



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

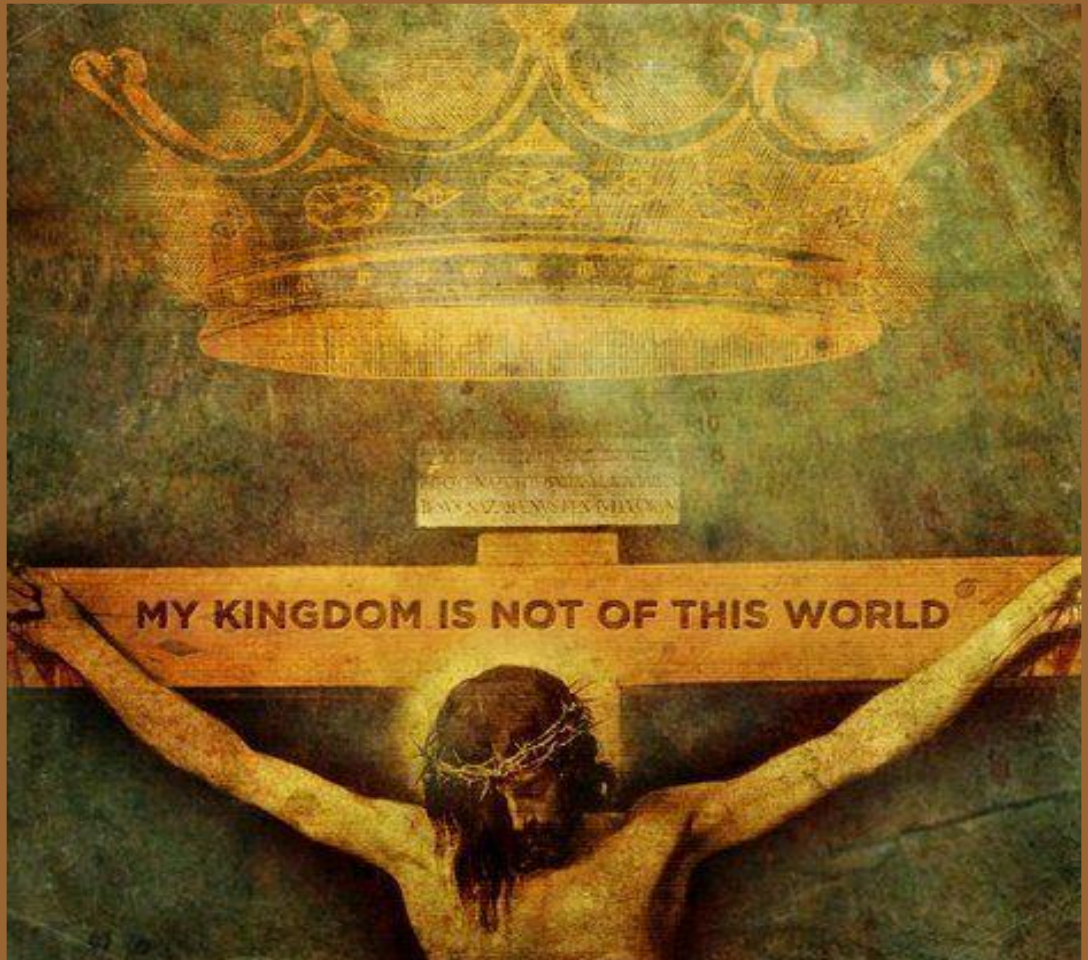
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

Our Lord Jesus Christ

King of the Universe

November 25, 2018



“For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

John 18:37

*“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

Sunday ~ Closed
Monday: 9am-8pm

Parish Center office Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-8pm
Thursday: 9am-5pm

Friday: Closed
Saturday: 10am-2pm

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454

Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675

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Pastoral Team

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

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Claire DiCarlo, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi,
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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 12:00mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

RCIA— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

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

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

On today's feast of Christ the King we hear in the gospel Jesus stating his kingdom is not of this world. What does he mean? He doesn't mean it's on another planet, or is merely spiritual – not earthly. Jesus has a different understanding of kingdom from the rulers (Pilate) of his day – and often of our day. Jesus' kingdom is not built on power and oppression. As Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, notes

Jesus' kingdom is an alternate world, nevertheless, it is present here and now. But it is not "of the world" that neglects human dignity and rights...It is a world of community, equality, respect and dialogue. In the kingdom, under Jesus' rule, each person's gifts are recognized. The poor and neglected are empowered and no one is left out. Justice is given to each, regardless of their political influence, race, gender or economic status.

