



The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780
631-584-5454

February 5th, 2023
The Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



*"You are the light of the world.
A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."
Matthew 5:14-16*

*"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

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Collections: ~Thanking you for your generosity
Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$16,700

Weekly Collection: Sunday January 29th, 2023:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$8,857.

Collections from mail: 1,875.

Faith Direct : (125Participants) \$3,203.

Total Collections: \$13,935

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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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LIVE-STREAMING THE 8:00AM SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday mass at 8:am is available to view on our SSPJ Church Facebook page, while it is live at the 8am mass, it can be recalled at any time.

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world. Jesus speaks these words to us, his disciples. How do we season our world? How do we share the light of Christ? According to the prophet Isaiah in today's first reading we are called to:

*Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless;
clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn...*

Thank you for the many ways you share with family, parish and community. Your "seasoning" enables SSPJ to thrive and to grow.

We are approaching a season of growth, the season of Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for entering ever more deeply into the Paschal Mystery- the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Lent prepares us for Easter when as a community we each renew our Baptismal Promises. There will be many opportunities for growth this coming Lent, with a special emphasis on deepening our understanding of and commitment to our Baptism. More info will be in the coming bulletins, but today I want to share with you some of our upcoming Baptismal journey!

Soon you will notice a few pews being removed from beneath one of our stained-glass windows. Which window? The window portraying the Baptism of the Lord. (Not to worry - three of these pews will be relocated to the empty area in front of the Blessed Mother's altar and two will be renovated to be used in the sanctuary.) In the vacated space will go a new Baptismal Font, designed especially for our parish. Much more on the new font in upcoming bulletins.

Through the donation of a parishioner, we are able to begin to make some renovations which will both highlight the centrality of the sacrament of Baptism while also honoring the discipleship of all who have been baptized at SSPJ over many, many years. To do this we will be moving our present Baptismal font with its rich history to the center of our gathering area. Some may remember this font came from the "old church", now the Bethany Center. In its new location all who enter by the main doors will be able to bless themselves with holy water held in the font where so many SSPJ ancestors were baptized.



As this renovation process continues, I'll be providing explanations of each step - including ways of allowing these changes to deepen our relationship with Jesus. This renewing can be a helpful reminder to each of us during this Lent/Easter season as we renew our commitment to be disciples of Jesus, Apostles of Hope, *salt of the earth, the light of the world.* Stayed tuned!

As I mentioned last week, we are currently putting together some exciting plans for Lent, including opportunities for young families. We'll be having a Mardi Gras Lenten kick off, a parish mission tailored specifically to our parish, and much more. We have terrific ideas, affirmed, supported, and endorsed by the Pastoral Council. BUT, without your help it just won't be able to happen. Our Lenten theme is "take off your shoes". I respectfully ask that as these Lenten opportunities are presented you might "take off your shoes" and make our parish and our family's ever more holy ground. (More about *take off your shoes* next week.)

And finally,

*A husband reading the paper in the living room hears his wife in the kitchen say, "What do you want for supper? Savory beef, mouthwatering salmon or luscious chicken?"
"I'll have the salmon", he replies. She answers, "I was talking to the cat."
I relabeled all the jars in my wife's spice cabinet. I'm not in trouble yet, but the thyme is cumin!*

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of February 5th, 2023



Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome

**Mondays
From
1:30pm-7pm**

In the Church

Remembering those who are struggling at this time with illness, loneliness and despair...

If you wish to have the SSPJ Parish family pray for someone who is feeling down, kindly contact the Parish Center office at 631-584-5454...

