



The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

June 17, 2018



ILLUMINATIONS BY MIKE MOYERS

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.” Mark 4:30-32

“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

Parish Center Office Hours:

*Sunday ~ Closed
Monday: 9am-8pm*

*Tuesday & Wednesday: 9am-5pm
Thursday: 9am-8pm*

*Friday: 9am-12 Noon
Saturday: 10am-2pm*

Parish Center Phone ~ 631-584-5454

Parish Center Fax~ 631-862-9675

Web ~ www.sspj.org

Pastoral Team

Father Tom Haggerty	Pastor
Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Associate Pastor
Deacon Ronald Blasius	Deacon
Deacon John Keenan	Deacon
Deacon Ken Maher	Deacon
Margaret Adams	Director of Music
Virginia Portanova	Business Manager
John Cordes	Director of Facilities
Lynn Sisti	Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry
Charlotte Czujko	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 1-2
Barbara Luna	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 3-6
Dominick Avento	Religious Education Coordinator Grades 7-8
Catherine Darrow	Religious Education Administrator
Frank Brancaccio	Youth Minister

Pastoral Council

Claire DiCarlo, Chris Donnelly, Richard Frazita, Lou Guerra, Kelsey Greco, Cynthia Lombardi, Martin Marut, Ann Mondrone, Mary Ann Pose, Noel Rannazzisi, Tom Sica,

Trustees

Jerry Linder ~ Tina Cafaro

SSPJ School—Principal Ruth E. Testa

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

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.

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— Thursday 2-4pm Friday 8-9pm

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel connects with a seasonal activity many of us engage in – gardening. Have you been tending to your gardens? Tilling the soil, planting seeds, feeding, watering, and weeding? Jesus uses familiar actions to share his message. When you plant seeds, do you see immediate results? No, you need to wait – and tend to your garden as you wait. Have you ever been taken by surprise at how some of your plantings have bloomed beyond expectation? God often amazes us.

Jesus used seed planting and tending to help his followers – including us – to better understand the reign of God. Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, says,

"The reign of God" is the gospel's way of describing God working in our lives, right here and now. Jesus brings a new way of living in which we become aware and respond to God's active presence in all the events of our life. Even when we don't see immediate results from our good works the parable encourages us to patience. When it seems nothing is changing we stay with our tasks because another Sower is present who is sowing seed that will grow and come to harvest -- eventually. Impatient people don't make good farmers; impatient disciples give up too easily. If Jesus were speaking to us today he would counter our impatience and discouragement and tell us, "Hang in there, I'm not finished yet."

So, as you're planting seeds in your gardens, and seeds of goodness among your family, friends and community, be patient! Perhaps this prayer by Anne Osdieck might help:

*O, like the tiny mustard seed, grow us good roots.
Dig down into our souls, bore into our hearts and minds.
Grow into so large a plant that all of our actions, all of our ideas,
all our loves, our selves,
nestle and shelter in your branches.*

Happy Father's Day! Today it is our joy to remember you with gratitude and to pray that you might continue to be instruments in God's hands as you pass on the Spirit's gifts of wisdom, understanding and knowledge to your children, grandchildren and godchildren.

At the 10am Mass this Sunday we asked God's blessings on all who are celebrating graduations. Whether it's from pre-school, high school, college, graduate school or anywhere in between, may God continue to bless and guide your journeys. Congratulations to all, including our SSPJ School students.

At the same Mass we also asked God's blessings on newly licensed drivers! May you safely navigate all the roads on your journeys!

And, *For Father's Day I gave my father \$100 and said, "Buy yourself something that will make your life easier." So he went out and bought a present for my mother."*

Peace,

Father Tom

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

SSPJ School is EXCITED to announce :
The Nursery School Program
For the 2018-2019 school year!



SSPJ Nursery School Program

A safe, fun loving program, (*taught by certified teachers*) where children will engage in age-appropriate activities designed to help them learn and grow socially, academically and spiritually.

Half Day Program 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

For More Information please contact Ms. Anderson at danderson@sspjschool.net

Full Day Program 8:30 am - 2:50 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

For More Information please contact Ms. Anderson at danderson@sspjschool.net

Morning Care available Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Aftercare available Monday - Friday from 2:50 pm - 5:45 pm

Children must turn 3 on or before **December 1, 2018**
And must be completely toilet trained to participate in the Nursery Program

For more information E-mail Ms. Anderson at danderson@sspjschool.net

or call 631-584-7896 to schedule a tour!