In this kingdom, we are all connected. We are all children of God, brothers and sisters, responsible to and for one another. At our baptism we were intimately connected to Jesus and his kingdom as we were anointed "priest, prophet and king". How do we live out this calling? How do we strengthen this "alternate" kingdom where Jesus reigns? We live as his disciples, as Apostles of Hope, reaching out not just to a select few, but to all. Easy? No. Life giving? Yes. And we do not do this alone. Together, we build the kingdom.

With celebration of Christ the King prepare ourselves to put away Mark's gospel as our liturgical year ends. Next week we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical during which we focus on the gospel of Luke. Throughout Luke's gospel we hear echoed and re-echoed Jesus' messages of forgiveness, of justice, of faith, of openness to the Spirit. In his unique way Luke missions Apostles of Hope who model for us the ministry of evangelizers – those who share and live the Good News.

Our Advent celebrations will again begin in semi darkness as we light the Advent wreath each week and ready ourselves to rebirth the Christ Child in our hearts. The Advent journey is both exciting and reassuring, filled with wonder and hope. As with all journeys, it begins with one step, but not alone. We journey together.

Father Patrick and I would like to acknowledge the wonderful faith life of our Youth Ministry participants which we witnessed last weekend on Shelter Island. We were happy and privileged to celebrate with you. We need, want and welcome your continued "reaching for the peak", and your active involvement in our Sunday liturgies.

On Monday evening we will conclude our series on Thomas Merton. The sessions have been outstanding, .and all are most welcome to join in the last one, Monday evening at 7pm in the Bethany Center.

And, for math lovers...

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven." Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where in the world do you get seven from?!"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Those Irish Eyes are Smilin Upon SSPJ

Have you ever dreamed about finding the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? It's very possible, since the Magic of Ireland is coming to SSPJ! And we're all invited to participate!

As you see from the flyer on the opposite page, this March we're celebrating in a big way. Beginning with prayer and Mass, moving on to dining and dancing, The Magic of Ireland is an exciting opportunity for our parish community to come together, remembering tales from the past and creating wonders for the future while thoroughly enjoying the present.

As we come together, we deepen old friendships and birth new ones. As we pray, laugh, dance and toast one another, we celebrate the graced history of SSPJ, recognizing the Lord's constant presence on our journeys. And as our journeys continue, we gratefully ask the Lord's guidance as we move forward.

This community-building event will also be a fund raiser. Through the generosity of many sponsors along with support of our parishioners, we'll be able to continue our efforts to restore and revitalize our parish community. Please prayerfully consider sponsorship of this event to help us reach our goal.

This special evening promises to be a rainbow of wonder. The gift of Mass, Irish prayers and hymns, good food and drink, Irish music and dance, caring, fun-loving people (and perhaps a few leprechauns) all lead to that amazing pot of gold – the SSPJ community - rooted in God's love, hope and promise.

We want this to be a major fun, faith filled celebration! Won't you please be a part of it? Wear a little green and contribute a little green. Let's all be Irish for a night.

Father Tom O'Haggerty

I am interested in becoming a:

Saint Patrick's Sponsor at \$1,000 _____

Shamrock Sponsor at \$500. _____

Celtic Sponsor at \$250. _____

Leprechaun Sponsor at \$100. _____

My Contact Information : Name as you would like it to appear in acknowledgement

Contact #: _____

Accepting sponsorship from November 15th, 2018 ~ February 1st, 2019

Kindly return Sponsorship form to Parish Center Office

For more information please contact Marianne Koke at 631-335-7111

Save the Date!! **March 2, 2019**

The Parish of Sts. Philip & James is planning a BIG EVENT!