Remember in our hearts and prayers

Andy
Alfred Fox
Antonette Sabatino
Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Arthur Gureck
Austin Rocky
Baby Ben
Baby Penny Grace
Candela
Barbara Bombace
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Barbara Sammarco
Belinda Groneman
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Catherine Smith
Cathleen Henchey
Claudia Chandler
Chase Addonisio
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Jamie Accardi
Jean Saladino
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Jerry
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Joseph Domizzio
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Michael
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Teresa Mattera
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Tom Devaney
Tom Ficht
Tom Ryan
Vivien Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.
William Capurso

Saturday February 4th Cantor: A Spezio	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Grimaldi/Student EM: Mantia/Urce/Duffy/ Taurassi/Toto	9:15am 5:00pm	Joan Marino Kevin Doran
Sunday February 5th Cantor: B. Meringolo	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Mantia/Luna EM: Clarke/Kenney/ LaSerra/Portanova/Kanuika	8am	For the People of SSPJ
Cantor: J. Lohmann	Presider: Father Jim Lector: Tobin/Koke EM: Latino/Luna/Mulhall/ Orlando/Sotomayer/ P. Tully	10:00am	Richard Northorn, Jr.
Cantor: J. Hill	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Wos/Geier EM: C. Rubano/V. Rubano/K. Consenz	12:00pm	Marty Caltabiano Gudys Vines Bernetta Roberts Genevieve Bartol
Monday February 6th	St Paul Miki	7:30am 9:15am	Living~Mireya Seguenza Kevin Whitrock
Tuesday February 7th		7:30am 9:15am	Ellen Bagatta Connie & Ignatious Gibaldi
Wednesday February 8th	St Jerome Emiliani	7:30am 9:15am	Matthew Ryan Martin Madeline Haggerty
Thursday February 9th		7:30am 9:15am	Ken Diern Collective Mass Harry Ladisheff Kaylee Goncalves&Madison Mogen Ethan Chapin&Xana Kernodle
Friday February 10th	St Scholastica	7:30am 9:15am	George Dunn Philip Giarraputo, Sr.
Saturday February 11th	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Schor/Student EM: Licari/Giacalone/Sisti/ Anderson/Drechsler Cantor: N LoCastro	9:15am 5:00pm	Teresa Heedles Kevin Doran
Sunday February 12th Cantor	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Dervan/Auletta EM: Rapp/Czujko/Kenney/ Sehne/M. Tully Cantor: J. Lohmann	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: J. Hill	Presider: Father Jim Lector: Dobres/Suski EM: Keane/Latino/ Mulhall/Orlando/Reichert/ Sotomayer	10:00am	
Cantor: L. Lupinaci	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Contrino/Kenton EM: Consenz/Samson/ Margaret	12:00pm	

We remember Deacon Ron Blasius



*A man who preached the gospel and when
necessary,
He used words...*

Deacon Ronald T. Blasius

*"This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.
And we ought to lay down our
Lives for one another." 1 John 3:16*



MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2023

"Who are the "poor in spirit"? They are the ones who know they cannot rely on themselves, that they are not self-sufficient, and they live as "beggars before God". They feel their need for God and recognize every good that comes from him as a gift, as a grace. Those who are poor in spirit treasure what they receive. Therefore, they desire that *no gift should go to waste*. Today, I would like to pause on this typical aspect of the poor in spirit: *not to waste*. The poor in spirit try not to waste anything. Jesus shows us the importance of not wasting. For example, after the multiplication of the loaves and the fish, he asks that the leftover food be gathered so that nothing would be wasted (cf. *Jn 6:12*). Not wasting allows us to appreciate the value of ourselves, of people and of things. Unfortunately, however, there is a principle that is often disregarded, above all in more affluent societies where the culture of waste, the throw-away culture is predominant. Both are a plague. "

Pope Francis

Our Sanctuary Lamp

*Illuminates the loving
presence of Jesus
In gratitude for a
humble servant,*

Deacon Ron Blasius

*For his dedication, his
faith, his humor and
his heart. We thank
the Blasius Family for
sharing his presence
and his gifts with our
parish family.
We are forever
grateful*



Let the Little Children Come to Me~ Matt 19:14...

