

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

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**OCTOBER 22, 2017**

<b>Budgeted Amount:</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection – 10/8/17</b>	<b>\$2,812.00</b>
<b>Parish Pay – 10/8/17 (not reported yet)</b>	
<b>Sunday Collection – 10/15/17</b>	<b>\$2,575.00</b>
<b>Parish Pay – 10/15/17 (not reported yet)</b>	

**Parish Pay** --- is a convenient way for you to set up your weekly contributions - **online – visit ParishPay.com**  
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**The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:**  
**In Memory of: The Fischer and Bilz Families**  
**Given by: Marie Fischer**

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

10/23	MON:	9:00a	Jody Vaskas
10/24	TUES:	9:00a	Jack Hingel
10/25	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
10/26	THU:	9:00a	People of the Parish
10/27	FRI:	9:00a	People of the Parish
10/28	SAT:	5:00p	Joseph Del Monico Timothy Callahan Leonard Filipowicz
10/29	SUN:	8:00a 10:00a 11:45a	Stephen Kozucha Eliseo Lettieri Mary Ann Hingel Jack Hingel Josephine Block Shane Myer

**ALL SOUL’S DAY ENVELOPES** – can be found at the Church and hall exits. November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Soul’s Day. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please print clearly on the back of the envelope 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Those who receive our weekly envelopes have already received the envelope in their packet.

<b><u>DAILY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK</u></b>
<b>Sunday</b> - Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21
<b>Monday</b> - Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b> - Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday</b> - Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thursday</b> - Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
<b>Friday</b> - Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
<b>Saturday</b> - Eph 2:19-22; Lk 6:12-16

**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** - 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.

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**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

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

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



**ST. MONICA’S TRICKY TRAY IS NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>!**

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.

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN–**

Begins this Sunday, October 22<sup>st</sup> at the 10am Mass for Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 and will run each Sunday of the month at this Mass unless otherwise noted. If anyone is interested in helping to teach our children in this important ministry, please call the rectory.

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**Family Promise**

Family Promise of Sussex County has been working since 1997 to meet the needs of the growing number of homeless families in Sussex County. A shelter program was developed to host dinners and overnight shelter services. From Tuesday, October 3 through Tuesday October 10, the Presbyterian Church hosted the families from Family Promise.

Thank you to all the following people from our church who volunteered and showed the Christian Spirit: Denise Wilson, Anne Chirico, Emmy Dudzinski, Ed Stefankiewicz, Berhard Oesen, Donna Ferguson, Barbara Yetter, Doug Cestone, Mary Eileen Schoen, Louise Dente, and Rosemary Gebhardt. Thank you for your continued support.

- Carol Oesen



**Please welcome William Joseph Kolb as he received the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Monica’s on October 7, 2017. God bless you, William.**

If you have an infant or young child, or you are expecting, and would like to have your child baptized, please call the rectory office to register for a Baptism Preparation session.

**ATTENTION:** There is a need for a jacket for teen boy: men’s size M. Also a jacket for young adult: men’s large, tall. These are for daily casual wear. Please, nothing fancy, just clean and gently worn. Can be left in Church Hall. Mark for Joan. Thank you!

**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 to 7:30 PM in the Newton Medical Center front lobby coffee shop.

Participants are encouraged to RSVP to [Randolph.parks@atlantichealth.org](mailto:Randolph.parks@atlantichealth.org) or 973-579-8625 by November 10<sup>th</sup> (for food purposes). Walk-ins are welcome. Please see the flyer posted at the Church and Hall exits for more information.

**2017 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL**

*In Giving, We Receive*

Did you know that this year our Diocese had the largest number of men ordained to the priesthood in the country? There are currently over 50 men now enrolled in seminaries to prepare for priestly life in the Paterson Diocese. That is a tremendous blessing, but one that comes with a significant cost for room, board, tuition and other related expenses. Your support of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal helps meet the annual expenses for seminarian education. It is a gift that will enhance the faith life of our diocese for years to come. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org). Thank you

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

**MASS ATTENDANCE** – As stated at the Introductory Meeting, we will not have sign in sheets each week for Mass but hope that you will honor your commitment to yourself and this program to attend weekly Mass.

**SERVICE PROJECTS** - I have posted the sign-up sheet for the Tricky Tray. Your assistance is needed and very much appreciated. Please consider signing up to help and get started on accomplishing the service that is a requirement each year. The Tricky Tray committee is very appreciative of your service.

