



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

October 10th 2021
Twenty Eighth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Mark 10:17

As **Jesus** started on his way...

“Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor
and you will have treasure in heaven; then come,
follow me.” Mark 10:21

“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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675

Website—www.sspj.org

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

CLERGY

Father Tom Haggerty, Pastor
Father Joe Lobo-Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius
Deacon John Keenan

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Sister Theresita Donach, CSFN

BUSINESS MANAGER

Virginia Portanova

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: 631-584-3204

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 1-3

Charlotte Czujko~cczujko@sspj.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 4-6

Barbara Luna~bluna@sspj.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR Grades 7-8

Dominick Avento~davento@sspj.org

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Margaret Adams

COORDINATOR OF PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Lynn Sisti

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Dominick Avento

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

John Cordes

SSPJ SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Diane M. Anderson

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

TRUSTEES

Brendan McGovern ~ Tina Cafaro

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Michael Sharkey, Lou Guerra, Cynthia Lombardi, Paul Damato
Martin Marut, Maureen Burke, Erin Nicastro

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget: \$17,890

Weekly Collection: October 3rd, 2021: \$15,633

Faith Direct : (126Participants) 3,253.

Total Collections: \$ 18,886.

**FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON:
USING SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232**

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



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN

CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN

CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN- JR.

LT. COL. JOHN KAIRE

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

SGT. CORY O'HARA -USMC

CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH-USN

PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL

STEVEN CAVA-USN

ERIC SEELIN- USMC

CW2 CHRIS MUNZ

CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN

CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY-USMC

SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY- US ARMY

KEVIN JONES-USCG

PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN-USARNG

GLEN CRIMA-US ARMY

STAFF SGT. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA— US ARMY

MARIO CATANIA-USMC

RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-USMC

KYLE ANTHONY NASCIMENTO-US ARMY

ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS -USN

STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE-USMC

DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, COL.-USAF

SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT-USMC

PAUL MUMOLO-USN

VICTORIA ZEMAN, USCG

KYLE J. GRUNER—US ARMY

MARK GIORDANO—US COASTGUARD

KELLI MCLAUGHLIN— LT. US ARMY NATL.GUARD

1 LT MICHAEL J BANG—MILITARY INTELLIGENCE US ARMY

MATTHEW PATRICK GALLAGHER US ARMY

MIDN ERIN NICASTRO, USN.

As you probably know, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has declared Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Law.

In order to be as helpful as possible to the parties that may be affected by this bankruptcy, we will be publishing the following note regarding “proof of claim forms” for the next few months:

Information regarding the deadlines for filing proofs of claim in the Diocese’s chapter 11 case and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and

scrolling down the page <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

A Letter From Father Tom

Dear Friends,

In today's gospel we hear the story often referred to as that of the "rich young man" - though Mark's gospel doesn't say he is young or that he is rich. It does say he had many possessions, and the thought of parting with them causes him to turn away (at least for the moment) from Jesus' invitation to follow him. His possessions seemed to possess him.

I wonder - do my possession possess me? Do your possessions possess you? We can reason - and rightly so - that often our possessions enable us to do good things - to care for family and friends, to help those in need. Yet Jesus asks us to not put our trust in the possessions, but rather in him. Do we hold our possessions with open hands, allowing Jesus to use them, or take them? How do we know how to use our possessions as God wishes? We need to remember the words from today's first reading, "***I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.***" Mark's gospel also reminds us that Jesus looks at the man - and at each of us - with love.

Next Tuesday, October 19th, a special evening on St. Joseph as a man of prayer will be presented by Doctor Thomas Petriano, chair of the Religious Studies Department at St. Joseph College. Tom is a terrific teacher and has researched St. Joseph as he has been depicted in music and art through the ages. Due to COVID restrictions, masks will be required, and the number of participants limited to ensure proper distancing is observed. Please sign up at the rectory to guarantee yourself a seat. The evening begins at 7pm in the Bethany Center and will be an hour in length.

Sunday afternoon, October 24th, looks like it will be a blast – our Oktoberfest!! Please see the insert today for all the wonderful things planned. Again, to ensure the health and safety of all, seats are limited. Call the rectory to arrange for your ticket so as not to miss out on the fun!

Those serving in all liturgical ministries are asked to gather in the Prayer Room fifteen minutes prior to each Mass at which they are serving in order to sign in and prayerfully prepare to minister together. To avoid mishaps such as too many coming up to the altar, the plan is to fill all spots by a quarter to the hour. If you are not signed in, we will seek a replacement for you. Many thanks for sharing in ministry at the Lord's table and helping to build up the Church, the Body of Christ.

And finally,

A man was driving to work when a truck ran a stop sign, hit his car broadside, and knocked him out cold. A passerby pulled him from the wreckage and revived him. He began a terrific struggle and had to be tranquilized by the medics. Later, when he had calmed down, they asked him why he had struggled so. He said, a bit sheepishly, "I remember the impact, then nothing. I woke up on a concrete slab in front of this huge, flashing sign. Turns out somebody was standing in front of the 'S' on the 'Shell' sign.

