

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Regular Collection – 10/2/16:	\$3,294.00
Parish Pay - 10/2/16:	\$ 541.00
Total Regular Collection – 10/2/16:	\$3,835.00
Capital Improvements/Repairs – 10/2:	\$1,464.00
Parish Pay – CIR – 10/2/16:	67.00
Total CIR – 10/2/16:	\$1,531.00

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: Anna Dalena

Bert Yocamelli

Given by: Mary DelMonico

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

10/17	MON:	9:00a	Charles V. Perricone
10/18	TUES:	9:00a	Msgr. Patrick G. Panos
10/19	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
10/20	THU:	9:00a	People of the parish
10/21	FRI:	9:00a	Joseph Perricone
10/22	SAT:	5:00p	Joseph DelMonico Jane Battablia (LIV) Herbert Wreden
10/23	SUN:	8:00a	Rita Gatlin Jim Bishop
		10:00a	Richard Szot John Collins Lucy D’Ambrosio Nolan Eliseo Lettieri
		11:45a	Peter Horvath Florence Burks John Perlongo

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ALL SOUL’S DAY ENVELOPES - can be found at the Church and hall exits. November 2nd is All Soul’s Day. Masses celebrated on that day and for 8 days in the month of November will be offered for our deceased relatives and friends. The purpose of these envelopes is for writing on the back the names of deceased persons you wish to have remembered in prayer. The envelopes are placed in our parish “Book of Remembrance” which will be displayed for the nine-day period. Return the All Soul’s Day envelopes to the collection box near the pulpit by Sunday, October 23rd. Those who receive our weekly envelopes have already received this in their packet – please use this one if you wish to participate.

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday** Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tm 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8
- Monday** Eph 2:1-10; Lk 12:13-21
- Tuesday** 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
- Wednesday** Eph 3:2-12; Lk 12:39-48
- Thursday** Eph 3:14-21; Lk 12:49-53
- Friday** Eph 4:1-6; Lk 12:54-59
- Saturday** Eph 4:7-16; Lk 13:1-9

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 16, 2016

PARISH EVENTS/MEETINGS

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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. **Many thanks to all that came out for our recent fundraiser at Lorenzo’s Pizzeria. Through your support we were able to make a \$220 profit. May God bless you all!**

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 – third Monday of the month at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. **Next session -Monday, October 17th at 7:30pm in the Rectory meeting room. The short story “Parker’s Back” by Flannery O’Connor will be shared. Call Carol for information - 973-875-4521.**

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. November 2 – Halloween Party; December 8(Thursday) –Christmas Party at Lampost Rest.

2016 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL *“Be Rich in Good Works”*.....Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Serratelli requesting support for the 2016 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. This year, the theme of the Appeal is *Be Rich in Good Works*. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports four very worthy causes: 1) **our Catholic Charities agencies**; 2)**Nazareth Village**, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence; 3)**our inner-city elementary schools** and 4)**seminarian education**. You can help make this year’s Appeal an even greater success by making a generous pledge today. Whatever you can do to help will be a great blessing!

NEXT WEEKEND IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday, organized by the *Society of the Propagation of the Faith*, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church’s missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. During this year’s 90th anniversary, World Mission Sunday celebration relates its theme to the Year of Mercy, “Mercy Changes the World.” Pope Francis notes, “The mercy of God is His loving concern for each one of us.... As the Father loves, so do His children. Just as He is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other.” Those who use weekly envelopes should use the envelope dated October 23rd which has been provided for this collection.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SERVICE PROJECTS - Remember, that you are required to complete three church and three community services for the year. There are a few Phase II candidates that need to catch up on service. Please consider taking advantage of the current projects that are up on the bulletin board in the church hall. Also, please be sure to have a completion certificate completed, signed and turned into your Catechist once the project has been completed.

MASS ATTENDANCE AND SIGN INS – Mass attendance is a very integral part of your faith journey and you need to make every effort to attend each week. Please be sure to sign in each week as attendance is taken. The books can be located at both doors of the church.

CALENDAR:

Saturday, Oct. 22nd - Fall Roadside Cleanup – Rain date

Saturday, Nov. 5th - YM Class – beginning with Mass, followed by light dinner then class.

Phase I – Theme: “What’s Holding you Back” and a short talk on choosing a Sponsor; Phase II- Theme: “The Holy Spirit”

Sunday, Nov. 13th - Phase II Candidates – “Dist. of the Our Father” 10:00 am Mass – attendance is required

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8

A SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS

All Grades - Class schedules with important information have been mailed out to all families who have turned in a registration form.

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

10/16 2nd session
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.

10/16 2nd session
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

10/15 1st session
10/29 2nd session
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!

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 ReligiousFormation



ST. MONICA’S TRICKY TRAY is November 11th!!

We will be accepting your donations/trays for the Tricky tray after Masses in the Church Hall during the weekend of October 29th and

continuing through the week from Thursday, November 3rd during the hours of 10 till 3, and Friday, November 4th from 10 till 3; also after Masses during the weekend of November 5th and continuing through the following week from Monday, November 7th through Thursday, November 10th during the hours of 10 till 3:00 and on Friday, November 11th from 10 till 2:00. Please indicate somewhere on your tray the value of the tray (what it is worth and not what you paid for it).

