

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
MARCH 3, 2019

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00
Sunday Collection – 2/24/19 \$2,699.00
Online Giving – 2/17/19 \$ 581.00



The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: Walter Losiewicz
Given by: Sr. Theresa Losiewicz

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

3/4 **MON:** 9:00a Phillip Kunz
 3/5 **TUES.** 9:00a Laurie Wychoff Constens
 3/6 **WED:** 9:00a People of our Parish
 7:30p People of our Parish
 3/7 **THU:** 9:00a People of our Parish
 3/8 **FRI:** 9:00a People of our Parish
 3/9 **SAT:** 5:00p Suzanne Rueck
 Terri Pare
 3/10 **SUN:** 8:30a Nicholas & Caroline Partyka
 10:30a Ruth Ann Donovan
 George Fluhr
 Dorothea Jane Sharkey-Greer
 Barbara Lee Greco
 12:00p Maureen McGaughran

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – First Sunday of each month after the 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – **Thursdays at 6:00pm** in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow.

ST. MONICA’S BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will meet on **Monday, March 18th** at 7:30 pm in the rectory meeting room. All are invited.

ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP – There will be no meetings during the months of January, February and March. Meetings will resume on **Wednesday, April 3, 2019** in the Church Hall. See you in the Spring!

HELPING HANDS meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! **Next meeting is Tuesday, March 12th.**

BIBLE STUDY “**Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance**” on **Tuesday, March 5th** at 1:30 pm in the Rectory Meeting Room.

ST. MONICA’S ROSARY SOCIETY There will be no meetings during the months of January, February and March. The next meeting will be **Monday, April 1st, 2019.**

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.

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ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information
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Parish Office Hours: 9:30am–1:30pm Mon. Tue. Thurs. and Fri.
THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS
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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.

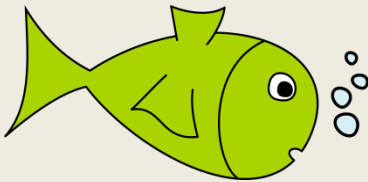
LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
 Masses with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated at **9:00am and 7:30pm.** A prayer service with the distribution of ashes will be held at **4:15pm.**

LENTEN SCHEDULE
Fridays of Lent – Beginning March 8, Stations of the Cross will be held after 9:00am Mass and at 7:30pm.
Mondays of Lent – Beginning March 11, confessions will be heard from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.



INCLEMENT WEATHER CLOSINGS AND DELAYS NOTIFICATIONS

It’s that time of year!! St. Monica’s is registered with WSUS 102.3 FM Radio for closings and/or delays due to inclement weather and other emergency situations. These announcements can be heard on the radio, but the quickest way is to visit the following website: wsus1023.iheart.com, then simply click on “Closings and Delays”.



UPCOMING EVENT!!
St. Monica's Fish and Chips Dinner
Thursday, April 11, 2019 in the Church Hall
See future bulletins for more details!

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

This reading explains that quality and truth in conversation is a test for humankind. Only after listening to a person's reasoning can we know the mind of another.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul speaks of the mystery of transformation that is victory over death when our mortality puts on immortality. We are encouraged by Paul to be steadfast and immovable, filling our lives with the work of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

Today, Jesus teaches through the use of parables, first encouraging us to be like the teacher, understand that the blind cannot lead the blind. Jesus also reminds us that only the heart's good treasure produces good. In order to remain steadfast, we must heed what Jesus tells us. If we hear God's word, our foundation will be strong, unshaken, steadfast, built upon rock.

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
March 3, 2019

“As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of the tree shows the care it has had, so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested...a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good.”

The scriptures use so many images to teach us, form us, and lead us. Consider for a moment... the potter shapes an object, maybe your coffee mug, a vase to hold a spring flower, or even ourselves. (Abba, Father). Soon trees will begin to bud, and the care we give them now, pruning, trimming, fertilizing, will produce long awaited fruit. The words we use, reflect how we feel, what we know and what we desire.

