



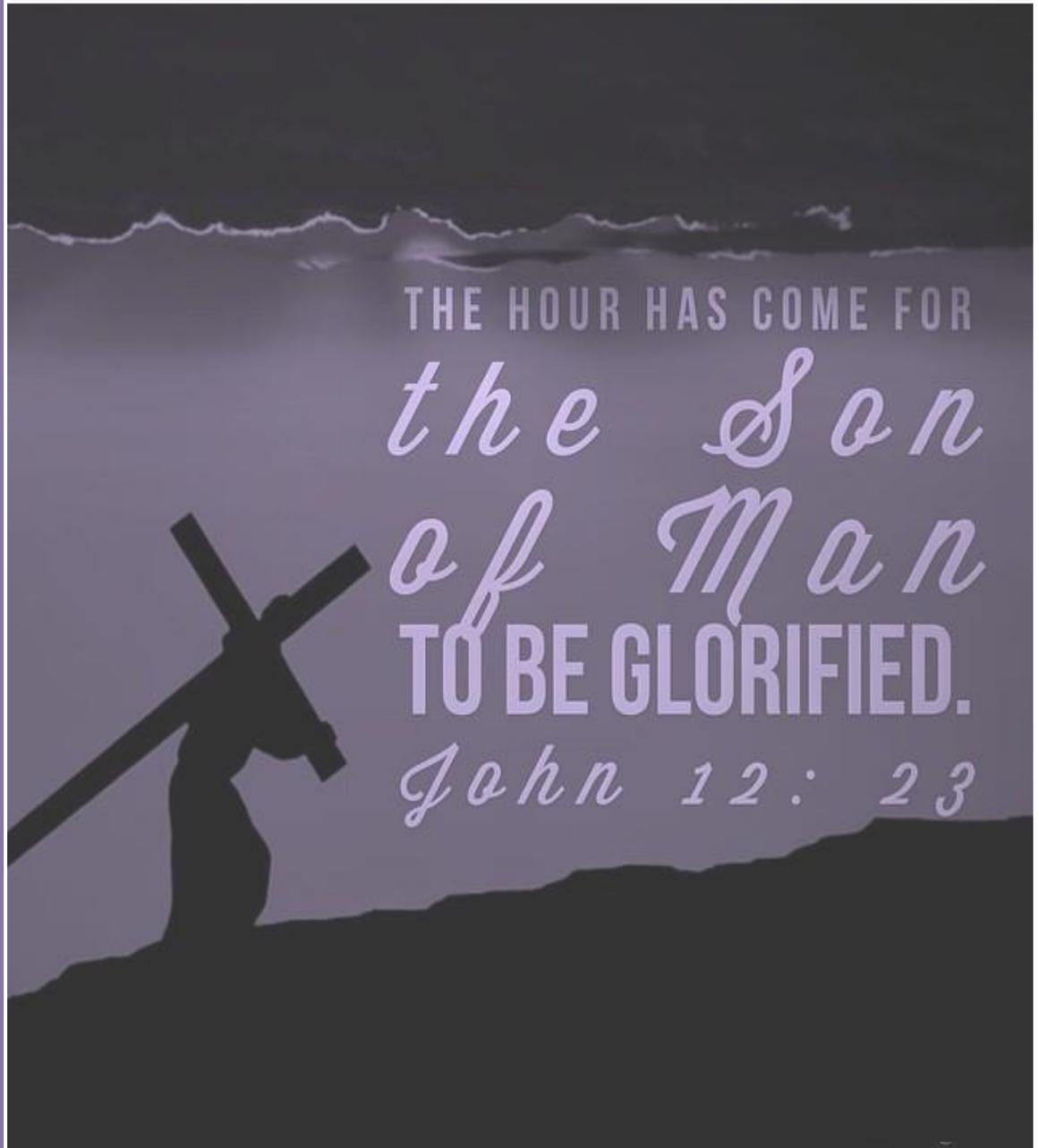
The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

March 21st, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



“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

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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget: \$17,890.
Weekly Collection: Sunday March 14th, 2021 : \$ 8,669.
Easter Remembrance/flowers: 536.
Faith Direct : (126 Participants) 3,253.
Total Collections: \$ 12,458.

Thank you for your generosity and support

**FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON:
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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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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>

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

In today's first reading, the prophet Jeremiah tells of God's creating a new covenant, one written on our hearts. I was reminded of a reflection by Margaret Halaska, osf, entitled "Covenant".

