

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 5/22/16:	\$3,125.00
Parish Pay – 5/22/16:	\$ 541.00
Total Sunday Collection – 5/22/16:	\$3,666.00

**Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)
May 29, 2016**

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

www.stmonicasussex.org

COFFEE & DONUTS -first Sunday of each month at **9:00am** - come before the 10:00am Mass in the Church Hall on Sunday, June 5th. Plan to join us!!

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 – will resume the third Monday of the month schedule at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. If you like to read books that will enhance your faith journey and keep you spiritually nourished, plan to join us. Members gave input and suggestions and the following three books will be covered in the next several months: **Walk in a Relaxed Manner** by Joyce Rupp; **Sanctuary** by Terry Hershey; **Beautiful Mercy** by Matthew Kelly and **Learning to Walk in the Dark** by Barbara Brown Taylor. Short stories of Flannery O’Connor will also be read and shared by all. Annual Book Discussion Group Dinner will be held on Tuesday evening, June 14th at Atlantic Manor in Ogdensburg. Open to all. Call 973-875-4521 to RSVP.

ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP - below are dates and themes for 2016. 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. June 1 - Pot Luck II; July 6 - Independence Day Celebration; August 3 – “Be Cool” Summer Lunch; September 7 – Labor Day Celebration; October 5 – Oktoberfest; November 2 – Halloween Party; December 8(Thursday) –Christmas Party at Lampost Rest.

ST. MONICA’S ANNUAL COLLECTION

Parish Goal	\$50,000.00
Total # of Families	463
Total # Pledged	144
% of Participation	31.10%
Total Amount Pledged	\$44,170.00
<i>(Includes 3 matching grants pledged)</i>	
Total Amount Paid	\$42,300.00
<i>(Includes 2 matching grants pd. in full)</i>	

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In memory of: Marie Perricone

Given by: Vernacchio & Keiber families

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

5/30	MON:	9:00a	People of the Parish
5/31	TUES:	9:00a	Walter Schreck
6/1	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
6/2	THU:	9:00a	Special Intention (LIV)
6/3	FRI:	9:00a	Special Intention(LIV)
6/4	SAT:	5:00p	Charles Jansky Giorgio Gallara Martin Finn Isabelle Rotolo
6/5	SUN:	8:00a	Tom Golding Josephine Dorando Dr. Franklin Raviele
		10:00a	Timothy Sweeney James Fischer Florence DiStassi Giorgio Gallara
		11:45a	Peter Horvath Michael Lawlor Helen Schustowicz

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

**TO RESERVE FOR 2016 MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMP DEVOTIONS
CALL THE RECTORY 973-875-4521**

Masses: \$5.00 each; **Mass cards:** small(\$5.00) & large(\$10.00) sizes. **Sanctuary candle devotions** - \$5.00. for one-week.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Corpus Christi

Sunday Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17
Monday 2 Pt 1:2-7; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12:28-34
First Friday Ez 34:11-16; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
First Saturday 2 Tm 4:1-8; Lk 2:41-51

**PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS
& COORDINATORS**

Altar Servers.....Fr. Charles
Baptismal Preparation.....Robert & Sharon Misyak
Terry Westdyke, Jeanne McBride
Bereavement Support.....Carol Bezak
Book Discussion.....Carol Bezak
Church Cleaning.....Peter & Ann Kazmierski, Marie Fischer
FOCCUS Marriage PreparationRobert & Sharon Misyak
Family Promise.....Carol Oesen
Helping Hands.....Terry Westdyke
Leisure Group.....Grace Casalino
Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers.....Carol Bezak
RCIACarol Bezak/Sr. Theresa Losiewicz
Scripture Reflection.....Carol Bezak
Sussex Help Center.....Joan Thomas
Ushers.....Fr. Charles
Website Administration.....Francisco Perez
Would you like to become involved in any of the above ministries or groups? Please call the Rectory – we need YOU!!!



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

YOUTH MINISTRY

MASS ATTENDANCE – Even though classes are over, Mass attendance is still important. Please make Mass a weekly attendance and a priority during your summer vacation.

REGISTRATION: We are making an effort to get everyone registered/re-registered for the new school year. Please pick up a registration form on the table in the church hall and return it to us by June 30th. Fees are as follows: 1 student - \$75.00, 2 students - \$110.00 and 3 or more is \$150.00. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

CORPUS CHRISTI

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“As the day was drawing to a close, the twelve approached him and said: ‘Dismiss the crowd so they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions, for we are in a deserted place here.’ He said to them, ‘Give them some food yourselves.’ They replied, ‘Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.’ They all ate and were satisfied.”

