

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
Stewardship Report – Treasury
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 10/1/17 -</u>	\$2,868.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 10/1/17 (parish pay) -</u>	\$ 451.00
<u>Total Sunday Collection</u>	\$3,319.00
<u>Capital Improvements -10/1/17</u>	\$1,325.00
<u>Capital Improvements (Parish Pay) - 10/1/17</u>	\$ 112.00
<u>Total Capital Improvements – 10/1/17</u>	\$1,437.00

THE WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR 10/8/17 WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

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: Connie Mooney
Given by: Mary Del Monico

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

10/16	MON:	9:00a	People of the Parish
10/17	TUES:	9:00a	People of the Parish
10/18	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
10/19	THU:	9:00a	Shane Myer
10/20	FRI:	9:00a	People of the Parish
10/21	SAT:	5:00p	Jack Hingel Everett Gude
10/22	SUN:	8:00a	Jack Hingel Michael Kozuch
		10:00a	Richard Olsen Eliseo Lettieri Mary Ann Hingel Harriet Garofano
		11:45a	Florence Burks Alfons Toriello Adela Acevedo

ALL SOUL'S DAY ENVELOPES - can be found at the Church and hall exits. November 2nd is All Soul's Day. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. 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 on that day. Return the All Soul's Day envelopes to the collection box near the pulpit by Sunday, October 29th. Those who receive our weekly envelopes have already received the envelope in their packet.

<u>DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK</u>
Sunday - Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14
Monday - Rom 1:1-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday - Rom 1:16-25; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday - 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Lk 10:1-9
Thursday - Rom 3:21-30; Lk 11:47-54
Friday - Rom 4:1-8; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday - Rom 4:13, 16-18; Lk 12:8-12

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15, 2017

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

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 - 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.

November 1 - Halloween Party
 December 7 (Thursday) - Christmas Party at Lamp Post Rest.

TRICKY TRAY - The business letters have been mailed to those who have helped with our tricky tray in the past. Please stop by the table in the Church Hall and pick up a follow-up index card which will have the names of the businesses on them. It is very important that each business gets signed off in the space provided on the Business Contact List on the table. If you are able to visit any business that is not listed, please take one of the blank extra letters and sign for it on the blank list. A box is also available in the Church Hall for small, individual items to be donated. **Next Tricky Tray meeting is Sunday, October 22 at 12:00 noon in the Meeting Room.**

- The Tricky Tray Committee

BOOK DISCUSSION will resume on Monday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. Bring along your suggestions on books you would like to discuss.

Helping Hands meets the second Tuesday of every month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m.

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.

Faith, Family, Foundation, Future.

Pope John XXIII regional High School invites you to our October Open House:

Open House for Incoming 8th Grade – Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Questions: Contact Anne Kaiser, Admissions
 973-729-6126 or annekaiser@popejohn.org.

<u>ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact info</u>
Phone # 973-875-4521 Fax # 973-875-7538
<u>Parish office hours: 9:30– 1:30pm Mon-Fri</u>
<u>Website:</u> www.stmonicasussex.org
<u>Email:</u> stmonica@ptd.net
<u>Deadline for bulletin submissions:</u> Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday. Email to stmonica@ptd.net



ST. MONICA'S TRICKY TRAY IS NOVEMBER 10TH!

Have you thought about how you can best help our Tricky Tray Fundraiser? If you can donate a tray, an item or a tray, help out with wrapping, setting up, transporting trays, attending the event or cleaning up the night of the event, please fill out the volunteer form which is located on the table in the Church Hall – and should be deposited in the basket on the table as soon as possible. The date is fast approaching!!

Also, Tricky Tray 50/50 raffle tickets are being sold after each mass in the Church Hall.

Please save this date on your calendar
Saturday, November 18, 2017 – 10:00 AM

At the Cathedral on this date, Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli will celebrate the **Annual Respect Life Mass**. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. All are encouraged to attend.

The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children and all life. Please see the posters at the church exits for further details.

FUND-RAISER DINNER FOR VOCATIONS

A DINNER DANCE WILL BE HELD on Sunday, November 12 at 5:30 PM at The Brownstone, 351 West Broadway, Paterson 07522. The proceeds of the event will go towards the upkeep of the Domus Bartimaeus House of Discernment in Boonton as well as to help the diocese in defraying the expense of the formation of our seminarians. Cost is \$70 per person. A cash bar will be available plus wine and beer on each table. For tickets and information, please contact the Vocations Office at 973-777-8818, ext. 711, or mnunez@patersondiocese.org.

BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and auto insurance, and pass a criminal background screening. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-451-4128.

ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAMILIES

GRADES 1 & 2 - PLEASE NOTE A CORRECTION THAT WAS IN THE BULLETIN LAST WEEK. Classes for these two grades will be every second and fourth Sunday of the month (unless otherwise noted on the calendar) and not what was stated.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1 & 2:

Classes begin on Sunday, October 15th from 9:30am to 11:30am.

Rite of Welcome/Acceptance will be celebrated at the 11:45am Mass.

Sunday - October 29th - classes for Grs. 1 & 2 - 9:30am to 11:30am.