The Father knocks at my door seeking a home for his son.
"Rent is cheap," I say.
"I don't want to rent. I want to buy," says God.
"I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in to look around."
"I think I will," says God.
"I might let you have a room or two."
"I like it," says God. "I'll take the two. You might decide to give me more some day.
I can wait," says God.
"I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me."
"I know," says God, "but I'll wait. I like what I see."
"Hum, maybe I can let you have another room. I really don't need that much."
"Thanks," says God. "I'll take it. I like what I see."
"I'd like to give you the whole house, but I'm not sure..."
"Think on it," says God. "I wouldn't put you out. Your house would be mine and my son would live in it. You'd have more space than you'd ever had before."
"I don't understand at all."
"I know," says God, "but I can't tell you about that. You'll have to discover it for yourself. That can only happen if you let me have the whole house."
"A bit risky," I say.
"Yes," says God, "but try me."
"I'm not sure... I'll let you know."
"I can wait," says God. "I like what I see."

As our Lenten journey continues, God sees us - and not only likes us but loves us! God knows we're not perfect, but we desire to do our best to grow in love of God and neighbor. God's covenant is written on our hearts. Our psalm response is **Create a clean heart in me, O God**. And God responds to each of us saying, **I like what I see**.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, will be a bit different. Due to the pandemic, there will be no opening procession. The opening gospel will be proclaimed from the sanctuary area. The congregation will be invited to wave their hands at the time of Jesus entry into Jerusalem. The palms will be blessed and will be distributed by the ushers as you leave the church.

On the Monday of Holy Week, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the church from 3pm until 9pm. Our communal penance service will take place at 7pm. More information on Holy Week services will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you to all who have already pledged their support of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Each year CMA provides support of Long Islanders in need. By supporting the CMA, we are working together to create pathways of love and compassion by providing programs that serve disadvantaged families, our senior citizens, those struggling with substance abuse and those in need of housing, CMA also assists with faith formation of adults, youth, and children. There are many in need in our diocese. Your pledge/donation is vital. Please prayerfully consider connecting with *One Family in Mission* through your support of CMA.

And, have you ever wondered....

Why are Kansas and Arkansas pronounced differently?

Why does fridge have a "d" in it and refrigerator doesn't?

Why are Zoe and Zoey pronounced the same, but Joe and Joey aren't?

Is the "s" or the "c" in scent silent?

Why is a "w" called a Double-U when it is clearly a Double-V?

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of March 21st, 2021

Eucharistic Adoration
Monday's
From 1:30-7:00pm
In the Church
The closing hour of
Eucharistic Adoration,
(6pm-7pm), will be live
streamed on the SSPJ
facebook page
Www.sspj.org

Disclaimer

Due to circumstances that are beyond our control, unforeseen obstacles may arise that prohibit our ability to communicate our "live stream events" on the parish website's : Facebook page: SSPJ Church We appreciate your understanding

There are occasions when the livestream filming becomes available later on in a given day, however that is not always guaranteed.

Remembering in Our Prayers~

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| Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Anna Ormsby
Arthur Gureck
Baby Ben
Barbara Bombace
Barbara Ruland
Bunny & Dave Hayes
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Belinda Vega
Brianna Florio
Bob Keenan
Carol
Claudia Chandler
Daniel Radice
Deirdre W.
Dolores North
Donna Patrisi
Dorothy Mitchell
Dylan Beach
Ella
Ellie Walsh
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
James Macchiano
Judy Rampola
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Leon Donach
Mark Hildreth
Mary Fresi
Maryann Kevlin
Maria Clark
Marie del Cielo
Marilyn Suli
Matthew Parrella
Marie & Frank Fiecco
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Pasquale Savarese
Peter Bertrand
Peter Donach
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Riordan Cavoaris
Sara Jean Andersen
Sheila Ginty
Stephen Dolce
Steven Iglio
Theresa Kassay
Tara Cesarski
Tom Kiernan
Tom & Muriel Unverzagt
Vivien Cordes
Victoria Zubrycky
Vicki Archdeacon
Veronica Broderick |
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Saturday	March 20th, 2021 <i>Presider: Father Kevin Lector: L. Auletta EM: D. Anderson</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	<i>Deacon Ken Maher Bruce Ogilvie</i>
Sunday	March 21st, 2021 <i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: M. Sehne EM:C. Czujko</i>	8am	<i>For the People of SSPJ</i>
	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: J. Contrino EM: K. Consenz</i>	10:00am	<i>Sara Ann Izzo</i>
	Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: P. Geier EM:B. Luna</i>	12:00pm	<i>Benedetta Caltabiano Marie Csorny Charles Caracappa Eleanor Tomasina</i>
Monday	March 22nd, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	<i>Catherine Jenter Beatrice & John Hearney</i>
Tuesday	March 23rd, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	<i>Elizabeth McSweeney Terence Hobbes</i>
Wednesday	March 24th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	<i>Living-Joan & James Cooper For The People of SSPJ</i>
Thursday	March 25th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	<i><u>Lillian Magri</u> <u>Collective Mass:</u> Thomas Chiodo Edward Suoza</i>
Friday	March 26th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	<i>Living-The Regina Family Ralph & Theresa Guzzo</i>
Saturday	March 27th, 2021 <i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: E. Schor EM: L. Sisti</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	<i>Joseph McKenna Thomas Holub</i>
Sunday	March 28th, 2021 <i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: A. Willman EM: M. Koke</i>	8:00am	<i>For the People of SSPJ</i>
	<i>Presider: Father Lector: E. Burke EM: E. Sotomayer</i>	10:00am	<i>Michael Kaplon</i>
	Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: R. Donegan EM: P. Parish</i>	12:00pm	<i>Robert Remhild Mary Leddy Lucia Morando Living-Pasquale Savarese Living-Mary Awalt</i>

