

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Holy Thursday Collection – 4/13/17: \$ 354.00

Good Friday Collection – 4/14/17: \$ 265.00

Easter Sunday Collection – 4/16/17: \$6,599.00

Parish Pay – 4/16/17: \$ 471.00

Total Easter Sunday Collection – 4/16/17: \$7,070.00

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

2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATISTICS – AS OF 3/7/17

Total # of Families: 443
Total # Pledged: 131
% of Participation: 29.57%
Total Amount Pledged: \$38,215.00
Total Amount paid: \$35,610.00
Average Pledge: \$ 291.72
% of Pledges Collected: 93.18%

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In memory of: Camile D’Amato Kornutick
Given by: The Vernacchio’s

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

5/1 **MON:** 9:00a Souls in Purgatory
5/2 **TUES:** 9:00a Gerry Dudzinski
Blanca Espejo
Rita Gatlin
5/3 **WED:** 9:00a No Mass today
5/4 **THU:** 9:00a Irene Orecchio
5/5 **FRI:** 9:00a Jan & Magdalene Wawrzosek
5/6 **SAT:** 5:00p KKeith Rowe
Virginia Grossi-Matas
5/7 **SUN:** 8:00a Jakub & Anna Wodziak
Kathy & Greg Shaw (LIV)
10:00a Dec. members of Nisler family
11:45a People of the Parish

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Monday Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or

Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday 1 Cor 15:1-8; Jn 14:6-14

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

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

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

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact info

Phone # 973-875-4521 Fax # 973-875-7538

Parish office hours: 9:30– 1:30pm Mon-Fri

Website: www.stmonicasussex.org

Email: stmonica@ptd.net

Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following

Sunday. Email to stmonica@ptd.net

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017

COFFEE & DONUTS – first Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. 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 - St. Monica's Leisure Group meets in the Church Hall at 12:00 noon on the first Wednesday of the month unless otherwise noted. Dues are \$10.00 a year. Listed below is a schedule of meetings for 2017. Please call Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569 if you would like further information.

May 3 - Pot Luck. (Team 1); June 7 - Pot Luck (Team 2)

July 12 - (2nd Wed.) Indoor Picnic

August 2 - Remember When; September 6 - Labor Day Pizza

October 4 – Oktoberfest; November 1 - Halloween Party

December 7 (Thursday) - Christmas Party at Lamp Post Rest.

Special thanks.....to those who sang in the choir for Easter. Your help was very much appreciated. A few more women are needed – if anyone would still like to join, you are welcome to do so! The choir will most likely sing for some upcoming Sacramental celebrations and also from time to time in the future. Please consider joining!

Thank you very much.....Judy Cosentino

NEW PARISHIONERS – WELCOME!!

Have you been attending our parish, but haven’t formally registered yet? Registration forms are located in a large white envelope on the table near the Church Hall exit. Mail completed form to the Rectory.

Bishop To Lead Spiritual Journey To Fatima, Spain

Bishop Serratelli will lead a spiritual journey to Fatima (during the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Blessed Mother) in Portugal and to Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Malaga in Spain from July 16 to 24. A brochure with the day-to-day itinerary and complete details may be obtained by contacting Great Experiences Inc. at (201) 825-3725 or email greatexinc@verizon.net

OPEN HOUSE

At all schools of The Catholic Academy of Sussex County
Sunday, April 30th – 3:00pm

Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School, PreK-4th Grade

Pope John XXIII Middle School, 5th 6th & 7th Grades

Pope John XXIII Regional High School, 8th – 12th Grades

Informal gatherings with faculty – led tours of each facility.

Call 973-729-6125 for further information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

SERVICE CERTIFICATES – All service completion certificates should be handed in at your next class.

PHASE II CANDIDATES PLEASE NOTE!

Confirmation Rehearsal - Thursday evening, May 11th at 7:30pm with your sponsor if possible. There is only **ONE** rehearsal so your attendance is needed.

Confirmation - Saturday, May 13th at the 5pm Mass.

CALENDAR:

Saturday, May 6th - YM Class for Phase I and Phase II,

Phase I – Theme: “Mary and the Saints”

Phase II – Theme: “Holy Spirit and Confirmation”

LAST CLASS!!

Help People with Disabilities – Support the Wiegand Farm Golf Classic

www.dpd.org/wiegand

Please help support the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities Agency, as they host their 43rd Annual Wiegand Farm Golf Classic. DPD provides care for over 100 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Diocese of Paterson.

The Annual event will be held on June 26th at Crystal Springs Resort in Vernon. This year, DPD will be honoring Monsignor John Hart of Assumption Parish; DPD Board Member John Butler and the NJ State Police.

You do not have to be a golfer to participate as non-golfers can attend the dinner and silent auction, participate in the MEGA 50/50, sponsor the event, or contribute a silent auction item. For more information visit:

www.dpd.org/wiegand or contact DPD’s Development Office at [973-406-1104](tel:973-406-1104) or at Chrisb@dpd.org.

LAY CARMELITE MARIAN DAY – at The National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY – Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Apparitions – **Saturday, May 13, 2017 – 9:00 – 3:30pm**. Registration fee: \$40. Day includes continental breakfast, morning prayer, presentations, Mass, hot lunch, quiet time and remembrance of deceased Lay Carmelites. Please contact the Lay Carmelite office – 845-344-2474 - open to all to attend.