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Classes begin on Saturday, October 14th from 9am to 11am.

Saturday - October 28th - Class from 9am to 11am.

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 7 & 8 - A short Program Introductory Meeting with parents on Saturday, October 14th after the 5pm Mass. Attendance is important.

Classes begin on Saturday, October 21st - beginning with the 5pm Mass, light dinner then class.

YOUTH MINISTRY - Phase 1 & Phase 2 students - Program Introductory Meeting with parents on Saturday, October 14th after the 5pm Mass - books and materials will be handed out – attendance is important.

Classes begin on Saturday, October 21st - beginning with the 5pm Mass, light dinner then class.

CLASSIFIED: Sales Associate needed. Contact Roberta's Jewelers. 973-262-1006.

Grief and Bereavement at the Holidays

As we approach the holiday season, many people may be feeling the sting of grief and loss during this time. The Newton Medical Center Spiritual Care Department and Faith Community Health Partnerships invite you to a very informative and compassionate evening of dinner and discussion – **Grief and Bereavement at the Holidays with Lori Opitz, MA – Licensed Professional Bereavement Counselor from the Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center.** The free dinner/discussion is Tuesday, November 14, 2017 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM in the Newton Medical Center front lobby coffee shop.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP to Randolph.parks@atlanticealth.org or 973-579-8625 by November 10th (for food purposes). Walk-ins are welcome. Please see the flyer posted at the Church and Hall exits for more information.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to “go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon.” Again, Jesus warns the elders, “the invited are many, the elect are few.”

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017

“The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast saying ‘Behold, I have prepared my banquet...and everything is ready, come to the feast’... ‘Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find...Many are invited, but few are chosen.’”

A recent popular book was entitled ‘What Is Heaven Like?’ It was a compelling story. Years ago, Matthew used the parables of Jesus to tell us what the kingdom is like. Using very descriptive examples we learned about a treasure, a pearl, a net, a seed, and on several occasions a banquet, a fine wedding reception, a fiesta or party.

We have been invited through our baptism to join a great banquet. We have responded as we try to live a Christian life of holiness and service. But the parable adds another dimension. We have a role as guest, but also are servants.

We who have accepted the invitation and participate in the banquet, are also the servants, being sent to the main roads to bring others to His table of plenty. Our task, as Pope Francis tells us, is to have others encounter Jesus, invite them and accompany them to the banquet. We need to show them they already have their ticket and a place at His table.



... FROM THE DESK OF FR. JAN

100th Anniversary of the Last Appearance of Blessed Virgin Mary in Fatima

October is a month which is especially dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. On October 13, this year we also celebrate 100th anniversary of the last appearance of Blessed Virgin in Fatima, Portugal. The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared 6 times to 3 shepherd children; Lucia, Francisco, and Jacinta; between May 13 and October 13, 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message of peace from God to all people. Coming at a time when civilization was torn by war and bloody violence, She promised that Heaven would grant peace to all the world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. She said that war is a consequence of our sins and our egoism, and we can stop a war by praying the Rosary every day, by conversion and by reparation for our sins.

In Her appearances at Fatima, Our Blessed Mother made Herself known to the children as, "Our Lady of the Rosary", and She repeatedly emphasized the necessity of praying the Rosary daily, and of performing acts of reparation and sacrifice.

Our Lady's Message to the world is contained in what has come to be called the 'Secret'. The Secret actually consists of three parts, the first two of which have been revealed. The first part of the Secret was a horrifying vision of hell "where the souls of poor sinners go" and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls. The second part of the Secret told of the outbreak of World War II and asked for the Consecration of Russia as a condition of world peace. It also predicted the triumph of Her Immaculate Heart following Russia's consecration and conversion. The last part of the Secret (often called the "Third Secret") was wrote down by sister Lucia in 1944 and is in the possession of the Holy See.

On October 13, 1917 during the last appearance, God performed a great miracle showing that the whole message truly comes from God. A marvelous miracle was worked in the sky above Fatima before many witnesses gathered there at the time, date and place that Lucy and the other two children had prophesized in the name of Our Lady of Fatima. On that date, 70,000 people came to see the phenomenon. The miracle occurred with the sun. All could stare perfectly at the sun without blinking, or even hurting their eyes. While all were watching the sun, it rotated, got large and small, got close to the people, and got far away from them. The sun "danced ". Every single person who was there testified to seeing the sun dance, even non- believers.

Our Lady of Fatima continues to work miracles even today through Fatima water which is sent from Fatima, around the world. This Fatima water is known to cure people with sicknesses and poor health. Still, other people are cured when they go on pilgrimage to Fatima, which is about 90 miles north of Lisbon.

The Catholic Church has officially endorsed the Fatima Message as worthy of belief since 1930. Pope John Paul II has publicly credited Our Lady of Fatima for saving his life during the assassination attempt in 1981. The following year, he went to Fatima to give thanks for Her intervention.

Encouraged by so many events and message of Our Lady, let us come to Her as Our Mother, let us consecrate ourselves and our families to Her Immaculate Heart and let us pray the Rosary daily until true peace will prevail in our hearts and in the whole world.