



The Parish of Saints Philip and James  
359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780  
631-584-5454

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## April 29, 2018



*"I AM THE TRUE VINE, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."*

*John 15:1-5*

*"With Philip & James we pray to live lives worthy of the call to be  
Apostles of Hope"*

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am  
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

***Parish Center Office Hours:***

*Sunday ~ Closed  
Monday: 9am-8pm*

*Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm  
Thursday: 9am-8pm*

*Friday: 9am-12 Noon  
Saturday: 10am-2pm*

*Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454*

*Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675*

*Web ~ [www.sspj.org](http://www.sspj.org)*

**Pastoral Team**

Father Tom Haggerty  
Father Patrick Osei-Poku  
Deacon Ronald Blasius  
Deacon John Keenan  
Deacon Ken Maher  
Margaret Adams  
Virginia Portanova  
John Cordes  
Lynn Sisti  
Charlotte Czujko  
Barbara Luna  
Dominick Avento  
Suzanne Fitzgibbon  
Frank Brancaccio



Pastor  
Associate Pastor  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Deacon  
Director of Music  
Business Manager  
Director of Facilities  
Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry  
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2  
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6  
Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8  
Religious Education Administrator  
Youth Minister

**Pastoral Council**

Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica, Dr. John Primavera

**Trustees**

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

**SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa**

School Phone : 631-584-7896 School Fax: 631-584-3258

**Sacraments**

**Baptism**— Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.

**Marriage**—Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

**Confirmation**—Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCLA.

**Reconciliation**— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 12:00mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

**R.C.I.A.**— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

**Eucharistic Adoration In The Church**— Thursday 2-4pm Friday 8-9pm

## Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Next weekend we begin our parish celebrations of First Communion, a joyful time as our children share with us at the Table of the Lord. We welcome them, and affirm them and their families and our Communion Coordinator, Charlotte Czujko and all the catechists who have prepared them to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Their joy and excitement touch our hearts. Does joy and excitement touch our hearts as we receive Eucharist? One parent told me that after Mass one day his child asked him why the people in church just sit there and look so sad. These young ones call us to a new communion, a new awakening of the gift we have been given. They challenge us to let our inner selves be set free by the Risen One who gives himself to us.

From shepherd to gardener – in today's gospel Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches." He reminds us that healthy plants need pruning, and that this pruning process brings forth more abundant and stronger blooms. He also says, "Remain in me". That phrase is both very comforting and very challenging, for as Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ, says, *Jesus asks his disciples to "remain" which is different from "stay stuck". Jesus is preparing them for their going out as he himself moves on.* Jesus prepares us to go out as Apostles of Hope, to be active, engaged participants in worship, in service and in community. While the pathway may differ for each of us, we are all called and we are all chosen to be vital branches, witnessing to the hope of our vine, Jesus.

I am delighted to welcome all of you next weekend, May 5th & 6th, the Saturday/Sunday closest to the feast of our patrons, Sts. Philip and James, to come and celebrate our "new/old church": the Bethany Center. Thank you to all who made this dream finally become a reality. Why the name "Bethany Center"? Bethany was the place of hospitality where Jesus spent such precious time with friends.

We look forward to this becoming a new center for us to deepen our lives of faith and friendship.

Many thanks to all who so generously and faithfully responded to our children's weekly reflections. We will shortly convene the catechists to review and revise this process, refining how we will present them next year. If any of you would like to share your reflections on the experience of responding to the young ones, please forward your comments to me. Thank you for your ministry of outreach and evangelization.

I hope to see you for some "fine dining" at this year's Dine Around, Monday April 30<sup>th</sup>!