Peace,

Father Tom

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

**For the Week of
October 10th, 2021
Our Bread & Wine**

**Are Offered in memory of,
Richard & Grace Ehmann**

**From,
Your loving family**

**For the Week of
October 10th, 2021
Our Pro Life Rose**

**Is offered for,
Richard & Grace Ehmann
From,
Your loving family**

Remember in our hearts and prayers

Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Anne Pell
Anna & Harold Clayton
Arthur Gureck
Baby Ben
Barbara Bombace
Barbara Ruland
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Brendan McAlvin
Brendan O'Connor
Cathy McCulloch
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Charles Figliosi
Charlie Stangarone
Claudia Chandler
Deacon Ron Blasius
Deirdre W.
Dermot O'Connor
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Elizabeth Martin
Ellie Walsh
Esther Styles
Flo Donohue
Gloria Montesano
Grace Bertolone
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Helen
Heidi Ray
Jackie Harvey
Jack Donohue
Jamie Geiman
Jessica Venditto
John Cronin
John DeStefano
John Harney

John Scomillio
Joseph H
Joseph
Antonette Sabatino
James Macchiano
Judy Rampola
Joseph Mazelis
Joseph Costa
Kenneth Cook
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Kim Olofson
Leon Donach
Lynn McDonnell
Mark Geld
Mary Ann Cesarski
Mary Monte
Mary Fresi
Maryann Kevlin
Maria Clark
Marie del Cielo
Marilyn Suli
Matthew Parrella
Marie & Frank Fiecco
Melissa C.
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Nancy & Paul Bertran
Nancy Cuccinotta
Pasquale Savarese
Peggy Guerra
Peter Donach
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Riordan Cavooris
Richard Chiorando
Sara Jean Andersen
Stephen Dolce
Suzanne Orlando
Tara Cesarski
Vivien Cordes
Vicki Archdeacon
Veronica Broderick
Wayne Hendricks

Saturday October 9th	Presider: Father Tom Lector: E. Schor/Student EM: Mantia/Rapp/ Lombardi	9:15am 5:00pm	Nelzi Kucich Thomas Holub
Sunday October 10th	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Czujko/Dobres EM: Ramos/Sehne/Sica	8am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Burke/Tobin EM: Amen/Sisti/ Sotomayer	10:00am	Marie Csorny
	<u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Joe Lector: Cashman/Just EM: Samson/Parish/ Consenz	12:00pm	Santina Casano Palma Fiore Lee Saturia Osorio Anthony Shiu
Monday October 11th	St. John XXIII, Pope Columbus Day	7:30am 9:15am	Joanna Harrison Joseph Salvatore Gandolfo
Tuesday October 12th		7:30am 9:15am	Grace Ehmann Karen Naclerio-Negrin
Wednesday October 13th		7:30am 9:15am	Joanna Harrison Maureen McManus
Thursday October 14th	St. Callistus I, Pope	7:30am 9:15am	Elaine Borelli <u>Collective Mass:</u> Robert Burnsides
Friday October 15th	St. Teresa of Jesus	7:30am 9:15am	Joanna Harrison William Enrighton and Gerasilon Boydan
Saturday October 16th St. Hedwig St. Margaret Mary	Presider: Father Joe Lectors: Thompson/Student EM: Duffy/Anderson/ Drechsler	9:15am 5:00pm	Peter Falkowski Cecile Masi-Hayes
Sunday October 17th	Presider: Father Joe Lectors: Cavooris/Koke EM: Koke/Martin/Portanova	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Tom Lectors: Contrino/Lombardi EM: Latino/Mulhall/ Orlando	10:00am	Deacon Ken Maher
	<u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Tom Lector: O'Leary/Latino EM: Keane/Luna/ Napolitano	12:00pm	Josephine Nason Santina Casano Ralph Molinaro Roy Viducich Jaonna Harrison Catherine Grayson

MUSIC MINISTRY

The new 2022 music and readings books are on the way. Once the books arrive, they will be put in the covers and placed in the pews.

Until then please look on the website under Fr Tom's reflection for the weekend music. Google the titles of the songs and the words should be there. Print or save to your phone so you can sing on Sunday at Mass.

If you are still unsure about singing just sing the refrains and gradually move toward singing the whole song.

It won't be long now until we have the books. Remember music only. The readings there will start on November 28th, first Sunday of Advent.

By the time this bulletin goes to print the books may have arrived.

If so surprise!!

See you on the weekend

Interested in joining the music ministry come see me or a choir member at the 5pm or the 10am Masses. We look forward to speaking with you.