**A Dedication of SSPJ Altar Memorials with love and gratitude from
~ The Maher Family**

*The Maher Family wishes to thank Sts. Philip & James Parish Family for the support and kindness shown them
After the passing of Deacon Ken Maher.*

The Maher Family requested a celebration of mass on,

Wednesday, March 24th, 2021 at 9:15am

For the People of SSPJ

*With their sincere appreciation and thanksgiving for your generosity,
love and support.*

***The Altar Candles for the week of
March 21st, 2021***

Are Illuminating

***The Light and kindness ,
of SSPJ Parishioners
shared with our family
During the loss of Deacon Ken Maher***

Your love and support are held deeply in our hearts

Love,

The Maher Family

***Our Bread & Wine
For the Week of
March 21st, 2021***

***Are Offered in thanksgiving
For***

Sts. Philip & James Parish Family

***For your love, support and kindness
During our time of great loss***

Love

The Maher Family

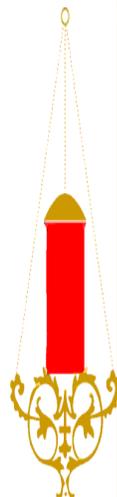
The Pro Life Rose

***For the week of
March 21st, 2021***

Is Offered with gratitude

***To the Parishioners of
Sts. Philip & James Parish***

***With the love and appreciation
From the Maher Family***



***The Sanctuary Lamp
For the week of
March 21st, 2021***

***Is illuminating the gratitude of the
Maher Family
On behalf of the love and consolation
they received from the
SSPJ Parishioners
as they mourn the loss of
Deacon Ken Maher***

Faith always brings us home....

A Reflection from Sister T

Dear Friends,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! May your day be filled with 'A Pot of Blessings' at the end of your rainbow!

Joy and light seem to be a theme for this time during Lent. For some it may be the **JOY** that Lent is almost coming to an end, while others have experienced the **LIGHT** of coming to know themselves, and their relationship with God – even better! What category do you fit in? I am still working on 'catching up in the second half'!

Several years ago, I became friends with the author Joni Woelfel by using one of her stories in my reflection. Although we have never met and only communicate by email, she has been a light in my life and for that, I am grateful. The story I used before and today is from her book **The Light Within**. A summary of the story is this: A group of women would often gather to visit with a wise woman who lived just outside the village. The reason they gathered was for no special reason at all; when they felt it time they would declare "time to gather" and so they did. One night, the wise woman went out to meet her friends with lantern in hand. The wind became so strong she held it close to her breast and continued on. Her friends saw her and one of them said "look, our host has a lantern in her breast!" And yet another replied "of course she does, don't we all? Light within never goes out".

I love the story because it reminds me that we *do* have that light within us, and that the source of that light is Jesus. Jesus said "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:5) Since Jesus is no longer physically present, we have become that light for the small part of the world we are living in. How can we be that light for others? How do we keep that light from going out?

For each of us, the answer may be different. For me personally, I know that when I get an unexpected call or card or letter, the other person's light shines brightly, so perhaps I need to make a call or write a note or do a zoom call that can brighten someone's day. What about when we have received great service in a restaurant or store, and were able to say to the attending person "you are doing such a great job"? I can tell you, their smile brightened the whole room! We can be a light as we continue to recognize the good that others are doing and their creativity in solving different situations and the like. Enough people recognize our mistakes, let's focus on the brightness of the good being done!

