

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

Stewardship Report – Treasure
WEEKLY COLLECTION

<u>Budgeted Amount:</u>	\$5,000.00
<u>Sunday Collection – 6/24/18</u>	\$3,407.00
<u>Sunday Collection – online giving – 6/17/18</u>	\$ 616.00
<u>Second Collection for Latin America – 6/24/18</u>	\$1,106.00
<u>TOTAL COLLECTED FOR ROOF REPAIR:</u>	\$9,249.00
THANK YOU!!	

The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:
In Memory of: The People of the Parish

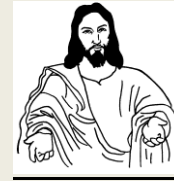
MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

7/2	MON:	9:00a	Aileen Lawlor (LIV)
7/3	TUES:	9:00a	People of the Parish
7/4	WED:	9:00a	No Mass Today
7/5	THU:	9:00a	People of the Parish
7/6	FRI:	9:00a	Kathleen Kunz
7/7	SAT:	5:00p	Robert Fronheiser Raymond Sorg
7/8	SUN:	8:30a	Anna Sydow Special Intention for a Special Soul
		10:30a	John & Eleanor Murray Ernestine Gratzl Mark Garrera

ST. MONICA'S CHURCH – Contact information
Phone: 973-875-4521 Fax: 973-875-7538
Parish Office Hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Mon-Fri
THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JULY 4.
Website: www.stmonicasussex.org
Email: stmonica@ptd.net
**Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week
for information to be printed on the following Sunday.**
Email to stmonica@ptd.net

NEW SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE
BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF JULY 7/8
MASSSES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.
THERE WILL BE NO 11:45 A.M. SUNDAY MASS.
REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE WILL RESUME
ON THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 8/9.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JULY 1, 2018



Over the next four weeks, the Gospel readings from Mark feature Jesus and his disciples continually on the move. They are on a mission, and it is important that they travel to spread the Good News. It is also important, as we see today, that people of faith have an opportunity to encounter Jesus. It's the time of the year now when many of us will be traveling ourselves. How reassuring it is to know that no matter how far from home we are, Jesus is still with us.

WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS

COFFEE & DONUTS – will resume in September.

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 – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, July 11 (second Wednesday) at 12:00 noon** in the Church Hall. Annual dues are \$10.00. For more information, please call Grace or Mike Casalino at 973-702-8569.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP will not be meeting during the summer months. The next meeting will take place on **Monday, September 17th at 7:30 p.m.** in the rectory meeting room. Mark your calendar – all are invited.

HELPING HANDS meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome! There is no meeting in July. **The next meeting is Tuesday, August 14.**

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Are you new to our parish? If so, welcome! Do you wish to register? If you are attending Mass and using our blue “blank” visitor envelopes and wish to receive our weekly envelopes in the mail, please register with us. If you wish to become a registered member and placed on our parish mailing list, there are blank registration forms on the table near the Church Hall exit. Please fill it out and give it to Fr. Jan after Mass, or either drop it in the collection basket or visit the rectory during the week between the hours of 9:30am and 1:30pm.



“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”.
Psalm 33:12.

Eternal God, stir our minds and stimulate our hearts with a high sense of patriotism of this Fourth of July. May all that this day symbolizes renew our faith in freedom, our devotion to democracy, and redouble our efforts to keep a government of the people, by the people and for the people truly alive in our world.

Grant that we may highly resolve on this great day to dedicate ourselves anew to the task of ushering in an era when good will shall live in the hearts of a free people, justice shall be the light to guide their feet, and peace shall be the goal of humankind: to the glory of your holy name and the good of our Nation and of all mankind. Amen.

Have a safe and happy July 4th Holiday!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY WORKSHOP
HOSTED BY HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH, WANTAGE,
NEW JERSEY

In the spirit of CHRISTMAS IN JULY and community outreach and fellowship, Holy Spirit invites you to join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and Christmas card making! There will be two Christmas card designs and you will reproduce them and make five cards of each design. You'll go home with ten beautiful Christmas cards that you have personally created. The only supplies you will need to bring with you will be coloring pencils or water color pencils. All other supplies will be provided. This workshop will be under the direction of renowned artists and instructors, Anna Seniw and Sue Speck.

The event will be held at Holy Spirit Orthodox Church, 102 Route 284, Wantage NJ 07461 on Saturday, July 14, 1-3pm. Fee: Adult \$20. Children \$12 and must be accompanied by an adult. To make a reservation or for more information, email stampingbear@yahoo.com or call 845-856-4147. Please see the flyers at the church and hall exits. If you have questions, contact Mary Osinski at mary.osinski@gmail.com or 973-838-0590.

Joseph T. Quinlan Bereavement Center
Support Group Schedule

“Please feel invited to just attend”

Bereavement Support is offered at the following times and locations:

5 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ

Second Monday of the month at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

First Wednesday of the month at 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Third Wednesday of the month at 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

206 E. Ann St., Milford, PA

Fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

214 Washington St., Hackettstown, NJ

Third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 – 11:30 am

Check the website: KarenAnnQuinlanHospice.org or call direct at 973-948-2283 for additional groups and times or for more information.