Religious Education Ministry

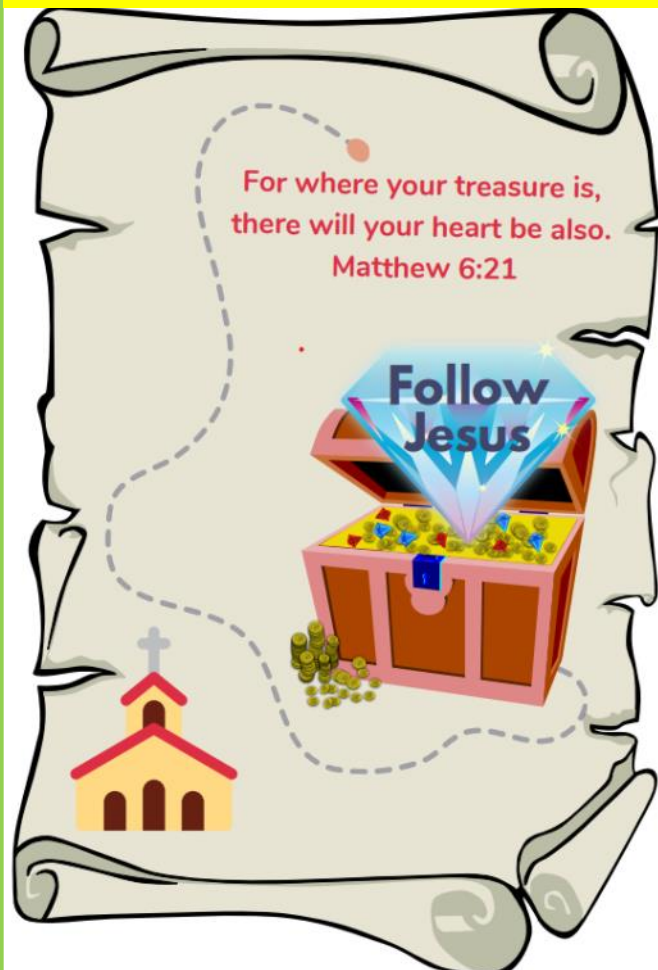
February Prayer of the Month Grace before Meals

**Bless us, O Lord,
and these, Thy gifts,
which we are about
to receive from
Thy bounty.
Through Christ,
our Lord.**

Amen.



**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:
SATURDAY AT THE 5PM MASS AND SUNDAY AT
THE 10AM MASS~ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**



UPCOMING FAMILY GRADE LEVEL MASSES

FIFTH GRADE MASS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH, AT 5:00PM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH, 2023:

SECOND GRADE~ 8AM MASS

THIRD GRADE~ 10AM MASS

FOURTH GRADE~12 NOON MASS

KEEPING THEIR LIGHTS SHINING !

"EVERY ONE *NeEd'S* Jesus" Students Shared their hearts with their brothers and sisters who are hungry and need warmth.

They created notes upon their hearts sending their love and prayers to the recipients of "wash kits" that were donated to Pax Christi ~Hospitality Center in Port Jefferson. Let us keep all who are hungry, cold and lonely always in our hearts.



**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WILL BE HOSTING**

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

**ALL ARE INVITED TO A CONTINENTAL
BREAKFAST TO SHARE FRIENDSHIP AND
HOPE WITH EACH OTHER.**

**AFTER THE 8AM
AND 10AM
MASSES**



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ~

***IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST AT ANY OF
THE ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES,
KINDLY
SIGN YOUR NAME UPON THE LIST
HANGING ON THE CLOSET DOOR IN
THE PRAYER ROOM.***

***AS ALWAYS, YOUR ASSISTANCE IS
ALWAYS APPRECIATED.***

THANK YOU.

Music Ministry~

***This week our theme is salt of the earth and light of the world.
Your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds
and glorify God. We must be salt for the earth and not lose flavor. The
Presentation this week is Christ Be Our Light. The light that shines in our
hearts, through the darkness and shines in your church gathered today.***

***The Music ministry needs you. Think about joining. Baptism ministry is
just a bite size piece of time.***

***A bit of humor: Pianos are such noble instruments – they are either
upright or grand.***

***THE PARISH OF SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES CELEBRATES
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND, 2023***



Welcome,

*Cameron Michael Parks
on your baptism day!*

*We are so proud of you and your
beautiful family!*

*God will bless you always with his love
and his light.*

*Pictured with Cameron are his
Awesome Big Brother and his Mom
and Dad and Deacon John*

Getting Ready for Lent

Lent begins Wednesday, February 22, 2023. So...



