

**PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW**

**Stewardship Report – Treasure**  
**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

<b><u>Budgeted Amount:</u></b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
<b><u>Online Giving – Sunday Collection – 8/26/18</u></b>	<b>\$ 486.00</b>
<b><u>Sunday Collection – 9/2/18</u></b>	<b>\$2,929.00</b>
<b><u>Maintenance Collection – 9/2/18</u></b>	<b>\$1,180.00</b>

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The Sanctuary Lamp is given this week:  
In Memory of: Martin Finn  
Given by: Phyllis Finn

**MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

9/10	MON:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/11	TUES:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/12	WED:	9:00a	NO MASS TODAY
9/13	THU:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/14	FRI:	9:00a	People of our Parish
9/15	SAT:	5:00p	Mary E. Barcelona Wayne Clark
9/16	SUN:	8:30a 10:30a	People of our Parish Rita & Edwin Puzio Martin Finn

**ST. MONICA’S CHURCH – Contact information**  
**Phone: 973-875-4521 Fax: 973-875-7538**  
**Parish Office Hours: 9:30am – 1:30pm Mon. Tues. Thurs. and Fri.**  
**THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.**  
**Website: [www.stmonicasussex.org](http://www.stmonicasussex.org)**  
**Email: [stmonica@ptd.net](mailto:stmonica@ptd.net)**  
**Deadline for bulletin submissions: Tuesday of each week for information to be printed on the following Sunday.**

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE**  
**SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.**  
**SUNDAY: 8:30 A.M. AND 10:30 A.M.**  
**THIS SCHEDULE WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.**

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**  
**Sunday - Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37**  
**Monday - 1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11**  
**Tuesday - 1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19**  
**Wednesday - 1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26**  
**Thursday - 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Lk 6:27-38**  
**Friday - Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17**  
**Saturday - 1 Cor 10:14-22; Jn 19:25-27**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 9, 2018**



*We come together today to worship God, who “makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.” The readings we hear today describe the awesome power of God that transforms our lives and the lives of others. As we worship today, let us take comfort in the hope we are afforded by the power of God, a God who can and will make all things well.*

**WEEKLY/MONTHLY PARISH EVENTS**

**COFFEE & DONUTS** – First Sunday of each month after the 8:30 am Mass. All are welcome!

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**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION** – Thursdays at 6:00pm 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** – The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 3rd 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.

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**TRICKY TRAY COMMITTEE** will meet in the rectory meeting room on **Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.** All are welcome. The Tricky Tray is our biggest fundraiser and many hands make light work. **A box is located in the church hall for anyone wanting to donate items which will then be combined to make baskets. Cash donations can also be made.**

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**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, Sept. 11th.**

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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.

**2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**  
**Here I am, Lord!**

The 2018 Bishop’s Annual Appeal is officially kicking-off this weekend with the theme *Here I am, Lord!* Please support his important annual cause that helps so many people throughout our Diocese.

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports the work of our Catholic Charities; seminarian education; priests’ extraordinary healthcare needs as well as Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence and our urban elementary schools. These are all critically important ministries that touch many lives, and so you are invited to make a pledge today. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Would you like to know and understand the Mass as never before?**

Then please join us as we take “A Biblical Walk Through The Mass”, a five-part, video-based series presented by Dr. Edward Sri on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM in the Rectory Meeting Room. Dates: Sept. 24, Oct. 8, Oct. 29, Nov. 12 and Nov. 26. Cost is \$21 which covers the cost of one book and one workbook.

Registration IS REQUIRED by no later than September 14.

Register at the Rectory Office or call Terry Westdyke at 845-258-8051, or email to [mtw195@embarqmail.com](mailto:mtw195@embarqmail.com). Come, learn to love what others pray for, The Mass!

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**A POWERFUL STUDY ON THE BLESSED MOTHER BEGINS SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary’s earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for 8 sessions on Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother. Sessions begin on Tuesday, September 25, 1:30 P.M. Other tentative dates are Tuesdays, Oct 9, 23, 30, Nov. 13, 20, 27, and Dec. 4. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by calling the Rectory office or Terry at 845-258-8051 (email [mtw195@embarqmail.com](mailto:mtw195@embarqmail.com)). Cost is \$24.95.

