

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasury
WEEKLY COLLECTION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 4, 2018

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 1/28/18 \$2,748.00

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN – There is still time to donate to the campaign if you would like. Just complete and return the form, which is located at the church and hall exits, 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.

Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting will take place Feb. 13th, following our Mardi Gras celebration.

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: Mary Losiewicz
Given by: Sister Theresa

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

2/5 **MON:** 9:00a Michal Simko
2/6 **TUES:** 9:00a People of the Parish
2/7 **WED:** 9:00a No Mass Today
2/8 **THU:** 9:00a William Staszewski (LIV)
2/9 **FRI:** 9:00a William Staszewski (LIV)
2/10 **SAT:** 5:00p Jessie and Charles Hughes
Lou Kulsar
Michael Ramieri
2/11 **SUN:** 8:00a People of the Parish
10:00a Anne Randall Hugh
Susan McGovern
11:45a People of the Parish

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.
Masses with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 9:00am and 7:30pm. A prayer service with the distribution of ashes will be held at 4:15pm.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mondays of Lent - Beginning February 19, confessions will be heard from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.
Fridays of Lent – Beginning February 16, Stations of the Cross will be held after 9:00am Mass and at 7:30pm.

Prices for Mass Cards: Large - \$15.00
Small - \$10.00
Sanctuary Lamp: \$10.00

Please stop by the Rectory Office between 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to purchase a Mass card or Sanctuary Lamp for a loved one.

ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact info

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

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

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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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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!!*

Fish & Chips Dinner

Mark your calendars! St. Monica’s will have a Fish and Chips dinner in the church hall on Thursday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 pm, prepared by **Tastefully British**. More details to follow.

St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner – Sunday, March 18, at 4pm in the church hall. Details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 1 & 2 –

Sunday	February 11 th	Class – 9:30 to 11:30
Sunday	February 25 th	Class - 9:30 to 11:30

Grades 4,5,6 –

Saturday	February 17 th	Class – 9am to 11am
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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	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. 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.

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED FOR LENT AND EASTER

We have a core group of singers who would support any new or timid people. Rehearsals will be on five specific Thursdays at 7:15pm: Feb. 22, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22 in the church. We would be learning music to sing at some of the Sundays during Lent at the 10:00am Mass. If you are interested, please see Judy Consentino, our choir director.

Come and visit the schools of The Catholic Academy of Sussex County – Pope John XXIII Regional High School (Grades 8-12), Pope John XXIII Middle School (Grades 5-7), and Rev. George A. Brown Memorial School (Grades PreK – 4) – on **Welcome Wednesdays!** Each school is open for tours at 8:30am and we look forward to meeting you. See one school or all three! For more information, contact Anne Kaiser, Admissions, at 973-729-6126 or annekaiser@popejohn.org.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him, said: ‘Everyone is looking for you.’ He said to them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’ So he went into their synagogues preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.”

Jesus the healer, Jesus the pray-er, Jesus the preacher and teacher. A few verses capture His ministry and message that He offers. Fast forward and the need is the same: ‘everyone is looking for you.’

Many are looking for fame, comfort, riches, but not for what Jesus has brought. We are called to help them find the Lord who means so much to us. Who is it that has fallen away from the church? They are still loved by the Lord. Who do I know caught in a bad habit, a vice, or depression? They are still loved by the Lord.

