

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

Budgeted Amount: \$5,000.00

Sunday Collection – 2/25/18 \$3,136.00

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.

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

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| 3/5 | MON: | 9:00a | Charles Burke |
| 3/6 | TUES: | 9:00a | People of the Parish |
| 3/7 | WED: | 9:00a | No Mass Today |
| 3/8 | THU: | 9:00a | People of the Parish |
| 3/9 | FRI: | 9:00a | People of the Parish |
| 3/10 | SAT: | 5:00p | Dorothy Gawenus
Chester Mooney
Ann Mooney
Frank Turner |
| 3/11 | SUN: | 8:00a | Fred Best
Captain Mike Ardito |
| | | 10:00a | George Fluhr |
| | | 11:45a | People of the Parish |

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mondays of Lent - Confessions will be heard from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.

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

COLLECTION FOR ANNA SYDOW – Because of your caring and generosity, we were able to forward a check in the amount of \$3,220.00 to Anna to assist her at this time. She, along with her family, are extremely grateful. Her family advises that if anyone wishes to send her a note or card to feel free to do so. The address is: Mrs. Anna Sydow, Colonial Manor – 1571 St. Route 57 – Rm #111, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

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. I have been working with the new company on this and I will be able to start reporting the amounts in the next few weeks. I thank you for your patience.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 4, 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.

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 - There will be no meetings of St. Monica's Leisure Group during the months of January and February. Meetings will resume beginning Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 12:00 noon in the Church Hall.

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 Seratelli. The book is \$6 and may be picked up at the rectory.

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 13th.

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

Fish & Chips Dinner
St. Monica's will have a Fish and Chips dinner in the church hall on Thursday, March 8, from 5:30-7:30 pm, prepared by Tastefully British. Members of Helping Hands will be taking reservations and payments after all masses this weekend. Tickets may also be purchased at the rectory up until the day of the event. Adults \$15 Children \$10 Take-out is available. **Please note that tickets must be purchased in advance and will not be available at the door the night of the dinner.**

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Grades 1 & 2 –

Sunday, March 11 Class - 9:30am to 11:30am

Grades 4,5,6 –

Saturday, March 17th Class – 9am to 11am

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS:

MASS ATTENDANCE –We sincerely hope that each and every one of you is living up to your commitment of attending weekly Mass. This is an integral part of your faith journey as you prepare for the reception of Confirmation.

SERVICE: Completion certificates should be handed in on a timely basis. These include whatever service you perform for school. For those who assisted with the Tricky Tray, I already have your name so there is no need to hand in a completion certificate. Remember you are required to perform 3 services for church and 3 for community.

GRADES 7, 8, AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

Saturday, March 10th Visit to Dept. of Persons with Disabilities in Jefferson
Leaving at 11am and returning by 2pm

ATTENTION YOUTH MINISTRY STUDENTS: Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the church hall for the St. Joseph/St. Patrick's Dinner. Your help is needed, so please make every effort to sign up for this special parish event.

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!

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 or renderle@vnannj.org.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Third Sunday of Lent
March 4, 2018

"Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we stand and we boast in hope of the glory of God... 'If you knew the gift of God.'"

One of the most dangerous liabilities in our lives is found in the area of presumption. So many things are taken for granted. Don't let that happen this Lent. We have been gifted with faith allowing us to experience great peace. Through this gift we have a strong relationship with God and a loving relationship with others. God's grace, His very life which flows and fills us, is a gift offered over and over through the sacraments. Ask for it.

Besides being an unmerited gift of God, it is something offered, but must be accepted. It is hard to receive a gift if my hands are closed or formed into a fist. I begin this third week of Lent, opening my hands and heart to the gift of God's grace that He is offering me today. Reach out for it. Like the Samaritan woman, I want to discover this great gift in my life. Perhaps as I shake someone's hand this week, or reach for a doorknob, I will remember to reach out and ask for God's amazing grace

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday - Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Monday - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30

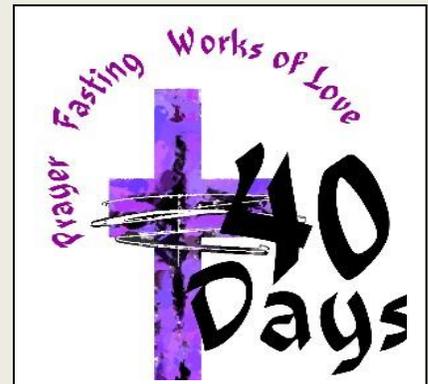
Tuesday - Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday - Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday - Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday - Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday - Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14



LENTEN READING

As mentioned in the Beacon newspaper, Bishop Seratelli 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

Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the "wrong business" in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days". *John 2: 19*

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
- Jerusalem
- Temple
- Table
- Exchanging
- Money
- Stop
- Father
- House
- Market
- Sign
- Disciples
- Believed
- People
- Written
- Scripture



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