The Magic of Ireland...Everybody's Irish Tonight!

Be prepared to be whisked away to the land where all the hills are green, where shamrocks greet you upon your journey and Leprechauns leap for that "Pot O' Gold"

This wonderful evening will be graced by the fellowship of our wonderful parishioners and the gift of song from

Gerry Finlay and the Cara Band

Renowned Irish musicians who have graced the St. Patrick's Day parade in NYC for many years!

Please watch the BULLETIN as more details will follow..

We are seeking Sponsors to lead the way toward that "Pot of Gold!"

Saint Patrick's Sponsor ~ \$1,000

Includes prominent acknowledgement in the church lobby, church bulletin, and Parish website and Five complimentary tickets to the event.

Shamrock Sponsor ~ \$500

Includes prominent acknowledgement in the church lobby, church bulletin and Parish website and Two complimentary tickets to the event

Celtic Sponsor ~ \$250

Acknowledgement in church lobby, church bulletin and on Parish website and One complementary ticket to the event.

Leprechaun Sponsor ~ \$100

Acknowledgement in the church bulletin and on the Parish website

Sponsors are being accepted between November 15th, 2018 and January 15th, 2019

See you at the end of the rainbow in the land of Saints and Scholars...

VOICES OF WOMEN

"Listen, Listen Oh Advent Pilgrim..."

Your pilgrimage continues'

THE JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM BECKONS

*AN EVENING OF ADVENT REFLECTION, PRAYER, MUSIC,
A SILENT NIGHT*

*ALL ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NEXT GATHERING
OF VOICES OF WOMEN*

***ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 4TH AT 7PM**
IN THE BETHANY CENTER MAIN MEETING ROOM*

TAKE AN HOUR TO BE QUIET, CALM AND PEACE FILLED

Our Parish Pick A Star Tradition begins this weekend, November 24th & 25th

Our Pick A Star Tree will be located at the front of the church near the statue of St. Joseph

Please choose the star (s) indicating items you would like to purchase for someone in need.

*Gifts should be placed under the tree in unwrapped boxes or gift bags
No later than the weekend of December 15th & 16th*

*Placing the original gift star tag securely to the gift.
The color of the ornament indicates it's destination.*

*Please place unwrapped gift cards in the basket near the
Pick—A— Star tree at week-end masses only.*

Or drop off at the Parish Center.

*Our gifts will be delivered on Monday, December 17th to the following:
Hope House, Pax Christi, St. Christopher Otilie Family Services, The Learning Center, Children's Liturgy,
Echo Arms, and Sr. Michelle Bremer, CSFN.*

As always, thank you and God Bless you for your generosity.

Music Ministry

Something different this weekend.

The Adult choir will be singing downstairs by the grand piano, at the 10am Mass. Thursday was not only Thanksgiving but also the feast of St. Cecilia, the patroness of Music. So this is a good weekend to honor and recognize our Music Ministry.

Every couple of years the National Association of Pastoral Musicians Rockville Centre Chapter recognizes pastoral volunteer musicians who have given years of service to parish music ministry. We at SSPJ have quite a few recipients. These members give time and dedication to the music ministry. This Sunday at the 10am Mass these music ministry members will receive their Diocesan certificates.

We thank and recognize:

*Donna Chocko – 5 yrs
Jeannie Hill – 5 yrs, (also cantor)
Jane Lohmann – 8 yrs,
(also cantor)
Barbara O'Donnell – 7yrs,
(also cantor)
Barbara Badolato – 10 yrs
Susan Ricci (flute) – 14 yrs
Tim Adams - 15 yrs , (also guitar)
Linda Hubner – 16 yrs
Barbara Meringolo – 17 yrs,
(also cantor)
Vivian Cozzolino – 23 yrs
Mary Pinnata – 23 yrs
Bea Fox – 28 yrs
Judy Regulinski – 44 yrs
Marietta Cesarski – 46 yrs
Connie Muscolino – 46 yrs*