Solemn Commemoration of
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Sunday, July 15, 2018

- 11:30 am Mass with Scapular Enrollment at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 90 Euclid Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940.
- Procession to follow to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel for Benediction, 70 Carmelite Drive, Middletown, NY 10940.
- Refreshments will be available for purchase: hamburgers, hot dogs & salads, chips, soda/water in the picnic grove on the Shrine grounds.

For further information, call Carol Bezak, Shrine Director, 845-343-1879 or Dottie Lanos, Mt. Carmel Church, 845-342-3347.

www.ourladyofmtcarmelshrine.com

If you can't come to the Sunday Celebration, join us for Mass on the Feast Day, Monday, July 16th at 11:30 am and spend the day at the Shrine!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24

This reading relates how death of the spirit entered the world by the envy of the devil, but those not in his possession will not experience it.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

Paul exhorts the Corinthians to contribute to the poor of the Jerusalem church in accordance with their means. He explains that if people help each other, they will one day be helped when they are needy.

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

“Do not be afraid, only have faith.” Jesus’ power over sickness and death requires absolute trust and absence of fear.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1, 2018

“But God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it...He took the child by the hand and said to her... ‘Little girl, I say to you arise!’ The girl a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At this they were utterly amazed.”

We have been told from the first book of the bible that we are made in the image and likeness of God. We have been offered the gift of life and we strive to preserve life in all its forms. The late Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago called us to have a ‘consistent ethic of life.’ He teaches us as Catholics that we are opposed to abortion, capital punishment, nuclear war and euthanasia. Were he alive today, I am sure he would include immigration. Why?

These are signs today of the envy of the devil who introduced death into our world. Respect for life is respect for rights. The denial of these rights is the work of the devil. As we admire the compassion of Jesus for the little girl of twelve, so we are called to defend the rights of the unborn, victims of injustice and the elderly.

Only when we respond to the evils around us will we return to live in the image of his own nature. Now is the time.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday - Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15;

Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Monday - Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday - Eph 2:19-22; Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday - Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34

Thursday - Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8

First Friday - Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13

First Saturday - Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17





From the Desk of Fr. Jan.....

This Wednesday we celebrate one of the greatest feasts of our nation – Independence Day. On July 4, 1776 in Philadelphia, the forefathers of our nation, declared a young American nation free from tyranny, excessive taxation, and oppressive rules. Simply, our forefathers wished the nation to be free, and have its liberties. A mix-matched group of men went to battle to fight for the cause of this freedom which was the ideal testament to their faith in God and liberty.

Because of our forefathers' effort, nowadays we are blessed to live in a country that provides its people with freedom and opportunity, to freely worship God. Do we sufficiently reflect on the freedom that we have and the gift of democracy in which we are able to worship God?

This country was founded with moral principle and with respect of the Almighty. From the Declaration of Independence: "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable Rights". In the Preamble of that same document that was passed on July 4, 1776, it states that the rights and opinions are entitled by God. In 1791, the first Amendment to the Constitution granted everyone right to the free exercise of religion.

Religion and respect of God has always been a hallmark of our country. In recognition of the Supreme Creator, God is found in our documents, in our courtrooms, and even on our money.

God is the genesis not only of the world and our lives, but also the basis of moral norms in which our laws are designated and enacted. About this importance of moral norms and religions in our lives, noted two significant leaders of our national independent movement: Thomas Jefferson and George Washington.

Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote a letter in 1787 to his nephew in which he stated: "The moral sense, or conscience, is as much a part of man as his leg or arm... It may be strengthened by exercise, as may any particular limb of the body". He continued to advise his nephew to read the Old and New Testaments and said: "lose no occasion of exercising your dispositions to be humane, to be true, just, firm, orderly, and courageous... consider every act of this kind as exercise which will strengthen your moral faculties and increase your worth".

George Washington, who served the colonies as its General, and the young nation as its first President, said in his farewell address in 1796: "of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports... In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens". Washington also said, "Believing as I do that religion and morality are the essential pillars of civil society".

Today, many of those beliefs of old are challenged, and disregarded. We have seen through the course of time, people lose their interest in religion and do not participate. Families used to make Church part of their Sunday, but now it has been replaced by sports and other recreation, even some leaders of our nation seem to ignore religious values. So when we make plans for summer vacation, we shouldn't misuse our freedom to worship, by neglecting God and Church. We should arrange time for God and for the Church as priority this summer, for our moral fabric is enhanced by the worship and relationship that we have with God.

As we celebrate Independence Day, let us thank God for the Rights he has given us by our great forefathers, and let us reflect on the meaning of Freedom, especially religious freedom. In this Independence weekend may we raise our voices in thanksgiving for our freedom and for other gifts from God, and declare ourselves in favor of prayer for our great nation and its leaders.