

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

**Stewardship Report – Treasure**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Budgeted Amount:** \$5,000.00

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1/15/17:** \$2,976.00

**Parish Pay – 1/15/17:** \$ 616.00

**Total – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1/15/17:** \$3,592.00

Parish Pay ---is a convenient way for you to set up your weekly contributions - **online – visit ParishPay.com**

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**2016 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN STATISTICS – AS OF 1/13/17**

Total # of Families:	442
Total # Pledged:	127
% of Participation	28.73%
Total Amount Pledged:	\$37,465.00
Total Amount paid:	\$31,080.00
Average Pledge:	\$ 295.00
% of Pledges Collected:	82.96%

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The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:

In memory of: Connie Moonie  
Anna Dalena

Given by: Mary Del Monico

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

1/23	MON:	9:00a	Richard Szot Gregory & Kathy Shaw (LIV)
1/24	TUES:	9:00a	Gregory & Kathy Shaw (LIV)
1/25	WED:	9:00a	No Mass today
1/26	THU:	9:00a	Gregory & Kathy Shaw (LIV)
1/27	FRI:	9:00a	Gregory & Kathy Shaw (LIV)
1/28	SAT:	5:00p	Gregory & Kathy Shaw (LIV) James William Marion, Jr.
1/29	SUN:	8:00a	Frank Rankl Jean Scarzello
		10:00a	Jody Vaskas Michael Lawlor James Marion Claire E. Roy
		11:45a	Gregory & Kathy Shaw (LIV) Frank Zawacki I

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- 8:00am
Sat. 9:00am
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**SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK**

**Sunday** Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Monday** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday** Heb 10:1-10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18

**Thursday** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday** Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 22, 2017**



*Join us for an "Open House"  
in celebration of  
Fr. Charles' retirement  
Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2:00 - 6:00pm in the Church Hall.  
(Snow-date is Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>)  
All are invited!*

*.....A walk down memory lane.....*

Do you have photo of Fr. Charles from the past years -- either with yourself, a family member or at a special occasion-- to share?

Photos will be displayed on special poster boards at the Open House - they can be added when you arrive!! Standard size photos (4X 6) will be entered into a photo album afterwards for Fr. Charles to keep.

**---IF YOU ARE BRINGING A HOT FOOD ITEM---**

Please take one of the aluminum pans located near the sign-up sheets – these will be utilized and fit with our sterno trays – and will make our clean-up much easier. Thank you!

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**COFFEE & DONUTS** – first Sunday of each month after the 8:00am Mass in the Church Hall. Next Coffee and Donuts is Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – plan to join us.

**HELPING HANDS** – second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the rectory meeting room. Contact Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051.

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** – every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Weekly reading/ reflection of the Sunday Scriptures – fellowship time & refreshments follow. Call Carol at 973-875-4521 for further information.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT SESSION** – the next Bereavement Support session will be held on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Rectory meeting room. Please call the Rectory if you would like to attend – 973-875-4521 and leave a message with your name and phone # (in case of inclement weather, we will reschedule)

**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 8, 2017 in the Church Hall. I take this opportunity to thank our members for helping to make the Leisure Group a success during the past year, and look forward to getting together again in March.

---Grace Casalino

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**ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

All those who use collection envelopes on a weekly basis will be receiving a contribution statement from our envelope company, DP Murphy Co., Inc. If you do not receive this statement by the end of January, please let us know by calling the Rectory.

Also, all those who gave a contribution of \$250 or above to the 2016 Annual Campaign will receive a Gift Acknowledgment letter from the parish office.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**MASS ATTENDANCE** – Please remember that Mass should be an important part of your life and you should try to make every effort to attend each week. Remember to sign in each week. The books are located at both doors of the church.

**SERVICE PROJECTS** – The sign up sheet for “Souper Bowl” Sunday is now up on the bulletin board. Please remember that you need three church and three community service projects each year to fulfill your requirement. Please stop and sign up for this upcoming event.

**PHASE I & PHASE II CANDIDATES** – Your Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sacred Heart Center in Newton. The time is from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Lunch will be served. More info will be forthcoming. Please mark your calendar now. This retreat is a requirement for the reception of Confirmation. If there are any questions or conflicts, please contact Mrs. Vernacchio as soon as possible.

