

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Regular Collection – 10/30/16:	\$
Parish Pay - 10/30/16:	\$
Total Regular Collection – 10/30/16:	\$

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 13, 2016**

Parish Pay ---is a convenient way for you to set up your weekly contributions - online – visit ParishPay.com

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In memory of: Rudolph Ephrussi

Given by: Dudzinski family

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

11/14	MON:	9:00a	No Mass today
11/15	TUES:	9:00a	No Mass today
11/16	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
11/17	THU:	9:00a	No Mass today
11/18	FRI:	9:00a	No Mass today
11/19	SAT:	5:00p	Diane Cinnante
11/20	SUN:	8:00a	Richard Szot John O'Shea
		10:00a	Elsie & Ella Rodriguez(LIV) Susan McGovern Catherine McGovern Sheehan family
		11:45a	Peter Horvath Stanley Losiewicz Rudolph Ephrussi

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE AREA:

St. Jude's, Hamburg - Mon. - Sat. - 8:45am
 St. Francis de Sales, McAfee - Mon.-Sat - 8:30am
 Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville - Mon.-Fri. - 8:00am
 Immac. Concept., Franklin -Tues, Wed, Fri, 7:30am, Sat. 9:00am
 National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Middletown, NY
 Mon.-Fri. 11:30am (Holy Door for Year of Mercy)

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact info

Phone #: 973-875-4521 Fax #: 973-875-7538
 Parish office hours: 9:30– 1:30pm Mon-Fri
www.stmonicasussex.org Email: stmonica@ptd.net

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

COFFEE & DONUTS – is held on the first Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall –next Coffee and Donuts is Sunday, November 6th - all are invited!

HELPING HANDS – meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Please consider joining to support our parish. Contact Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051 for further information.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading & reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow. Call Carol at 973-875-4521.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP – The next book selection for November/December will be Jesus, A Pilgrimage by Fr. James Martin. The book is a wonderful resource written on the life of Jesus as Fr. Martin parallels the “Jesus of History” to the “Christ of Faith.” The group will not meet in November – please purchase your own copy of the book. Call Carol for further information – 862-266-6626.

ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP - Each month we enjoy lunch, good company and delicious desserts made by our members. We meet at 12:00 noon in the church hall on the first Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$10 a year. New members are welcome. For further information please contact Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569. November 2 – Halloween Party; December 8(Thursday) –Christmas Party at Lampost Rest.

FOR THE NEEDY.....clean and gently used Winter coats and clothes, sizes: toddler thru adult. Please leave in the baskets in the Church Hall October 30 thru November 13th. Thanks for sharing! Joan Thomas

Are you new to our parish? If so – welcome!!!

Do you still need 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! There are many new faces at Mass each weekend – if you wish to become a registered member and put on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church Hall exit (large white envelopes) which can be mailed back to the Rectory office (there is another envelope enclosed for this purpose – it couldn't be any easier!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8

1ST & 2ND GRADERS – Sundays, 9:00am – Rectory Mtg. Rm.

- 11/6 3rd session
- 11/20 4th session
- 12/4 5th session
- 12/17 6th session - Saturday – Breakfast in Bethlehem

3RD & 4TH GRADERS – Sundays, 11:00am – Rectory Mtg. Rm.

- 11/6 3rd session
- 11/20 4th session
- 12/4 5th session
- 12/17 6th session

5TH, 6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADERS – Saturdays, 6:00pm – Ch. Hall

- 11/12 3rd session
- 11/19 4th session
- 12/10 5th session
- 12/17 6th session

All sessions are held in the Rectory Meeting and Church/Church Hall. Parents should strive to attend the Mass prior to/after your child’s Religious Ed session. If you have more than one child who attends our Religious Ed program, you may attend the Mass that best fits your schedule. Mass attendance is an integral and necessary part of your child’s faith formation – class without Mass just doesn’t make sense!

CRAM THE VAN – Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by St. Monica’s Religious Ed - weekend of November 12/13. See the information in this week’s bulletin!! Do what you can to help – one food item can help to change lives!!!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – this program is open to children in Grades 1-4 at the 10:00am Mass each week. The children are dismissed to listen to the Sunday readings with volunteer Catechists who read and reflect with the children. Please consider having your child participate each week.

-----Carol Bezak, Coordinator of Religious Formation

YOUTH MINISTRY

TRICKY TRAY - Thanks to those who signed up to assist in setting up for our annual Tricky Tray. For those who haven’t but can give some of their time on Thursday, November 10th from 10am to 3pm or Friday, November 11th from 10am to 2pm your assistance in wrapping our many trays would be greatly appreciated. A sign up sheet is on bulletin board in the church hall. All those who have volunteered, you will be contacted as soon as the dates get closer. Again, thank you for your participation and help.

PHASE II CANDIDATES - Please mark your calendar for Sunday, November 13th -10am Mass - Distribution of the Our Father. Your attendance is required.