I would like to acknowledge our newest members as well:

*Cathy Calagna – 3 yrs
Mary Clay – 1 yr
Lori Dellecave – 2 yrs
Steve O'Donnell – 1 yr (drums)
Susan Pace – 2 yrs, (also cantor)
Dominic Salerno – 4 yrs
Jim Scully – 2 yrs (guitar)
Virginia Stabile – 2 yrs
Liam Butchart – new
Pat Tramontana – new
Rosemarie Vills - new*

On behalf of myself, Fr Tom and the SSPJ parish I would like to thank all the members of the Music Ministry. We have a solid program because of your commitment as Apostles of Hope to this ministry.

“Shine like lights in the world, as you hold on to the word of life” Phil 2:15

We Welcome All to Participate in Our 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony

THIS SATURDAY, December 1st, 2018 after the 5:00mass

*This year we offer a new opportunity to remember in your hearts
“the lights of your loved ones” during this holiday season.*

*Our Christmas tree located on the front lawn of the rectory will be lit memorializing our
loved ones on December 1st, 2018*

Hot cocoa and Cookie reception immediately to follow

*Those who wish to remember their loved ones with this special tribute, are asked to
complete the form below and return it to the Parish center office by the following dates:*

Thursday, November 29th ~ For name to be announced at the tree lighting ceremony

Friday, December 14th ~ For names to be published in our Christmas bulletin

All names received by December 14th will be printed in our Christmas bulletin

\$5.00 donation per each name being memorialized

“Let their lights shine not only in our hearts, but, in our Parish”

Annual Tree Lighting Memorial

*Let the Light
of:* _____

*Illuminate the SSPJ Christmas Tree this Christmas season and in my heart.
Remembered by:* _____

Contact#: _____

Amount Paid: Number of Names _____ x \$5.00 per name = Total Enclosed \$ _____

*Please place this form in an envelope with payment and return to Parish center office by: November 29th for
name to be read at Tree lighting ceremony or December 14th to be included in the Christmas bulletin*

Religious Education Ministry :
For the Week of November 25th

A few reminders regarding REFLECTIONS:

Remember, please walk up the center isle slowly, and bow in reverence to the Altar

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU WRITE YOUR NAME UPON THE REFLECTION AS WELL AS YOUR GRADE AND TEACHERS NAME.

You are doing great! Our Reflection Readers LOVE to read your

More about RCIA with Sister T and Leo!

Leo: Sister T, what great pictures of our RCIA Team, Catechumens and Candidates in last weeks bulletin! They sure look happy.

Sister T: Thanks Leo, they do seem happy and excited to learn. As a matter of fact, I thought you might be interests in knowing some of the topics they will be covering each week. December 2nd is the topic of God followed by the Holy Spirit on 12/9; Faith, Hope and Charity on 12/16.

Leo: Those are some interesting topics. I would love to hear the one on the Holy Spirit.

Sister T: You are most welcome to join us at any time. Don't forget we meet at 9 AM in the Philip and James room, of the Kitchen in our Center. You can also get a chance to meet the group after the 10AM Mass Sunday Dec. 16th At that Mass they will have their formal Rite of Acceptance into the process. Hope you can make it.

Leo: I will try. See you Sister T. May you have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Sister T: You as well Leo.



*Prayer of the
Month
For
November, 2018*



*Our Father,
who art in
heaven,
hallowed be thy
Name,
thy kingdom
come,
thy will be
done,
on earth as it is
in heaven.*

*Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us
our trespasses,
as we forgive
those
who trespass
against us.*

*And lead us not
into temptation,
but deliver us
from evil.*

Amen

ADULT EDUCATION
THOMAS MERTON
A SPIRITUAL GUIDE FOR OUR TIME



**CONTEMPLATION
AND
COMPASSION**

**NOVEMBER 26TH
BETHANY CENTER MAIN
7PM-9PM**

**Presented By: Thomas Petriano-Professor and Chair of Religious
Studies at St. Joseph College.
Suggested donation: \$10.**

We are thinking of You~Religious Education Reflection Due:12/2

Student Name:	Grade	Teacher
	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	
	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	
	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8	

This week, as a family, we ask you to color the photo below and write a special prayer turning your focus upon people in need, People who cannot repay you....
Your beautiful prayers will be distributed in the wash kits prepared by the outstanding wash kit gang and also placed with the peanut butter sandwiches that the wonderful Peanut butter and Jelly gang prepare for local homeless shelters.
THIS REFLECTION IS DUE NEXT WEEKEND, THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 1ST AND 2ND.