### **CALENDAR:**

**Saturday/Sunday - February 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>** – “Souper Bowl” of Caring collection after each Mass

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>** - YM Class – beginning with the 5pm Mass, followed by dinner than class; Phase I – Theme-“ The Bible” - Phase II – Theme – “Made for Mission”

**Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** - Make up class – no dinner 6:30 to 8:30pm

### **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)**

### **Parish Mission at St. Stephen’s in Warwick, NY**

**---Featuring Frank Runyeon---**

January 27, 2017 - 7:30 pm **Luke: Stories on the Road**

January 28, 2017 - 7 pm **Sermon on the Mount**

January 29, 2017 - 6:30 pm **Hollywood vs. Faith: The Struggle to Love Faithfully in the Media Age**

**Please join us! Visit us on any or all evenings for an enjoyable evening of entertainment and reflection.**

Frank Runyeon has won national acclaim for his work as a translator and performer of Biblical texts over the past 20 years. He has performed the gospel for hundreds of thousands of people in almost every state in America, earning rave reviews from critics, scholars, and church leaders of every denomination. He is regularly reviewed as “the best speaker we have ever heard” by students and faculty at private and public schools across the nation. He is perhaps still best known, however, for his many roles on television. Frank is a graduate of Princeton University with a degree in Religion. After studying acting in New York and Los Angeles for 15 years, he attended Fuller Seminary in preparation for the writing and performance of his first one-man play, AFRAID!: The Gospel of Mark. He continued his studies at Yale Divinity School and General Theological Seminary, from which he received his Masters, with honors, in 1994. He workshopped his first productions in cooperation with the faculty of Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and the University of Dayton.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Grades 1-8**

### **CALENDAR FOR 2017**

#### **FIRST AND SECOND GRADE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u></b>
1/22	8th session
2/5	9th session
2/12	10th session
3/5	11th session
3/19	12th session
4/2	13 <sup>th</sup> session
4/23	14 <sup>th</sup> session

#### **THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u></b>
1/22	8th session
2/5	9th session
2/12	10th session
3/5	11th session
3/19	12th session
4/2	13 <sup>th</sup> session
4/23	14 <sup>th</sup> session

#### **FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>SESSION/GRADE(S)</u></b>
1/28	8th session
2/4	9th session
2/25	10th session
3/11	11th session
3/25	12th session
4/8	13th session
4/29	14th session

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – this program is open to children in Grades 1-4 at the 10:00am Mass each week. The children are dismissed to listen to the Sunday readings with volunteer Catechists who read and reflect with the children. Please consider having your child participate each week.

-----Carol Bezak, Coordinator of Religious Formation

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**AN INVITATION TO ALL CATECHISTS.....**A short meeting followed by an Afternoon of Reflection “*God’s Call to Speak about our Faith*” is planned for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> in the church hall from 1:30 – 3:30pm - lunch will be served. Call Carol at 862-266-6626 to RSVP.

### **Help People with Disabilities – Support the Murray House Dinner Dance! [www.dpd.org/murray](http://www.dpd.org/murray)**

Please help support the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities Agency, as they host their 47th Annual Murray House Dinner Dance at the Brownstone in Paterson. DPD provides care for over 100 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout the Diocese of Paterson.

The Annual Gala will be held on February 19th at 6:00 PM. This year, DPD will be honoring Joe Duffy, past Catholic Charities President as their Person of the Year, as well as several service recipients, volunteers and employees.

Help support the event by attending, taking out an ad, or by sponsoring a DPD resident to attend. Last year over 60 individuals were sponsored to attend this event!

For more information visit: [www.dpd.org/Murray](http://www.dpd.org/Murray) or contact DPD’s Development Office at 973-406-1104 or at [Chrisb@dpd.org](mailto:Chrisb@dpd.org).

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His Word Today by Rev. William J. Reilly

*“I beg you brothers in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, to agree on what you say. Let there be no factions; rather be united in mind and judgment... Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel – not with wordy ‘wisdom’ however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning.*

From the early days of the church questions and disputes arose, as the communities were formed and began to grow. Two thousand years later, people continue to line up, choose a banner or are pasted with a label. The words of St. Paul should cause us to pause and think.

I hear many sermons, read many tracts, watch a variety of religious programs. All seem to have different perspectives. If they are credible, they should lead us to the cross of Jesus Christ. If they fail to do this, they are of little worth.

Did we not hear the scripture words “there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father?” May we learn to listen with a special ear, discern with a keen eye and discover the wisdom of Jesus Christ and the cross. Next time, don’t listen for just what you want to hear, but what you need to hear.

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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17**

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”

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## Gospel Today

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus began His ministry by the sea. There He called His first disciples, brothers Simon (Peter) and Andrew as they were casting their nets. Brothers James and John were fishing when Jesus called them next, saying, "Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men".

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*Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."*