QR Code

Quick Response barcode to school website!



Pre-Application for Admission

SSPJ Nursery Program

2018-2019



A safe, fun loving program, (*taught by certified teachers*) where children will engage in age-appropriate activities designed to help them learn and grow socially, academically and spiritually.

Student's Full Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

Address: _____

Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Gender: M F

Home Phone: _____ Home E-Mail: _____

School District of Residence: _____

Program Selection:

Half Day Program 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

- 2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday \$3,900
- 3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$4,200
- 5 Days - Monday - Friday \$4,800

Full Day Program 8:30 am - 2:50 pm

- 2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday \$4,500
 - 3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday \$4,800
 - 5 Days - Monday - Friday \$5,474
-
- Morning Care** available Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 8:30 am \$10 per day/as needed
 - Aftercare** available Monday - Friday from 2:50 pm - 5:45 pm \$15 per day/as needed

Children must turn 3 on or before **Dec. 1st 2018** and be totally potty trained to participate in the Nursery Program

For more information E-mail Ms. Anderson at danderson@sspjschool.net
or call 631-584-7896 to schedule a tour!



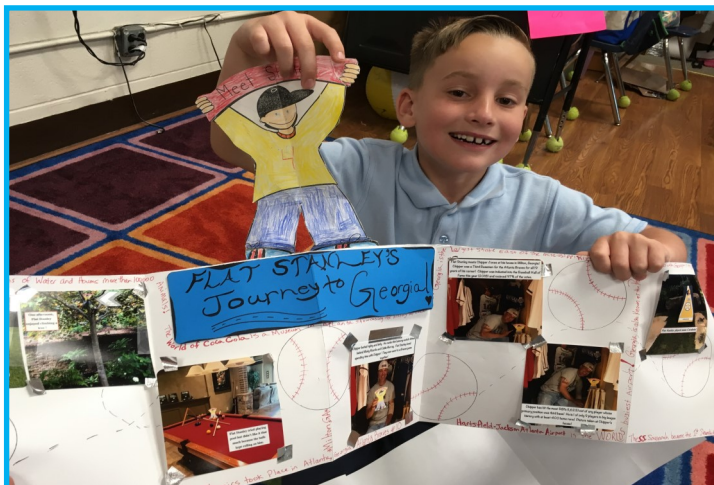
QR code
Quick Response barcode to school website!

SSPJ School News



Second graders enjoying
Wacky Wednesday Fun
during Spirit Week at SSPJ.

Flat Stanley is returning to SSPJ with
many adventures to share
with his friends.



Catholic Daughters Court Anna Theresa
#1074
YARD SALE!

News From Music Ministry

*Next weekend is the last the choir will be
singing until September.*

*They are off July and August. However, the
cantors and instrumentalists will continue to
sing and play throughout the summer. There
will also be guest pianists and organists as
well, as I will be taking much needed
vacation time over the summer.*

*Next week I will spotlight the Adult choir and
the many years of
service some of our members have.*

*Prayers go out to our Fathers living and
deceased.*

*Faith of our Fathers# 488 in the Music Issue,
our Sending Forth hymn is dedicated to them.
Happy Father's Day!*

Please join us
for the Catholic
Daughters Court
Anna Theresa
#1074

Garage Sale

Saturday
June 23, 2018
9 AM ~ 3PM
408 Moriches
Rd.,

St. James

Proceeds to
benefit
Catholic
Daughters
Charities

**YARD
SALE**

403 Moriches Road
Saint James



Happy
Father's Day



“Serving Others in God's Love” Religious Freedom Week, June 22-29, 2018

[Religious] freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it. Pope Francis

If we don't know the facts of our religious freedom...

How do we know when it is being lost? How can we defend and preserve it for our children?