What they need is someone who looked for the Lord, has found Him, and wishes to share that same positive experience with them. As I live my conviction and faith, I bring Him to them, and they to Him.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday - Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39

Monday - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday - 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday - 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30

Friday - 1 Kgs 11:29-32, 12:19; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday - 1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10

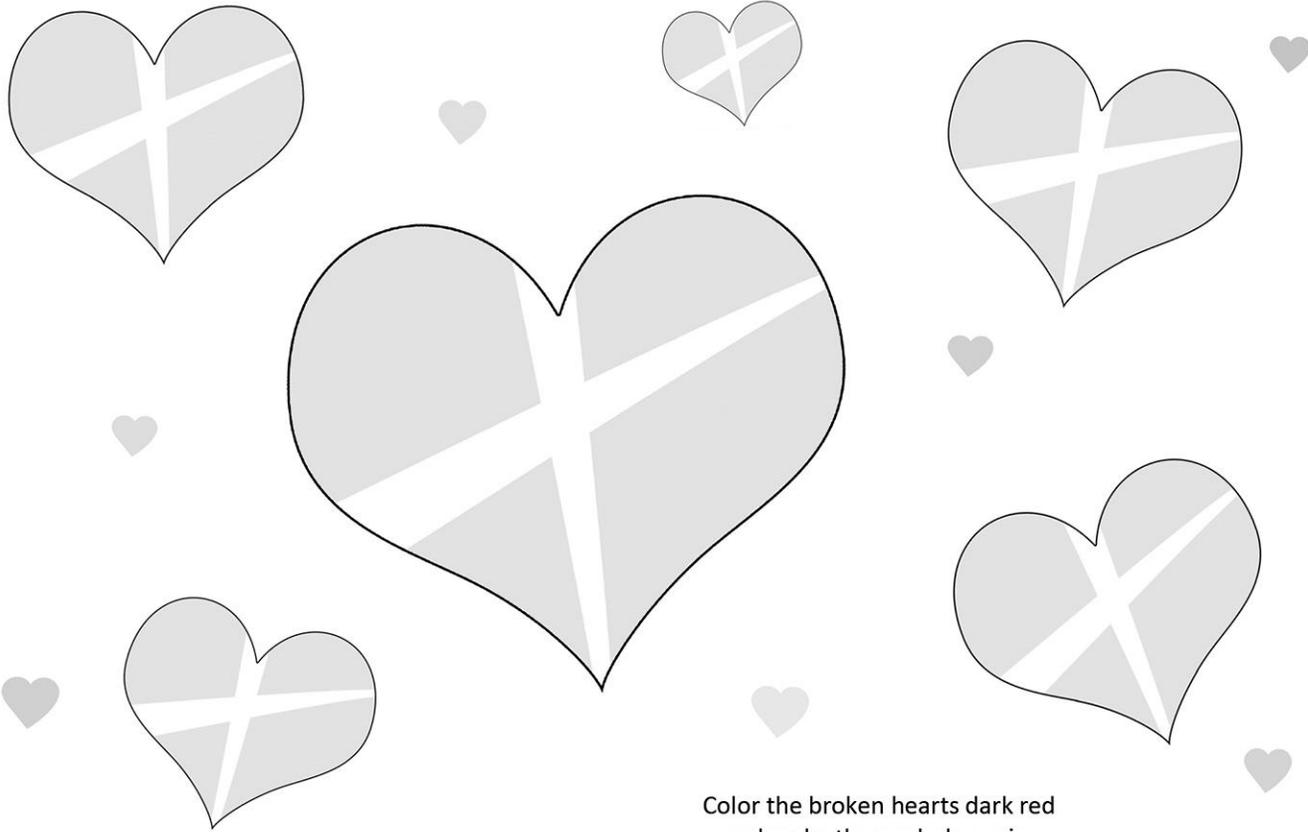
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Gospel Today

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 1:29-39

Jesus healed many people as He and His disciples moved from town to town.

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Color the broken hearts dark red
and make them whole again.

SWEET as HONEY



J.D., if
Jesus healed
broken hearts,
did He start
Valentine's Day?

Well, Honey,
legend says, based
on his love for
Jesus, St. Valentine
(269 AD) shared
his belief and
love even from
prison.

His faith
healed the jail
keepers daughter
from blindness, and
he wrote letters of
encouragement signed,
from your Valentine.
Valentine's Day
comes from love,
and love is God's
commandment.