It's Mardi Gras!

*ALL are invited
to gather for a celebration ~
Turning last year's palm into ashes, we will pray together
These ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.
Then we party with entertainment, games,
and of course food!*

**Tuesday, February 21
5 – 7 pm.**



SSPJ TOWN SQUARE (Auditorium)

**Adults: \$15. Children 10
Family rate \$35 (2 adults / 2 children
(Children under 5 are free.)**

**PLEASE RSVP to the Rectory 584-5454 by Wednesday, Feb
15th**

So we may plan accordingly Payment may be dropped off at the office

Can YOU HELP – supervise games booths, help serve food,
set-up / break down....
come and join us as we gather as a Parish Community to celebrate

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A Reflection from Sister T~

Dear Friends,

Have you ever had something that had so much salt in it that you couldn't eat it? Or something that had no salt in it at all, and it just tasted bland? There has to be a middle ground. The reality is that all things done in moderation seem to work best.

What about light? Ever been driving and have it become so pitch dark that even with your headlights on, you can't see very well? Or perhaps someone comes barreling down from the opposite direction, blinding you with their bright lights on?

I have experienced all of the above and although I hear Jesus say 'we are to be salt of the earth and light of the world', the above situations still came to mind.

What does it mean in my life to be salt of the earth and light of the world? Salt is good and so is light, but when do they become an issue or problem? All I could come up with is: "when there is too much salt and too much light, then you have a problem!"

I have to go back to *all things in moderation*. Salt is meant to enhance the flavor of food, not dominate it. Do I dominate others in trying to teach them about the Good News? Is my way the only way? Or when I want to show people the way by shining a light on it, is it a blinding light? How will they be able to see?

I guess as much as I hate to admit it, the best way is to live a hidden life that shows the way: to enhance others' lives by my actions, no force or coercion. I need to lead by example and not words. This way the light will shine brightly enough to lead folks to the way!

Too much of a good thing can alter the situation, issue, problem, or cause. So how do I live my life like salt that hasn't lost its flavor or light that hasn't been dimmed?

By humbly being the best person that God has created me to be and gently, humbly, without fuss enhancing the journey and showing the way. Folks are more apt to follow a humble example than a loud voice.

Check in on your own salt and light; use it wisely, and in moderation!

Till next week,

Sister Theresita

All are welcome to SSPJ RCIA MINISTRY

5-Feb	6 th Sunday	Confirmation
12-Feb	7 th Sunday	Conscience, the Christian Moral Life; Ten Commandments
19-Feb	8 th Sunday	Living Lent
22-Feb	Ash Wednesday	Don't forget your Ashes!

Congratulations to SSPJ Schools January Apostles of HOPE

Apostles of Hope January 2023

Nursery

Niccolo Mormile is an Apostle of Hope. Nicky comes to school ready to learn. He loves circle time and dancing with his friends. He is learning his prayers and trying his best at all his work. Nicky loves to give us a smile and is always proud of completing Nursery activities. He is kind and helpful with all his friends.

Pre-Kindergarten

Ryan Campbell is an Apostle of Hope. Ryan always comes into class with a smile on his face ready to learn. Ryan actively participates in prayers and sits nicely during Mass. He always tries to cheer up friends who are feeling upset, help around our classroom, and always does his best work. He works hard to listen to his teachers and to follow directions.

Kindergarten

James Butera is an Apostle of Hope. James walks into our class every morning with a big smile and says, "Good morning Ms. Lumley". James is always an active participant in prayer and serves as a role model to the rest of the class when it comes to prayer. Religion is one of his best subjects. James is very kind and always uses his manners. He always compliments his friends and teachers. He even brought Ms. Lumley a lollipop that the doctor originally gave him because she wasn't feeling well! He is very selfless. James has shown great growth and is on the road to reading! It shows that with James's faith, he knows anything is possible. He is a great example of a follower of Jesus.