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance

*Tuesday, November 2, 2021,
at 7 PM*

*We will remember with love
and in a special way
Our dear ones who have
died between
September 1, 2020, and
August 31, 2021
ALL ARE WELCOME*

A Note to Our Liturgical Ministers~

*Thanking you for your dedication to your ministries,
We ask that you arrive on your scheduled service dates 15 minutes prior to mass start time.*

Gathering in prayer prepares our hearts to serve...

This request also allows us to be certain that we have the appropriate counts of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to serve.

Eucharistic Adoration



**Monday's
1:30pm-7pm
In the Church**

***Please note*
On Monday, October 11th,
Eucharistic Adoration will not be held.**



Calling All SSPJ School Alumni

Are you a former graduate or student of Saints Philip & James School?
Ever wonder what your former classmate might be up to these days?

We'd love to hear from you and help you rekindle an old connection.
Tell us more about yourself & become part of our new Alumni Directory
Simply Scan this QR Code below & fill-in the questionnaire.



Looking forward to hearing from you!!



LONG ISLAND GUILD

A Chartered Guild of the Catholic Medical Association

Attention all Health Care Professionals!

Consider joining the Long Island Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, recently chartered by the national CMA and endorsed by Bishop Barres.

Join us for a White Mass for Health Care Professionals on Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Cathedral presided by Bishop Barres. Physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals are all encouraged to attend. Bring your white coats or healthcare garb to make a good showing for the participants--and bring a friend!



Lass uns zusammendommen ~ Let's gather together

Please join us for our
Oktoberfest Celebration
SSPJ Outdoor Towne Square
October 24th from 3 – 6 pm

- ~ Royal Bavarians Band ~ Entertainment ~
- ~ Oktoberfest Beer Tasting ~ Beer Keg ~ Soda ~
- ~ Carnival Games for the Kids ~ Pumpkin Pickin' ~

Dinner: Goulash ~ Apple Cider Pork Loin ~ Knockwurst & Kraut ~
Mac & Cheese ~ Roasted Chicken ~ Vegetables ~ Salads ~ Pretzels

- ~ Chicken Fingers and Fries for the kids ~

Tickets limited - 100 adults

Purchase from the Rectory Office

Cost: \$35 Per Person

Children 12 & Under: \$10. Each

For additional information please call

Virginia @ 631-584-5454 X202

vportanova@sspi.org



Sts. Philip & James ~ Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Brick-by-Brick ~ Heart-to-Heart

Help us continue to Build a Beautiful City – not one out of reach but one within our own community.

Out of struggles can we see a ray of hope? Yes, we can. We can build a beautiful city



Cost \$25 each / 3 for \$50. / 7 for \$100

Cash Prize \$2500 - First prize \$500 - Second prize \$250 - Third prize

Additional ticket at the Rectory Office - Drawing ~ November 3, 2021 (after the 9:15 Mass)

Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Thank you for your support

Any questions please call the office

631-584-5454 x 202

Blessing of the Animals at SSPJ

*Prayer to Saint Frances
For Our Pets*

*Good St. Francis, you loved all
of God's creatures.
To you they were your brothers
and sisters.*

*Help us to follow your
example of treating every
living thing with kindness.
St. Francis, Patron Saint of
Animals watch over my pet
and keep my companion safe
and healthy.*

Amen



SSPJ RELIGIOUS ED AND PARISH COMMUNITY WELCOME OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES BACK HOME



Our Parish family was happy to welcome back our 7th and 8th grade religious education students at last weekends masses. On Saturday, October 2nd, we celebrated the return of our Confirmation II students who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

On Sunday, October 3rd, the Confirmation I students attended the Rite of Enrollment Mass as they committed to their first year of Confirmation preparation.

It was so good to see our young people back together again - with their church community - welcome back home to the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OCTOBER PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death.**

Amen.



UPCOMING GRADE LEVEL MASSES:

SIXTH GRADE
Saturday, October 23rd at 5 pm ~

FIFTH GRADE
Sunday, October 24th at 10 am~

BARNABUS MINISTRY

*Weekly Sunday Gospel reflections for our
Religious Education Students will resume in
October.*

*If you are interested in sharing the joy filled
expressions of faith that our students write,
kindly contact the Parish Center Office, leaving
your name and contact information.*

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 10th, 2021

My Name Is: _____ My Grade IS: _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend Saturday, October 16th or Sunday, October 17th, 2021

The Gospel Message:



Share God's Word

Jesus was getting ready to take a trip, a man ran up to him, knelt down in front of him and asked Jesus, "What must I do, so that my heart and my spirit will live forever with you in heaven?"

Jesus said, you must follow the commandments, which are the rules that God taught us, and he said:

"Go, sell everything you have, and give it to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then take my hand and follow me". Mark 10:17-30

Jesus calls us to follow him. He does not expect us to give up everything we have, but he does want us to remember that he wants us to share what we have by doing simple acts of service with our hands.



If Jesus asked you, to give away your most special possession to help someone in need do you think you could do that?