And, with apologies in advance:

- *I recently got crushed by a pile of books, but I suppose I've only got my shelf to blame.*
- *A man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation for a local swimming pool. So I gave him a glass of water.*
- *I went to a really emotional wedding the other day. Even the cake was in tiers.*
- *I had to quit my job at the shoe recycling factory. It was just sole destroying.*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

*Apostles: We Who Are Sent...Hope: God's constant gift of new possibilities*

## Music Ministry

*A little bit of music history...*

*We here at SSPJ use four Mass Settings. Mass Settings are parts of the Mass written by the same composer. All these settings are in our Music Issue and should be very familiar to us. If you have noticed I change Mass parts with each church season; Advent, Lent, Christmas Easter and Ordinary time. Some of these settings are more festive than others so I pick according to the season.*

*Now, during the Easter season we are singing the Mass of Christ the Savior by Dan Schutte. We will be singing this through Easter until we are back in ordinary time. Then we will change again.*

*The parts of the Mass are called the Ordinary parts. This means words stay the same but the music changes. The Gathering, Presentation, Communion and Sending Forth are the Proper parts of the Mass. Here the music and words are different.*

*Along with the Mass of Christ the Savior we also use the Mass of Creation, Mass of Renewal and Mass of Resurrection.*

*In the future we may learn other Mass Settings. It's hard to learn new music because it's unfamiliar but the more it is used the familiar the music becomes and only adds to our worship experience.*

# LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY.



Your generosity on Catholic Schools Sunday helps the Tomorrow's Hope Foundation provide scholarship funding for Long Island students who want a faith-based Catholic education, but need a little help with the tuition. Please consider helping to share the gift of Catholic education for the good of our students and for the future of our Church. To learn more, or to make a direct, tax-deductible donation, visit [tomorrowshopefoundation.org](http://tomorrowshopefoundation.org) or call 516-745-7611.



**Second Collection Next  
Weekend:  
May 5th & 6th, 2018**

### **For Catholic Elementary Schools**

Half of the money collected in parishes that have schools, such as SSPJ, stays within the school.

The remaining portion of money collected is sent to the Diocese of Rockville Center and is given to Tomorrow's Hope Foundation for scholarships.

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated.



SSPJ SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE AFTER ALL MASSES ON  
SATURDAY & SUNDAY, MAY 5TH & 6TH, 2018

## The Good News of Sts. Philip & James School



### **Enrolling Now**

for the 2018- 2019 School Year!

SSPJ School Pre-K -5th grade & SSPJ Academy 6th - 8th grade

*The best gift you can give a child is a Catholic Education.  
It is a gift that will last a lifetime.*

### **Sts. Philip & James School offers:**

**High Academic Standards**

**Strong Faith Formation**

**Community Support**

**Character development in a safe and welcoming environment**

**Personal and individualized attention**

**Strong focus on providing leadership and service to others**

**And, SO MUCH MORE**

**You are welcome to stop in and visit!**

View the SSPJ Website and Facebook Page to see all that we have to offer.

**Kindly Contact , Mrs. Ruth Testa, School Principal**

**For additional information**

**Or, to setup a tour/class visit,**

## SSPJ School Its an Awesome Place! Here's Why...

Why send your most special child to SSPJ?

I did not have a Catholic school education. I was occasionally taken to Sunday mass with my father. Looking back, they are precious memories.

I am blessed with two beautiful sons. Both with developmental challenges. Struggling through special services, then only to be lost in the public and private system. My heart was breaking as both my children were withering.

Literally on my knees, I enrolled my children into SSPJ, completely naive to a Catholic education. It is a light so hard hard to explain if you do not get out of your own way and open yourself up to touch it, feel it, and live it.

The teachers/Pastors here at SSPJ go far beyond teaching the ABC's. Their teaching is based on our faith, demanding love, compassion and respect for themselves and others.

We have been at SSPJ for five years now and our whole family has changed. My children are not thriving, they have far exceeded any state expectation. I see our faith instilled in them. What better building blocks can we give our children? Character, compassion, respect are not built on ABC's.

At a very young age they are living the light of our faith. They know they are never alone and are very loved by not only mom and dad, but the family of God.

Father Tom, Father Patrick, teachers and staff of SSPJ, thank you for educating not only my children, but my whole family. You are not a school, but a ray of light from heaven that educates the mind and heart. THANK YOU!

Mark and Lisa Stephen

IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR  
AGAIN!!