I would also like to mention to anyone delivering a business letter to kindly follow up to that business with a courtesy visit as a reminder or to possibly receive their donation. We are hoping and praying to present at least 200 trays at our event so whatever support you are able to lend us towards achieving this goal would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Our next tricky tray meeting will be on Sunday, October 16th at 12 noon in the Meeting Room.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Beloved. Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it and that from infancy you have known the sacred scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

How well do I know the scriptures? I am aware of many events in the life of Christ. I am aware of His teaching, His miracles, His dying and rising. Yes, I know some important things found in the bible.

Most of us have copies of the bible in our homes. Many record their family histories, of sacraments celebrated. A family history accompanies the history of salvation. However for many, the book has become dusty and our faith rusty. Paul encourages Timothy reminding him that it is the word inspired by God to do four things – teach, defend, correct and train – to be competent and equipped for good work.

I wonder where I can join a bible study group? I need a book to help me understand the scriptures. I want to accept this important recommendation Paul gave to Timothy. I need to know the scriptures. St. Jerome, who translated the scriptures into Latin, teaches that if we do not know the scriptures, we do not know Christ.

Let’s begin... The bible is allergic to dust, I polish my knowledge to get rid of the rust.

FIRST RESPONDERS MASS - “Heroes Live Forever”

The Catholic Campus Ministry Club at Sussex County Community College will sponsor a First Responders Mass

Thursday, November 17th - 12:15pm

at Sussex County Community College’s Performance Arts Center Rev. Michael Rodak will preside at this Mass and will read the names of the deceased members from Sussex County who have died in the line of duty. For information, contact Bill McGovern, SCCC Criminal Justice Faculty at 973-300-2182 or Wendy Cooney, SCCC Criminal Justice Faculty at 973-300-2240. All are invited to attend – refreshments afterwards.

Keep our contact information handy!

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Parish office hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Monday thru Friday

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Gospel Today

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 18:1-8

The persistent woman received an answer from the judge. Jesus says, "pray always", and God will hear and answer.

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"I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

LUKE 18:8

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Can you find these items in the picture above?



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Amalek and his people attacked the Israelites, so Moses instructed Joshua to lead some of the Israelites into battle the next day. While Moses kept his hands raised in prayer, the Israelites were winning. But when he put his hands down, they would begin to lose. So two others helped him keep his hands raised, and Joshua and the Israelites won the battle.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2

Paul tells Timothy that the Scriptures are inspired by God and are an excellent tool in teaching others about God's expectations of his people. Knowledge of the Scriptures, coupled with faith in Jesus, will lead many people to salvation. Paul urges Timothy to continue preaching the gospel, although this will sometimes be a difficult task.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus speaks about a corrupt judge who lacked respect for either God or man. A widow repeatedly asked him to settle a case in her favor. He finally settled the case, only because he grew weary of listening to her requests. Jesus points out that if even this corrupt judge eventually listened, then God, who is just, will certainly answer the pleas of his people.

Saint Teresa of Avila – Feast Day – October 15th

Teresa lived in an age of exploration as well as political, social, and religious upheaval. It was the 16th century, a time of turmoil and reform. She was born before the Protestant Reformation and died almost 20 years after the closing of the Council of Trent.

The gift of God to Teresa in and through which she became holy and left her mark on the Church and the world is threefold: She was a woman; she was a contemplative; she was an active reformer.

As a woman, Teresa stood on her own two feet, even in the man's world of her time. She was "her own woman," entering the Carmelites despite strong opposition from her father. She is a person wrapped not so much in silence as in mystery. Beautiful, talented, outgoing, adaptable, affectionate, courageous, enthusiastic, she was totally human. Like Jesus, she was a mystery of paradoxes: wise, yet practical; intelligent, yet much in tune with her experience; a mystic, yet an energetic reformer; a holy woman, a womanly woman.

Teresa was a woman "for God," a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. Her ongoing conversion was an arduous lifelong struggle, involving ongoing purification and suffering. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. And in the midst of all this she clung to God in life and in prayer. Her writings on prayer and contemplation are drawn from her experience: powerful, practical, and graceful. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

Teresa was a woman "for others." Though a contemplative, she spent much of her time and energy seeking to reform herself and the Carmelites, to lead them back to the full observance of the primitive Rule. She founded over a half-dozen new monasteries. She traveled, wrote, fought—always to renew, to reform. In her self, in her prayer, in her life, in her efforts to reform, in all the people she touched, she was a woman for others, a woman who inspired and gave life.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations of believers.

In 1970, the Church gave her the title she had long held in the popular mind: Doctor of the Church. She and St. Catherine of Siena were the first women so honored.

*"May today there be peace within.
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love.
It is there for each and every one of us."
— Teresa of Ávila*

FOR THE NEEDY.....

.....clean and gently used towels and blankets - please leave on the tables in the rear of the hall October 16 thru October 30th. Thank you, Joan Thomas

A special "THANK YOU" from Catholic Charities (regarding the Clothing Bin in our parking lot)

Thanks to all the generous parishioners of St. Monica's for the donations to our Catholic Charities donation bin. Unfortunately we have removed the bin. Sadly this is due to the fact that some of the local individuals have taken to using the bin as an outlet of the Sussex County Municipal Dump. We still would like to offer the option of a house pick up for larger quantities of clothing, shoes and usable household items (sorry no furniture, no outdated technology, TV sets or similar items). You can schedule a pick up by calling our toll free number at 877-343-3651.