Some Basic Facts of America's Religious Freedom:

- **Our founders believed man's natural and unalienable rights come from our Creator** and individual conscience was to be protected so each person could serve his God according to his conscience. George Washington, for example, said... *“every man, conducting himself as a good citizen, and being accountable to God alone for his religious opinions, ought to be protected in worshipping the Deity according to the dictates of his own conscience.”*
- **Conscience rights were protected by the first amendment's** prohibition of state-imposed religion and protection of the free exercise of religion. *“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” 1st Amendment*
- **“Freedom of Religion” allows us to live our morals and faith in school, church community and state.** A limited *“Freedom of Worship”* confines faith and morals inside our churches, away from the public square.
- **“Separation of church and state” is a phrase that is not in the Constitution or any founding document** but is generally taken out of context and used to attack the religious freedom it actually affirmed. It was a phrase in a letter from Thomas Jefferson assuring Baptists in Danbury, CT, that religious freedom and individual conscience were from God, not government. He confirmed that the first amendment was meant to protect individual conscience and churches from government control by building a “wall of separation between church and state”.

“Religious freedom allows the space for people of faith to serve others in God's love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz.

On the June 22 feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, we remember these saints who were martyred in 1535 for standing up to King Henry VIII for the sanctity of marriage and the freedom of the Church. In our country today, the Church faces challenges to her freedom to serve in healthcare, child welfare services, and education. Religious freedom is rooted in human nature, and therefore it is a fundamental human right. Religious freedom is about preserving space to worship and serve. www.USCCB.org

Rally for Religious Freedom – Saturday Morning, June 30

Sponsored by the Diocese of Rockville Centre and Catholics for Freedom of Religion
Speakers: Rev. Eric R. Fasano, J.C.L., Co-Chancellor Diocese of Rockville Centre
Sr. Constance Viet I.s.p., Communications Director, Little Sisters of the Poor
June 30, St John the Baptist High School; 1170 Montauk Hwy; W. Islip 11795
10:00 a.m. Public Witness Rosary in front of school; 10:30 a.m. Rally program in auditorium

Saints Philip and James Parish Renovation Campaign

“Responding to the Call, as Today’s Apostles of Hope”

Goal	\$1,500,000
Total Pledged	\$1,295,333
Paid to Date	\$1,036,808
% of Cash Received	80%
# of Gifts	616
% of Goal	86%

Thank you for your support!


On behalf of Father Tom and the entire campaign committee we wish to thank all parishioners who have made a gift to the campaign.

Help us to reach our Goal!

We are coming closer to reaching our goal and invite you to support the campaign by making a one-time gift or pledge. Pledge envelopes are available at Mass or at the Parish Center. You can also visit our web-site, www.SPNI.org, and donate using Faith Direct.

Thank you for your prompt pledge payments!

Pledge reminders are mailed on the 15th of each month. If you have any questions concerning your pledge or payment schedule, please contact Joe Cascio at 631-921-1578.



“Always give
yourselves fully to
the work of the Lord,
because you know
that your labor in
the Lord is not
in vain.”

-1 Cor. 15:58

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN program

It's not all about raising money -
it's about raising disciples.



Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Today, consider a Dad like James. James saw information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal at his local parish, and he knew he had to turn to the Church for help since he had nowhere else to go. James had been gainfully employed for more than 10 years when he began to fall ill. Soon his medical issues made it impossible for him to keep working and he was forced to go out on disability.

After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, James had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. James and his family received the help they so desperately needed.

Today, James is back to work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in such a situation again,"* shared James.

Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of others.

✂ _____

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal			
Parish _____	Pledge:	\$ _____	
Name _____	Down payment:	\$ _____	
Address _____			
City, State, Zip: _____			
Phone: _____	Signature: _____	Date: _____	

THANK YOU!

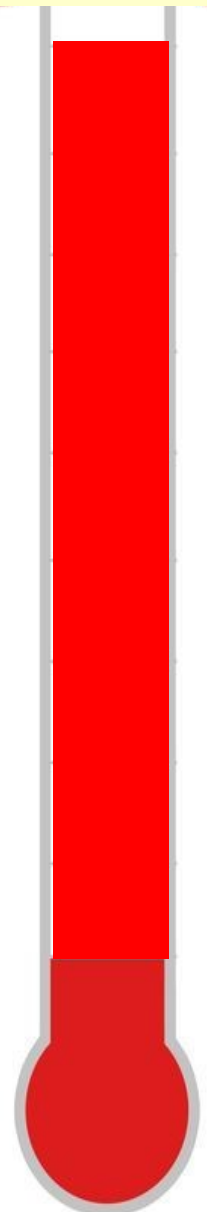
***WE ARE ALMOST
AT OUR CMA
GOAL!!!***

***We are currently at
92.6% of our Catholic
Ministries Appeal Goal
of \$119,700!***

***In any small way, might
you help us reach our
goal?
Many thanks for your
kindness and
generosity of heart!***

GOAL: \$119,700!

