

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Marv, Mother of God – 1/1/17: \$3,398.00

Parish Pay – 1/1/17: 536.00

Total - Marv, Mother of God: \$3,934.00

Epiphany of the Lord – 1/8/17: \$2,976.00

Parish Pay – 1/8/17:

Total – Epiphany of the Lord – 1/8/17:

\$70....collected at the Nativity display has been donated to “Birth Haven” in Newton, a place for homeless mothers.

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

2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATISTICS – AS OF 12/30/16

Total # of Families:	442
Total # Pledged:	123
% of Participation	27.83%
Total Amount Pledged:	\$36,615.00
Total Amount paid:	\$30,180.00
Average Pledge:	\$ 297.68
% of Pledges Collected:	82.43%

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In memory of: Frank Rankl

Given by: Dennis Griffin

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

1/16	MON:	9:00a	Frank Rankl
1/17	TUES:	9:00a	Frank Rankl
1/18	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
1/19	THU:	9:00a	Frank Rankl
1/20	FRI:	9:00a	Gregory & kathy Shaw (LIV) Frank Rankl
1/21	SAT:	5:00p	Marie Monzo Anna Dalena James William Marion, Jr.
1/22	SUN:	8:00a	Frank Rankl Dorothy Sweeney Gregory & Kathy Shaw (LIV)
		10:00a	Estelle Glenn Patricia Garvey James Curtin Ian Perna
		11:45a	Bill Sheehan

: 1 am - 8:00am Sat. 9:00am own, NY
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SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

- Sunday** Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
- Monday** Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday** Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday** Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday** Heb 7:25—8:6; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday** Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday** Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Mk 3:20-21

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 15, 2017



*Join us for an “Open House”
in celebration of*

*Fr. Charles’ retirement
Sunday, January 22nd*

2:00 - 6:00pm in the Church Hall.

(Snow-date is Sunday, January 29th)

*Anyone wishing to bring a
hot or cold food item*

*should sign up on the list in the Church
Hall. Help is needed for set-up and
clean-up . Please sign up for this in the
Church Hall as well. All are invited!*

.....A walk down memory lane.....

Do you have photo of Fr. Charles from the past years ~
either with yourself, a family member or at a special
occasion~ to share?

Photos will be displayed on special poster boards
at the Open House -they can be added when you arrive!!
Standard size photos (4X 6) will be entered into a photo
album afterwards for Fr. Charles to keep.

---IF YOU ARE BRINGING A HOT FOOD ITEM---

Please take one of the aluminum pans located near the sign-up
sheets – these will be utilized and fit with our sterno trays –
and will make our clean-up much easier. Thank you!

COFFEE & DONUTS – first Sunday of each month after the
8:00am Mass in the Church Hall.

HELPING HANDS – second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in
the rectory meeting room. Contact Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – every Wednesday 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 – **Jesus, A Pilgrimage** by Fr.

James Martin is the book selection - Read thru Chapter 6 - next
meeting is January 16th at 7:30pm in the meeting room. Call Carol at
862-266-6626 for discussion questions or further details.

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 8,
2017 in the Church Hall. I take this opportunity to thank our
members for helping to make the Leisure Group a success during the
past year, and look forward to getting together again in March.

---Grace Casalino

YOUTH MINISTRY

MASS ATTENDANCE – Please remember that Mass should be an important part of your life and you should try to make every effort to attend each week. Remember to sign in each week. The books are located at both doors of the church.

SERVICE PROJECTS – The sign up sheet for “Souper Bowl” Sunday is now up on the bulletin board. Please remember that you need three church and three community service projects each year to fulfill your requirement. Please stop and sign up for this upcoming event.

PHASE I & PHASE II CANDIDATES – Your Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st at the Sacred Heart Center in Newton. The time is from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Lunch will be served. More info will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendar now. This retreat is a requirement for the reception of Confirmation. If there are any questions or conflicts, please contact Mrs. Vernacchio as soon as possible.