Upcoming community events:

Casino Trip to Sands Casino, Bethlehem, PA sponsored by Sussex Elks 2288 - Saturday, May 6, 2017. Chartered coach bus, continental breakfast prior to departure, 5 hours of casino fun; outlet mall on site. Cost is \$39 per person. Space is limited – RSVP as soon as possible to 973-875-3990 or sussexelks2288@gmail.com

A Salute to our Veterans, sponsored by Sussex Elks Lodge 2288 – join us for a fifth annual Salute to our Veterans at the High Point Monument in Montague, NJ – Sunday, May 21, 2017. Commemorative Wreath laying at 2:00pm, Complimentary dinner for all veterans at Sussex Elks Lodge – 4:00pm, Non-Veteran Guests Dinner - \$10 per person. To register, Contact Sussex Elks Lodge at 973-875-3990 or Sussexelks2288@gmail.com

EVENTS AT ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS, MADISON, NJ

Being Single, Being Faithful (35+) Whether single by choice or by circumstance, we must live every “single” day to the fullest. We can find fulfillment in Christ and his Church by embracing the opportunities in the Church for spiritual growth, meaningful service and a sense of community.

Madison, Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m.-noon

Speaking of Faith - Fr. Manning talks with **Dr. Brian Beyerl**, Deacon at Assumption Parish, Morristown and Chief of Neurosurgery at Morristown Medical Center, about his encounter with and response to God and the integration of faith into work and life.

Madison, Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33

After the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles, Peter preaches with great enthusiasm to both Jews and Christians. He recalls for them in vivid terms the miracles and wonders that Jesus performed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter makes reference to the Passover, when the Jews escaped from Egypt because the blood of the paschal lamb was shed. Now they are being saved from sin by the blood of Christ, the Lamb of the New Testament.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Jesus reveals Himself to two disciples on the way to Emmaus. After explaining to them the passages in Scripture which referred to Him, Christ “took bread, broke it, and distributed it to them.” Then they recognized Christ and their “hearts burned within them.”



Third Sunday of Easter

by Rev. William J. Reilly

“And it happened that while they were conversing and debating Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him... ‘But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astonished us... and did not find his body, they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive’... ‘Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is far over.’ ...how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.”

Did you ever decide to go out and take a walk. It is refreshing and it can renew us. Did you ever enjoy taking a walk with another person, talking about life, family, what is important to you. Pope Francis has a wonderful book entitled ‘Walking with Jesus.’ He is the companion to the reader, telling us what is important as we walk with Jesus.

The Emmaus account in Luke’s gospel is so special. I am the unnamed person accompanying Clofas, and Jesus decides to join our walk and conversation. He asks what concerns me. For them it was the death of the missing Jesus. For me it is my eyes shielded from recognizing him in others. I too plead ‘stay with us...’ He does, in His word, in the Eucharist, in my companions in faith. He never leaves. May I recognize Him in the breaking of the bread and others.



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Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24:13-35

On the way to Emmaus Jesus appeared as a stranger to two of His disciples and spoke to them on the scriptures. That evening during dinner He took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. (Luke 24:30) At once they recognized Him and He disappeared from their view. Knowing in their hearts it was Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem to tell the others.

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Emmaus Biscuits



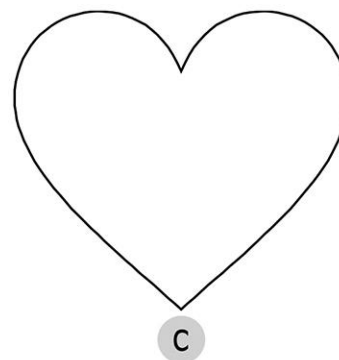
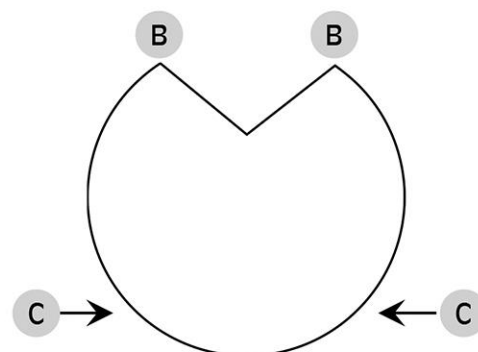
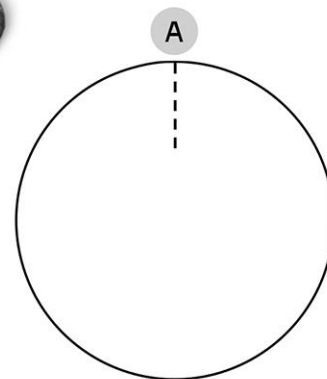
Use a roll of pop open biscuits (like Pillsbury).

Place round biscuits on a baking tray according to directions on box.

- A** With a plastic knife and help from an adult, put a cut into the top 1/3 of each biscuit and pull dough slightly apart to form a V.
- B** Press top of each side of the V to round out the top.
- C** Slightly pinch together lower half of biscuit and then tightly pinch bottom to form a heart (they do not have to be perfect).

Bake according to directions. Enjoy!

Have someone say the blessing
and remember Jesus' love for us
in the Breaking of the Bread.



On the Road
to Emmaus

