



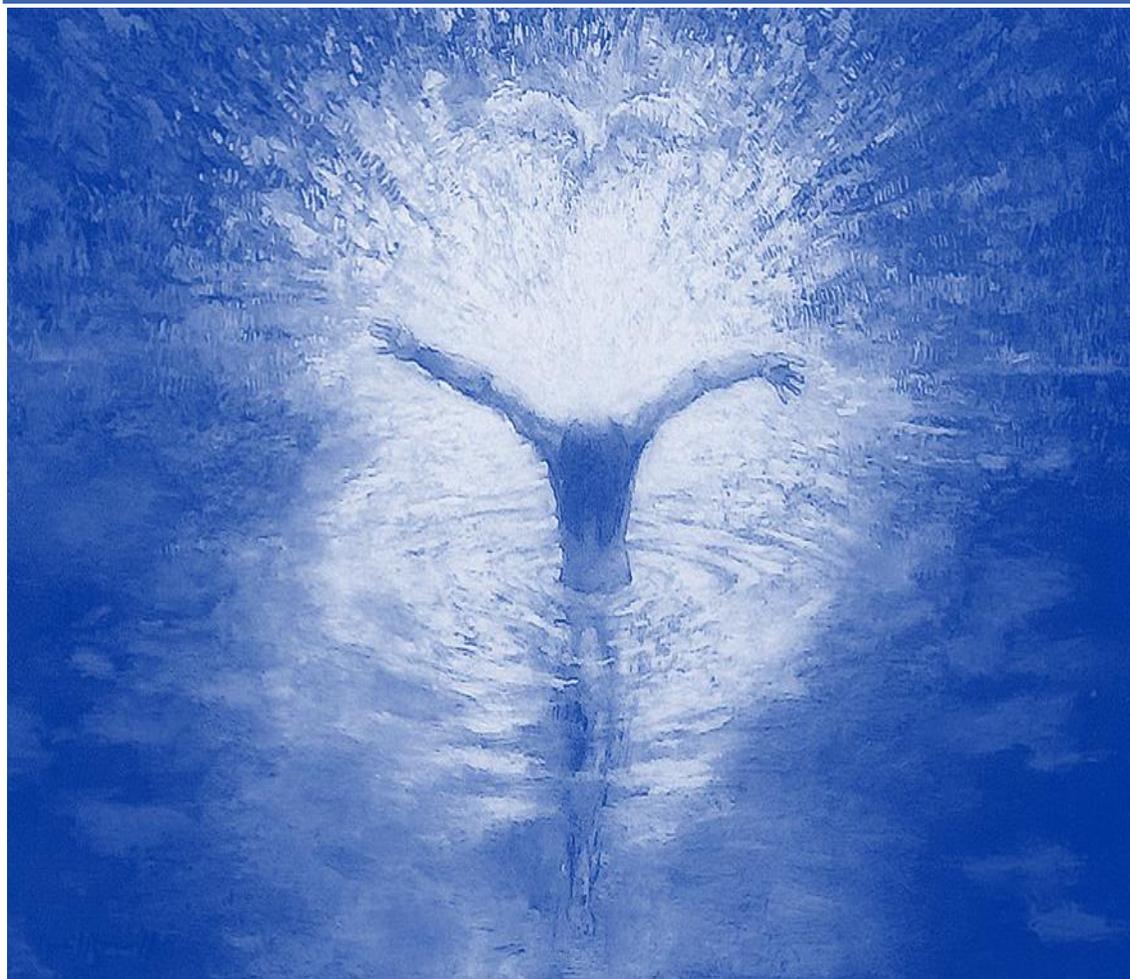
The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

January 10th, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord



“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased”

Mark 1: 11

“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

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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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 RCIA.

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 8:00am mass 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— Monday 1:30pm -7pm

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$17,890.

Weekly Collection: Sunday January 3rd, 2020

\$ 13,493.

New Year Collection:

1,910.

Faith Direct : (121 Participants)

3,044.

Total Collections:

\$18,447

Amended total for Christmas Collection:

\$45,849.

Thank you for your generosity

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today we bring to a close the Christmas season as we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. Just over two short weeks ago we celebrated the birth of the Child of Bethlehem. Now, as a grown man Jesus presents himself to John the Baptist, acknowledging it's time to move on to the next phase of his calling. What will that ministry entail? What does the future hold?