THE SSPJ SCHOOL GUILD  
PLANT SALE WILL BE HELD ON:

Tuesday & Wednesday:

May 8th and May 9th, 2018

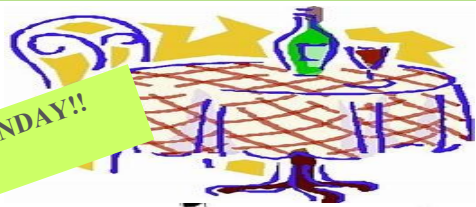
From 10 am until 3pm

In The School Auditorium

This Wonderful Sale is OPEN TO  
ALL PARISHONERS!!!

A wide variety of flowers are  
available  
For purchase!

THIS MONDAY!!



Sts. Philip and James

Dine Around

Monday, April 30th  
SSPJ Auditorium  
7:00 pm  
\$35.00 per person

This is an event you won't  
want to miss!!!  
Come dine with friends and enjoy a sampling of what  
our local restaurants have to offer,  
as well as live music, beer and wine!!

**Ticket Sales**

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Seats at \$35 each: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Checks payable to SSPJ School Guild  
Tickets available via mail, at the rectory or the school lobby.

We are currently at 85% of our Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal of \$119,700!

*Many thanks for your kindness and generosity of heart!*

GOAL

\$119,700.



Pledges  
at  
4/17/2018

\$101,340.



*"I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him..."*

For Long Island's homebound seniors, **Meals-on-Wheels** is a lifesaver. Every weekday, the program delivers hot, nutritious meals to seniors in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Meals-on-Wheels case managers also assist these seniors in accessing other services they might need.

*"I knew something was wrong as soon as I saw him,"* explains Steve, a driver for Catholic Charities' Meals-on-Wheels. Steve had been delivering meals to Ed for several years and upon arriving that fateful day, immediately observed that he seemed disoriented.

Steve knew Ed was diabetic, so he checked his blood sugar and saw that it was low. He poured him some orange juice but sensed there was something more serious going on. *"I kept asking him to let me call 911 but he resisted. I couldn't accept that so I just casually stuck around, making my case. He finally admitted that he didn't have anyone to care for his dog if he was hospitalized, so I promised I would, and that's when he gave me the green light to call."*

It was a good thing, too. At the hospital Ed was diagnosed with a serious blood infection that kept him there for nearly four months. In the meantime, Steve cared for the dog until Ed's sister arrived from out of town.

**Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal support so many programs that help us to serve our seniors and others who come to us for help each day.**

***Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.***

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Make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU!**



***The Parish of Saints Philip & James  
359 Clinton Avenue , Saint James, New York 11780***

***Invite All to Celebrate Mass***

***In Honor of All Uniformed Services Personnel***

***On,***

***Sunday, May 20th, 2018***

***At 10:00am***

***All Police, Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS,  
Court Officers and Military Personnel  
Are Welcome and Invited to Attend  
This celebration of the Eucharist .***

***Surrounded by the SSPJ Parish Family,  
We will extend a blessing upon all of the  
Uniformed Men and Women who work and serve us in  
Countless ways through their heroism and service***

***For further information  
Please contact:***

***Roger Urce at (631) 682-1677—SCPD Retired***

***Fellowship reception to Follow the Mass in the Parish Auditorium***

***We look forward to having you join us at this special celebration.***

***All Denominations Are Welcome.***

***Please wear your uniforms for this celebration!***





# Catholic Archdiocese Of Kumasi

*Archbishop's Office*  
P. O. Box KS 99, Kumasi  
Ghana West Africa

Please quote Ref. No. in your reply.....

Ref.: RG XXI/04/2018/333

April 24, 2018

The Pastor  
Sts. Philip and James R/C Church  
1 Carrow Place  
Saint James, New York 11780  
U.S.A.

Dear Rev. Thomas,

## Expression of Gratitude

Please receive greetings from the Archbishop's Office, Kumasi, Ghana.

I write to inform you that I have received, through the instrumentality of Rev. Fr. Patrick Osei-Poku, copies of the Bank Transfer Notes with regard to the donation of **U.S. \$6,000.00 (six thousand United States Dollars)** from the Social Ministry and Peace and Justice Committee of Saints Philip and James Parish at Saint James, New York, of which you are the Pastor. I assure you that the money will be forwarded to Nahinso St. Thomas R/C Church for the roofing of its church building.