Since gathering together is a challenge at the moment, we need to be creative on how we can be that light and how we can keep it going. One way for me is joining our Sisters in Texas, via Zoom, for Soup and Scriptures. What can you do to keep that light burning within? How can you be a light for others?

Till next week,
Sister Theresita



The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Monday, March 29th, 2021 3pm-9pm
Communal Penance at 7pm

Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation
An Examination of Conscience

An examination of conscience is not a test. It is a tool. This tool is one way of helping us to reflect on how we have been living our lives as disciples of Jesus. These tools are usually a series of questions designed to help us to look at how well we've been loving as God loves. Sometimes we may find strengths in ourselves. Sometimes we may find weaknesses. Sometimes we may find times when the choices we've made or chose not to make have been sinful, have caused hurt to our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves.

The following sample examination of conscience is based on a Scripture quote from the book of Micah.

***“This is what the Lord asks of you, only this:
to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)***

God asks us to act justly.

Do I treat the people in my life fairly? Do I share what I have with those around me? with the poor of the world?
Do I treat people of all faiths, races and backgrounds with respect?
Am I faithful and honest in my work?
Have I hurt others by lying or gossiping or judging?
Do I treat God's gifts of nature with respect?
Do I try in whatever ways I can to help bring justice in my community and my world for all people?

***For any times I have not acted justly,
Lord, have mercy.***

God asks us to love tenderly.

Do I act in loving ways toward my family? my friends?
Do I show compassion for those who are hurting?
Do I try to help those who are ill or who are troubled?
When someone has hurt me and seeks forgiveness, do I forgive? Do I hold on to hurts or grudges? Do I seek revenge?
Do I treasure and respect the gift of sexuality - my own and others?
How do I act toward or think about people who are different from me?

***For any times I have not loved tenderly,
Lord, have mercy.***

Time for more prayer - After taking time to consider these questions, ask God to guide you to whatever areas may need the most attention. Perhaps you found some questions difficult, or perhaps you were drawn to spend more time thinking about one of the areas mentioned. Perhaps you have concerns or questions. These might be good areas to bring to confession.

“If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing.”
—1 John 1:9

**Reconciliation
Monday**

On Monday, March 29th, 2021, Confessions will be available from 3pm-9pm in all Catholic Churches within the Diocese of Rockville Centre, Diocese of Brooklyn, and Archdiocese of New York.

www.archny.org/lent • www.drvc.org • www.dobq.org

**HOLY WEEK MASS RESERVATIONS
WILL BE NECESSARY:**

**PALM SUNDAY SATURDAY EVENING MASS
MARCH 27TH:**

5:00PM MASS— Church and Auditorium

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2021

8:00AM MASS —Church and Auditorium
10:00AM MASS —Church and Auditorium
12:00NOON —Church only

**MASS OF THE LORDS SUPPER
APRIL 1ST, 2021 AT 7:00PM**

GOOD FRIDAY : APRIL 2ND, 2021 AT 3PM

EASTER VIGIL MASS: APRIL 3RD AT 7:00PM

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:
APRIL 4TH, 2021**

8AM—Church and Auditorium
10:00am— Church and Auditorium
12:00noon—Church and Auditorium

Kindly make your reservation at
SSPJ.org

If you are unable to schedule a reservation, kindly contact
the Parish Center office:
631-584-5454

2022 MASS BOOK OPENING

We will be opening the Mass Book
for 2022 tomorrow,
Monday,
March 22 , 2021
from 10am until 3pm



and
Tuesday, March 23, 2021 from 10am –3pm

In the Parish Center Office.

We ask that you limit your mass intention requests
to 3 intentions on these opening dates.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Volunteers Needed:

*Holy Week will soon be upon us and we are
looking for extra volunteers to help with
registrations and ushering at the Services. We
will need help for Palm Sunday, Holy
Thursday , Good Friday and especially oat the
Easter Sunday masses. Please call Sister
Theresita if you are able to help. (631) 584-5454
ext.214. May Jesus be the key to opening your
heart and mind to volunteer to help. Thank you.*

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: APRIL 2ND, 2021

*On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land.
Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear
of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of
Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land
by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others
to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.*

***My loving Lord,
it's so hard to love the world sometimes
and to love it the way Jesus did seems
impossible.
Help me to be inspired by his love and
guided by his example.
Most of all, I want to accept that I can't do it
alone,
and that trying is an arrogance of self-
centeredness.
I need you, dear God, to give me support in this
journey.
Show me how to unlock my heart
so that I am less selfish.
Let me be less fearful of the pain and darkness
that will be transformed by you into Easter joy.
-onlineministries.creighton.edu***

Lenten Regulations 2021

Traditionally, the Lenten Season is a time of penance
throughout the Catholic Church. Lent is a season in
which prayer, the reception of the sacraments, charity
and almsgiving are emphasized. Fast and abstinence
are to be observed Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of *Fast and Abstinence from meat*.
There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all
between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent):

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to
abstain totally from meat.