While most of us were baptized as infants, we, like Jesus, are constantly called to continue our journey. Sr. Joyce Zimmerman puts it this way:

*The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, so does the Holy Spirit descend upon us;
Jesus is the beloved Son, **so are we beloved children**;
God was well pleased with Jesus, **so is God well pleased with us**.
To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God expect?*

As we grow from infants to adults, these questions grow with us. We need to continue to grow with – not so much “answers”, but “responses”. Answers can sometimes come too quickly and be too limiting. Responses seem to invite more reflection, more action, more openness, and more hope. Perhaps this week we might each make some time to reflect on our Baptism, and on the fact that **we are God's beloved**. Then, let's consider how we are responding to that amazing experience.

I write this while anticipating the Mass of Transferral and funeral Mass for Deacon Ken Maher. As a parish family we send our deepest condolences to Ken's wife, Betty, and their entire family. We are grateful to them for sharing Ken with us during his many years of faithful ministry at SSPJ. Many thanks to all who left their notes for Ken's family after the weekend Masses. We will ensure your thoughts, prayers and memories of Ken are delivered to Betty. A special thank you to our Ministry of Consolation and our ushers for their outstanding assistance during the liturgies.

And here's a little thought as we set forth into 2021:

Hello, welcome to Flight #2021. We are prepared to take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Attitude and Blessings are secured and locked in an upright position. All self-destructive devices should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away.

Should we lose Altitude under pressure, during the flight, reach up and pull down a Prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated you can assist other passengers.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. The Captain (GOD) has cleared us for takeoff. Destination greater HOLINESS .

Are you on board?

Peace,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions, For the week of January 10th, 2021

We Remember....

***Katherine & Vincent
Salvatore***

Joseph V. Frenna

Joseph Michael Winters

***Resting in his loving
arms***



Eucharistic Adoration

Monday, January 11th, 2021

From 1:30-7:00pm

In the Church



Remembering in Our Prayers~

Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Anna Ormsby
Antoinette Fisher
Arthur Gureck
Baby Ben
Barbara Bombace
Barbara Ruland
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Belinda Vega
Brianna Florio
Bob Keenan
Carol
Claudia Chandler
Daniel Radice
Deirdre W.
Dolores North
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Dylan Beach
Ella
Ellie Walsh
Gary McLean
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Helen
Ida Wehman
Joanna
Jack Donohue
John Cronin
John DeStefano

J.C.
Joseph S.
Luis Anthony
Antonette Sabatino
Judy Rampola
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Leon Donach
Lisa McLean
Mark Hildreth
Mary Fresi
Maryann Kevlin
Maria Clark
Marie del Cielo
Matthew Parrella
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Pasquale Savarese
Peter Donach
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Riordan Cavoaris
Sara Jean Andersen
Stephen Dolce
Theresa Kassay
Tara CesarSKI
Vivien Cordes
Victoria Zubrycky
Vicki Archdeacon

<p>Saturday</p> <p><i>January 9th, 2021</i> Prsider: Father Joe Lector: L. Auletta EM: L. Sisti</p> <p>9:15am 5:00pm</p> <p><i>Ann Klajnoski</i> <i>James Klouda</i></p>	<p>Sunday</p> <p><i>January 10th, 2021</i> Prsider: Father Joe Lector: A. Willman EM: V. Portanova</p> <p>8am</p> <p><i>For the People of SSPJ</i></p>
	<p>Monday</p> <p><i>January 11th, 2021</i></p> <p>7:30am 9:15am</p> <p><i>Joseph Galletta</i> <i>Joe D'Angelo</i></p>
	<p>Tuesday</p> <p><i>January 12th, 2021</i></p> <p>7:30am 9:15am</p> <p><i>Thomas McGrath</i> <i>Living~Pasquale Savarese</i></p>
	<p>Wednesday</p> <p><i>January 13th, 2021</i></p> <p>7:30am 9:15am</p> <p><i>Margaret Regina</i> <i>Elvia Mojica</i></p>
	<p>Thursday</p> <p><i>January 14th, 2021</i></p> <p>7:30am 9:15am</p> <p><i>Living~ Rita & Anthony P. Gallo</i> Collective Mass: John Purcell Kevin M. Keating</p>
	<p>Friday</p> <p><i>January 15th, 2021</i></p> <p>7:30am 9:15am</p> <p><i>Joseph Galletta</i> <i>Robert Camillieri</i></p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p><i>January 16th, 2021</i> Prsider: Father Kevin Lector: Student Lector EM: D. Anderson</p> <p>9:15am 5:00pm</p> <p><i>Maxima (Max) Cortina</i> <i>Joan Fahey</i></p>	<p>Sunday</p> <p><i>January 17th, 2021</i> Prsider: Father Kevin Lector: P. Kanuika EM: C. Czujko</p> <p>8:00am</p> <p><i>For the People of SSPJ</i></p>
<p>Prsider: Father Joe Lector: T. Cafaro EM: K. Consenz</p> <p>10:00am</p> <p><i>Living~Karl Walz and Carol Walz ~departed</i></p>	<p>Collective Mass Prsider: Father Joe Lector: A. Dinnigan EM: B. Luna</p> <p>12:00pm</p> <p><i>Charles "Buzz" Reynolds</i> <i>Joseph "Chickie" Martin</i> <i>Regina Fischer</i> <i>Theresa Marotta</i> <i>Michael Grady</i></p>