I wish to register sincerest gratitude to you and your noble Parishioners. It is said that *he who does not appreciate, depreciates*. I am very grateful to you all for this wonderful show of Christian solidarity.

Kindly extrapolate my deepest thankfulness to your Parishioners and Co-Workers for me.

May the Lord continue to bless the labour of your hands.

Yours sincerely,

Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Anokye  
ARCHBISHOP OF KUMASI

Cc: 1. Rev. Fr. Michael Kofi Akowuah, Financial Administrator  
2. Rev. Fr. Joseph Asante, Development Director  
3. Rev. Fr. Thomas Acheampong, Parish Priest, Kotei Parish

GJA:vja:

## Parish Social Ministry

GOAL: \$12,000



# RAISE THE ROOF

So Far, SSPJ Parish Family has raised:  
\$6,000!

Since Father Patrick left Ghana in 2014, work continues at a slow pace in an effort to place a roof atop an outstation church in Nahinso, Ghana.

It is our hope to assist in the effort of placing a roof upon this church to shelter all the faithful that gather in his name.

*The hands of compassionate Apostles of Hope are needed locally:*

*Helping hands are needed to do food shopping for our brothers and sisters who are homebound, or to simply make a "Friendly visit" to share the simple gift of time and conversation.*

*Your assistance is needed,  
once  
every two weeks*

*If you are interested in lending a helping hand, kindly contact Lynn Sisti-Parish Social Ministry Coordinator at 631-584-5454*

*Many thanks for your kindness and consideration.*

*Come Join the Peace and Justice Ministry at their next meeting on: Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 at 4:00pm in Parish Social Ministry Office*



If you are fluent in any foreign language, please call the Parish Social Ministry Office at 631-584-5454. We are doing a project for Pentecost and could use your help!  
Thank you!

# THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

*A brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in their faith & discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ.*



## MONDAY, MAY 7, 2018

**Event: Open Forum Discussion**  
**Topic: TBA**

We are a brotherhood of Catholic men who meet at Saints Philip & James R.C. Church and are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ. We gather twice a month to pray, listen to spiritual wisdom, and draw strength from one another in fellowship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community.

• **Please Note: We will be meeting in the the Old Church.**

**LOCATION:** Old Church: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY  
**6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Open Forum Discussion • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake**  
*Come for all, or part of our evening's schedule • No membership required. Open to all men!*

**Website: [www.sspjmensforum.org](http://www.sspjmensforum.org)**

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# SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of April 29th 2018

## Sunday, April 29th, 2018

8:00am SSPJ School Guild Dine Around Ticket Sale School Lobby  
8:30am RCIA SSPJ Room  
10:00am Children's Liturgy School Multi-purpose Rm  
11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wksp  
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

## Monday, April 30th, 2018

5:00pm Guild Dine Around Auditorium

## Tuesday, May 1st, 2018:

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group Prayer Room Church  
7:30pm Chords of Faith Rehearsal Choir Loft  
8:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting Monte Building

## Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018:

4:00pm Peace & Justice Ministry Meeting PSM Office  
7:00pm Youth Ministry Auditorium

## Thursday, May 3rd, 2018:

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church  
7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal Choir Loft  
7:30pm Pre-Baptism Class Philip & James Room

## Friday, May 4th, 2018:

3:00pm Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp  
7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room  
8:00pm First Friday Nocturnal Adoration Church

## Saturday, May 5th, 2018:

5:00pm Children's Liturgy of the Word Auditorium  
5:00pm Guild Gala Ticket Sale School Lobby