Please color

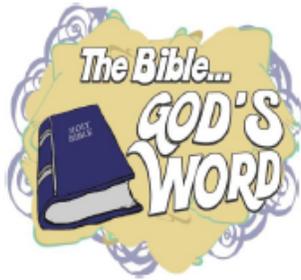
Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 10th, 2021

My Name: _____ My Grade IS: _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend Saturday, October 16th or Sunday, October 17th, 2021

The Gospel Message:



Jesus was getting ready to take a trip, a man ran up to him, knelt down in front of him and asked Jesus, "What must I do, so that my heart and my spirit will live forever with you in heaven?"

Jesus said, you must follow the commandments, which are the rules that God taught us, and he said:

"Go, sell everything you have, and give it to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then take my hand and follow me". Mark 10:17-30

Jesus is telling us that money and possessions can sometimes become more important to us than doing what God wants. Jesus wants us to be careful about our attitude toward material things. If our possessions stand in the way of loving God or loving others, it is better for us to give them away.



Are there things you own that you don't need anymore? What do you do with these things? When it comes time to give these items away, how easy is it for you to give them up? _____

Sometimes it is even difficult for us to give away things we don't use anymore.

Let Us Pray,

Jesus every day please remind me to be and instrument of your love and where there is a need, help me to lend my servants hands filled with love.

Amen

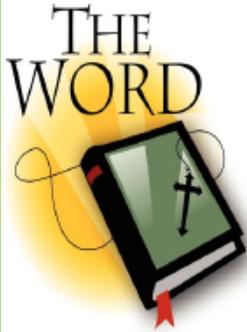
Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 10th, 2021

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend Saturday, October 16th or Sunday, October 17th, 2021

The Gospel Message:



Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery,' 'Do not murder,' 'Do not steal,' 'Do not bear false witness,' 'Do not defraud,' 'Honor your father and your mother.'

And he answered and said to Him, "Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth."

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me."

But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

As Christians, we believe that Jesus invites each of us to have a personal relationship with him. In today's Gospel, we hear an example of an invitation Jesus extended to one person to be his disciple.

Imagine that you asked Jesus this man's question. What would Jesus ask of you?



What might you do as a first step toward giving your whole self to Jesus?

Let Us Pray,

Jesus to help us give ourselves completely to being your disciple. When I get consumed with my own wants and needs, help me to remember that whatever I do for the least of my brothers and sisters, that, I do for you.

Amen

REFLECTING WITH SISTER T

Dear Friends,

October is one of my favorite months. I love everything about the beginning of autumn: the sights of the glorious colors, sound of leaves crunching, the taste of a freshly baked apple pie, a slight chill in the air, the smell of fireplaces in homes, and sound of the geese heading south. This time of year delights all of the senses in many ways, each of us where we are at the present moment.

The month also hosts so many individuals who are excellent guides and role models for our Spiritual life. We start off the month with St. Therese of Lisieux (Therese of the Child Jesus) and her little way. Next the Feast of the Guardian Angels, helping us to realize that God is always with us and at times we can miss the angels that come into our lives. Oh, then there is St Francis of Assisi who teaches us how to “rebuild the church”, not the buildings but to care for the whole of creation. We are all part of this marvelous earth we call home. Along with building and reforming we must not forget St. Teresa of Avila. She along with St. John of the cross have left us with a rich treasury of writing that can help us ‘rebuild the church’. I could go on and on with the list of Saints celebrated this month, but I think you get the idea!

What do all these ordinary people have in common? As the saying goes “when the student is ready, the teacher arrives”. They recognized the teacher. They were aware of God in their life. They wanted to learn to grow. It was Thomas Merton who said, “The most dangerous person in the world is the one who is guided by no one.” *To be alive and aware one needs to live in the present moment.* That does not mean that the moment isn’t moving for that is the natural flow of things if you wish. We need to hear, see, and come to know what is happening to us and within us. Also, this is not a solo journey. It calls for a companion other than God. Each of these Saints had someone to be and talk with, to help them be their best self. They offer us good advice; listen to it!

I don’t want to forget Mary who highlights the month. She, more than anyone else, is the perfect model of someone who was aware of all that she was being asked and yet did not know all the consequences. Her journey can be like ours. We can look to her for guidance. Why not spend some time this week looking at the lives of all these special people, and perhaps sharing your learnings with another? Be ready when the teacher appears so you can learn to be your best self.

Till next week,

Sister Theresita



WELCOME! TO ALL THE NEW RCIA CANDIDATES

Your SSPJ Parish Family is so proud of you and we are holding you in our hearts and prayers for each of your steps along this beautiful journey



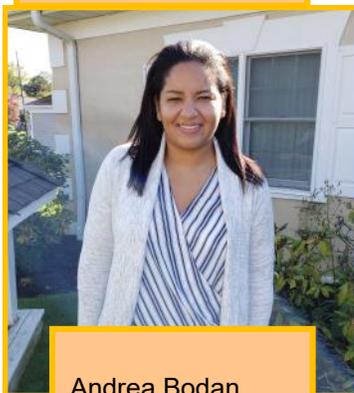
Crystal Valencia



Mother & Son
Melissa and Richard Miller



Paula and Tom Parish
with grand daughter
Julianna Klee



Andrea Bodan

MEET OUR NEW RCIA CANDIDATES!