The celebration today sets us apart as Catholics. We do not only recall how Jesus fed the multitude but Luke offers us a glimpse of the action which takes place at every mass. He tells us 1. Jesus took the loaves and fish, 2. Looked up, raising His eyes in prayer, 3. Said the blessing, 4. Broke the bread, a sign of sharing, and 5. Gave it to the disciples for them to share. Not just for them to eat but for all.

Imagine the wonder and awe, as people saw what was happening and then were fed. Surely it made a great impact.

We come to Eucharist and the same Christ, in the person of the priest, consecrates elements of bread and wine, because we need to satisfy our hunger. I must ask myself, if the gift of Eucharist produces the same effect in me? Do I recognize the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist? Do I hunger to receive the gift the Lord has provided for me? Does my encounter with Christ in the Eucharist produce a unity, a oneness, which is what communion means?

On this special feast I pray that my devotion to Christ in the Eucharist may be revived. May I connect it with my First Holy Communion. I recall a small sign in my church which told the priest ‘Celebrate this Mass as if it were your first Mass.’ Celebrate it as if it were your last Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8

CATECHIST DINNER OF APPRECIATION

Thursday, June 2nd – 7:00pm

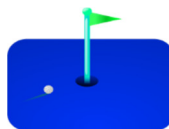
St. Monica’s Church Hall

*All Religious Ed and Youth Ministry Catechists invited!
Please call the Rectory office to RSVP by Tuesday May 31st.*

FIRST COMMUNICANTS/FAMILIES - Bishop Serratelli invites those who received First Communion this year to a special Diocesan gathering for a Catechesis on the Eucharist, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, a Procession and Benediction on **Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 3:00pm** at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ If you and your child would like to attend, please call Carol at the Rectory for further details – 973-875-4521. Space is limited – deadline to sign up is Friday, May 27, 2016.

REGISTRATION for the 2016/2017 has begun - registration forms will be available on the table in the hall. **Deadline for all registrations is June 30th – no exceptions.** Payment can be made at the time you send it in or if necessary later on, but we do need the registration forms returned in order to plan the upcoming Religious Ed year. Your cooperation is appreciated!

UPCOMING GOLF OUTINGS



Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) Golf Classic – June 27th at Bowling Green Golf Club or Berkshire Valley Golf Course in Oak Ridge

www.dpd.org/wiegand

- Support the Department for Persons with Disabilities, a Catholic Charities agency in the Diocese of Paterson. DPD provides a high level of care for adults with developmental disabilities. On June 27th, they will be hosting their annual Wiegand Farm Golf Classic and you do not have to be a golfer to participate. Here is how you can get involved:

Golf in the event: At the Bowling Green Golf Club or Berkshire Valley Golf Course in Oak Ridge. \$145 includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and 18 holes of golf. **Participate in the MEGA 50/50:** Tickets are being sold for \$10 each or a book of 6 for \$50. **Last year’s winner took home \$11,000!**

Donate a Silent Auction Item: DPD is in need of gift certificates, sporting event tickets, memorabilia, vacation packages, or whatever else you can offer! **Sponsor the event:** Show your support of adults with developmental disabilities, take out an ad or advertise your business! **Sponsor a resident to attend the outing:** For \$50 you can sponsor someone who lives at DPD to attend the dinner reception. For more information or to participate in the event please go to www.dpd.org/wiegand or contact Chris Brancato in the Development Office at (973) 406-1104 or at Chrisb@dpd.org.

The Carmelite Friars 28TH Annual “Father Forrester Memorial Padre Golf Tournament” - Monday, July 25, 2016 at West Hills Country Club, Middletown, NY.

www.westhillscountryclub.com. Price is \$150 per player - outing includes greens fee, golf cart with GPS & canopy, tee bag, hospitality on the course, continental breakfast, 10:15am Shotgun start, Lunch on the Turn (BBQ-style lunch), Cocktail hour, Dinner Buffet. Hole-in-One Opportunities \$10,000 top prize; Tournament Raffle – 1st Prize - \$1,000; 2nd Prize - \$500; 3rd & 4th Prizes each \$100 NYS scratch-off Lottery Tickets. If early registration by June 6, 2016 – 3 Free Raffle Tickets. Registration Deadline is July 18, 2016. For information contact Gloria at 845-344-0876 or info@carmelitedevelopment.org

REFLECTIONS ON THE YEAR OF MERCY

"Jesus' attitude is striking: we do not hear the words of scorn, we do not hear words of condemnation, but only words of love, of mercy, which are an invitation to conversation. "Neither do I condemn you; go, and do not sin again." Ah! Brothers and Sisters, God's face is the face of a merciful father who is always patient. Have you thought about God's patience, the patience He has with each one of us? That is His mercy. He always has patience, patience with us, He understands us, He waits for us, He does not tire of forgiving us if we are able to return to Him with a contrite heart. "Great is God's mercy," says the Psalm.