### Weekly Collection: Sunday April 22, 2018

**Sunday Collection: \$11,498.**

**Faith Direct: \$3,823**

**Children's Jug: \$29.**

**Total Collection: \$15,350.**

*Many thanks for your generous support of  
Sts. Philip & James Parish*

## **Our Altar Candles**

**For the Week of  
April 29th, 2018**

**Are Burning For,**

**Florence Logan**

**Our Mom and Nana  
"Big Nans"**

**Miss you each and everyday...**

**"Our Angel in Heaven  
And the outfield."**



## **Silver Chords Young at Heart Free Concerts**

**Sunday May 6th at 2pm  
St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
Brookside drive, Smithtown, NY**

**Sunday May 20th, at 2pm  
Mary Immaculate Church  
Browns Lane, Bellport**

**Songs from Rent, Disney,  
Folk Songs and more!**

## **\*Save the Date\***

**Nationally Renowned  
Constitutional Educator**

**KrisAnne Hall**

- ❑ Kris Anne Hall speaks at more than 250 venues each year.
  - ❑ She explains why our founders knew our liberties depended on a moral and religious citizenry.
  - ❑ She traces the origin of our conscience rights and religious liberty.
- Kris Anne Hall is an incredibly effective speaker who teaches audiences all across the country about the roots of our Constitutional Liberties including the Fight for Liberty and for Religious Freedom.

**Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7:00pm at  
St. Patrick's Church in Smithtown  
Information: Please call: 631-896-8331**

# Mass Intentions, For the week of April 29th, 2018

## Saturday, April 28th, 2018

8:00pm Steven Calasscibetta

## Sunday, April 29th, 2018

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Margaret Olsen

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:  
Rev. Richard Hendel  
Rev. Charles Guarino  
Walter "Doc" Westhoff  
Bill Morrissey  
Beverly Carmen  
Bruce Edgar

## Monday, April 30th, 2018~

7:30am Muriel Totter

9:15am Joseph Vignato

## Tuesday, May 1st, 2018

7:30am Ann Smith

9:15am Grace Giannantonio

We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers those who are ill...

Anna Capizzio  
Angela Amoroso  
Angela Boccio McComb  
AnnMarie M.  
Baby Mattia Lubrano  
Betty Schmidt  
Brett Dowling  
Brennan Steinorth  
Bryan Van Colt  
Carole Hennessy  
Carol Walz  
Catherine Burseind  
Christel DeBlasio  
Christopher Tallarico  
Christina Meringolo  
Daisy Abruzzo  
David Shankles  
Dawn Kopel  
Dylan Lauro  
Eileen Zink  
Elinor Glasser  
Faith VanGostein  
Florence Donahue  
Gerard Duffy  
Ginny McAuley  
Greg  
Helen McDowell  
Hillary Boehme  
James Gietzen  
Jeanine Esposito Tansey  
Josette Perconti  
Joseph Perconti

Joe Alberigo  
John Bombace  
John Capizzio  
John Hernandez  
Julianne  
Kathleen N.  
Kitty Cronin,  
Kylie Quigley  
Laura Andrucki & family  
Linda Sue  
Louis Giordano  
Mark Montesano  
Marie DelCielo,  
Marie Fabry  
Marie Loughlin  
Mary McDonough  
Michael LaVecchia  
Nancy Fornabia  
Pasquale Santoro  
Patricia Casey  
Patricia Fontana  
Patricia Monetti  
Paulette Agoglia  
Robin Graham Denis  
Raymond Fox  
Rosemary Morgan  
Sean Winters  
Suzanne McCue  
Terence Hobbes  
Teresa Orlik  
Terry Pace  
Vivien Cordes

## Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018

7:30am Carol Granola

9:15am William Seltzer

## Thursday, May 3rd, 2018

7:30am James Feltman

9:15am Collective Mass:  
Rosemarie Sherow  
Thomas McDonough

## Friday, May 4th, 2018

7:30am John Peters

9:15am Agnes Watson

## Saturday, May 5th, 2018

9:15am Patricia DeWeerd

5:00pm Frederick Hnusiak

## Sunday, May 6th, 2018

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ

10:00am Antoinette Schif

12:00 Noon Collective Mass:  
Reverend Clarence Murphy  
Joseph Pelligrino  
Grace Pelligrino  
Corinne Sbarbaio  
William McMullan