Crystal Valencia~Seeking the Sacrament of Baptism before her wedding in July.

Andrea Bodan ~Is the Mother of a student attending SSPJ School wanting to share the journey of faith with her daughter she is seeking the Sacrament of Baptism.

Julianna Klee~ Seeking the Sacraments of Initiation, she is the granddaughter of RCIA Team members, Paula & Tom Parish.

Melissa Miller and Richard Miller ~ Our wonderful Mother & Son Team who are seeking the Sacraments of Initiation

The RCIA Ministry will be meeting on Sundays from 8:45 to 9:45 all are welcome. The class will not be held on Sunday 10/10 as it is Columbus Day weekend Any questions feel free to contact Sister T at the Parish Center office.

Saint Joseph ~ Defender of Life

As part of the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, the U.S. Catholic Church's annual Respect Life Month celebration in October "highlights the example of that great saint" as protector of life,

**WE ARE AT 90%
OF GOAL!!!**

*Status as of October 5th,
2021*

Pledges: \$95,720.

*Payments Received:
\$87,620.*

We are at 90% of GOAL!!

**GOAL
\$105,300**

*All are Invited to a prayerful and moving evening of discovering
Saint Joseph*

*On Tuesday, October 19th, 2021, at 7:00pm in the
Bethany Center*

*This evening is brought to you by Dr. Thomas Petriano,
chairperson of the religious studies department at Saint Joseph's
College.*

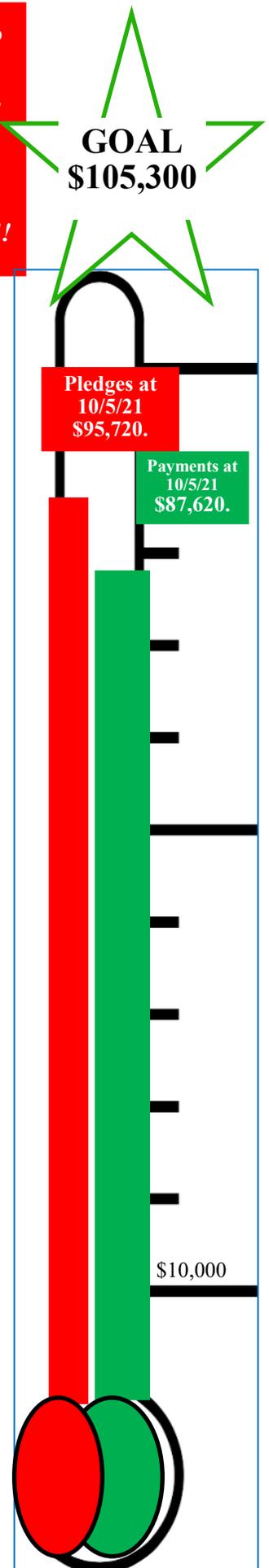
*Due to distancing requirements, this event will be limited to 50
participants. Masks must be worn. Please contact the Parish
Center Office 631-584-5454, to secure your seat.*

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defense of human life
—especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.



To All Our Wonderful Young Adults In Grades 9-12

Your Assistance Completing this questionnaire is greatly appreciated

Visit SSPJ.org ~ Youth Tab : Download form and email to YouthGroup@sspj.org or drop at Parish Center Office



September 2021

Youth Ministry 2021 -2022 Activity Survey

We are working on developing a Youth Ministry program just for you! Since we are a bunch of adults, we'd really like to hear from you, the youth, about what you would like our Youth Ministry to be. We are looking for a wide variety of ideas to appeal to everyone.

There is no commitment to "BE HERE EVERY WEEK!" or anything like that. We want to get to know you and hear your ideas and opinions. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. We'll look at the survey results and plan events and activities based on what you have told us. Thanks for helping us get started!

Check one: Male Female

Name:		Birthday:	
Address:			
City:		State, Zip:	

Social Media (check what you use or subscribed to)

<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Snapchat
<input type="checkbox"/> Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Tumblr	<input type="checkbox"/> Quora
<input type="checkbox"/> YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/> Reddit	<input type="checkbox"/> WhatsApp

Community Building Activities (Check ALL those that interest you)

<input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Snapchat
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Badminton	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Skiing / Snowboarding
<input type="checkbox"/> Video Game Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Retreat	<input type="checkbox"/> Dodgeball	<input type="checkbox"/> Kickball
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic/BBQ	<input type="checkbox"/> Miniature Golf / Arcade
<input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing / Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Make Your Own Pizza Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Scavenger Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tacos "Your Way" Buffet
<input type="checkbox"/> Ping Pong	<input type="checkbox"/> Gigantic Jenga	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Chairs

