

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasury
WEEKLY COLLECTION

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 21, 2018

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 1/14/18 \$3,069.00

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN – As you can see from the newest update (these figures were reported on December 28th) we have pledges of \$30,360.00 and that does not include what has come in the mail this week. There is still time to donate to the campaign if you would like. Just complete and return the form at your earliest convenience. We are very grateful to all who have already sent in their pledges and we sincerely thank you.

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 - There will be no meetings of St. Monica's Leisure Group during the months of January and February. Meetings will resume beginning Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. The current book is entitled, “God of the Fairy Tale.”

Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Campaign Statistics as of 1/3/2018

Total # of Households: 435
Total # Pledged: 108
% of Participation: 24.83%
Total Amount Pledged: \$30,360.00
Total Amount Paid: \$26,324.67
Average Pledge: \$281.11
% of Pledges Collected: 86.71%

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Connie Mooney
Given by: Mary Del Monico

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1/22 MON: 9:00a People of the Parish
1/23 TUES: 9:00a People of the Parish
1/24 WED: 9:00a No Mass Today
1/25 THU: 9:00a People of the Parish
1/26 FRI: 9:00a Margaret Sellitti
1/27 SAT: 5:00p Ann MacAvoy
Robert Lord
Linda Kota
1/28 SUN: 8:00a People of the Parish
10:00a Joseph and Joh n McGovern
11:45a Joan Adams
Steve Bartos
Jean Scarzello

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact info

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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday. Email to stmonica@ptd.net

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20
Monday - *Lectionary for Ritual Masses, vol. IV*
“Mass for Peace & Justice”, nos. 887-891
Tuesday - 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday - 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday - Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Friday - 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday - 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Fish & Chips Dinner

Mark your calendars! St. Monica’s will have a Fish and Chips dinner on Thursday, March 8, prepared by Tastefully British. Be sure to read future bulletins and listen for announcements at Mass for further information.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All those who use collection envelopes on a weekly basis will be receiving a contribution statement from our envelope company, DP Murphy Co., Inc. If you do not receive this statement by the end of January, please let us know by calling the Rectory. Also, all those who gave a contribution of \$250 or more to the 2017 Annual Campaign will receive an acknowledgment letter from the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 1 and 2: Sunday Jan. 28th Class – 9:30am to 11:30am

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

MASS ATTENDANCE –We sincerely hope that each and every one of you is living up to your commitment of attending weekly Mass. This is an integral part of your faith journey as you prepare for the reception of Confirmation.

SERVICE: Completion certificates should be handed in on a timely basis. These include whatever service you perform for school. For those who assisted with the Tricky Tray, I already have your name so there is no need to hand in a completion certificate. Remember you are required to perform 3 services for church and 3 for community.

CALENDAR:

Saturday/Sunday	Feb. 3 rd /Feb. 4 th	“Souper Bowl” collection which benefits Harvest House – Collection is taken after all the Masses.
Saturday	Feb. 10 th	YM/Rel Ed Classes Time: 5PM beginning with Mass, a light dinner and then class – Reconciliation will take place at this class for all students in YM and Grs. 7 & 8 6:30 pm to 8:30pm.
Sunday	Feb. 11 th	Make up class – Snow Date No dinner – class- 6:30 to 8:30.
Saturday	Feb. 24 th	YM – Phase I and II – Confirmation Retreat at the Sacred Heart Center Time: 10am to 4pm. – More info to follow.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

Lent and Easter are around the corner – Ash Wednesday is on Valentine’s Day, February 14! I’m hoping we can increase our choir to at least TEN singers. I want to rehearse four Thursdays in March: March 1, 8, 15 and 22. Palm Sunday is March 25th. That enables us to sing on a few Sundays in Lent at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, plus Holy Week Masses for those able to attend.

Please see me if you are interested. Thank you.

Judy Consentino

Morris Catholic St. Patrick’s Day 5k Run

Morris Catholic High School is holding its 7th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 17, at 9:00 a.m. at its Denville, NJ campus. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. Registration fee is \$25 until March 9, 2018, and \$30 registration fee after March 9 and day of race. For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K> or contact MC5KRace@gmail.com.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 21, 2018

“After John had been arrested Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’ ...Jesus said to them; ‘Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.’”

We meet Jesus as He begins His public ministry as reported by Mark. In summary form the gospel writer tells us what will follow. The message of Jesus is quite clear: Repent and Believe.

In a few weeks we will hear those same words, as the blessed ashes are traced upon our foreheads, the external sign, reflects the disposition of our hearts. I ask myself, if I not only hear the words, but listen to them.

As Jesus invited the two sets of brothers to join Him in His ministry, so He calls us today, because this is the time of fulfillment as we are Missionary Disciples. If I truly believe the gospel is the Good News of Jesus, I walk with Him and bring His message to others.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become “fishers of men.” They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.



Helping Hands will be hosting our **5th Mardi Gras** celebration on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018. There will be fun & food with a **covered – dish** dinner beginning at 5:30 P.M. Please sign up on the form in the church hall. For further information please contact Mary Eileen Schoen at 862 – 266 – 0573. ***Laissez les bon temp rouler!!***

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Gospel Today

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:14-20

Jesus told the people to repent and believe the Good News and began to gather His first disciples.

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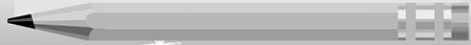
"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Mark 1:15



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words...
left, right, up, down
or diagonally.



- Jesus
- Announces
- Good
- News
- John
- Galilee
- Kingdom
- God
- Time
- Come
- Believe
- First
- Disciples
- Simon
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- Me
- Send
- Fish
- People
- Andrew
- Left
- Nets
- James
- Boat
- Sea
- Fishermen

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