

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Budgeted Amount:	\$5,000.00
Regular Collection – 9/13/15:	\$3,324.00
Parish Pay – 9/13/15:	\$ 426.00
Total Regular Collection – 9/13/15:	\$3,750.00

Parish Pay---is a convenient way for you to set up your weekly contributions - online - at ParishPay.com. Flyers with information on how you can participate are located on the table in the hall.

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In memory of: Louis & Jeanette Esposito

Given by: Krina Hemsworth

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

9/21	MON: 9:00a	Charles Burke Mike Wyssenski
9/22	TUES: 9:00a	Special Intention(LIV)
9/23	WED: 9:00a	No Mass today
9/24	THU: 9:00a	Richard Johnson
9/25	FRI: 9:00a	Special Intention(LIV)
9/26	SAT: 5:00p	Michael Law Patricia Walsh Melissa Boras
9/27	SUN: 8:00a	Gregory Frankowski Donald Guzman Paul Sydow
	10: 00a	Randall Moir Dec. members of Hannon family Russell Stephenson
	11:45a	Jason Spage

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE AREA:

St. Jude's, Hamburg - Mon. - Sat. - 8:45am
St. Francis de Sales, McAfee - Mon.-Sat - 8:30am
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Branchville - Mon.-Fri. - 8:00am
Immac. Concept., Franklin -Tues, Wed, Fri, 7:30am, Sat. 9:00am

**2015 MASS INTENTIONS/SANCTUARY LAMPS
FOR MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY LAMP DEVOTIONS
CALL THE RECTORY 973-875-4521**

Masses: \$5.00 each; Mass cards: small(\$5.00) & large(\$10.00) sizes.
Sanctuary candle devotions - for a one-week period - \$5.00.

THE 2016 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR YOUR INTENTIONS

Keep our contact information handy!

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

Website: www.stmonicasussex.org

Email: stmonica@ptd.net

Please continue to pray for the sick and homebound members of our parish and community:

Vi Grabowski, Jack McKenna, Jane Blackburn, Charlie Kuperus, Ann Agliadoro, Jim Casmano, Elsie Belcher, John Collins, Genevieve Futia, Theresa Maceli, Jennie Ratti, Lorraine Thiem, Mitzi Hingel, Michael Stasko, Ritchie Olsen, Josephine Davis, Msgr. Martin Rauscher, Michael J. Lawlor, Bill Sheehan, George Edward Vera

PARISHIONER PASSINGS THIS WEEK:

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 20, 2015**

**PARISH MINISTRIES/ORGANIZATIONS
& COORDINATORS**

Altar Servers.....	Fr. Charles
Baptismal Preparation.....	Robert & Sharon Misyak, Terry Westdyke, Jeanne McBride
Bereavement Support.....	Carol Bezak
Book Discussion.....	Carol Bezak
Church Cleaning.....	Peter & Ann Kazmierski
Coffee and Donut Sundays.....	Patti Szwartz
FOCUS Marriage Preparation	Robert & Sharon Misyak
Family Promise.....	Carol Oesen
Helping Hands.....	Terry Westdyke
Leisure Group.....	Grace Casalino
Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers.....	Carol Bezak
RCIA	Carol Bezak/Sr. Theresa Losiewicz
Scripture Reflection.....	Carol Bezak
Sussex Help Center.....	Joan Thomas
Ushers.....	Fr. Charles
Website Administration.....	Francisco Perez

NEW PARISHIONERS

WELCOME!! Are you new to our parish? Have you been attending, but haven't formally registered yet? Registration forms are located in a large white envelope on the table near the Church Hall exit. Please fill it out, mail it back to the Rectory (address on front of bulletin) or give it to Fr. Charles or an usher on Sunday. Call Carol at 973-875-4521 if you need assistance.

2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Serving Christ Among Us"..... Many members of our parish have received a letter from our Bishop requesting support for the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Letters were only sent to anyone who donated to this Appeal last year. As you consider a pledge to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal, it is important to know that the Partners in Faith campaign conducted in 2013 and the Bishop's Annual Appeal are different drives serving different needs. The Partners in Faith campaign raised funds for ministries outside the Diocese's general operating funds and included some endowments with an eye toward future needs. The Bishop's Annual Appeal, on the other hand, helps fund immediate, day-to-day operations of four important ministries and programs: Catholic Charities, seminarian education, our diocesan priests' retirement residence and our inner-city schools. A parish would not suspend its Sunday collection after conducting a major parish capital campaign because it is needed to fund the day-to-day operations of the parish. Similarly, the Diocese cannot suspend the Bishop's Annual Appeal since it helps fund the annual operations of important ministries and programs. With this in mind, please be as generous as possible to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have received the Bishop's letter, please prayerfully respond today.