Jesus is the Key-

We welcome all to submit to us your thoughts about wearing the SSPJ Lenten bracelet inscribed with the words,

“Jesus is the key”

Sharing your heartfelt thoughts about how “Jesus Is The Key “ that has opened possibilities, doors, interests, knowledge or our eyes to the community around us and in our lives.....

You can drop off your reflection in an enveloped marked “Jesus is the Key” to the Parish center, or email us at info@sspj.org

Let Jesus Be Your Master Key

Isn't a master key wonderful? It opens all locks and is easy to use! When Jesus is the key person in our lives, whose examples and teachings are essential and important to us, we get to have the master key to opening the doors that are loicked around and within us. Jesus wants our lives to be wonderful and manageable as He says in the passage from Matthew 11:30, “For my yoke is easy and my burden is light”. We have no need to worry or despair. Trust Jesus! He gives us help and hope when doors seem to be locked. Jesus is the Master Key.

Janet Garvey

“It is never more apparent that Jesus is the Key while assisting families plan their loved one's funerals. Jesus is the Key to opening heavy hearts in remembrance. Jesus is the Key to finding peace in time of extraordinary sorrow. Jesus is the Key to having the faith to believe in eternal life. Jesus is the Key to opening the door of healing as He surrounds us with His unending love.

Susan McNamara

Jesus is the key means that Jesus is the key to unlock all hearts and unopened doors within one's mind.

Craig Williams

SSPJ School - gr. 8

Jesus is the key means Jesus is the answer. When times get rough, Jesus is there to help us. When we can't choose something, Jesus is there to help us. Jesus is the key to heaven. If we continue and practice our faith we grow a stronger connection and build a path to heaven.

Victoria Caputo

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Jesus is the key to everlasting life. Believing in Jesus allows us to live eternal life.

Samuel Rennie

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Lenten Offerings

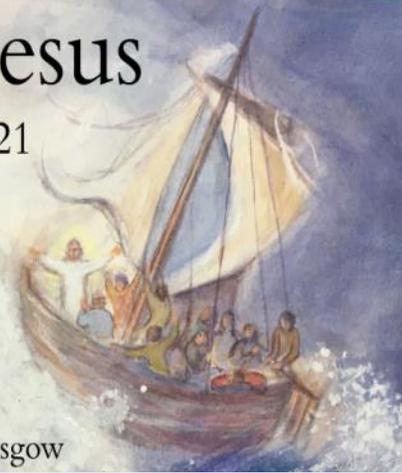
Knowing Jesus

Lent Online Retreat 2021

An amazing Daily Lenten Journey – please review and consider.
VISIT:
www.onlineprayer.net



Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow



IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GIVE UP
It's Who You Become
A Life-Changing Lenten Experience

Embrace a deeper, more spiritually rewarding life, and lose yourself in God this Lent.
Visit BestLentEver.com to take the first step toward unlocking your God-given potential.

BEST LENT EVER

This Lent, join Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team for BEST LENT EVER - a free series of emails and video reflections that will help you to discover or rediscover God through prayer.



Loyola on the Potomac

A Jesuit Retreat House
Faulkner, Maryland

presents:

A Virtual Lenten Evening of Prayer Series:
Hope in the Cross

Join us each Tuesday evenings in Lent for this hour long prayer series on ZOOM. Each evening will begin at 7:00 pm and end by 8:00 pm. There will be an opening prayer, an Invitation to Prayer, a period of personal prayer time, a time for sharing of graces and discussion and then a closing prayer.

To register, send an email to: Reservations@lovolaretreat.org You will receive an email link to the ZOOM prayer series on Monday of each week.

Tuesday, March 23

“The Glory of God present in the Passion of Christ”

Father Bill Rakowicz, SJ

Tuesday, March 30

“Letting Jesus Wash Your Feet”

Elaine Ireland

LED BY THE SPIRIT

This Lent, we invite you to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten Reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life.