— Pope Francis, Angelus on March 17, 2013

Have you passed through a Holy Door yet? Passing through a Holy Door is part of the pilgrimage that all Catholics are encouraged to make, whether during a trip to Rome, or a trip to the cathedrals or specially designated churches in and around their own dioceses. These pilgrimages come with special graces, and they allow each of us to share in the many blessings of the Holy Year. Passing through the Holy Door symbolizes our leaving the world outside and entering into the realm of salvation. As Pope St. John Paul II said, the Holy Door "evokes the passage from sin to grace which every Christian is called to accomplish"

(There are several designated Holy Doors in the surrounding area – St. Patrick's Cathedral in NYC, Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark, The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Middletown, NY)

WELCOME!!!! Are you new to our parish? Have you been attending, but haven't gotten around to registering? There are blank registration forms located in a large white envelope on the table near the Church Hall exit. Please fill one out, mail it back to the Rectory (address on front of bulletin) & give it to Fr. Charles or an usher on Sunday or mail to the Rectory office.

Catholic Charities Straight & Narrow Gospel Choir very much needs a gently used flute. If anyone has one they would like to donate, please contact Joe Duffy at 973-345-6000 x6280 or at jduffy@patersondiocese.org.

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25

"Quo Vadis – Where are you going?" Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 29- July 1 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Jared Brogan and Fr. Edgar Rivera in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711. You can also email Frs. Brogan and Rivera at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org or fredgar@patersondiocese.org

CORPUS CHRISTI

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, a priest of God, prayed that Abram would be blessed by God. He also praised God for delivering Abram's foes into his hands.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Paul describes Jesus' actions during the last supper. Jesus broke bread and said it was his body given for us, asking that we do the same in remembrance of him. He then passed the cup and called it his blood. Jesus then asked us to break bread in this manner to remember his death until he returns.

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to a large crowd when his disciples asked that he dismiss the people to give them a chance to find food and lodging. Jesus asked the disciples to give the crowd something to eat, but they had only five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus then blessed and distributed the food, which fed about 5,000 people. Twelve baskets were then collected from what was left over.



Lord Jesus, Who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our traveling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity."

— Pope John Paul II

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Gospel Today

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to a large crowd about the Kingdom of God. He healed those in need, and after the 5000 people divided into groups of 50, fed them all with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. It was a miracle that all were fed and satisfied, with 12 baskets of leftovers.

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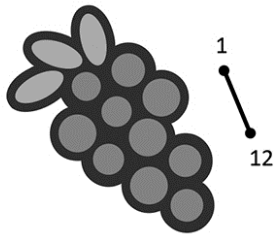
MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Through the **Consecration** at Mass, these ordinary foods of bread and wine become the true Body and Blood of Christ.

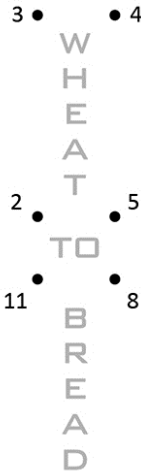
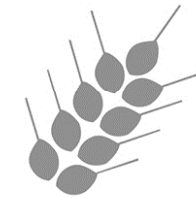
"Then taking the 5 loaves and 2 fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing over them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd."

Luke 9:16

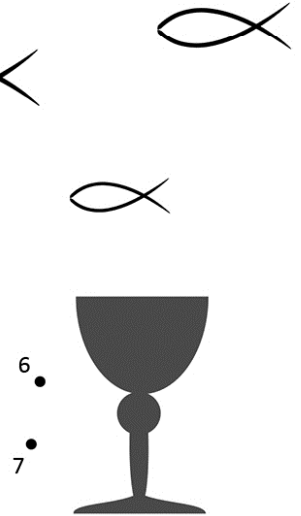
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GRAPES



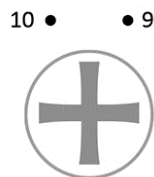
WINE



Read these words, from today's Second Reading - do they sound familiar?

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was handed over, took bread, and after He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is The New Covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes. *1 Cor 11:23-26*



Which part of the Mass do we hear similar words?