CALENDAR:

Saturday, January 21st - Phase I & Phase II Candidates – Confirmation Retreat at the Sacred Heart Center in Newton from 9:30am to 3:30PM

Saturday/Sunday - February 4th/5th – “Souper Bowl” of Caring collection after each Mass

Saturday, February 11th- YM Class – beginning with the 5pm Mass, followed by dinner than class; Phase I – Theme-“ The Bible” - Phase II – Theme – “Made for Mission”

Sunday, February 12th - Make up class – no dinner 6:30 to 8:30pm

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact info

Phone # 973-875-4521

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

Website: www.stmonicasussex.org

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Parish Mission at St. Stephen's in Warwick, NY

---Featuring Frank Runyeon---

January 27, 2017 - 7:30 pm **Luke: Stories on the Road**

January 28, 2017 - 7 pm **Sermon on the Mount**

January 29, 2017 - 6:30 pm **Hollywood vs. Faith: The Struggle to Love Faithfully in the Media Age**

Please join us! Visit us on any or all evenings for an enjoyable evening of entertainment and reflection.

Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years. He has performed the gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars, and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as “the best speaker we have ever heard” by students and faculty at private and public schools across the nation. He is perhaps still best known, however, for his many roles on television. Frank is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Religion. After studying acting in New York and Los Angeles for 15 years, he attended Fuller Seminary in preparation for the writing and performance of his first one-man play, AFRAID!: The Gospel of Mark. He continued his studies at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary, from which he received his Masters, with honors, in 1994. He workshopped his first productions in cooperation with the faculty of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and the University of Dayton.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8

CALENDAR FOR 2017

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u>
1/22	8th session
2/5	9th session
2/12	10th session
3/5	11th session
3/19	12th session
4/2	13 th session
4/23	14 th session

THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u>
1/22	8th session
2/5	9th session
2/12	10th session
3/5	11th session
3/19	12th session
4/2	13 th session
4/23	14 th session

FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u>
1/14	7th session
1/28	8th session
2/4	9th session
2/25	10th session
3/11	11th session
3/25	12th session
4/8	13th session
4/29	14th session

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

AN INVITATION TO ALL CATECHISTS.....A short meeting followed by an Afternoon of Reflection “*God's Call to Speak about our Faith*” is planned for Saturday, February 25th in the church hall from 1:30 – 3:30pm - lunch will be served. Call Carol at 862-266-6626 to RSVP.

PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Are you new to our parish? If so—welcome! Do you wish to register? If you are attending Mass and using our blue “blank” visitor envelopes and wish to receive our weekly envelopes in the mail, please register with us! If you wish to become a registered member and put on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church Hall exit (large white envelopes) –fill it out and mail back to the Rectory office (there is another envelope enclosed for this purpose – it couldn't be any easier!

LOST AND FOUND

If you have lost an item in the Church/Parking lot, please remember to take a moment to check the Lost and Found baskets in back of the Church Hall. (under the bulletin boards) These baskets are cleaned out after a certain period of time.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

“But as I say, I did not recognize him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me: ‘When you see the Spirit descend and rest on someone, it is he who is to baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ Now I have seen for myself, and have testified, ‘This is God’s chosen One.’”

A logo or trademark makes it easy to recognize a product. The sari of St. Teresa of Calcutta or the gentle smile of Pope Francis leave no doubt of whom we speak. A familiar melody or words from the scripture often bring joy to our ears. They stay with us.

When the Baptist said he did not at first recognize the Christ until another sign was offered, he kept on looking. I ask myself, where can I recognize Christ today? How can I discover Him? The saint of Calcutta found Him in the poor and abandoned. The Holy Father tells us He is out on the streets, in the poor, homeless and needy. Where do I look?

Many young people give of themselves as Jesuit Volunteers, builders for Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers and Sisters for our youth. These serve a dual role – they discover Christ and bring Him as well. It is kind of like a smile – something I give away and hold on to at the same time. May others recognize the Christ in me.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show his glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation “to the ends of the earth.”

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and “God’s chosen One.”

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Gospel Today

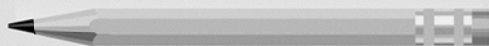
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | John 1:29-34

John was told by God to look for the sign of a dove descend upon His Chosen One. John saw the dove when he baptized Jesus, then told the others Jesus was "The Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

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



"I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

JOHN 1:34

- John
- Baptist:
- Testimony
- Behold
- Jesus
- Revealed
- Lamb
- God
- Holy
- Spirit:
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- Sign
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- Remain
- Baptize
- Water
- Chosen
- One
- Takes
- Away
- Sin
- World

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