To Sign Up Visit: formed.org/lent



SSPJ STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday, March 26th at
1pm in the church

Also available via live stream on SSPJ facebook page: SSPJ Church

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[Lent 2021 | Jesuits in Britain](http://Lent2021|JesuitsinBritain) : VISIT:
www.jesuit.org.uk/tags/lent-2021

Parish Social Ministry

FOOD PANTRY HELP

Canned Chicken
Parmalat Milk

Many thanks for your kindness and generosity



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

We Remember,

Robert M. Gray

Safely home in the arms of Jesus

Take good care of creation. St. Francis wanted that. People occasionally forgive, but nature never does. If we don't take care of the environment, there's no way of getting around it.

Caring for God's Creation



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movement to protect
mothers and babies*

From February 18 - March 29, our community will join with hundreds of other cities and towns participating in *40 Days for Life*, a life-saving campaign made up of three components:



PRAYER & FASTING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



PEACEFUL VIGIL

40 Days for Life is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, involving more than 650,000 volunteers in 559 cities across 27 nations.

Remembering Mothers, Children and all Life through prayer, fasting peaceful vigils and community outreach.

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 Planned Parenthood building in Smithtown.

Fasting and Sacrifice

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

Please call 631-862-9370 for further information .

The Editorial Team at the Gabriel wish to extend sincere Easter Blessings to all at SSPJ.

The next publication of the Gabriel will be available on Mother's Day, May 9th, 2021

The Gabriel Team is looking for creative submissions about...

MOM' S!!!

Please send your submission in pdf format to
Elena Atkins Mingione
At: emingione55@yahoo.com

DEADLINE IS: APRIL 9TH, 2021

We have an opportunity for one family to sponsor THE MOTHER'S Day of The Gabriel, in honor of their mother. The donation is \$500. Please contact Elena Atkins Mingione.

emingione55@yahoo.com



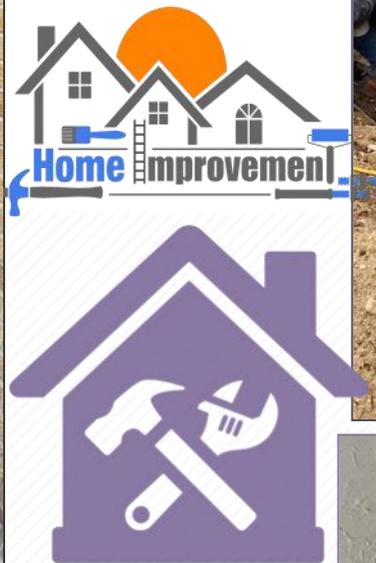
From the Editor

Campus Improvements Underway

“When one window closes, less water gets in the way!!!”

Below are photos of one of the projects being undertaken to eliminate water intrusion into our rear auditorium.

*There are 6 window entries being addressed as well as the chimney and roof.
The ceiling in the sacristy will also be addressed at this time*



We are most grateful to all who contributed to our 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal and helped us reach our goal!

Our Parish rebate will allow us to make needed repairs around the church campus. Like fixing t, our leaky ceiling in the Sacristy, in addition to leaking windows in the auditorium.

Thanks again for all your support! The 2021 Catholic Ministries appeal is underway now-further details are in the bulletin.

Music Ministry

Easter is on the horizon and I have been preparing music for Holy week and Easter. An exciting time in the church. Gloria's return, Alleluia's are back, Christ is Risen.

But.....we still have a couple of weeks to go. How is your Lent going?

*I hope you are enjoying our **Lenten Music Program**, found in the website and Facebook pages. I pray that the music inspires and fills you with the Holy Spirit.*

Our theme this weekend is the cross. We are sent off with "Lift High the Cross. Jesus died on the cross for His love for us.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Happy Spring!!*

SSPJ Music Ministry Invites All to~

A Lenten Music Reflection



All are invited to visit the SSPJ.org website to view a contemplative Lenten journey Through music...

This concert features our gifted music director, Margaret Adams along with members of the SSPJ Music Ministry.

It also includes a very special guest, SSPJ's Father Joe Lobo!

Many thanks to the Music Ministry for the time, effort and dedication you offered to bring this quiet time of reflection to us all.



2021 ~Catholic Ministries Appeal The 2021 Goal for SSPJ is: \$105,300.



“May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God’s word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.” - Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs.

And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One good way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help feed people in our community each year through both Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach Centers.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit drvc.org/cma or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

NEXT SATURDAY IS THE DAY WE CAN HELP SSPJ SCHOOL!