**Pledges at 6/12/2018
\$110,895.**



Have you heard about it yet? Have you visited the website yet? As a parishioner of SSPJ, you have complete access to all the material that is available on Formed. This is entirely free to all parishioners of SSPJ. It is simple to access. Just put in your computer browser: sspj.formed.org and register.

Would you like to be able to read the weekend readings in advance? Would you like to learn more about the Mass or the Sacraments? Would you like to learn more about your faith? Formed is the easy way for you to do all that and more and you can do it all in your own home or even listen in your car and at your own pace.

If you quickly want to get an idea of all that is available, after you register, click on Content at the bottom of the screen. There you will see a list of Formed content broken into categories of what you can study, watch, listen or read. You will have continuous access to all the material. You will be amazed at what you can see, hear, and read. There are books that can be downloaded, audios that can be downloaded even to your tablet or phone. A lot of the material is also available in Spanish.

There are movies that can be watched. There are books and movies for the youth and children too.
I encourage you to look at Formed. I would be interested in hearing your comments after you have visited the website. Further information regarding Formed will be forthcoming in future issues of the Bulletin.

Descendants of the Builder of “Our Old Church”...

On Saturday, June 9, 2018, our parish family was blessed to meet family members of the man responsible for building Our Old Church!

Many, many, years ago, Mr. McMahon was a Church Builder . He built a church in Brooklyn that was celebrating its 150th anniversary, to which his descendants were invited.

When the McMahon family arrived in New York, they contacted the SSPJ Parish Center. They had the pleasure of speaking with SSPJ Business Manager, Virginia Portanova, who graciously invited them to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!

At the dinner they shared their memories of Our Old Church and were so very pleased to receive a tour of our reconstructed “Bethany Center”. Many memories were shared and many blessings were received!



Ss. Philip and James
Office of Youth Ministry
631-584-5454

Vacation Bible Camp

July 16th - 20th

9:30am - 12:00pm
Monday - Friday
For children ages 4-9 years old.



Theme "Miracles of Jesus"

Vacation Bible Camp is a long-standing tradition at Saints Philip and James. VBC is a one week experience where 4 -9 year olds are introduced to our faith through music, dance, arts & Crafts, outside activities and daily assemblies. VBC is a place for children to sing, laugh, learn, pray and meet new friends. Special events and Surprises at the end of the program.

* \$25 Tuition includes supplies, a daily healthy snack and a VBC T-Shirt.
Registration forms will be received at the Rectory One Carow place St. James, NY 11780

CAMPER REGISTRATION 2018

Camper's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

DOB _____ Age _____ Grade (as of 9/18) _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-Mail _____ Allergies _____

Emergency Contact _____

Contact # _____ Relationship _____

Special Needs: _____

T-Shirt Size (Children's) S M L (Adult) S M L XL

SSPJ Parish Calendar For The Week of June 17th, 2018

Sunday, June 17th, 2018:~Father's Day

8:00am Guild Car Raffle Ticket Sales Outside/ School Lobby
 10:00am Children's Liturgy School Multi Purpose Rm/Aud
 11:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Wksp
 7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room

Monday, June 18th, 2018:

6:30pm Men's Forum Bethany Center
 6:30pm Youth Leadership Training Cantina
 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 7 Meeting Auditorium
 8:30pm Men's Forum Reception Sts Philip & James Room

Tuesday, June 19th, 2018:

1:30pm Spirit of Love Prayer Group Prayer Room In Church
 7:00pm Catholic Daughter Meeting Auditorium

Wednesday, June 20th, 2018:

7:00pm Youth Ministry Auditorium

Thursday, June 21st, 2018:

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Friday, June 22nd, 2018:

7:00pm AA Meeting Philip & James Room
 8:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church

Saturday, June 23rd, 2018:

10:00am Stained Glass Club Stained Glass Workshop
 4:30pm Guild Car Raffle Ticket Sales Outside/School lobby
 5:00pm Children's Liturgy School Multi Purpose Room

Our Bread and Wine
 For the Week of June 17th, 2018

Are Offered,

In loving memory of
 Dorothy Owen Dowling

Mother of 8
 Grandmother of 59!
 We Love You

The Pro -Life Rose

For the Week of June 17th, 2018

Is Dedicated In the Memory of

Henry J. Monetti

On Your First Anniversary
 In Heaven



Weekly Collection:

Sunday June 10, 2018

Sunday Collection: \$16,727.
 Faith Direct: \$3,823
 Children's Jug: \$11.