Our Family Prayer and Hope for You Because YOU are the light that shines this Christmas

Our Hope for you,

Remember You are Loved,



Busy Parents Retreat
Wednesday, November 28th at
10:00am In The Bethany Center

**Finding a Moment for God...
 Busy Parents Retreat**

Is an opportunity to let God enter the business of your days. SSPJ is offering 2 one-hour prayer times a month for parents, grandparents and any others - to stop and take a breather.

Sister T is waiting to welcome you on Wednesday Nov. 28th at 10 am in the Bethany Center

Just bring your smile and an open heart



2018 SSPJ Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Make a difference this holiday season.

You can purchase quality Christmas trees, decorated and/or undecorated wreaths, kissing balls, grave blankets and more, all while helping to raise money for our school. Proceeds from your purchase will go directly to benefit Saints Philip & James School. This

is an important fundraiser for our school, so do not miss out on this opportunity.

The sale begins Saturday, December 1st, with the Annual SSPJ Christmas Tree Lighting and a special blessing to our trees from Father Tom. We will continue the sale throughout all of December and up to the 23rd! Come and choose your tree from our large selection located in the parking lot near 25A. We will be open:

- Sunday 8:00 am – 7:00 pm
- Monday through Thursday 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- Friday 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Saturday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm



Raffle tickets \$10 each or 6 for \$50

Drawing to be held on Sunday, December 16th, 2018

Winner need not be present at drawing

Order beautiful Christmas cards and support Sts. Philip and James School!!!

Enter our unique school code and receive 15% off all Holiday card and gift purchases. Sts. Philip and James will receive 15% back on each order.

Simply enter: **FUNDRAISEPJS** when placing your order. Your promo code will be active during the month of November starting on 11/01 through 11/30.

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Any questions, feel free to contact Jennine Cullen at (631)871-9973.

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Saints Philip and James School
is pleased to invite you to join us for a Sunday morning

Breakfast with Santa



Every family advance
reservation receives a **\$5 off**
coupon for a purchase at the
SSPJ Christmas Tree Sale!

Sunday, December 2, 2018

SSPJ Auditorium

9:00 a.m. To 12:00 p.m.

CRAFT * PHOTO WITH SANTA * RAFFLES

Hot breakfast

For more information call/text Lisa Favorite at 516-819-8409

Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 28th

Family name: _____ Phone: _____

_____	Number of Adults @ \$12 per person	\$ _____
_____	Number of Children 4-12 @ \$ 6 per person	\$ _____
_____	Number of Children 3 and under	\$ <u>FREE</u>
	Total Enclosed	\$ _____

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

SSPJ School News

Second graders made prayer bags that they will use to talk to Jesus.



Father Tom blessed the bags after mass.



God Answers Prayer



SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of November 25th, 2018

Sunday, November 25th, 2018:

8:00am Boy Scout Wreath Sale Outside
 8:30am RCIA Cantina
 11:00am Stained Glass Stained Glass Wkshp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Monday, November 26th, 2018

7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting Auditorium
 7:00pm Adult Education Bethany Center Main

Tuesday, November 27th, 2018:

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group Prayer Room Main Church
 4:30pm Children's Choir Choir Loft & Church
 7:30pm Chords of Faith Church & Choir Loft
 8:00pm Boy Scout Leadership Meeting Monte Building

Wednesday, November 28th, 2018:

10:00am Busy Parents Retreat Bethany Center Main
 10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry SSPJ Room
 7:00pm Youth Ministry Bethany Center