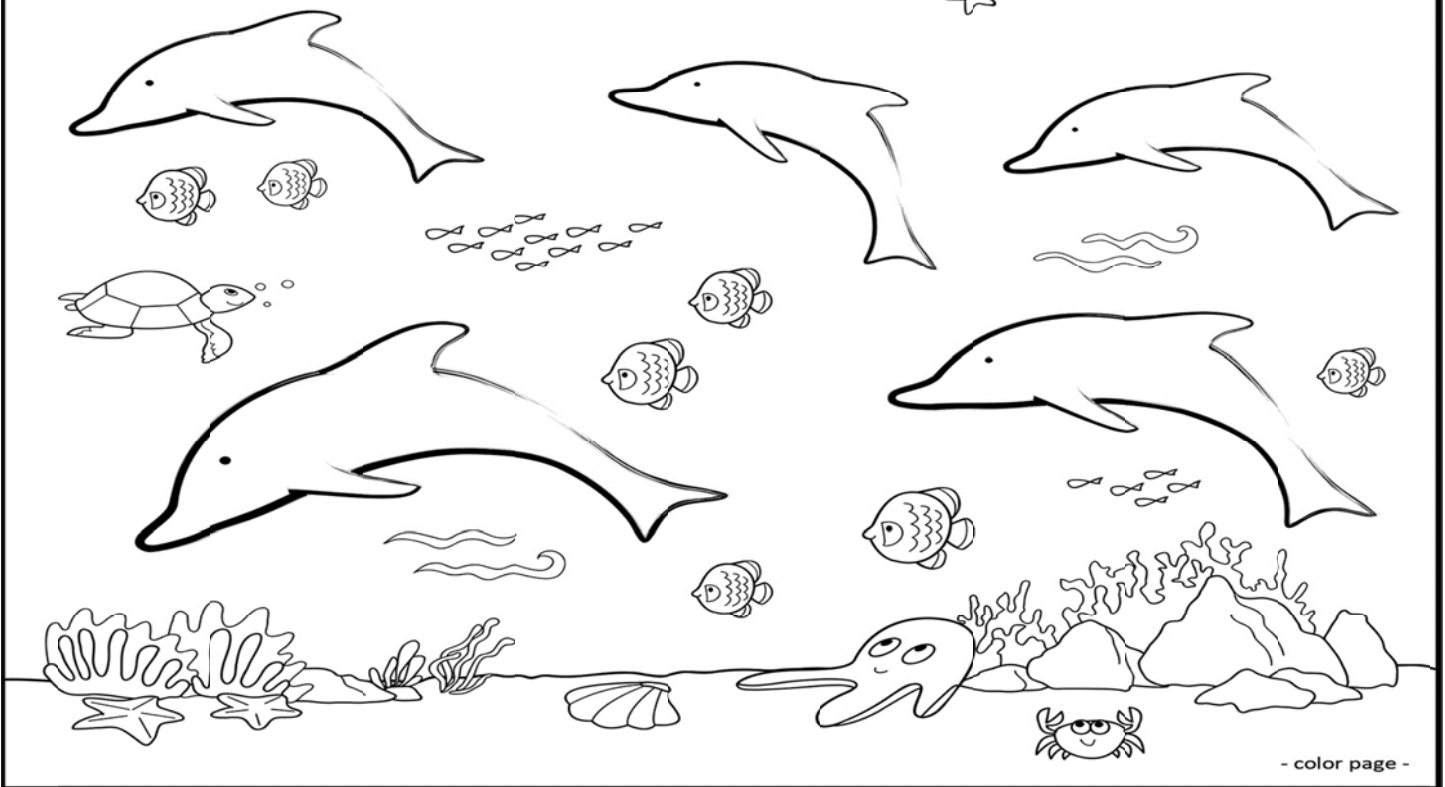
Matthew 4:17

## PORPOISE WITH A PURPOSE

This school of fish (porpoise) wants to help you be a good disciple and teach others about God's Good News. Write some ways of being a good Catholic on the fish below, as they swim along the sea, for all to see!

Use these words or write your own...

- Help
- Share
- Kind
- Pray
- Love
- Give
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### A NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Knights of Columbus, Blessed Titus Brandsma Council, Middletown, NY #16519 presents "A Night at the Races – Saturday, February 11, 2017 (Snow date: February 18<sup>th</sup>) **Post Time: 7:30pm. Admission Price: \$25pp Location: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Wayayanda Ave., Middletown, NY.** Come join us for a winter break – your donation includes admission, food, beverages, coffee and dessert. Besides the races (cash donation to pick a horse with cash payout to the winning players) there will also be raffles, door prizes, giveaways, 50/50 and much more. All money raised will be donated to Mt. Carmel Parish. Mail your \$25/person donation admission to: P.O. Box 965, Middletown, NY 10940. For further information, call Marty Sillen between 6pm and 8pm at 646-315-8120. Admission tickets will be mailed to you.

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### INTERESTED IN TRAVEL FOR 2017?

If you like to travel or if you wish to begin some new travel adventures, come and share the company of others who do!! The "Cruise Café" may offer an interesting and exciting opportunity to meet new people and possibly travel together. This group meets once a month for dinner at a local venue in and around the Sussex/Newton/Lafayette area and welcomes anyone. The next "Cruise Café" gathering will be held on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at Bella Italia Restaurant , Rt. 206 in Andover, NJ. Upcoming travel/cruise opportunities include: Halifax, Nova Scotia and Boston (with 4th of July fireworks in Boston harbor) on the Queen Mary 2 departing July 1<sup>st</sup> from NY and returns on July 6<sup>th</sup> .....Bermuda.....New England and Canada..... Caribbean..... and possibly Fatima, Portugal & Spain (still in planning stages) Call Carol at 862-266-6626 if interested.