**CONSIDER REMEMBERING ST. MONICA'S
IN YOUR WILL**

Leave a lasting legacy to your parish so that it will continue to flourish and minister to the people in this area, bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith to the people of Sussex Borough and Wantage Township for years to come.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PARENTS- Our Religious Education program is offered to children in grades K thru 8 and this year we have a new schedule for all grades. Our decision to offer all sessions here at the parish will keep us “**Up Close and Personal**” with the Sunday Liturgy and I am thrilled that the children will come to grow in their faith in new and exciting ways!

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS – Please see the special insert in this week’s bulletin for days/times for all grade levels. This information will also be posted on our parish website under “Religious Education” and a copy is posted on our bulletin board and will remain there all year.

WHY MASS?? – WHY NOT!!! – Would you put your child through months of sports practice and not have them play in their games? Would you have your child learn a musical instrument and never expect them to practice? Or would you show love and affection to your child and not expect them to model that with others? Our Catechists will help to lead your child to know Jesus in profound ways – but the rest is up to you! Why Mass??? It just makes sense!!

FAMILY SUPPORT SESSIONS

There can be no value to your child’s Religious Education without your ongoing support and positive reinforcement! To this end, we will schedule several **Family Support Sessions** throughout the year where you will come together as a family and interact with other families in an event offering food, fellowship and faith-sharing. This will give all students an opportunity to share what they are learning and possibly teach you about it (we’re never too old to learn new things) This will be a required component of your child’s Religious Education year. Further information to follow.

STILL NEED TO REGISTER??

Registration forms were sent home and are also available in back of the Church Hall or at the Rectory – return to the Rectory office by this week at the latest!!!

INCOMING 1ST & 2ND GRADERS: The preparation time for First Holy Communion is **two years** – your child must complete both and attend Mass regularly.

The fees are as follows:

1 child -\$75.00 - 2 children -\$110.00 - 3 or more -\$150.00
NEW STUDENTS for the upcoming year – Grades 1-8 – please call Carol at 973-875-4521 for information.

TODAY IS CATECHETICAL SUNDAY and this year’s theme is “Dignity – Respect – Love for All” - we recognize all Catechists at the 10:00am Mass:

Joyce Berg – Roberta Bootsma - Anne Chirico
Nicole Chirico – Christine DeGraaff – Janice Fazenbaker
Kristin Genetelli - Pete Hefferan – Patti Hefferan
Cameron Minter - Carol Oesen – Patty Perez – Francisco Perez – Tony Szwartz - Alaina Weiss - Ryan Weiss
Priscilla Zawacki

Thank you for helping to Nurture our Children!!!

FRIENDS OF THE WORD – with Fr. Lou Scurti

www.friendsoftheword.org

Topics include: Guest speakers, Homilies, Q & A sessions, special events, Sunday & Holiday, Universal & the Weekday Word – check it out soon!!!

*Daily news updates and videos
from Rome:*
Rome Reports TV News Agency
www.romereports.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

PHASE I CANDIDATES - You are asked to attend the 11:45AM Mass on Sunday, September 27th for the Rite of Acceptance. Please remember to bring your commitment form with you as Father will be collecting them. Any questions or concerns, please call Mrs. Vernacchio at (973) 875-2110.

PHASE I CANDIDATES - Please remember to bring a picture of yourself to your first class which is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd beginning with the 5pm Mass.

ATTENTION ALL CANDIDATES - Please remember that Mass is a very important part of your faith journey and you are required to sign in when you come to Mass. The books are located at both doors of the church.

SERVICE – Remember that you are required to perform three (3) church and (3) community service projects each year. Please don’t wait until the last minute. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for the Fall Road Side Clean up. Why not start getting your credits done early!

CALENDAR:

Saturday, Oct. 3rd -YM Class beginning with the 5pm Mass followed by dinner then class, Phase I – Theme: “The Mass”
Phase II – Theme: “Liturgy & the Sacraments”

Saturday, Oct. 17th -Road Side Clean up

Saturday, Oct. 24th - Rain Date – Road Side Clean Up

PARISH MEETINGS/ACTIVITIES

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION – Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room. Weekly reading & reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow. Call Carol at 973-875-4521.