Service Projects (check those that interest you)

<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Hungry	<input type="checkbox"/> Women/Children's Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with Mentally Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up in church
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Street-corner evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up outside church

Youth Ministry Questionnaire Continued

Discussion Topics (check ALL topics that interest you)

	Making & Keeping Friends		Why Go to Church?
	Dealing with Disappointments		Being A Leader
	Drugs & Alcohol		Understanding Parents
	Death, Loss, Grieving		Understanding Parents
	Handling Stress & Worry		How to Help/Serve Others
	Dating		Time Management
	Healthy Relationships		How Do I Share My Faith?
	Dealing with Doubt / Faith Questions		Being a LEADER
	Other: _____		

What activity, or discussion would you most likely invite a friend to attend?

What evening(s) would be the BEST to attend an event at SSPJ? (Check all that apply)

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

Place a mark in the column that best describes your situation.		Yes	Maybe	No
1	I take time for personal Bible reading at least three times a week.			
2	I am growing in my relationship with the Lord			
3	I understand and am living the Spirit-filled Life			
4	I have come to the place in my spiritual life where if I were to die today, I know for certain I would have eternal Life.			
5	I am a part of a group that meets outside church at least once a month for sharing, prayer, or Bible study.			
6	I feel loved and accepted by my family			
7	I feel good enough about our ministry to recommend it to my friends			
8	I am using my gifts and abilities in ministry			
9	I feel loved and accepted by my family			
10	I get along OK with my parents			
11	I am growing in my ability to get along with my brothers and sisters			
12	I am praying by name for specific friends I know who need Jesus Christ.			
13	I have tried to share Jesus Christ with them			
14	I have been trying to bring my friends to youth group activities			
15	My friends know I am a Christian			

Youth Ministry SSPJ?		(Circle One)		
A	How many people do you know by name in our youth ministry?	1-5	5-10	10-15
B	How many times have you attended SSPJ Youth ministry?	1	2-10	Lost count
C	How many times have you attended Youth Ministry events outside of SSPJ?	1	2-10	Lost count

Youth Ministry Questionnaire Conclusion~

What is the last book you read?

What is the last movie you saw?

Favorite movies / TV Shows? Favorite music? Favorite books? Favorite foods/drinks?

What is one exciting thing you did this week? What was great about it?

Who are your role models?

Is there **one person in the church** you look up to? Who is it? Why?

How often can you attend a youth event?

- Weekly Two times per month Once per month Every two to three months
 Two – Three times per year.

Where and with whom do you normally attend Sunday Mass with?

About how often do you attend church services? (Circle one)

- Weekly Two times per month Once per month Every two to three months
 Two – Three times per year.

What activities do you consider part of being a good Christian / what do you do to live your faith?

How do you usually communicate with your friends? (Check all that apply):

- Face to Face Online Snapchat. Phone calls Texting I don't.

What are your favorite thing to do with friends? _____

Where do you most often spend your **free** time? _____

What are some of your talents/strengths? _____

What tasks do you find difficult? _____

At what local event do you remember having the most fun? _____

Do you need Community Service hours for school? Yes No

Would you be interested in fulfilling your hours at SSPJ? Yes No

How can we pray for you? _____

*Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, please email us at
YouthGroup@sspj.org*

To All Our Wonderful Young Adults In Grades 9-12

YOUR HEARTS, YOUR MINDS, YOUR VOICES ARE SSPJ PARISH
Consider joining the SSPJ Youth Ministry
God will guide your steps... just listen to your heart...

VISIT:

Visit SSPJ.org ~ Youth Tab : Download questionnaire form and the registration form.

Please email to YouthGroup@sspj.org or drop at Parish Center Office
Any questions, please email: YouthGroup@sspj.org



SSPJ Youth Group Registration Form 2021 - 2022

For New or Transferring Members
Attach Photo Here



Check One:

- New New / Transferring from another Youth Group
 Re-registering

Name: _____

Preferred to be called: _____

Birthday: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

STUDENT INFO:

Email: _____ Cell phone # _____

PARENT INFO:

Email- Mom: _____ Dad: _____

Cell phone- Mom: _____ Dad: _____

Home Phone _____

Describe yourself in 3 words: _____

A few activities you enjoy: _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30. _____ paid check _____ paid cash

SSPJ YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION (Continued)

For Re-registration members: List a few friends you remember in Youth Group

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Do you play a musical instrument?

NO YES- I play _____

Do you like to sing: YES NO

Would you be interested in sharing your musical gifts with this group YES NO

Would you like to share your gifts at Mass YES NO

Would you be interested in helping with sound/lighting at Youth Group events: YES NO

Do you enjoy speaking in front of groups/people/Mass? YES NO

Do you have any food allergies? No Yes, I'm allergic to: *(list all allergies you are aware of)*

Emergency contact info: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Anything you would like to share with us: _____

THE GREAT WORKS AT SSPJ SCHOOL

SSPJ School Mass The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi



8th grade students lector and cantor at Mass!