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**OLD CLOVE CHURCH, Route 23, Wantage, NJ**  
**Annual Worship Service**

Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 2:00PM  
Worship Service led by

Rev. Fr. David B. Rude of the House of the Good Shepherd, Wantage, NJ.

Special Music: Ms. Teresa Toriello, Soloist, Mr. Robert Gibson, Saxophone Solo.

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**“For to me, to live is Christ.....” (Philippians 1:21)**  
**VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD**

For the past ten years the Diocese of Paterson recognizes the contributions of those faithful individuals to the mission of Christ, to His universal Church and to the local Church of Paterson. With the recommendation from our parish, this year’s recipient is Theresa Westdyke who will be receiving this award at 3:30pm today at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Please take the opportunity to congratulate Terry on this very deserving award. Any parishioner who wishes to attend this ceremony is invited to do so.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**REGISTRATION FOR 2018/2019**

Registration forms for the upcoming school year are now available on the table in the Church Hall or can be picked up at the rectory office. This is for Religious Education AND Youth Ministry.

If anyone has a child entering first grade in September and wishes that they be a part of our program, please contact Mary Vernacchio at 973-875-2110.

Please return the completed form as soon as possible with the appropriate fee. The fees are: \$75.00 for one child, \$110.00 for two children, and \$150.00 for three or more.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

**Attention All Those Who Love Music!**

Our first adult choir rehearsal will be Thursday, 9/27 at 7:15 PM. We welcome all those who would like to be a part of making music in harmony. We have a core group that will support any new members that come, so don’t be afraid to try it out!

Also, several people have mentioned they would like a children’s choir...so if you are interested for your child to sing in church, talk to me after mass on Sunday. It would be very easy to have a 20 to 30 minute rehearsal with children on Sundays either before or after the 10:30 mass. If I get a group of five children, we can definitely have a children’s choir. I would love for them to sing several times during the year as they progress!

Please give it some serious thought. Your participation in Sunday’s music will add so much to you personally and to the congregation at large.

.... Judy

**COMMUNITY HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**AT HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 102 Route 284, Wantage.**  
**973-702-0622.**

**September 29, 11 am to 9 pm and**  
**September 30, noon to 4 pm.**

**Enjoy American and Slavic cuisine, including sausage with peppers and onions, hot dogs and hamburgers, pierogis, haluski, home-baked goods, and more! Live music featuring the Snake Oil Willie Band on Saturday from 6-8 pm. and Culver Gap Bluegrass Trio on Sunday from 1-3 pm. Renaissance lute performances and more. FREE ADMISSION.**

**Please see the flyers at the Church and hall exits for more information.**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a**

Isaiah tells the people to be strong and unafraid. God will save his people, and the blind will see, the deaf will hear, and the lame will walk. Streams will come forth in the desert, the sandy ground will become springs of water.

**Second Reading: James 2:1-5**

James encourages the people to never show favoritism. He discusses an usher who escorted a rich man to the best seat, while ignoring a poor man. God chose poor people to be rich in faith, so we should never judge people by their riches.

**Gospel: Mark 7:31-37**

Some people brought a deaf man who could not speak to Jesus and begged him to lay his hand on the man. Jesus opened the man's ears and cured his speech impediment. He ordered the people not to tell anyone, but they were too amazed to keep this to themselves.

“And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue. Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’ that is ‘Be opened’ And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, ‘He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.’”

Jesus the healer. People sought Him out bringing the needy person to Jesus. They requested the laying on of hands. They knew Jesus was the answer.

This experience of Jesus' healing is a bit different. Jesus takes him apart, touches, uses saliva, groans and speaks. The result is clearly indicated. Evidently he returned to the crowd who expressed their amazement at what took place.

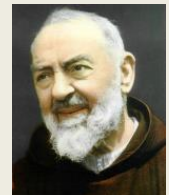
When we were baptized the minister also touched our ears and mouth saying ‘As Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, so may He open your ears to hear His word and your mouth to proclaim His praise.’ The gesture can easily get lost. Have I heard the word? Do I proclaim His praise?

Maybe I can be more attentive as I listen to the Word of God proclaimed at mass. Maybe I can take what I hear and learn, and bring it to someone else, telling them what the Lord has done or is doing in my life. Jesus continues to do miracles through us today.

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**RELICS OF SAINT PIO COME TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON**

St. Peter the Apostle Church 179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054  
Thursday, September 20, 2018 (from 8:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M.)