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13th - Phase II Candidates - 10am Mass Dist of the Our Father - attendance is required

Saturday, December 3rd - YM Class - beginning with 5pm Mass, light dinner then class - Phase I - Theme: "The Jesus Question" - Phase II - Theme: "The Church"

Sunday, December 4th - Make up class - 6:30pm to 8:30pm - no dinner

Carmelite Discernment Weekend

Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20th
St. Eliseus Priory, Harrison, NJ – Sharing a weekend with the Carmelite Friars, and other men who are also asking “Is the Carmelite Way the path for me?”
Prayer/Mass/Discussion/Quiet Reflection/Meals
E-Mail – vocations@carmelites.com – Fr. Francis Amodio, O.Carm



**Dance Expression
Dance Arts Proudly Presents:
“Happy Holidays”**

A Holiday Dance Spectacular for the Senior Citizens of our local community.

Including dance performances in jazz, theatre dance, modern, tap and ballet performed by dancers of all ages!!!

Sunday, December 4, 2016

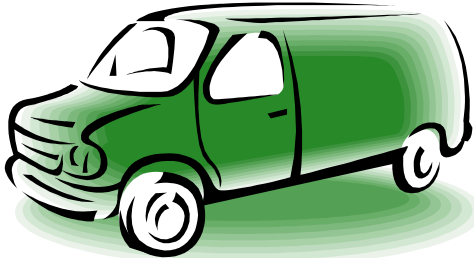
**1 P.M. Dance Performance - 3 P.M. Refreshments - Coffee, Cookies, Snacks, Door PRIZES, CANDY Canes
WALLKILL VALLEY Regional High School Auditorium, 10 Grumm Road, Hamburg, NJ (off Rt. 94)**

ADMISSION....it’s all FREE!!!

**ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ED
“CRAM THE VAN”
FOOD COLLECTION**

WHAT IS THIS? This is an annual Food Collection event begun several years ago by our Religious Ed classes

No



WHAT IS NEEDED: Canned goods including vegetables and cranberry sauce, boxed potatoes, stuffing mix, gravy, cake/cookie mixes, snacks or juices. TURKEYS will be accepted also – and gift cards to local supermarkets.

WHY WE NEED IT: Items are used to fill Thanksgiving food baskets for needy parishioners and all excess donations are given to the Sussex Help Center and Harvest House.

WHEN WILL THIS TAKE PLACE?

-----Saturday & Sunday, November 12/13 ----

WHERE: All donations can be placed in the Parish van which will be parked in back of the main parking lot

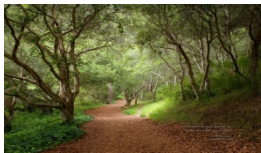
Many thanks for your participation! QUESTIONS? Call Carol Bezak – 862-266-6626

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

“May the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word.”

How many greeting cards we have sent, how many more have we received. All have some kind of a wish, a message of comfort and sorrow when sickness or death occurs, or congratulations on a birth, birthday or graduation. The card means a lot, and sometimes the message is overlooked. As always we say ‘it’s the thought that counts.’

Paul’s message to his friends contains so much, we might glide past it and miss the point of the sacred scriptures. He reminds us we are loved by God, our Father, and Jesus our Brother, who offer us encouragement and hope through grace, God’s very life. The fruit of that love is found in the gift of encouragement and the strength that comes from His grace, reflected in the good we say and do. Wow! In the ‘Joy of Love’ Pope Francis inspires us to live that grace, first in our family. Where it is absent, introduce it. Where it is real celebrate it and strengthen it. Where we know it is needed bring it to others.



JOIN A PILGRIMAGE!!!!!!

***Please consider joining the Book Discussion Group in reading
Jesus, A Pilgrimage by Fr. James Martin, SJ.***

“Having travelled to the Holy Land with our parish, I remember feeling overwhelmed by just being there in that special place, walking the roads that Jesus walked and welling up in tears multiple times. I would not hesitate to travel there again – for anyone who may wish to make a spiritual pilgrimage instead, please consider reading this book along with us!” Carol Bezak, MA, Pastoral Associate

“This book isn’t about a pilgrimage. It is a pilgrimage. I didn’t want the pilgrimage to end.”...Dr. Scott Hahn, author of Understanding the Scriptures

“Part travel guide, part spiritual reflection, and part scripture study and altogether delightful.” ...Cardinal Timothy Dolan

James Martin, SJ, gifted storyteller, editor at large of America magazine, popular media commentator, and *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*, brings the Gospels to life in *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*, and invites believers and seekers alike to experience Jesus through Scripture, prayer and travel. Combining the fascinating insights of historical Jesus studies with profound spiritual insights about the Christ of faith, Father Martin recreates the world of first-century Galilee and Judea to usher you into Jesus's life and times and show readers how Jesus speaks to us today. Martin also brings together the most up-to-date Scripture scholarship, wise spiritual reflections, and lighthearted stories about traveling through the Holy Land with a fellow (and funny) Jesuit, visiting important sites in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