6th, 7th, and 8th grade students are prayer buddies for nursery, pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students!



4th grade students performed a liturgical dance to *Brother Sun Sister Moon* during Mass!

So proud of our SSPJ Students for answering their call to be
Apostles of Hope!



Parish Social Ministry

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



ALL FOR JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join Catholic Radio @ 7PM each evening on AM 1350 or 1240 to pray the rosary for America. If you put Catholic Radio on your device, you can join individuals around the United States to pray for our country. Tune in during the day to hear amazing religious programming and listen while driving to learn more about your faith.

Here at SSPJ you can pray the rosary any weekday after the 7:30 AM Mass. Thursday morning in particular is for our Country. If you prefer, come after the early mass and you can stay for the 9:15 mass if you wish.

Any questions please call 631-862-9370

NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

The Respect Life Committee has resumed their meetings on the second Tuesday of the month, October 12th this month.

We welcome new members. Join us @ 7:30 PM in the Sts. Philip and James room. Please use the side entrance, 2nd door on the left of the office building opposite the Bethany Center. Any questions please call 631-862-9370



40 DAYS FOR LIFE™
SPEAK UP FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES
-PROVERBS 31:8

Join the Worldwide Movement which started on September 22 to protect mothers and babies. 40 days for Life campaigns have inspired many participants including the Respect Life Committee of SSPJ.

**Their hearts of mercy are involved in:
Peaceful prayer Vigil on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood building in Smithtown each Wednesday and/or Saturday from 8AM to 12 Noon and Thursday rosary at 6 PM. We encourage the moms to Choose Life.
Fasting and Sacrifice**

**Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 1:30-7PM
The closing hour from 6-7PM praying for respect for human life.**

For further information please call 631-862-9370

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

DIAPERS
SIZES 2 & 5



Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!

Will you care for
our common home?

 **LiveLaudatoSi.org**

The Laudato Si Pledge is part of a global movement.

The pledge is a simple one.

I pledge to:

Pray for and with creation

Live more simply

Advocate to protect our common home

To sign the pledge, go to www.livelaudatoSi.org



Rainbows & Silver Linings
Children's Peer Support Groups

Rainbows... when something significant happens in the family, the entire family is affected; and grieving children struggle to verbalize the complex emotions inside. Rainbows is a support group curriculum for children who have suffered a loss in their lives, either by death, by divorce, or any other painful transition.

This program is not a counseling session or therapy; it is strictly a peer support group with caring trained adults to guide them. The purpose of the curriculum is to provide these children with an opportunity to sort through and understand their grief, helping them come to a healthy acceptance of what has happened in their family. The children, as well as the adults, are bound by confidentiality.

In addition, Rainbows is offering the newly revised Silver Linings, a Community Crisis Program, to address the negative effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on children and young people. Silver Linings is also a peer support program and is structured the same way as Rainbows.

Format:

- 12 sessions divided into two - six week semesters (fall & winter).
- Each session runs approximately one hour per week. The children are grouped according to age level. (ages 5-17)

We have a new group beginning this fall. Pre-registration is required. For further information please contact St. Patrick's Parish Outreach, Smithtown at 631-265-2668.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 53:10-11
Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45

Monday October 18
St. Luke the Evangelist
2 Timothy 4:10-17b
Ps 145:10-13,17-18
Luke 10:1-9

Tuesday October 19
**Sts. Isaac Jogues,
John de Brebeuf & co.**
Romans 5:12,15b,17-21
Ps 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday October 20
Romans 6:12-18
Ps 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday October 21
Romans 6:19-23
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday October 22
Romans 7:18-25a
Ps 119:66,68,76,77,93,94
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday October 23
Romans 8:1-11
Ps 24:1b-8
Luke 13:1-9

To be great in the kingdom of God means to be a servant, says Jesus: We are to serve the needs of others for the benefit of the kingdom.

This does not mean that our own needs and desires don't matter. Being a servant for God is not slavery; it's an honor and a blessing, because it unites us to the saving servanthood of Christ.

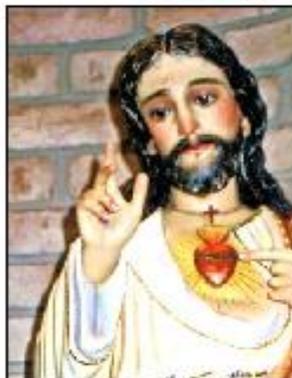
Being a servant like Christ means that we are treated by the Father the same way Jesus was treated. Our Master will not belittle us, disrespect us, nor over-work us.

The alternative is to be a slave to our worldly passions and possessions and the ways of the world. Worldly enslavement does belittle us. It reduces us to less than what God created us to be.