## CALENDAR:

Saturday	Nov. 4 <sup>TH</sup>	YM Class – Beginning with 5pm Mass, Dinner, then class Phase I & 2 – Theme: “The Eucharist” Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Sunday	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Make Up Class – 6:30 to 8:30pm – no dinner
Sunday	Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Phase II Candidates Distribution of the Our Father – 10am Mass Your attendance is required.

## GRADES 7 & 8

### CALENDAR:

Saturday	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class – Beginning with the 5pm Mass, Dinner, then class Theme: “What’s Holding You Back” Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Sunday	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Make Up Class – 6:30 to 8:30pm – no dinner

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

<b>Grade 1 and 2:</b>	Sunday	Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Class -9:30am to 11:30am
	Sunday	Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Graders on altar w/Fr. Jan 10am Mass
	Sunday	Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Class – 9:30am to 11:30am
	Sunday	Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Class – 9:30am to 11:30am
<b>Grades 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6:</b>	Saturday	Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Class – 9am to 11 am
	Saturday	Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Class – 9am to 11 am
	Saturday	Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Class – 9am to 11 am

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## THE FIRST NORTH AMERICAN MARTYRS

On October 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the feast day of St. Isaac Jogues and Companions, the first martyrs in North America. St. Isaac Jogues was a Jesuit priest (1607-1646). Jogues first arrived in North America (New France) in 1636, one of a company of Jesuits who undertook a perilous mission among the Indians. These Jesuits sought, as much as possible to immerse themselves in the life of the people. Their mission was complicated not only by the difficulties of language, the harshness of the environment, and the Indians' understandable distrust of the European invaders. They also found that the Indians of the region – the Algonquins, Hurons, and Iroquois – were in a state of perpetual warfare among themselves.

Of the three groups, the Jesuits found their most hospitable welcome among the Hurons. Not that many converts were found, but the Jesuits, or Blackrobes, as they were called, were at least tolerated in the Hurons' villages, and allowed to share their way of life. There was little preparation in seminary for the hardships to be endured: cold, starvation, hard labor and illness..

The Jesuits were determined to seek out and build on the already-present seeds of God's revelation with Indian culture and religion and to proclaim the gospel of love. In 1642 he was captured by a war party of Mohawks, a tribe within the Iroquois confederation. His party was subjected to excruciating tortures over a period of days. Jogues had several of his fingers chewed off by the Mohawks and was put through the gauntlet; one of his companions was killed after making the sign of the cross over an infant. Jogues was kept alive as a slave for many months, but finally escaped, with the help of Dutch merchants, and made his way back to France. His heroic exploits and the marks of his suffering brought him much acclaim. He chose to return to the Mohawks to carry on the work of winning souls and, God willing, to offer his life for their salvation. The Jesuits agreed to his wish and obtained for him a special gift: a papal dispensation from the canonical rubrics, allowing him to celebrate Mass despite his mutilated fingers. As Pope Urban VIII remarked, "it would be shameful that a martyr of Christ be not allowed to drink the Blood of Christ."

Jogues returned to the village where he had been held captive. He was received respectfully. He was later called away on a diplomatic mission to Montreal, but as a sign of his commitment to return again as a priest, he left in the village a box containing his materials for Mass. The box was to be the cause of his martyrdom.

After his departure, the village suffered a terrible crop failure, followed by a deadly epidemic. These misfortunes were attributed to what the Indians thought were evil spirits in the Blackrobe's box. Unaware of these developments, Jogues returned to the village some months later. As he neared the village, he was beset by Mohawk braves. Again he was put through the gauntlet. Knowing that he would not escape death this time, he prayed that his life might be offered for the salvation of his assailants.

Word of his death traveled slowly. Sometime later, the very Mohawk brave who had delivered Jogues's mortal blow in the gauntlet, came to the Jesuits, seeking refuge from the revenge of the Christian Hurons. He provided details of the priest's death and also recalled the substance of his earlier Christian teaching. He asked to be baptized. For his Christian name he chose to be called Isaac Jogues.

For the full story of the life of St. Isaac Jogues, please read "Saint Among Savages" by Francis Talbot, S.J. Also, visit The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs, located at one of the former Mohawk villages, in Auriesville, New York, where many of the events described above had taken place.