Grade 1

James Cortazar is an Apostle of Hope. James is a gentle, smart and a hard working student. He is kind to others and stays on task. He attends Mass and turns in weekly reflections. James is an excellent follower of Jesus.

Grade 2

Emma Sample is an Apostle of Hope. Emma is a kind friend to all of her classmates and teachers. Emma comes in every morning with a smile on her face and eagerly gets to work. Emma always participates during lessons and enjoys helping her friends in need. Emma is reverent during morning and afternoon prayers and is a role model during weekly class Masses. Emma also attends Mass on the weekends with her family and submits her weekly reflections. Emma is doing a wonderful job preparing for her First Holy Communion and is a wonderful example of what it means to be a proud follower of Jesus.

Grade 3

Luciano Saladino is an Apostle of Hope. Luciano comes in each day with a big smile on his face, ready to begin the day. He always greets his teachers and classmates in a respectful manner. Luciano is dedicated to his schoolwork and takes pride in his accomplishments. Luciano is also dedicated to his weekly reflections, as he continues to grow in his faith. He is a member of our school band and our Readers' Theatre club, which allows him to showcase his talents that God gave him.



Grade 4

Nicholas Puglia is an Apostle of Hope. Nicholas arrives at school each day ready to learn. He puts in his greatest effort and he is always willing to help others. Nicholas has answered the call of being an Apostle of Hope by altar serving during Masses and by completing his weekly reflections. He is a kind follower of Jesus.

Grade 5

Brendan McAlvin is an Apostle of Hope. Brendan is a fantastic friend and enjoys making his classmates and teachers laugh. Brendan always participates in religion class, Mass, and prays with his classmates. Brendan is a wonderful witness of how to live out your faith.

Grade 6

Raizel Silvestre is an Apostle of Hope. Raizel has gone above and beyond to make everyone in the class, including her teachers, feel welcomed and loved. She is so kind to everyone she interacts with and loves to learn about her faith. She is currently using her amazing artistic skills to draw the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the door decorating contest. Raizel is a beautiful witness on how to live a faith-filled life.

Grade 7

Juliana Merlino is an Apostle of Hope. Juliana loves learning and comes into school with a smile every day. She is a kind friend and an excellent student. Juliana recently worked on the classroom skit for the battle of the grades. She took everyone's input and created something fun and entertaining. Through her daily actions she demonstrates her love for Jesus.

Grade 8

Alexandra Paredes is an Apostle of Hope. Alex always assists her classmates and teachers in school. Her leadership skills shine amongst the entire school and she is an active participant in Mass. Alexandra is prepared for high school and can't wait to see what the future holds.

Faculty

Miss Lumley is an Apostle of Hope. Miss Lumley is our new Kindergarten teacher! She is creative, fun, organized and passionate about the academic, social and emotional growth of her students. Miss Lumley is a dedicated member of the faculty and a big help in our after care program. Her presence fills the building with joy and compassion and the students adore her. Miss Lumley exemplifies a follower of Jesus.

SAVE THE DATE!

SSPJ SCHOOL GALA

MAY 3RD, 2023

AT THE WATERMILL DETAILS SOON TO FOLLOW !



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Parish Social Ministry



Feeding Hearts Ministry

**NEEDED: SMALL WATER BOTTLES
INDIVIDUAL SIZE CEREAL BOXES**



Our newly established Feeding Hearts Ministry had its inaugural run Sunday, January 29 at 11 AM. In all, approximately 16 families participated. Our Apostles of Hope were not only efficient but seemed to have fun interacting with one another, at the same time connecting and hopefully forming new friendships. In 30 minutes, 306 snack bags were fully completed and another 125 short on an item or two. To finish them, we will need some more small water bottles and small individual boxes of cereal. Donations can be brought to the parish office during the week.



