

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 15, 2018

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00
Online Giving Sunday Collection: - 4/1/18 \$ 531.00
Online Giving (Maintenance) – 4/1//18 \$ 105.00
Sunday Collection – 4/8/18 \$4,016.00

Easter Sunday may have been two weeks ago, but Easter Time is still just beginning. Other than Ordinary Time, Easter Time is the longest season of the Church year. Unlike Advent and Lent, two seasons that look forward to the two major feast days of the year, Easter is a season that prolongs the feast that's already been celebrated. Because the resurrection of Christ is so important, the event calls for a celebration that continues for many weeks.

Campaign Statistics as of 4/5/2018

Total # of Households	439
Total # Pledged	119
% of Participation	27.11%
Total Amount Pledged	\$32,660.01
Total Amount Paid	\$30,499.68
Average Pledge	\$274.02
% of Pledges Collected	93.39%

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS –are served after 8:00 a.m. Mass on the first Sunday of the 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 – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 2 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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. **The next meeting is Monday, April 16.** We are currently reading From the Cross to the Empty Tomb, by Bishop Serratelli. The book is \$6 and may be picked up at the rectory.

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, May 8.**

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.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Giorgio Gallara
Given by: Angel Gallara and Family

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

4/16 **MON:** 9:00a People of the Parish
4/17 **TUES:** 9:00a People of the Parish
4/18 **WED:** 9:00a No Mass Today
4/19 **THU:** 9:00a Giorgio Gallara
4/20 **FRI:** 9:00a People of the Parish
4/21 **SAT:** 5:00p Grace and Victor DiGerolamo, Sr.
Theresa DelMonico
Michelle Ragan
4/22 **SUN:** 8:00a Robert Schneider
Dorothy Weiss
10:00a John & Catherine McGovern
Sophia Yackenovitch
11:45a Rita Gatlin
Frank Rankl

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Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday.
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ST. MONICA'S ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

is scheduled for Monday evening, April 30, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm at High Point Regional High School.
Adults: \$9.00, Seniors: \$8.00 and Children under 12: \$6.00.

Take-out will also be available.

Please see the flyer located at the Church exits for more information.

Help is needed. If you are able to assist, please contact Mary at (973)-875-2110 after 6:00 pm.

Thank you!

RELIGIOUS ED AND YM NEWS

ATTENTION PHASE II STUDENTS – All Confirmation paperwork should be turned in now along with the \$75.00 fee if you haven't already done so. If you are in need of any of the papers required, please contact Mrs. Vernacchio ASAP. Thank you!

CALENDAR:

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Saturday April 21st Ice Cream Social at Bristol Glen w/residents
Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Saturday April 28th Class for YM students beginning with the 5pm Mass, light dinner, class
Phase I – Theme: “The Sacraments”
Phase II – Theme: “Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

GRADES 1 & 2:

Saturday April 21st Gr. 2 – “Jesus Day” at Camp Auxilium in Newton 1pm to 3:30pm
Directions to follow

Sunday April 22nd LAST CLASS for Grades 1 & 2

GRADES 4, 5 & 6:

Saturday April 21st LAST CLASS! – 9am to 11am

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We have a few Altar Servers that will be graduating in June. Therefore, we are in need of candidates to replace them. If you have a child who is in the 5th grade or older, who would be interested in this important service to St. Monica's Church, please call the rectory at 973-875-4521, or e-mail us at stmonica@ptd.net. Thank you.

We also are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested, please see Grace or call the rectory.

These ministries are a wonderful way to serve St. Monica's and your parish community.

Your Health and You....

What you need to know about taking control of your Total Wellness.

- Understand trends, laws and resources as it pertains to pain management in older adults.
- Learn about tools and resources available to help navigate the path to wellness.
- Be provided an opportunity to safely dispose of unused, unwanted or expired prescription medications and over-the-counter medication. Bring your unused and expired prescriptions to dispose!

April 24th, 2018, Noon to 3PM, Senior Life Center, Sussex County Community College Performing Arts Center's Atrium and Theater.

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Anthony Brutico, Emergency Dept. Medical Director, Newton Medical Center.

COMPLIMENTARY LUNCH!

Registration required.

Contact: Ashley Brown – 973-383-4787

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ashleyb@centerforprevention.org

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets' words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Monday

Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday

Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday

Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday

Acts 9:31-42; Jn 6:60-69

SPIRITUAL READING

As mentioned in the Beacon newspaper, Bishop Serratelli has written a book, *From the Cross to the Empty Tomb*. The book is available for \$6 and may be purchased at the rectory.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

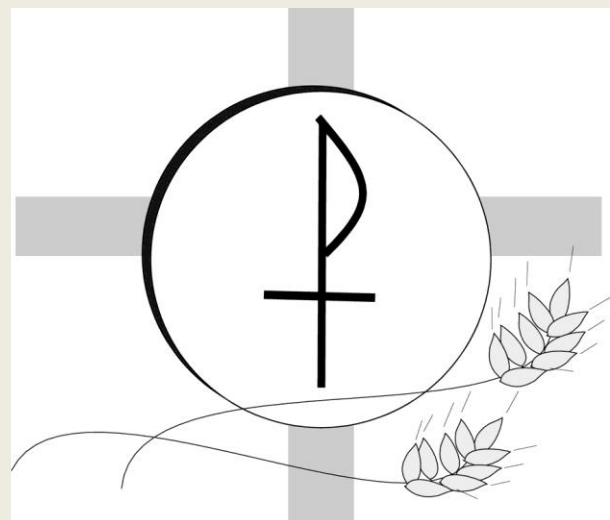
Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018

“Now I know brothers that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did. But God has thus brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand that through the mouth of all the prophets that His Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore and be converted that your sins may be wiped away... Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures... Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations.”

The wonderful sermon of Saint Peter offers encouragement, not judgment, summoning his hearers to listen more closely. The scriptures they knew, the prophets and psalms, pointed to the events which had taken place in Jerusalem. As they listened, they were able to conclude ‘this makes sense. I'll follow what he says and begin living as a witness.’

Twenty centuries have passed. The sermon of Peter is repeated for my benefit as he opens our minds and hearts. If these words changed the hearts of his listeners, what is happening in my heart at this moment? Am I, or am I not a witness?



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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 35-48

Jesus appears to the disciples and says, "peace be with you". When they doubt it is really Jesus, He reminds them of what was written in scripture.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



- Jesus Hands
- Appears Feet
- Disciples Touch
- Peace Amazement
- With Fulfillment
- You Reminds
- Doubt Written
- Troubled Scriptures

"PEACE BE WITH YOU".

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SWEET as HONEY



We say "peace be with you" every Sunday at mass, just like Jesus said to His disciples! Did Jesus shake hands with them too?



People can return this greeting in many ways - with a hug, a kiss, a handshake, a bow, a head nod or just repeat it back - peace to you and also with you. How it is given will vary, but its meaning is the same.

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