Altar Memorials for the Week of January 10th, 2021



*The Bread & Wine
Are Offered for,
Deacon Ken Maher
With Gratitude and
Thanksgiving
The Parishioners of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*



*The Altar Candles
Are Offered
In Loving Memory of
Deacon Ken Maher
Your light will always shine upon us
The Grateful Parishioners of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*



*The Pro Life Rose
Is Offered In Loving, Heartfelt
Memory of
Deacon Ken Maher
Holding Your Memory
In Our Hearts,
The Parishioners of
Sts. Philip & James Parish*



*The Sanctuary Lamp
Is Illuminating
In Loving Memory of,
Deacon Ken Maher
With Gratitude and
Thanksgiving
The SSPJ Parish Staff*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

SECOND GRADE PARENT MEETING

*JANUARY 12TH, 2021
DETAILS WILL BE EMAILED TO PARENTS*

JANUARY PRAYER OF THE MONTH

THE ACT OF CONTRITION



My God,

*I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you
whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help,
to do penance, to sin no more,
and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered
and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy.
Amen.*

JANUARY ACTS OF SERVICE: "Warming others by your light"

*During these winter months we ask you to consider
the simple things that keep you warm....
Using your own "fundraising efforts, purchase a
warm hat, or gloves or socks for a man, woman or
child ...*

*Place the item(s) that you are sharing in a zip lock
bag, with your act of service card, and drop it off
at the Parish Center Office from Jan19th-22nd.
Your gifts will be shared with someone who is cold,
and lonely...*

Parish Social Ministry

Happy New Year from the Respect Life Committee:

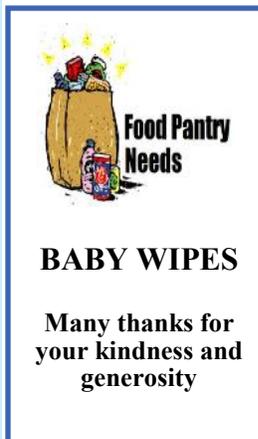
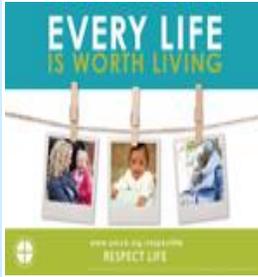
If you have any questions contact the Respect Life Committee at 631-862-9370.

Have you all made your New Year's Resolutions? The Respect Life Committee is asking everyone to pray for the protection of Human Life.

Pray daily for the protection of all human life. Over 60,000,000 babies have been lost in the United States since the passage of Roe v. Wade.

We ask that you pray the rosary for life. You are **encouraged to in the following opportunities:**

- 1) Join the parish rosary group after the 7:30AM Mass Mon. thru Fri.
- 2 Attend Adoration for whatever time you can on Mondays at Sts. Philip and James from 1:30PM until 7PM.



Every Life Is Worth Living:

Heavenly Father, thank you

for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect

this gift, even in the midst of fear,

pain, and suffering. Give us love for all people,

especially the most vulnerable,

and help us bear witness to the

truth that every life is worth living. Grant us the humility to accept

help when we are in need,

and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions,

may others encounter the

outstretched hands

of Your mercy. We ask this through

Christ, our Lord. Amen United States Conference of Catholic Bishops,



*Laudato si New Year's Resolutions for the Planet
Get involved in your community.*

Self-improvement is a classic theme of New Year's resolutions. But to improve the planet, collective action is important. And the best thing you can do is get involved. At the national and state level, that means voting, for starters. And locally, it means helping to make changes in your community: in schools, in local groups including the parish, or at the town hall.