We remember the family and friends of,

**Deacon Ron Blasius
Robert Thomas Smith**

Safely Home in the arms of our Lord

Telephone Ministry~

Parish Social Ministry has now begun a "Telephone Ministry" to help shut-ins feel connected to our parish community. If you have any interest in making a few calls to help or you know anyone who might benefit from such a call, please contact Lynn at Parish Social Ministry.

Thank you.



Our Food Pantry Needs:

Regular Creamy Peanut butter

Thank you for your kindness and generosity



There is the fact of the twelve baskets: why twelve? Twelve is the number of the tribes of Israel, symbolically it represents all the people. This tells us that when food is shared equally with solidarity, nobody is devoid of the necessary, each community can meet the needs of the poorest. Human ecology and environmental ecology go hand in hand.

RESPECT LIFE:

The Respect Life Committee invites all parishioners to pray for the USCCB recommended petitions of their 9 Day Novena for the protection of human life. The 9-day "Novena for Life" is meant to bring our parish families together in a spiritual battle as we pray for a Culture of Life and Civilization of Love in our community,

You are all invited to join the rosary group at 8AM in the prayer room. Anyone needing to reach out for help regarding our special intentions please call THE LIFE CENTER at
631-656-0441 or
515-798-9100.

God bless all your efforts to help families in need.



Katie's Way

Collecting new and gently used baby items and delivering them to the [Life Center of Long Island](#). These items benefit mothers, children, and expectant mothers in need. Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances. **Suggested donation items:** Diapers, wipes, bottles. Gently used baby and toddler items such as car seats, high chairs, strollers, clothing, toys, etc. New baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, etc.

PLEASE DROP OFF AT: 56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST.JAMES, NY

Helpful Phone Numbers~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Dept. of Social Services: 631-854-2300
Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827
Alzheimer's Disease: 631-954-2323
American Red Cross L.I.: 516-747-3500
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
Brookhaven Youth Counseling: 631-451-8011
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698
www.childrenscommunityhs.org
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607
Elder Abuse: 631-761-7470
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030
In Home Care- Home Instead: 631-724-2273
LI Against Domestic Violence: 631-666-8833
LI Head Start: 631-732-7100
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
Memory Care in NY: www.memorycare.com
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
Nassau/Suffolk Law: 631-232-2400
National Aging in place-L.I. Chapter: 631-383-4341
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-784-2433
Office for the Aging: 631-853-8200
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion): 888-456-4673
Response Crisis Center: (Suicide Hotline): 631-751-7500
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, February 5th, 2023

My Name Is: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and
bring it to mass with you next weekend

Saturday, February 11th or Sunday, February 12th, 2023



Share God's Word

The Gospel Message: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**Dear Jesus,
Thank you Jesus
for always
showing us HOW
TO BE JUST
LIKE YOU!**

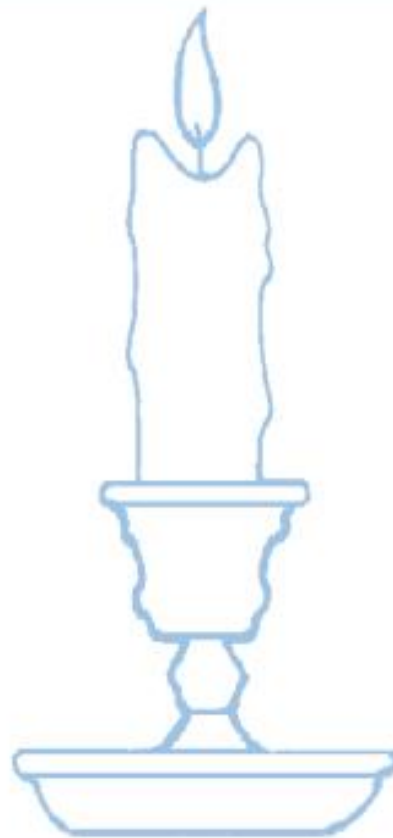
**Thank you for
teaching us the
simple lesson:
Be a light for all
the world to
see.**

**Feed those who
are hungry share
our love with all
who are lonely.**

Amen



LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE?

Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, February 5th, 2023

My Full Name: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, **and bring it to mass with you next weekend**

Saturday, February 11th or Sunday, February 12th, 2023



The Gospel Message: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Dear Jesus,

**Thank you Jesus
for always**

showing us

**HOW TO LIVE AS
YOU WANT US
TO LIVE.**

**Thank you for
teaching us the
simple lesson:**

**Be a light for all
the world to see.**

**Feed those who
are hungry share
our love with all
who are lonely.**

Amen



Imagine Jesus walking beside you and telling you that "You are the Light of the World".

How would that make your heart feel and why?

Why would Jesus compare you to a light?

SO this week, what are you going to do to make sure your light shines ever so brightly?

Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time~ Sunday, February 5th, 2023

Name: _____ Grade: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to February 11th or Sunday February 12th, 2023



The Gospel Message: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

*Dear Jesus,
Thank you Jesus
for always
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US TO LIVE.
Thank you for
teaching us the
simple lesson:
Be a light for all
the world to see.
Feed those who
are hungry share
our love with all
who are lonely.
Amen*



You are walking feeling down, but Jesus is walking beside you and he says to you:

"YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH" and you say to Jesus, I don't understand?

What do you think Jesus means by this phrase? Is it a compliment?

Understanding that WE MUST WORK HARD AT MAKING SURE THE SALT OF OUR HEARTS DOESN'T LOSE ITS FLAVOR, WHAT CAN WE DO?

Give an example of how you hide the light within you?

Reflecting and Preparing for Next Sunday, February 12th, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday February 12

Sirach 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,
33-34(1b)
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

The Jewish religious authorities of Jesus' day were often literalists in their interpretation of the Law of God. Jesus, however, gave a deeper meaning to the Law. He placed his focus on the *goal* of the Law: Love.

Monday February 13

Genesis 4:1-15, 25
Ps 50:1,8,16bc-17,20-21
Mark 8:11-13

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains that we fail to fulfill the Law when our so-called obedience isn't motivated by love.

Tuesday February 14

Sts. Cyril and Methodius
Genesis 6:5-8;7:1-5,10
Ps 29:1-2,3ac-4,3b,9c-10
Mark 8:14-21

Jesus completely fulfilled the true meaning of the Law. In doing so, he took upon himself our disobedience and died for us in the most generous gift of love.

Wednesday February 15

Genesis 8:6-13,20-22
Ps 116:12-15,18-19
Mark 8:22-26

As his followers, we also are to be generous with love. Obeying all the commandments – truly obeying them – requires loving God with our whole heart, all the time, and loving others as ourselves.

Thursday February 16

Genesis 9:1-13
Ps 102:16-21,29,22-23
Mark 8:27-33

Jesus explains how to transform literal interpretations of God's laws into the Law of Love. In each example, he shows that we are to choose the most loving approach to every problem, no matter how difficult.

Friday February 17

Genesis 11:1-9
Ps 33:10-15
Mark 8:34 – 9:1

Saturday February 18

Hebrews 11:1-7
Ps 145:2-5,10-11
Mark 9:2-13

His first topic is anger: Sinful anger is judgmental and we are judged by this sin. Jesus provides the remedy: Go and do whatever is necessary to be reconciled. This, he points out, is even

more important than worshipping God. How genuine can our worship be if anger has replaced love in our hearts, since God is love?

Another example is lust, which is a counterfeit of love because it treats others as objects. And divorce from a valid marriage is a failure to love as Christ loves, who taught that love makes sacrifices and endures hardships. Remarriage, he says, furthers the sin because it's unloving to the spouse of the original union.