ATTENTION SSPJ FAMILIES
DONATE FOR OUR SCHOOL
EASY AS 1, 2, 3!

WHAT: "Clothing Drive" is an organization that picks up *clothing, stuffed animals and other used goods*. They will pay our school by the pound for our donations...EASY!!
**Please have items in bags*

WHEN: Saturday, March 27th 9:00 am - 11:00 am
(Drop off between these hours)

WHERE: Drop off location will be in the **Soul Brew** parking lot
Soul Brew Address: 556 N Country Rd, St James
We will be collecting directly in front of the Soul Brew entrance.

HOW: Pull up, drop off, leave, done!

DONATION ITEMS: **Stuffed Animals, Clothes, Bicycles,**
Accessories such as: POCKETBOOKS, BELTS, BABY ACCESSORIES, BACKPACKS,
HATS, SCARVES, BRIEFCASES, GLOVES, TIES, HANDBAGS
Household Items such as: BLANKETS, TABLE CLOTHS, BED SHEETS, DRAPERY,
CURTAINS, PILLOWS, TOWELS, QUILTS, COMFORTERS

PLEASE DO NOT DONATE: Hard toys, baby gear, books, pots,
pans, etc...

**Please visit the website for a full listing of acceptable
and non-acceptable donation items:**

www.clothingdrive.net

For Questions Call or Text:

Jaime Carey: 631-356-5691 or Jennine Cullen: 631-871-9973

The Good News at SSPJ School

SSPJ First Grade Students are learning lessons in Charity, Responsibility and Environmental Conservation!

Students in Miss Luciano's class continue their mission to help local charities by collecting bottles and cans for deposit. This trimester they collected \$100!



\$50 was donated to the Old Town Equestrian Center in Selden. Jake the horse was rescued from a kill shelter. Thank you to Isabella O'Reilly and the first grade students for helping save Jake!



\$50 was donated to the Guide Dog Foundation and America's Vet Dogs. Great thanks to Olivia Stolz and all her classmates for helping such a wonderful organization.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Passion (Palm) Sunday

Entrance Procession:

Mark 11:1-10
or John 12:12-16

Readings for Mass:

Isaiah 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1--15:47

Monday March 29

Isaiah 42:1-7
Ps 27:1-3,13-14
John 12:1-11

Tuesday March 30

Isaiah 49:1-6
Ps 71:1-6,15,17
John 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday March 31

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34
Matthew 26:14-25

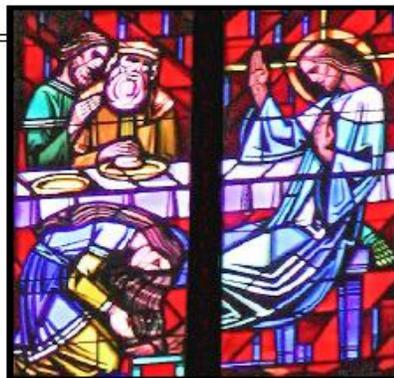
Holy Thursday April 1

Exodus 12:1-8,11-14
Ps 116:12-13,15-18
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Good Friday April 2

Isaiah 52:13--53:12
Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25
Hebrews 4:14-16;5:7-9
John 18:1--19:42

Today begins a week of focusing on the Passion of the Cross – the sufferings and death that Jesus endured because of his tremendous love for us. But first let's take a look at the passion of the woman who anointed Jesus with perfume.



In those days, when people made perfumes, they created a mixture of oils and herbs, then let it sit in a jar to ferment. The longer they stored it, the more potent – and valuable – it became. For the perfume in today's scripture to be a "costly" gift for Jesus, it must have been fermenting for a long time.

When we want to give someone a gift, we usually go to the store to buy something new. But our most precious possessions are those that have been important to us for many years. Giving them to

others feels like a very huge sacrifice.

What do you hold onto because it means so much to you? What has been fermenting in value because you've had it for such a long time? Can you imagine giving it away? Most of us couldn't do it unless we feel very passionate about the person to whom we give it. The giving has to be more valuable than the keeping. This happens only because of love.

How passionate do you feel about Jesus? What's so precious to you that it's hard to let go of – something

that he'd appreciate receiving from you? Are you willing to sacrifice this because of the love you feel for him? Do you feel *that* much love for him?

In other words, what's in your alabaster jar? Are you ready to pour it out

to Jesus, freely and generously?

