD will surely make a beautiful, lasting and thoughtful Christmas gift for you and others you care for.

For more information, obtain a purchase form which is located on the table in the Church Hall, or call Tom Kieren at 973-214-6473, and send it together with your check made out to "Cathedral of St. John the Baptist" to: Christmas CD Offer, 140 Notch Road, Oak Ridge, NJ 07438.

**UNITY CHOIR presents A CONCERT OF
REMEMBRANCE AND PEACE
COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ENDING OF WORLD WAR I**

**Featuring
Haydn's Mass in Time of War
and other anthems
Sunday, November 11 at 4 p.m.
First United Methodist Church
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton, NJ**

**Free Will Offering Handicapped Accessible
Ample Parking Reception to follow**

**For further information, call the church at
973-383-4450.**



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses commands the people to love and fear God, and always keep the commandments that they were given. He tells them to observe all statutes so that they will continue to grow and prosper, and tells them that they must love God with all their soul and strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Under the old covenant there were many priests, but Jesus will now remain high priest forever because he will live forever, and always be available to those who want to be saved. He does not need to offer sacrifice every day for the sins of his people, because he offered himself up in payment for their sins.

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus which commandment is the first, and he replied that the first is to love and honor the Lord and no one else. Jesus explained that they must love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor. The scribe agreed that loving God completely and loving one's neighbor is better than any sacrifice they could make.

**HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Moses spoke to the people saying, ‘Fear the Lord, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you...love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today.’”

The directive of Moses and the conversation of Jesus with the scribe become the measure for our discipleship and Christian lives. Our love of God is expressed in countless ways, beginning with our prayer life, our desire to do good and avoid evil. It is expressed in our love of neighbor, especially in the corporal works of mercy, as we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, care for the sick. The judgement scene of Matthew's gospel tells me quite clearly. Did you ever consider that these recipients of our goodness is the person of Jesus hidden in disguise?

The love of the Lord is not a 'pick and choose' but a willingness to discover Him in others.