BOOK DISCUSSION

St. Monica’s Book Discussion group begins its 15th year this year! If you are interested in reading books that seek to enhance your spiritual journey you may enjoy this reading format. This month’s book selection is **A New Way of Seeing** by Gregory F.A. Pierce from Acta Publishing. Our next meeting date is Monday, September 21st at 7:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Several copies of the book were ordered, or you can order it online. Call Carol at 973-875-4521 for information.

ST. MONICA’S LEISURE GROUP

Join us - lunch is served at every meeting along with delicious desserts made by our members. Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon. Dues are \$10 a year. New members are welcome! For information, call Grace Casalino -973-702-8569.

October 14 (2nd Wed) – Oktoberfest

November 4 - Halloween Party

December 9(2nd Wed) - Christmas Party at The Lampost

MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY Our parish recognizes the challenges and needs of the elderly on several levels. Ministry to the elderly seeks to bring people together who may be alone or have limited capacity to participate in activities, yet have a strong desire to remain active in parish life. This ministry also reaches out to homebound parishioners who can no longer attend Mass or scheduled activities. Eucharistic Ministers and volunteers are available to bring Communion and offer assistance as needed. call Grace Casalino at 973-702-8569.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

“Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain, you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask and you do not receive, because you ask wrongly to spend it on your passions.”

The words of James’ letter we can apply to the world around us. Although he speaks of the root of the conflicts within us, we can concede that they also go outside us. Conflicts exist in so many places in the world. The ‘enemy’ seems to arise on all fronts. Al Caida, ISIS, Boko Rama, Taliban – it is easy to put a name on it. But we should look closer to home.

The weapons we sell to other nations are often confiscated and used against good people. The monies nations use to wage war could be directed to saving lives. Training persons to wage war is contrary to the gospel of Jesus.

Nonviolence is the way of Jesus and the gospel. If we do not seek peace and work for justice, we will never know either. Pope Paul VI told us ‘if you want peace work for justice.’ The prophets of nonviolence Ghandi, Dr. King and Dorothy Day are admired, but somehow their message, like that of James is drowned out by rhetoric pushing war.



**ARE YOU ATTENDING
SUSSEX COUNTY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE???**

If so, find out about the

Catholic Campus Ministry Club It is one of many clubs that you might consider participating in. This club focuses on different spiritual, social and service opportunities that will be held throughout the semester. Holy Day Masses and group discussions on special topics will be scheduled! Open to adult and young adult students – any age welcome! Getting involved is easy – call Carol Bezak, Campus Minister at 862-266-6626 to find out more – see you on campus! **“Meet the Clubs” gathering will be held Thurs. Sept. 24th during college hour! See you there!!!**

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20; Jas 3:16—4:3; Mk 9:30-37
Monday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9
Friday Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

SPIRITUAL CONVOCATION ON AWAKENING TO YOUR TRUE SELF

The Institute for Liturgical & Spiritual Formation will offer a wonderful day of spiritual renewal on Saturday, October 24, 2015 from 8:30am to 4:00pm at The Shrine of Saint Joseph in Stirling, NJ – Presenters will be Rev. Richrd Fragomeni, “Grief, Gratitude and God: Embracing the Feast of Life” –he is a priest of the Diocese of Albany and Professor of Liturgy and Homiletics and Chair of the Department of Word and Worship at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago & Dr. Ben Michaelis, “Your Next Big Thing” a journey of thought, feeling and spirituality – he is a clinical psychologist, popular speaker and blogger for *Huffington Post* and *Psychology Today* who has been frequently featured as a mental health expert on various television programs such as The Today Show, Fox News, MSNCC and The Hallmark Channel’s Home & Family. Cost is \$55.00 – group discount for 10 or more from one parish is available. Please call Carol at 973-875-4521 if you are interested in registering and attending this event.

Region Energy – New Program for Churches – and for you – Have you considered joining yet!!!

Did you know that when you sign up as a Region Energy oil customer, we donate \$100 to your church? As a member of this church, we also offer you additional discounts with our company:

- \$.25 discount on your heating oil
- \$.50 discount on your propane
- Central AC or natural Gas tune up for only \$79.95 (\$99.95 value)
- Furnace/boiler tune up for only \$99.95 (\$1135.95 value)
- \$25.00 off your first plumbing repair
- \$50 off any service agreement - Call today for details – Misty Dengler, Account Manager – 908-350-1852

Brochures/flyers on the table in the Church Hall for further information.