Think about what he poured out for you so generously. Think about this all week, at Mass on Holy Thursday, and on Good Friday, and in the tomb-like quiet of Holy Saturday.

And again, ask yourself: "What's so precious that it's hard to let go of -- something that Jesus would appreciate receiving?" And then give it to him before the week ends; he will give you a new victory on Easter.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What gift can you give Jesus as a thank-you? What's so precious that anointing Jesus with it will be a gift of sacrificial love?
2. What's in your alabaster jar? What talents or treasures or wisdom have you stored up, saved, protected, and developed, or what have you put on a shelf and forgotten about?
3. As we prepare for Good Friday, come up with ideas on how to offer these saved-up gifts to Jesus. Why are these gifts like perfume to Jesus?

AN UNLIKELY AFFINITY

One of Dorothy Day's favorite saints was Therese of Lisieux, Therese Martin, the saint we call "the Little Flower". At first glance, this might look like a strange affinity. Dorothy Day was the ultimate activist for justice, protesting in the streets, being arrested, going to prison, and starting a community and a newspaper, the *Catholic Worker*, in service of the poor. Therese of Lisieux was a contemplative nun, hidden away in an obscure convent in a small town in France. Indeed, during her whole life, except for one brief trip to visit to Rome with her family and parish, she never left her small town and, at her death, was probably known by fewer than two hundred people. Moreover, in her writings, one finds precious little that might be considered explicitly prophetic in terms of social justice. She wrote as a mystic, with a focus on the interior life and on our personal intimacy with Jesus. Not exactly the stuff of protests in the streets. So why did Dorothy Day, whose life looks so different, have an affinity for this young recluse?

Dorothy Day was drawn to Therese's spirituality because she understood it beyond its popular misconception. Among all known saints, Therese of Lisieux stands out as one of the most popular saints of all time and as one of the most misunderstood saints of all time, and her popularity is part of the problem. Popular devotion has encrusted her person and spirituality in an over-simplistic piety that generally serves to hide her real depth. Therese termed her spirituality "the little way". Popular piety, for the most part, thinks of her "little way" as a spirituality that invites us to live quiet, humble, simple, anonymous lives wherein we do everything, especially the small humble tasks asked of us, with fidelity and graciousness, unassuming, childlike, grateful to God just to be of service. While there is a lot of truth in that understanding, it misses some of the depth of Therese's person and spirituality.

To understand Therese's "little way" and its connection with justice for the poor, we need to understand certain things in her life that helped constellate the vision that lay behind her "little way".

Therese of Lisieux had a very complex childhood. On the one hand, her life was touched by deep sadness, not least the death of her mother when Therese was four years old and several bouts of clinical depression from which she nearly died. She did not have an easy walk through childhood. On the other hand, she had an exceptionally graced childhood. She grew up in family of saints who loved her deeply and honored (and often photographed) her every joy and pain. She was also a beautiful young girl, attractive and graced with a disarming warmth and sensitivity. Her family and everyone around her considered her special and precious. She was much loved; but this did not make for a spoiled child. We can never be spoiled by being loved too much, only by being loved badly. Her family loved her purely, and the result was a young woman who opened her heart and person to the world in an exceptional way.

Moreover, as she matured, she began to notice something. She noticed how when she was a child her every tear was noticed, valued, and honored, but that this was not the case for many other people. She recognized that countless people suffer heartbreaks and injustices, endure abuse, are humiliated, live in shame, and shed tears that no one notices and no one cares about. Their pain is not seen, not honored, not valued. From this insight, she articulated this ground metaphor that undergirds her "little way".

Her words: *One Sunday, looking at a picture of Our Lord on the Cross, I was struck by the blood flowing from one of his divine hands. I felt a pang of great sorrow when thinking this blood was falling on the ground without anyone's hastening to gather it up. I was resolved to remain in spirit at the foot of the Cross and to receive its dew. ... I don't want this precious blood to be lost. I shall spend my life gathering it up for the good of souls.*

From this, we see that her "little way" is not about privatized piety, but about noticing and responding to the pain and tears of our world. Metaphorically, it is about noticing and "gathering up" the blood that is dripping from the suffering face of Christ which this face is presently suffering in our world in the faces of the poor, the faces of those who are bleeding and shedding tears because of heartbreak, injustice, poverty, lack of love, and lack of being deemed precious.

Dorothy Day walked the streets of the poor, noticing their blood, drying their tears, trying in her own way to gather them up. Therese did the same thing mystically, deep inside the body of Christ. It is no surprise that Dorothy Day took her as her patron saint.