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Gospel Today

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 20:27-38

Of the Resurrection Jesus says, "They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise." *Luke 20: 36*

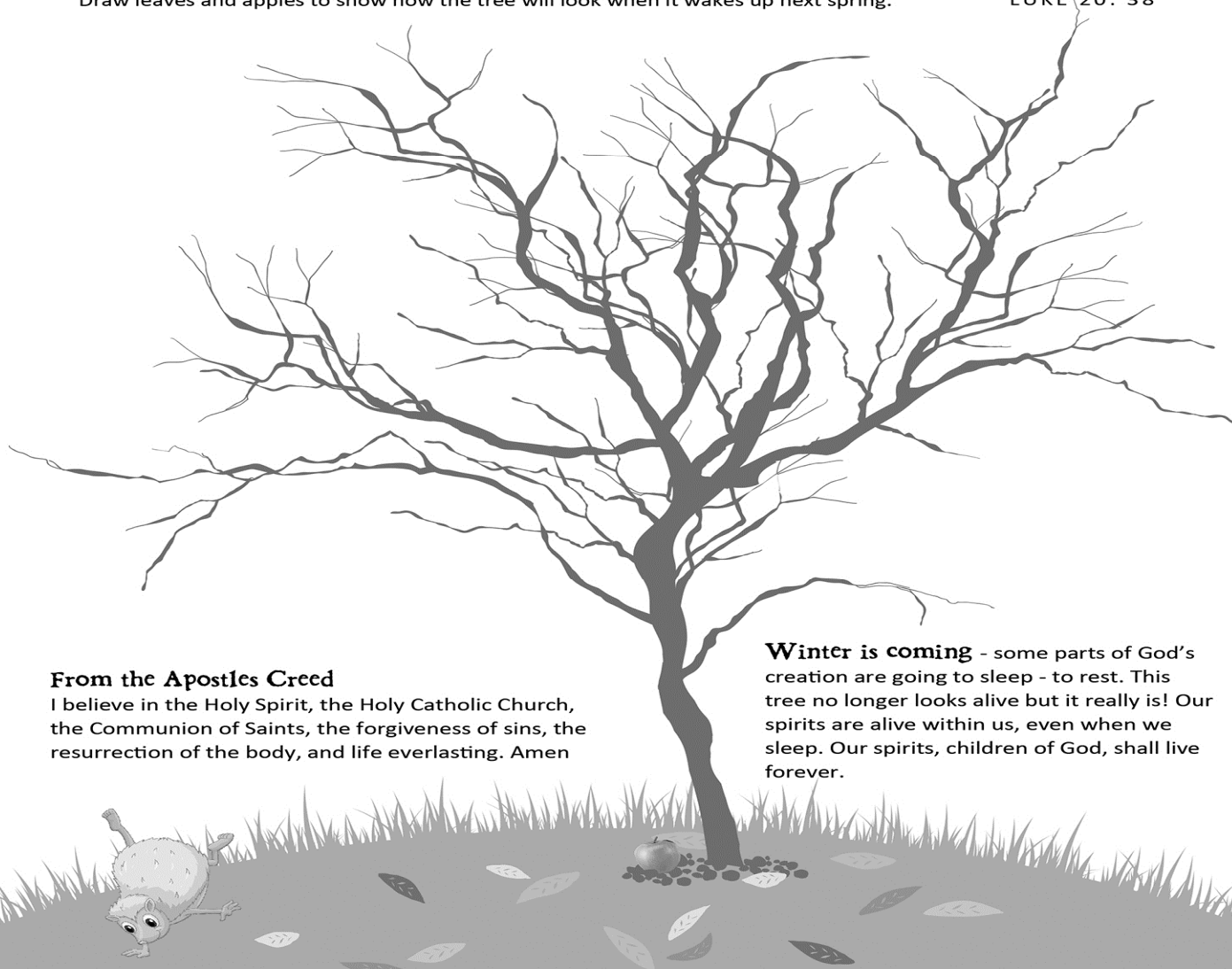


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"God is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all are alive."

Draw leaves and apples to show how the tree will look when it wakes up next spring.

LUKE 20: 38



From the Apostles Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

Winter is coming - some parts of God's creation are going to sleep - to rest. This tree no longer looks alive but it really is! Our spirits are alive within us, even when we sleep. Our spirits, children of God, shall live forever.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

A king tortured a Jewish family, and tried to make them violate the laws. They all refused to give in and violate the laws. All of the family members told the king they would rather die at his hands than surrender their hope of being resurrected by God.

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5

Paul prays that the Thessalonians will be strengthened by God. He also asks them to pray that God's word will continue to spread, despite the persecution of Christians that was occurring at that time.

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

Jesus encountered some Sadducees who did not believe in resurrection. Jesus refuted them by quoting Moses, who called the Lord the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Jesus then said. "God is not the God of the dead but of the living. All are alive for him."

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