We need not limit ourselves to the image of a tree, but apply the teaching to our own way of life. How we walk the path of holiness according to the teaching of Pope Francis is found in the beatitudes. Our words, our thoughts, our good works are the steps we take on that path, accompanied by God's grace and the support of one another.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

GRADES 1 & 2 (First Holy Communion Class)

Rectory Meeting Room
 Classes run from 9 am to 10:25 am
 Children will attend 10:30 am Mass after Class – Mass Attendance is part of the Religious Education requirement.

Sunday	Class - March 10
Saturday	FHC Class ONLY – March 23 Reconciliation Workshop
Sunday	First Grade only Class – March 24
Tuesday	FHC Class Only – March 26 First Reconciliation

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

Classes run from 9am to 11am in Church Hall

Saturday March 16
 Saturday April 6 LAST CLASS!

YOUNG ADULTS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Saturday March 9
 Phase I – Candidates
 Rite: Distribution of the Creed – 5:00 Mass
 YM/Rel Ed Classes
 Gr. 7 & 8 – YM – Phase I & Phase II – YM Class –
 Theme: “Holy Week”, Last Supper & Stations of the Cross
 Time: 5:00 pm Mass, 6:00 pm light dinner
 Class: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm – Church Hall

Sunday March 10 Make-up class – 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm (no dinner)

Saturday March 23
 YM/Rel Ed Activity
 Visit to Dept. of Persons with Disabilities in Jefferson
 Meeting Point: Church Hall
 Time: Leaving at 11:00 am and returning by 2:30 pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

This is celebrated every Sunday at the 10:30 AM Mass. We encourage all families with children, Grades 1 – 4, to have your son/daughter participate in this as part of their faith formation.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45
Monday - Sir 17:20-24; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday - Sir 35:1-12; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday - J1 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday - Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
Friday - Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday - Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

20 Old Swartzwood Road
Newton, NJ 07860

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on March 7th, 2019. Our Theme for this year is "Holiness is for Everyone!" Our topic for March, as we begin the Lenten Season is: "Signs of Holiness in Today's World". The day begins at 9 AM with "coffee and," and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon, and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30 pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register – all are welcome.

For further information, visit our web site: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org, e-mail us at shretreatcenter@gmail.com, or call 973-383-2520.

LENTEN REGULATIONS – FAST AND ABSTINENCE FOR THE 2019 LENTEN SEASON



With the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent, the Church proclaims anew Christ's call to penance and conversion of Life. "Any who wish to come after me, must deny themselves, take up their cross, and follow me." (Mt 16, 24) The entire season of Lent, from Ash Wednesday, March 6, to the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive, April 18, is a penitential season, a time for self-denial, prayers and Christian charity. (Instruction on the calendar and Liturgical year (ICEL translation). "The Easter Triduum begins with the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday."

The Fast of Good Friday differs from that of Ash Wednesday. As a paschal Fast required by the Church, the instruction recommends that it extend past Friday to the Easter Vigil. "On Good Friday and, if possible, on Holy Saturday until the Easter Vigil, the Easter Fast is observed everywhere. During this season Catholics are encouraged to celebrate Eucharist frequently, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participate in Lenten Devotions and the Stations of the Cross, read the Scriptures prayerfully and perform acts of self-denial, charity and works of mercy. The specific discipline of the Church of the United States regarding penitential days is as follows:

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
2. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. This may be physical mortification or acts of religion, charity or Christian witness. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast; by this obligation the individual is permitted only one full meal in the day. From the age of 14 all are obliged to abstain. The law of abstinence forbids eating meat. Eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind are allowed even though made from animal fat.

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence "substantially" or as a whole is a serious obligation. Failure to observe any penitential day in itself is not considered serious. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all or a substantial number of such days, which is considered serious. The time for fulfilling the paschal precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 10, to Trinity Sunday, June 16, 2019.

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Gospel Today

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Luke 6:39-45

A good tree produces good fruit, just as a good person, whose heart is full of love, is good and kind to others.

"Each tree is recognized
by its own fruit."

Luke 6:44

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



- Jesus
- Told
- Parable
- Blind
- Student
- Teacher
- Fully
- Trained
- Speck
- Sawdust
- Attention
- Brother
- Eye
- Yourself
- Plank
- Clearly
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- Bad
- Tree
- Fruit
- Recognized
- People
- Stored
- Heart
- Mouth
- Speaks
- Luke

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