FREE BOOK DELIVERY TO THE HOMEBOUND..... Do you know someone who is homebound, recovering from surgery, or undergoing medical treatment? **The Friends of the Sussex-Wantage Library sponsors 2 free services for residents of Sussex and Wantage: Book Delivery for the Homebound & Audio-visual Lending Closet For further information, call the Library at 973-875-3940 or email the Friends at swhomebound@gmail.com**

CareNotes - Take one – and take heart -- Give one – and give hope. These pamphlets are available on a special rack located on the window wall in the Church Hall. Various pastoral topics are available for your spiritual renewal!

Parish Office hours: 9:30am – 4:00pm - Please call ahead if you are planning to stop by on parish business. Thank you!

ST. MONICA'S TRICKY TRAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH – 6:30pm at

Walkill Valley High School in Hamburg



As you know our Annual Tricky Tray is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our parish. The committee for the event has already begun the planning process for this year. Every year we look for unique and innovative ideas to surpass the results of previous years. This year we hope to take some of the guesswork out of choosing themes for trays and broaden the variety of trays available. We have prepared a listing of ideas for trays, as well as

gift certificates and tickets/passes for local venues to assist you. This list will be available in the Church Hall for the next few weeks. Please check it out and if something strikes your fancy, place your name and phone # in the space provided. If someone has already signed for a theme please try to find another to help broaden the variety, but some duplicate trays won't hurt. See a theme which perfectly fits a friend, invite them to help out with a tray – it's for a great cause funding the community of St. Monica's Church. We hope that his help with tray themes helps to aid you in completing your tray. We thank you for all your past efforts and current dedication of time and resources to make this year's tricky tray the best yet.

BUSINESS LETTERS ARE READY TO BE DELIVERED – PLEASE VISIT THE TABLE IN THE HALL AND INDICATE WHICH LETTERS YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO DELIVER BY SIGNING THE LIST – ALL HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED IN THIS MOST IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR!! Contact Kathy Dyer, Coordinator – 973-875-8997

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Wicked people discuss their anger at the just one, because they do not like being reproached for their evil ways. They want to see if he is the Son of God, so they decide to torture him and see if God will come to defend him. They decide to condemn him to a shameful death and see if the claims are true that God will take care of him.

Second Reading: James 3:16—4:3

James discusses the importance of avoiding jealousy and strife. People should strive for peace and justice instead of concentrating on material pleasures which can tempt people to sin to obtain whatever they desire.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus again attempts to prepare his disciples for his death and resurrection, although they do not yet fully understand. They had been arguing over who was the most important one, but Jesus tells them whoever wants to rank first must be willing to remain a servant to all. He also tells them that anyone who welcomes a child in his name welcomes both him and God.

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Gospel Today

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 9:30-37

For a second time Jesus tries to prepare His disciples for His death and resurrection along with their need to be of service to others, including children, the sick, the poor and lowly.

Cycle B

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“Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but The One who sent Me.”

Mark 9:37

Think of a way you can be of service to someone this week as one of Jesus' disciples.



BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Second Prediction	H	U	E	R	E	C	N	O	I	S	S	A	P
Passion Jesus	I	N	K	C	H	I	L	D	R	E	N	E	R
Teaching Disciples	O	D	A	O	D	L	O	F	T	C	R	J	A
Servant Service	R	E	W	A	R	D	S	G	C	O	I	E	Y
Others Children	P	R	E	D	I	C	T	I	O	N	T	S	E
Sick Poor	R	S	S	C	W	N	J	P	C	D	S	U	R
Receives Reward	E	T	E	H	E	U	J	U	E	K	E	S	C
Peace Prayer	M	A	R	S	S	E	R	V	A	N	T	R	A
Welcome Sent Me	O	N	V	T	G	G	N	I	H	C	A	E	T
Justice Understand	C	D	I	S	C	I	P	L	E	S	E	H	O
God Give	L	C	C	E	H	I	V	M	R	A	R	T	M
Greatest Twelve	E	R	E	C	E	I	V	E	S	P	G	O	M
	W	S	O	D	B	M	O	T	W	E	L	V	E