The ways of Christ empower us to be like Christ himself: free to enjoy all of the benefits of the kingdom of God, free to live a holy life, and therefore, free to be great in the eyes of our Father.

In this freedom, there is great joy. Although the ways of Christ are not easy and sometimes lead to the Cross, this cup of suffering increases our holiness and makes us even greater in heaven. When we make sacrifices for the benefit of others and we understand that our sufferings are part of our growth in holiness, they become

much more bearable, because what had seemed like a curse is redeemed into a very significant blessing.



Do you know anyone whose prayers have not been answered? It's not because God doesn't care, nor because he can't help them. He answers the prayers of others through our servanthood. Jesus serves others through us.

Our top priority must always be our own relationship with God, so that we receive an abundance of whatever he wants us to share with others in service to their needs. We cannot give what we don't have. We cannot serve others well – we cannot be the presence of Christ for them – unless we ourselves have first been served by Jesus.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What has God blessed you with abundantly? What insights, gifts, talents, wisdom, etc., do you have?
2. How are these indications that Jesus has served you?
3. Share how you have passed this service onto someone else (or would like to). For example, how has he served you with his unconditional, forgiving love? Or how has he served you by meeting an unmet need? In turn, how has this helped you to be a loving servant for others?

DO WE HAVE GUARDIAN ANGELS?

As a child, I was taught that I had a guardian angel, a real angel given me by God to accompany me everywhere and protect me from danger. I remember a pious holy card given to me by my mother, showing a young boy playing dangerously close to the edge of a cliff and an angel protecting him there. Most Roman Catholics of my generation, I suspect, remember a pious prayer we prayed each day asking for the guidance and protection of our guardian angel: *Angel of God, my guardian dear ...*

What's to be said about guardian angels? Do such personified spirits really exist or are guardian angels simply creatures of our imagination created to be helpful in the religious development of children? Are we meant to outgrow our belief in them?

Whether or not we are meant to outgrow that belief, the fact is that today for the most part we have outgrown it. Most adults, within all Christian denominations, either see the existence of guardian angels as pious fantasy or are simply indifferent to the idea.

Are we still meant to believe in guardian angels? If yes, in what exactly are we meant to believe? Are angels real personified beings or simply another word for God's presence in our lives?

Scripture scholars don't give us a definitive answer but rather suggest that the question can be answered either way. In scripture, the word 'angel' might be referring to a real personified spirit or it might be referring to a special presence of God in some situation. Church tradition affirms more strongly that angels are real. Here angels have a rich history and for the most part are taken to be real persons (albeit spirits). Christian iconography and music abound with angels, and the Roman Catholic Church has major feasts celebrating angels and guardian angels. The Fourth Lateran Council (taking place in 1215, long before the Protestant Reformation) stated that belief in guardian angels is *implicit* in scripture. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms that "from infancy to death human life is surrounded by their [guardian angels'] watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life."

Where does that leave us? Divided. Conservative Christians generally assert the existence of angels as a dogmatic teaching. Angels are real. Liberal Christians tend to doubt that or at least are agnostic about it. For them, 'angel' more likely refers to a special presence of God. For example, they take the statement in the Gospels where the evangelist tells us that while Jesus was praying "an angel came and strengthened him" to mean that God's grace came and strengthened him.

Who's right? Perhaps it doesn't matter since the reality is the same in either case. God gives us revelation, guidance, protection, and strength and does so in ways that are "angelic", that are beyond our normal conceptualizations.

Those who believe that angels are real have a strong case. Even if we just look at the origins and dimensions of physical creation (whatever scientific version of this you subscribe to) mystery immediately dwarfs our imaginative capacities. It is all too huge to grasp! We know now that there are billions of universes (not just planets) and we know now that our planet earth, and we on this planet, are the tiniest of minute specks inside the unthinkable magnitude of God's creation. If this is true, and it is, then this is hardly the time to be skeptical about the extent of God's creation, believing that we, humans, are what is central and that there can be no personified realities beyond our own flesh and blood. Such thinking is narrow, both from the point of view of faith and from the perspective of science itself.

However, the agnosticism of those who doubt the existence of angels is ultimately benign. When scripture tells us that the Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to announce her pregnancy and when it tells us that after Jesus had exhausted himself with struggle in Gethsemane, an angel came and strengthened him, it makes little difference whether this occurred via the modality of a personified spirit or via some other modality of God's presence. Either way, it was real. Either way, it was a particularized, real entry of God into someone's life.

So, do we have guardian angels? At birth or at baptism does God assign a particular angel to journey with us throughout our lives, giving us invisible, heavenly guidance and protection?

Yes, we do have a guardian angel, irrespective of how we might imagine or conceive of this. God is closer to us than we are to ourselves and God's solicitous love, guidance, and protection are with us always. At the end of the day, it matters little whether this comes through a particular personified spirit (who has a name in heaven) or whether it comes simply through God's loving omnipresence.

God's presence is real – and we are never alone, without God's love, guidance, and protection.