Thursday, November 29th, 2018:

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
 6:45pm Choir Handbells Church
 7:30pm Adult Choir

Friday, November 30th, 2018:

3:00pm Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wkshp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

12:00pm Guild Christmas Tree Sale Outside Monte Bldg
 5:00pm Children's Liturgy Auditorium
 5:00pm Guild Christmas Raffle Sales School Lobby
 6:00pm SSPJ Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Front Lawn of Rectory



Sunday, December 2nd, 2018:

7:30am Guild Raffle Sales Outside Church
 8:30am RCIA Cantina
 9:00am Breakfast with Santa Auditorium
 11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wksp
 12:00pm Guild Christmas Tree Sale Outside Monte Bldg
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Our Bread & Wine
For the week of
November 25th, 2018
Are offered in loving memory

Of,
Christopher O'Brien

On your 10th Anniversary in
Heaven

Our love and prayers,



Boy Scout Troop 7 of St. James will
be holding a Christmas Wreath
sale before and after each mass
this weekend
Saturday, Nov. 24 & 25th

All wreaths are beautifully decorated.

Three sizes will be available.

The cost is \$15 for small, \$20 for
medium and \$30 for large. Support
your local Boy Scouts Troop with
your purchase.



Banns of Marriage

First

Mathew Vohlidka

To

Melissa Christy
SSPJ



Weekly Collecton:
Sunday November 11th, 2018

Sunday Collection: \$12,477.
Faith Direct: \$3,823
Children's Jug: \$112.
Human Development: \$2,740.

Total Collection: \$15,329.

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



With
 Deepest
 Sympathy...

William Murray

Mass Intentions, For the week of November 25th, 2018

Saturday, November 24th, 2018

5:00pm Eric Charles Worden

Sunday, November 25th, 2018

8:00am For the Parishioners of SSPJ
 10:00am Dan Walsh
 12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
 Michael A. Delcore
 Stanley Czwartacki
 (Deceased) Raymond Donovan & Kathleen Donovan (Living)
 Leonard Pecora
 Christopher O'Brien
 Cecelia Burns

Monday, November 26th, 2018

7:30am Marilyn Wenke

Tuesday, November 27th, 2018

7:30am Edwin Reid
 9:15am Lori Wilkens

We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers

Anna Capizzio
 Angela Amoroso
 Angelo Peluso
 Angela Boccio McComb
 AnnMarie M.
 Baby Mattia Lubrano
 Betty Schmidt
 Brett Dowling
 Brennan Steinorth
 Bryan Van Colt
 Camden Bailey
 Carmela Massaro
 Carole Hennessy
 Catherine Burseind
 Charlie Keenan
 Christel DeBlasio
 Christina Meringolo
 Christopher Paul
 Daisy Abruzzo
 David Shankles
 Dawn Kopel
 Dolores Weisenreider
 Dominic Pace
 Dylan Lauro
 Eileen Zink
 Elinor Glasser
 Eugene Krug
 Florence Donahue
 Frank Orlik
 Frank DeFranco
 Gerard Duffy
 Ginny McAuley
 Greg
 Helen McDowell
 Hillary Boehme
 James Gietzen
 Jane Prato
 Jane Wigutow
 Jeanine EspositoTansey
 Jim Kelly
 Joseph
 Joseph Perconti
 Joe Alberigo
 John Capizzio
 Jean McCue
 John Harney
 John Hernandez
 Julianne
 Joan Ward

Kathleen N.
 Kathleen Corcoran
 Kitty Cronin,
 Krista Farley
 Kylie Quigley
 Joseph
 Laura Andrucki & family
 Linda Sue
 Livia Parrella
 Louis Giordano
 Mark Montesano
 Marie DelCiello,
 Marie Fabry
 Mary McDonough
 Michael LaVecchia
 Michael Vasiento
 Nancy Fornabia
 Nicole Theresa
 Nicole Devlin
 Pam Brandon
 Pasquale Santoro
 Patricia Casey
 Pat Corey
 Patricia Fontana
 Patricia Monetti
 Patricia Thompson
 Paulette Agoglia
 Regina Powers
 Richard Cembrale
 Roe Hetterich
 Russell Caiola
 Robert & Madeline Gaude
 Robin Graham Denis
 Rosemary Morgan
 Sean Winters
 Suzanne McCue
 Terence Hobbes
 Teresa Orlik
 Thomas McKay
 Thomasine Morrison
 Tim Kelly
 Tim Cavooris
 Terry Pace
 Vivien Cordes
 Vickie Archdeacon Gibb