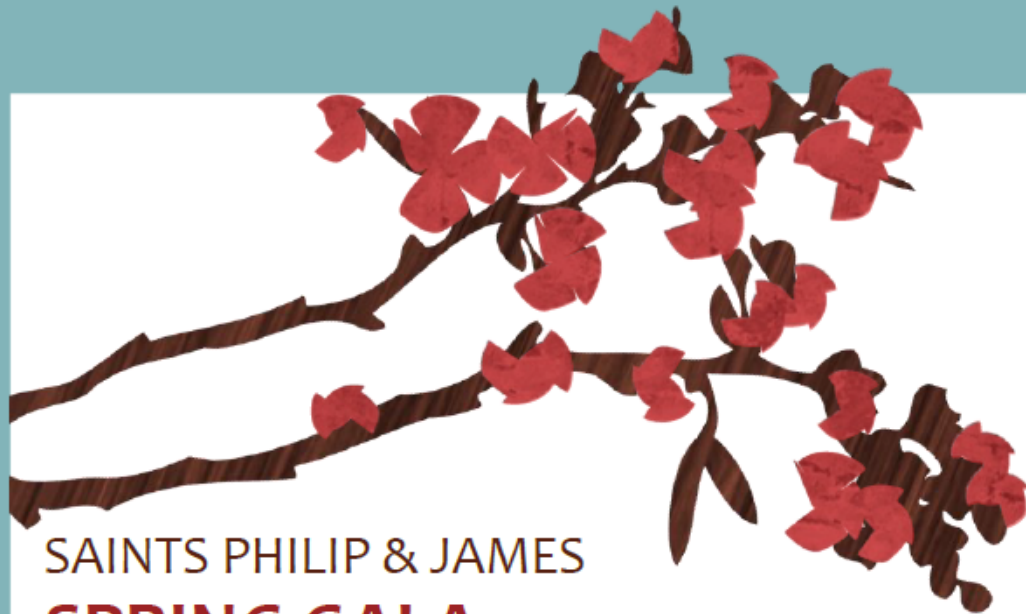
## We Pray for those Who Serve



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN  
CAPT. WILSON MARKS, USN  
CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN, JR.  
LT. COL. JOHN KAIRES  
SPC. NICOLE A. CANNON  
SGM. MICHAEL P. BORRELLI (US ARMY)  
CAPT. JOHN TULLY, USN  
LT. COL. JAMES TULLY, US ARMY  
JOSEPH SAGGIO, USNC  
CAPTAIN PAUL WILLMS  
STAFF SGT. MICHAEL LONGHENRY  
LT. COL. PAUL T. JACKSON,  
STAFF SGT ALEXANDER PARRELLA, USAF  
RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF  
SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC  
CORPORAL DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC  
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC  
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN  
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL  
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC  
STEVEN CAVA, USN  
ERIC SEELIN, USMC  
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ  
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN  
CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY, USMC  
GREGORY DEVANEY, USMC  
SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY, US ARMY  
KEVIN JONES, U.S.C.G.  
RICHARD MAIER, U.S.M.C.  
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG  
GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY  
PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA  
MARIO CATANIA, USMC  
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO, U.S.M.C.  
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS U.S.N.  
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C.  
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.USAF

*Safely Home... We Remember,*

**Norma A. Crevi**



# SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES SPRING GALA

THE ANTHONY J. WEIDNER PARISH SERVICE AWARD  
WILL BE PRESENTED TO

**CLAIRE DICARLO**

SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 6:00PM – 10:00PM

**SSPJ CHURCH AUDITORIUM**

COCKTAIL HOUR & DINNER BY: VILLA SORRENTO  
ENTERTAINMENT, DANCING, SODA, & WINE

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## SPONSORSHIP (CIRCLE ONE)

\$500 Benefactor   \$250 Patron   \$100 Sponsor   \$50 Friends   Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## TICKET SALES

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Seats @ \$50 each

Sorry, I am unable to attend. Enclosed is my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check   MasterCard   Visa   Amex

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:   Sts Philip & James School Guild  
359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780

Questions Contact: Lisa Stephen at [schoolguild@sspjschool.net](mailto:schoolguild@sspjschool.net)