Music Ministry

A Happy, healthy New year from all in the Music Ministry.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Concert this year. It was a learning experience to make but well worth it. We had quite a lot of views which the music ministry was happy to see. It was truly a magical concert. The Holy Spirit was with us.

Again, thank you to the adult cantors and instrumentalists for the hard work and dedication in the making this concert. A special thank you to my husband Tim for the taping and coproducing. The concert would not have happened without his continued support and dedication to this ministry.

There are always opportunities to join the music ministry. Even in this time of pandemic.

*This weekend is the Baptism of the Lord. It is a perfect time to think about joining our baptism music ministry. If you play an instrument or sing the ministry could **REALLY** use your help.*

It will take only a bite size piece of you time. Baptisms are twice a month at 2pm. The more people there are the less the commitment.

We are socially distant and in a safe space. So, please think about joining.



Reflecting...with Sister T

January 6,2021

Dear Friends,

Ah, can you believe that we are already in January. The new Month in a new year in a different part of our journey has begun. The great thing about new beginnings is that we have a chance to look at the and learn from it, as we journey towards our future, always remaining in the present moment.

Last week I spoke about taking your foot of the brake and so if we do that there is much to be learned. We can enter the new year with hope realizing how much God desires new beginnings for us. What are some of the ways we can do that? Perhaps we need to look back at last year. One of the ways of doing that might be by journaling. It was once said that “keeping a journal is praying on paper.” (Robin Sharma) Here are some questions you may wish to journal or think about. Would you be able to give a name to last year’s journey?

How do you describe it to others when you talk about your year during a pandemic?

Who were the people that demonstrated wisdom during these challenging times?

How did the year influence your life’s journey?

What do you consider the most satisfying part of last year?

As we take stock of ourselves one very important fact is to remember that we trust God with our lives and believe that He will always provide us with enough strength and beauty to keep us going forward. We have celebrated the feast of the Epiphany and now the Baptism of the Lord. Both speak of coming closer to God, seeing the light and being satisfied for the Lord always calls us who are thirsting for him to be satisfied.

“Seek the Lord while He may be found, call to him while he is near.” Isaiah 42:6

*Till next week,
Sister T*

SSPJ School News



Registration for the 2021-2022 School Year begins on
January 31, 2021

To schedule a tour and for more information contact
Diane Anderson, Principal
danderson@sspjschool.net



Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19
Ps 40:2,4,7-10
1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20
John 1:35-42

Monday January 18

Hebrews 5:1-10
Ps 110:1-4
Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday January 19

Hebrews 6:10-20
Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9,10c
Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday January 20

Hebrews 7:1-3,15-17
Ps 110:1-4
Mark 3:1-6

Thursday January 21

St. Agnes

Hebrews 7:25 -- 8:6
Ps 40:7-10,17
Mark 3:7-12

Friday January 22

Pray for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Hebrews 8:6-13
Ps 85:8,10-14
Mark 3:13-19

Saturday January 23

Hebrews 9:2-3,11-14
Ps 47:2-3,6-9
Mark 3:20-21

Like Jesus did to Simon Peter, he says to each of us: "What are you looking for?" When you pray, and when you look at a crucifix, or when you see a picture of Jesus, *what* exactly are you looking for?

Jesus says: "Come and see!" Come and see what? His love? His healing power? His supernatural ability to answer our prayers? Whatever we're looking for, the reason we're seeking it is because we don't yet have it.

Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise by God the Father. Jesus is the fullness of love, the provider of mercy, the divine healer, the perfect mediator of all our prayers and concerns, and everything else we truly need. So, why does it feel like something is still missing? Why do our lives feel incomplete? Why do our prayers seem unanswered?



Yet with all of this, Peter did not really find all that he was looking for (remember how easily he felt afraid or confused or uncertain) until he was on the giving end of it. He didn't discover the fullness of Jesus until Jesus was no longer present in the flesh and Peter accepted the call to continue Christ's earthly ministry.