Wednesday, November 28th, 2018:

7:30am Al Specht
 9:15am Agnes Souza

Thursday, November 29th, 2018

7:30am Eleanore Brown
 9:15am Collective Mass:
 Gerald Guilfoyle
 (Living) Jeanette DeRosa

Friday, November 30th, 2018

7:30am Chester Omiecinski
 9:15am Richard Keane

Saturday, December 1st, 2018

9:15am Mary Phillips
 5:00pm Thomas Ferrara (First Anniversary)

Sunday, December 2nd, 2018

8:00am For The Parishioners of SSPJ
 10:00am Gammino, Rizzo, Sant Spirito, Concert & Grillo Families
 12:00 Noon Collective Mass:
 Peter Joseph Loughlin
 Robert Remhild
 Margaret Dellegar
 Marie Loughlin
 Frank Sapienza



We Pray for those Who Serve

LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
 CAPT. WILSON MARKS- USN
 CAPTAIN MICHAEL DOLAN- JR.
 LT. COL. JOHN KAIREZ
 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
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Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR December 1st & 2nd, 2018

Saturday, December 1, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, December 2, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, December 2, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, December 2, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty
Deacon Ron			Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE -FOR December 1st & 2nd, 2018

Saturday, December 1, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, December 2, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, December 2, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, December 2, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
G. Alfano	G. Beisel	G. Patalano	P. Agoglia
I. Arevalo	L. Beisel	L. Patalano	M. Laub
M. Fox	C. Czujko	W. Rodriguez	E. Sotomayer
E. Kaleita	R. Doda, Sr.	P. Schifilliti	M. Hoonhout
P. Kaleita	M. Dunn	J. Scott	E. Law
J. Primavera	R. Fabian	L. Sisti	M. McCreesh
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ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE -FOR December 1st & 2nd, 2018

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Getting Ready for Next Sunday

November 25th — First Sunday of Advent — Cycle C

Scripture Readings ONLINE

The website of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops provides the text of the Scripture Readings. Go to: www.usccb.org . Click on the date.

Reflections on Next Sunday's Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16 *Psalms 25*
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 *Luke 21:25-28,34-36*

Life is filled with in-between situations. We work toward success, but have yet to achieve it. We plan for a home, but haven't yet built it. We train to win a championship, but haven't yet won it. These in-between times are crucial. Today's readings talk about life where there is beginning but not yet completion, hope but not fulfillment, expectation without realization.

The Jeremiah passage offers hope to the people at a time when there is no Davidic king. The author teaches that God will provide, the future will bring change. In this in-between time there must be continued trust in God's promise to David. It's true that the fulfillment of this promise lies in the indefinite future, but there is still an obligation to hope in the present.

Writing about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul tries to strengthen his Thessalonian converts in their new faith. For Paul, an essential part of the Christian message is the Parousia, or the Second Coming. Without that event, the drama of salvation is incomplete. Paul believes the Parousia is imminent, but preparation is required. Paul asks two things: (1) an increase in mutual and universal love and (2) the attainment of the Christian goal. The goal is holiness expressed in loving concern for one another.

The Parousia is not imminent for Luke. When the Parousia does occur, it will be a day of redemption for the oppressed and a day of vengeance on the oppressors of God's people. Constant prayer and vigilance will remove all fear about the return of the Son of Man. The Second Coming will make salvation complete.

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For reflection...

Today's gospel reminds us to "be vigilant, and pray for strength". During this Advent season, what might you need to be most vigilant about? For what special strength will you pray?