For information about the public veneration, please call 973-334-2090 or send an email to [stpeterpar@optonline.net](mailto:stpeterpar@optonline.net). A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. by Msgr. Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A., Pastor of the St. Peter the Apostle Church.

**RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA VISIT DIOCESE OF PATERSON**

October 4 – St. Anthony of Padua Church  
65 Bartholdi Avenue, Butler, NJ (10:00 AM to 1:30 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM)

October 13 – St. Anthony of Padua Church  
276 Diamond Bridge Ave., Hawthorne, NJ (9:00 AM to 1:00 PM)

October 13 – St. Vincent DePaul Parish  
250 Bebout Ave., Stirling, NJ (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)

October 14 – Our Lady Queen of Peace Church  
209 US-Route 206, Branchville, NJ (8:00AM to 1:00PM)

October 14 – Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish  
63 E. Main St., Rockaway, NJ (3:00 PM to 7:00 PM)



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## The Feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary in honor to the name of Mary, the mother of Jesus is celebrated in Catholic Church within the octave of her Nativity on September 12. In accordance with Jewish custom our Lady's parents named her eight days after her birth, and were inspired to call her Mary. Etymologically the name Mary comes from ancient Arameic *Mariam*, and it means "Lady," "Beloved," "Myrrh of the Sea," and especially "Star of the Sea." The Hebrew name of Mary, Myryām, (in Latin *Domina*) means lady or sovereign. This Mary is in virtue of her Son's sovereign authority as Lord of the World. We call Mary our Lady as we call Jesus our Lord, and when we pronounce her name we affirm her power, implore her aid and place ourselves under her protection.

Of course, the name "Mary," being the name of the Blessed Mother, deserves special respect and devotion, and is thereby celebrated in four ways: First, *Mary* is a name of honor, since the faithful praise Mary as the Mother of our Divine Savior; she is rightfully called "Mother of God," for Jesus true God, second person of the Holy Trinity entered this world becoming also true man through Mary who had conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Second, *Mary* is a most holy name, because the very mention of her name by angel Gabriel remind us she is full of grace, has found favor with God, and is blessed among all women (cf. Luke 1: 26-30) Third, *Mary* is a maternal name, because she is our Mother, whom our Lord gave to us He was dying on the cross (cf. John 19:26-27). Finally, *Mary* is a name of the mother who responds to all of our needs, protects us from evil, and prays "for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain and was approved by the Holy See in 1513, and originally it was celebrated on September 15, eight days after Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1683, Pope Innocent XI changed it to extended the observance of the feast day to the universal Church, to be celebrated on September 12<sup>th</sup>, just four days after the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Mother, in thanksgiving to our Lady for the victory on September 12, 1683 by John Sobieski, king of Poland, over the Turks, who were besieging Vienna and threatening Christian Europe and specially the Holy See.

In 1683, the Moslem Turks, under the leadership of Sultan Mohammed IV, once again began their aggression against Christian Europe. A huge army of Muslim Turks, over 300,000 troops marched through Hungary towards Austria. By July, 1683, the Grand Vizier Kara Mustapha laid siege to Vienna. The papal nuncio as well as Emperor Leopold begged King Jan Sobieski, who had defeated the Moslem Turks at the Polish borders and had earned the title "Northern Lion," to come to their aid. King Sobieski did not hesitate and brought his army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the advance of Muslim armies. On September 12, after morning Mass in which King Sobieski and his entourage attended he entrusted himself and all his army to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He and his soldiers thoroughly defeated the Muslims on that day. Vienna and Christian Europe were saved. The Moslem standard proclaiming "Death to the Infidel" was taken by Sobieski and delivered to the Pope.

Worshiping at a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving, Sobieski fell prostrate and with outstretched arms declared it was God's cause and praised Him for the victory saying, "*Veni, vidi, Deus vicit.*" meaning "I came, I saw, God conquered," which he also wrote in a letter to Pope Innocent XI. Pope Innocent XI thereupon declared September 12<sup>th</sup> as a date to honor Mary, whose maternal intercession had saved Christendom just as it had over 100 years earlier at the Battle of Lepanto.

Honoring the Name of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus our Savior - we continue the tradition set many centuries ago, by our forefathers. There is wisdom in honoring the mother of Jesus, the virgin named Mary – as she is our spiritual mother as well.

God bless you.

..... Fr. Jan