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL  
COUNCIL #12839

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018

Smithtown Landing Country Club  
495 Landing Avenue • Smithtown, NY 11787




**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**


Contact: Thomas Sica  
(631) 521 - 4771  
[sikachu45@hotmail.com](mailto:sikachu45@hotmail.com)

Registration: 8:30 am  
Shotgun Tee Off: 10 am

**Breakfast Sponsored By:**  
Doda's Gold Shield Catering

May the Course Be With You 

**This Year's Honoree:**  
**Mike Tully**



**Sponsorship:**

- Dinner Sponsorship @ \$1,000 - (2 Available)
- Lunch Sponsorship @ \$500 - (2 Available)
- Driving Range Sponsorship @ \$500 (2 Available)
- Tee Signs Sponsorship @ \$100 each
- Cart Sponsorship (1) \$300
- Putting Green Sponsorship (4) @ \$250 each
- Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ \$125 each

**Sponsorship Information:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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## *PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR May 5th & 6th, 2018*

Saturday, May 5, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, May 6, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Msgr. Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron	Deacon John	Deacon John

## *EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR May 5th & 6th, 2018*

Saturday, May 5, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, May 6, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
G. Alfano	K. Consenz	B. Carey	P. Agoglia
I. Arevalo	J. Giacalone	H. Collins	M. Laub
R. Byrne	W. VanGostein	N. Locastro	E. Sotomayer
P. Damato	G. Beisel	P. Rizzo	M. Hoonhout
D. Doran	L. Beisel	M. Koke	E. Law
J. Duffy	R. Doda, Sr.	B. Luna	M. McCreesh
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D. Earl	R. Fabian	M. Morbillo	P. Roman
M. Fox	C. Haff	M. Sehne	C. Rubano
J. Primavera	W. Haff	C. Lombardi	V. Rubano

## *ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR May 5th & 6th, 2018*

Saturday, May 5, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
P. Bisel	M. Russo	B. Kieran	N. Hoonhout
C. Williams	A. Willman	J. Prew	S. Santos
J. Leber	B. Willman	M. Stephans	E. Zeman
M. Pappas	K. Dobkowski	A. Kaiser	A. Peykar
S. McCalvin	S. Dobkowski	N. Fazzini	

## *LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR May 5th & 6th, 2018*

Saturday, May 5, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, May 6, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
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## Getting Ready for Next Sunday

May 6th— Sixth Sunday of Easter— Cycle B

### Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) . Click on the date.

### Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

*Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48*  
*1 John 4:7-10*

*Psalm 98*  
*John 15:9-17*

God's ways are mysterious. Each of us, at one time or another, has wished for an opportunity to address a question to the Lord -- face to face. We would prefer to go right to the top and eliminate all those in the middle. Today's readings tell us that God's mind and attitude are reflected in believers. Believers are God's spokespersons.

In the Cornelius episode, Luke declares that the Christian community is for everyone and that the Gentiles need not first become Jews to enter this community. Cornelius is the first Gentile convert to the faith. Luke has Peter show that God is impartial: "but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:35).

The author of First John is concerned with the bond that unites God with the believer. This bond is love. God is love, hence love must characterize God's family. "Everyone who loves ... knows God" (1 John 4:7). The sending of the Son is the ultimate manifestation of God's love. The fact that our sins are redeemed in Jesus means that our lifestyle is part of God's plan for salvation.

The gospel passage develops the imagery of the vine and the branches. Like the second reading, the gospel speaks of the love that unites God and the believer. Jesus' fundamental command is mutual love. Jesus' love of the disciples flows from God's love of Jesus. Far from being a personal acquisition, the love of God looks to others. "I appointed you to go and bear fruit" (John 15:16).

Christianity demands that the believer not only grasp intellectually the main tenets of the faith but also act on them in daily life. Within the context of community the believer is linked to Jesus who is linked to the Father. If God is love and Jesus' self-giving is the supreme expression of that love, then we must communicate the depth of that love by the way we live in the world. We are spokespersons for God.

- John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.  
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YOU DID NOT  
CHOOSE ME

BUT I  
CHOSE YOU.