Jesus extends this teaching to every area of life. Breaking an oath is unloving. Lying and never intending to keep the commitment is unloving. In fact, the entire Sermon on the Mount,



of which this Gospel reading is a part, explains how to love.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Were you ever treated unlovingly because of another person's legalism? How did that experience hide the true nature of Jesus?
- † What habits do you have that are unloving toward yourself? How do they affect others?
- † Recall a time when someone treated you unfairly but you responded with an act of love. How difficult was it to give that love? What were the results?
- † Name common ways that Christians fail to obey God. What did Jesus do to make up for those failures? For example, how do you suppose Jesus treats unborn babies who've been aborted or miscarried?

TO FALL IN LOVE

To fall in love! We use the expression to cover many things. You can fall in love with a baby, a sports team, a city, a job, or another person. However, we reserve the prime analogate for this expression for one thing, emotional infatuation, that intoxicating feeling we first get when we meet someone who we sense as a soulmate.

Iris Murdoch once wrote that the world can change in fifteen seconds because that's how quickly you can fall in love with someone. She's right, and falling in love emotionally can literally paralyze us with a grip so strong that even death seems preferable to losing the one with whom we have fallen in love. Countless heartaches, broken hearts, depressions, clinical breakdowns, suicides, murders, and murder-suicides testify to this. Emotional infatuation can be a deadly addiction, the most powerful cocaine on the planet. Where does it come from? Heaven or hell? And, what's its meaning?

Ultimately, God and nature are its author and that tells us that it is a good thing. We are built for this to happen to us. Moreover, it is a healthy thing, if properly understood, both in its intoxicating power and in its innate failure to be a sustaining power in love.

What happens when we fall in love so powerfully with someone? Are we really in love with that person or are we more in love with being in love and the feelings this brings us? As well, are we really in love with that person or are we in love with an image of him or her we have created for ourselves, one that projects a certain godliness on to that other?

Let me risk some answers. Imagine a man falling deeply in love with a woman. Initially, the feelings can be overpowering and literally paralyze him emotionally. However, inside of all this, a certain question begs to be asked: with whom or with what is he really in love? His feelings? The archetype of femininity the woman is carrying? His image of her? She herself?

In reality, he is in love with all of these: his feelings, his image of her, she herself, and the divine feminine she is carrying. All of that is of one piece inside of his experience. As well, all of this can be healthy at this stage of love.

God invented emotional infatuation, just as God invented honeymoons. We are not meant to be drawn to each other by cold analytics alone. But, this kind of falling in love is an initiatory stage in love (albeit a delightful one) that needs to be understood exactly for what it is, an initiatory stage, nothing more, one that invites us into something deeper. Emotional infatuation is not yet a mature stage in love. Unless one dies in its grip, as did Romeo and Juliet, it will one day lose its hold on us and leave us disillusioned. When Iris Murdoch said that we can fall in love in fifteen seconds, she might also have added that, sadly, we can also fall out of love in fifteen seconds. Emotional infatuation can be that ephemeral, both in its birth and in its dying.

So falling in love (in this emotional way) comes fraught with certain dangers. First, there is the adolescent proclivity to identify this with deep love itself. Consequently, when the powerful emotional and psychosexual feelings let go, the person easily concludes that he or she is no longer in love and moves on. Next, more subtly, there is this danger. When we are in this initial gripping stage of love, our image of the other carries with it a certain godliness. What's meant by that?

St. Augustine coined this timeless dictum: *You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.* Hence, nothing in life can ever really be enough for us. We are always restless, always yearning for something more. However, in this initial phase of love, when we have fallen into the grip of emotional infatuation, for a time *the other is enough for us.* That's why Romeo and Juliet could die happy. At this stage of love, they were enough for each other.

However, the hard truth is that infatuation does not last. The other person, no matter how wonderful he or she might actually be, is not God and can never be enough (and we are unfair to him or her when we unconsciously expect them to be enough). For a while, they are able to carry that godliness for us, but that illusion of godliness will eventually break and we will realize that this is just a person, one person, wonderful perhaps, but finite, limited, and not divine. That realization (which is ultimately meant to be the ground for mature love) can, if not understood, jeopardize or sour a relationship. God invented falling in love! In it, we get a little foretaste of heaven, though, as experience tells us, that is not without its dangers.