

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

**Budgeted Amount:** \$5,000.00  
**Sunday Collection – 3/4/18** \$2,885.00  
**Maintenance Collection – 3/4/18** \$1,407.00

**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.

**Campaign Statistics as of 2/27/2018**

Total # of Households:	438
Total Pledged	117
% of Participation	26.71%
Total Amount Pledged	\$32,060.01
Total Amount Paid	\$29,099.68
Average Pledge	\$274.02
% of Pledges Collected:	90.77%

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**The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:**  
**In Memory of: Sonia and Greg Frankowski**  
**Given by: Parents and Anika**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

3/12	MON: 9:00a	People of the Parish
3/13	TUES: 9:00a	Kristen Ann Veltri Anna Stefankiewicz
3/14	WED: 9:00a	No Mass Today
3/15	THU: 9:00a	Jennie Ratti - LIV (101 years old today)
3/16	FRI: 9:00a	People of the Parish
3/17	SAT: 5:00p	Anna Pronti Joseph Gozzolino Charles Burke John McCarthy
3/18	SUN: 8:00a 10:00a	Patrick O'Shea Susan McGovern Mary Eckert Florence Distasi Linda Kota
	11:45a	People of the Parish

**LENTEN SCHEDULE**

**Mondays of Lent** – Confessions will be heard at 7:00pm until 8:30pm.

**Fridays of Lent** – Stations of the Cross will be held after 9:00am Mass and at 7:30pm.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 11, 2018**

**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.

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** –Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/ reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow.

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**ST. MONICA'S LEISURE GROUP** - Meetings will resume on Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall. Annual dues are \$10.00. For more information, please call Grace or Mike Casalino at 973-702-8569.

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**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rectory Meeting Room. The next meeting is Monday, March 19. We are currently reading From the Cross to the Empty Tomb, by Bishop Serratelli. The book is \$6 and may be picked up at the rectory.

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**Helping Hands** meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! The next meeting is Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**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.

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**St. Patrick/St. Joseph Dinner**

Sunday, March 18, at 4pm - Please sign up in the church hall. This is a very popular event and space is limited!

**Pasta Supper**

Monday, April 30, from 5-8pm, at High Point Regional High School. More details to follow.

**ONLINE GIVING UPDATE:** As those who use this service are aware, Parish Pay is now WeShare or LPI since the middle of October. While donations have been received, reporting has been a little difficult with this transition, so it was hard to correctly report the amounts. We have been working with the new company on this and will be able to start reporting the amounts in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.

**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](http://www.stmonicasussex.org). Email: [stmonica@ptd.net](mailto: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](mailto:stmonica@ptd.net)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Grade 2 – **Make up class** - Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 11:30am

Grades 4, 5 & 6 - Class - Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:00am

**7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> Grade and Youth Ministry Students:**

**PALM SUNDAY HELPERS:** - Assistance is needed to help distribute palms before Mass on Saturday night and Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the church hall. Any student in Grade 7, 8, 9 or 10 is asked to consider helping. There is need for assistance at the 5pm, 8am and 10am Mass. Please stop by the bulletin board to sign up.

Thank you!

**YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:**

**ST. JOSEPH/ST. PATRICK DINNER** – Help is still needed. Please make an effort to sign up for this fun event.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



The Spring Cantata will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 at 7:00pm. Please note, this year's Cantata will be at Sussex Methodist Church, NOT Sussex Christian Church, as in the past.

***A Musical Afternoon With Our Sisters***

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson** for *Our Sisters in Concert*. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF SPAIN**

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church is leading a Catholic pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain in September, visiting Barcelona, Madrid, Avila, Toledo, Granada, Montserrat and more! Dates of the pilgrimage are September 10 – 21, 2018, and the cost is \$3,699.00 per person including air from Newark. Breakfast and dinner daily. Holy Mass daily at the Shrines. For a flyer or more detailed information, please call: Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

*As part of the Diocese of Paterson's 80th anniversary and in celebration of the reopening of St. John's Cathedral, internationally acclaimed recitalist Stephen Tharp will give a solo organ recital at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson on Sunday, April 15, 2018 at 4:00 PM.*

*This event has no admission, but a free-will offering will be accepted at the end of the event. Seating is first-come, first-serve, and free parking will be available in the parking garage across from the Cathedral. For more information, please contact the event organizer, Mr. John Peragallo at [john@peragallo.com](mailto:john@peragallo.com).*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The people of Judah practiced many abominations, even polluting God's temple in Jerusalem. They mocked the messengers he sent among them until he grew so angry he delivered them to the King of the Chaldeans. Those who weren't killed were exiled and became servants for seventy years. Cyrus, King of Persia, was ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem, and he freed the servants as God had inspired him to do.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, though we had been dead from our sins. He reminds us that it was not a reward for our good service so no one should take credit. Instead, we must remember that it was not our doing, but a sign of God's mercy and love for us.

### Gospel: John 3:14-21

God so loved the world, he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him. The light came into the world, but those who were wicked avoided it, for fear that their evil deeds would be exposed. But those who believed were unafraid of the light, where it would be clear that their deeds were done in God.

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**March 11, 2018**

**“God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him and seated us with him...for by grace you have been saved, and this is not from you it is the gift of God.”**

Perhaps a great difficulty for us, is to appreciate the need we had for Jesus' saving work. Because we have been redeemed by Him, and experience His presence and love, we forget the great need which existed for all time for a Savior. Maybe we should change the words of St. Paul, and write 'the great love He has for us.'

We might place on a back burner, the effects of Superstorm Sandy, the earthquake in Mexico, the hurricanes of last fall, the California wild fires, while the devastating effects are still being felt. So too our sinfulness and need for redemption today.

Our Lenten practices call us to acknowledge our need today and through prayer, good works, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist, we are to move ourselves closer to the Lord. Remember, it is God's gift to us and we open our hearts today to receive it. May we seek forgiveness and grace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, making it to confession before Easter.

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday** - 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**Monday** - Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday** - Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** - Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday** - Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday** - Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday** - Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53



### LENTEN READING

As mentioned in the Beacon newspaper, Bishop Serratelli has written a book, *From the Cross to the Empty Tomb*. The book is available for \$6 and may be purchased at the rectory.

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## Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Lent | John 3:14-21

Jesus is the Light of the World, come to save us from the darkness. Through His love, the believers will have eternal life.

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3: 16

## Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_

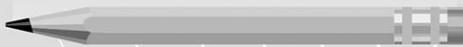
This week I will give up/do without \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will do this act of love/good deed \_\_\_\_\_

*(Sundays optional)*

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



- Jesus
- Only
- Son
- World
- Light
- Save
- Darkness
- Everyone
- Through
- Love
- Believes
- Eternal
- Life
- Truth
- Sight
- God
- Send

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