JN 15:16

### For reflection...

*Recall a time in your life when you really felt the love of God. What was that like? How did you respond?*

*Has there been someone (or more than one) in your life who has loved you in a way which reveals God's love to you? How did this person (these people) reveal God to you?*

*Jesus asks us to love one another. Who are among the people you find easy to love? Why? Who are among the people you find challenging to love? Why? What helps you to fulfill Jesus' command?*

*Is love "warm and fuzzy"? "tough and hard"? Both? How would you describe the love God calls us to?*

*What does Peter's baptizing Cornelius reveal about God? How might this relate to situations in today's world?*

## THE SHORTCOMINGS OF A DIGITAL IMMIGRANT

Information technology and social media aren't my mother tongue. I'm a digital immigrant. I wasn't born into the world of information technology but migrated into it, piece-meal. I first lived in some foreign territories.

I was nine years old before I lived with electricity. I had seen it before; but neither our home, our school, nor our neighbors had electricity. Electricity, when I first saw it, was a huge revelation. And while I grew up with radio, I was fourteen before our family got its first television set. Again, this was a revelation – and manna for my adolescent hunger for connection to the larger world. Electricity and television quickly became a mother tongue, one lit our home and other brought the big world into it. But the phone was still foreign. I was seventeen when I left home and our family had never had a phone.

The phone wasn't much to master, but it would be a goodly number of years before I mastered much in the brave new world of information technology: Computers, the internet, websites, mobile phones, smart phones, television and movie access through the internet, cloud storage, social media, virtual assistants, and the world of myriad apps. It's been a journey! I was thirty-eight when I first used a VCR, forty-two before I first owned a computer, fifty before I first accessed the web and used email, fifty-eight when I owned my first mobile phone, the same age when I first set up a website, sixty-two before I first texted, and sixty-five before I joined Facebook. With email, texting, and Facebook being all I can handle, I still do not have either an Instagram or Twitter account. I'm the only person in my immediate religious community who still prays the office of the church out of a book rather than off a mobile device.

I protest that paper has soul while digital devices do not. The responses I get are not particularly sympathetic. But it's for reasons of soul that I much prefer to have a book in my hand than a kindle device. I'm not against information technology; mainly it's just that I'm not very good at it. I struggle with the language. It's hard to master a new language as an adult and I envy the young who can speak this language well.

What's to be said about the revolution in information technology? Is it good or bad?

Obviously, it has many positives: It's making us the most informed people ever in the history of this world. Information is power and the internet and social media have leveled the playing field in terms of access to information and this is serving well the developing nations in the world. Moreover it's creating one global village out of the whole world. We now know all of our neighbors, not just those who live nearby. We're the best-informed and best-connected people ever.

But all of this also has a pejorative underbelly: We talk to each other less than we text each other. We have many virtual friends but not always many real friends. We watch nature on a screen more than we ever physically touch it. We spend more time looking at device in our hands than actually engaging others face to face. I walk through an airport or basically any other public space and I see the majority of people staring at their phones. Is this a good thing? Does it foster for friendship and community or is it their substitute? It's too early to tell. The initial generations who lived through the industrial revolution did not have any way of knowing what the effects of this would be long-range. The technological revolution, I believe, is just as radical as the industrial revolution and we are its initial generation. At this time we have no way of knowing where this will ultimately take us, for good or bad.

But one negative that seems already evident is that the revolution within information technology we are living through is destroying the few remaining remnants we still retain in terms of keeping "Sabbath" in our lives. The 13<sup>th</sup> century mystic, Rumi, once lamented: "*I have lived too long where I can be reached.*" That's infinitely truer of us today than it was for those living in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. Thanks to the electronic devices we carry around with us we can be reached all the time – and, too often, let ourselves be reached all time. The result is that now we no longer have any time apart from what we regularly do. Our family times, our recreational times, our vacation periods, and even our prayer times are constantly rendered regular time by our "being reached". My fear is that while we are going to be the most informed people ever we may well end up the least contemplative people ever.

But I'm an outsider on this, a digital immigrant. I need to bow to the judgments of those who speak this language as their mother tongue.