What positive signs of the times encourage you? What negative signs challenge us to work toward transformation?

God's presence in our lives offers hope. What does hope in God mean for you? Who has been a sign of hope for you?

To "have yourself a merry little Christmas", it's been suggested to "have yourself a simple little Advent". What's your reaction to this?



OUR LACK OF WELCOME

Widows, orphans, and strangers”, that’s code in scripture for the three most vulnerable groups within a society at any given time. And both the great Jewish prophets and Jesus, himself, assure us that ultimately we will be judged by how we treated these while we were alive.

It’s interesting to look at any given book in the bible ask this question: “What did the author of this book consider as the very essence of religion? You’ll get different answers. For example, if you had asked that question to the authors of *Exodus*, *Deuteronomy*, or *Numbers*, they would have answered that what was central to their faith was proper religious practice, keeping the Commandments and being faithful to the other prescribed codes of religious practice of their time.

However when the great prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Joel) came along they painted a different picture. For them, true religiosity was not identified simply with fidelity to religious practice; it was judged rather on how one treated the poor. For them, *the quality of your faith is to be judged by the quality of justice in the land; and the quality of justice in the land is always to be judged by how “widows, orphans, and strangers” fare while you are alive.* For the prophets, the practice of justice took priority over proper religious belonging and fidelity to religious practice.

We see numerous sayings by the prophets that warn us that what God wants from us is not sacrifice on altars but fair wages for the poor, not the recitation of prescribed prayers but justice for widows, and not the honoring of religious festivals but the giving of hospitality to strangers.

It should be noted, of course, that, after the prophets, we have the great wisdom figures in Jewish history. For them, the essence of religion was neither faithful religious practice nor simple outreach to the poor, but having a wise and compassionate heart, out of which you would then be faithful to both proper religious practice and outreach to the poor.

This is the tradition that Jesus inherits. What does he do with it? He ratifies all three. For Jesus, true religiosity asks for all of these: faithful religious practice, outreach to the poor, and a wise and compassionate heart. For Jesus, you don’t pick between these, you do them all. He tells us clearly: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14); but he also tells us that we will ultimately be judged on the basis of how we treat the poor (Matthew 25); even as he tells us that what God really wants from us is a wise, compassionate heart. (Luke 6 & 15)

For Jesus, we are true disciples when we have compassionate hearts out of which we keep the commandments, humbly worship our God, but make it a religious priority to reach out to the most vulnerable groups in our society. Indeed, on this latter point, Jesus’ warnings are much stronger even than those of the great Jewish prophets. The prophets affirmed that God favors the poor; Jesus affirmed that God is in the poor (“whatsoever you do to the least, you do to me”). How we treat the poor is how we are treating God.

Moreover (and I doubt we’ve ever taken this seriously) Jesus tells us that, at the final judgment, we will be judged for heaven or hell on the basis of how we treated the poor, particularly on how we treated the most vulnerable among them (“widows, orphans, and strangers”). In Matthew 25, he lays out the criteria upon which we will be judged, for heaven or for hell. Notice that in these particular criteria there aren’t any questions about whether we kept the commandments, about whether we went to church or not, or even whether our sexual lives were in order. Here we’re to be judged solely on how we treated the poor. It can be rather frightening and confusing to take this at face value, namely, that we will go to heaven or hell solely on the basis of how we treated the poor.

I highlight this because today so many of us, sincere, church-going, Christians do not seem to have either an eye or a heart for the “widows, orphans, and strangers” around us. Who are the most vulnerable groups on our world today? Who today, as Gustavo Gutierrez defines the poor, does not have a right to have rights?

Let me risk stating the obvious: Among the “widows, orphans, and strangers” in our world today are the unborn, the refugees, and the immigrants. Happily, most sincere Christians are not blind to the plight of the unborn. Less happily, too many of us are religiously blind to the plight of millions of refugees looking for someone to welcome them. Every newscast we watch tells us that we’re not much welcoming the stranger.

How soon we forget God’s warning: “You are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were once foreigners.” (Deuteronomy 10, 18-19)