The same is true for us who have never seen Jesus' actual eyes or heard his actual voice. We find what we're seeking when we give it to others. Why? Because then we discover that we really had it all along! This is the miracle of "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What do you need from Jesus that he doesn't seem to be providing yet? At the core, what is it you're really seeking?
2. How can you find it by doing the will of God? Figure out something to *do*, then do it and see what happens.
3. Describe a time when you gave away what you thought you did not have (money? time? patience? hope? love?) How were you doing the will of God?
4. What happened to your own needs afterward?

The answer is revealed in what happened after Peter began to follow Jesus. We read about it in Samuel's response to God's invitation. We proclaim it in the Responsorial: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Peter was privileged to witness first-hand the wondrous miracles of Jesus. He personally experienced God's love through the gentle eyes of Jesus, the tone of kindness in his voice, and the forgiveness that was visible in his smile.

WHAT IS YOUR PRACTICE?

Today, the common question in spiritual circles is not, “What is your church or your religion?” But, “what is your practice?”

What is your practice? What is your particular explicit prayer practice? Is it Christian? Buddhist? Islamic? Secular? Do you meditate? Do you do Centering prayer? Do you practice Mindfulness? For how long do you do this each day?

These are good questions and the prayer practices they refer to are good practices; but I take issue with one thing. The tendency here is to identify the essence of one’s discipleship and religious observance with a single explicit prayer practice, and that can be reductionist and simplistic. Discipleship is about more than one prayer practice.

A friend of mine shares this story. He was at a spirituality gathering where the question most asked of everyone was this: what is your practice? One woman replied, “My practice is raising my kids!” She may have meant it in jest, but her quip contains an insight that can serve as an important corrective to the tendency to identify the essence of one’s discipleship with a single explicit prayer practice.

Monks have secrets worth knowing. One of these is the truth that for any single prayer practice to be transformative it must be embedded in a larger set of practices, a much larger “monastic routine”, which commits one to a lot more than a single prayer practice. For a monk, each prayer practice is embedded inside a monastic routine and that routine, rather than any one single prayer practice, becomes the monk’s *practice*. Further still, that monastic routine, to have real value, must be itself predicated on fidelity to one’s vows.

Hence, the question “what is your practice?” is a good one if it refers to more than just a single explicit prayer practice. It must also ask whether you are keeping the commandments. Are you faithful to your vows and commitments? Are you raising your kids well? Are you staying within Christian community? Do you reach out to the poor? And, yes, do you have some regular, explicit, habitual prayer practice?

What is my own practice?

I lean heavily on regularity and ritual, on a “monastic routine”. Here is my normal routine: Each morning I pray the *Office of Lauds* (usually in community). Then, before going to my office, I read a spiritual book for at least 20 minutes. At noon, I participate in the Eucharist, and sometime during the day, I go for a long walk and pray for an hour (mostly using the rosary as a mantra and praying for a lot of people by name). On days when I do not take a walk, I sit in meditation or Centering prayer for about fifteen minutes. Each evening, I pray Vespers (again, usually in community). Once a week, I spend the evening writing a column on some aspect of spirituality. Once a month I celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, always with the same confessor; and, when possible, I try to carve out a week each year to do a retreat. My practice survives on routine, rhythm, and ritual. These hold me and keep me inside my discipleship and my vows. They hold me more than I hold them. No matter how busy I am, no matter how distracted I am, and no matter whether or not I feel like praying on any given day, these rituals draw me into prayer and fidelity.

To be a disciple is to put yourself under a discipline. Thus, the bigger part of my practice is my ministry and the chronic discipline this demands of me. Full disclosure, ministry is often more stimulating than prayer; but it also demands more of you and, if done in fidelity, can be powerfully transformative in terms of bringing you to maturity and altruism.

Carlo Carretto, the renowned spiritual writer, spend much of his adult life in the Sahara Desert, living in solitude as a monk, spending many hours in formal prayer. However, after years of solitude and prayer in the desert, he went to visit his aging mother who had dedicated many years of her life to raising children, leaving little time for formal prayer. Visiting her, he realized something, namely, his mother was more of contemplative than he was! To his credit, Carretto drew the right lesson: there was nothing wrong with what he had been doing in the solitude of the desert for all those years, but there was something very right in what his mother had been doing in the busy bustle of raising children for so many years. Her life was its own monastery. Her practice was “raising kids”.

I have always loved this line from Robert Lax: “*The task in life is not so much finding a path in the woods as of finding a rhythm to walk in.*” Perhaps your rhythm is “monastic”, perhaps “domestic”. An explicit prayer practice is very important as a religious practice, but so too are our duties of state.