Total Collection: \$20,561.

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



Banns of Marriage

First

Alexander Parisi
 St. Margarets
 To
 Megan Wallner~SSPJ

First

James McGlynn
 St. Peter The Apostle Church
 To
 MaryAnn Czak~SSPJ

Banns of Marriage

Third

Marco Saverio Longo~SSPJ
 To
 Gina Marie Marcheschi~SSPJ

Third

Brian Day ~ St. Patricks
 To

Brittany Christiansen~
 Good Shepherd -Holbrook

Mass Intentions, For the week of June 17th, 2018

Saturday, June 16th, 2018

5:00pm *Concetta & Joseph Bitetto*

Sunday, June 17th, 2018~Father's Day

8:00am *Father's Day Novena*

10:00am *Father's Day Novena*

12:00Noon *Collective Mass:
Father's Day Novena*

Monday, June 18th, 2018

7:30am *Father's Day Novena*

9:15am *Ferdinand Cicerelli*

Tuesday, June 19th, 2018

7:30am *Father's Day Novena*

9:15am *Andrew Piccione*

*We Ask You to Remember Our Brothers & Sisters In your Prayers
those who are ill...*

*Anna Capizzio
Angela Amoroso
Angela Boccio McComb
AnnMarie M.
Baby Mattia Lubrano
Betty Schmidt
Brett Dowling
Brennan Steinorth
Bryan Van Colt
Carole Hennessy
Carol Walz
Catherine Burseind
Christel DeBlasio
Christopher Tallarico
Christina Meringolo
Daisy Abruzzo
David Shankles
Dawn Kopel
Dominic Pace
Dylan Lauro
Eileen Zink
Elinor Glasser
Faith VanGostein
Florence Donahue
Gerard Duffy
Ginny McAuley
Greg
Helen McDowell
Hillary Boehme
James Gietzen
Jane Prato
Jeanine EspositoTansey
Josette Perconti
Joseph Perconti
Joe Alberigo*

*John Capizzio
John Hernandez
Julianne
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin,
Krista Farley
Kylie Quigley
Laura Andrucki & family
Linda Sue
Louis Giordano
Mark Montesano
Marie DelCiello,
Marie Fabry
Marie Loughlin
Mary McDonough
Michael LaVecchia
Nancy Fornabia
Pasquale Santoro
Patricia Casey
Patricia Fontana
Patricia Monetti
Paulette Agoglia
Robin Graham Denis
Rosemary Morgan
Sean Winters
Suzanne McCue
Terence Hobbes
Teresa Orlik
Thomas McKay
Terry Pace
Vivien Cordes
Vicky Gibb*

Wednesday, June 20th, 2018

7:30am *Father's Day Novena*
9:15am *Stoneman Douglas School Victims*

Thursday, June 21st, 2018

7:30am *Father's Day Novena*
9:15am *Collective Mass:
Katie Farrell
John Tramontano
Margaret "Chickie" Purick*

Friday, June 22nd, 2018

7:30am *Father's Day Novena*
9:15am *Carol Gianola*

Saturday, June 23rd, 2018

9:15am *Olivia DiNucci*
5:00pm *Rose Ciervo*

Sunday, June 24th, 2018

8:00am *Father's Day Novena*
10:00am *Anna & Edward Ceraso*
12:00Noon *Collective Mass:
Mary Pollock
Shirley C. Davis
Sally Washburn
Jenny Amato
Alice Winter
Salvatore P. Saladino*

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
RICHARD SOTOMAYER, USAF
SGT. CONNOR F. SCOTT, USMC
CORPORAL DANIEL P. STEELE, USMC
SGT. CORY O'HARA USMC
CDR. ROBERT J. MARSH, USN
PFC. CHARLES CHRISTOPHER HOWELL
JOHN VINCENT KNOBLOCH, USMC
STEVEN CAVA, USN
ERIC SEELIN, USMC
CW2 CHRIS MUNZ
CW2 NATASHA WORTMAN
CORPORAL JAMES T. CASEY, USMC
GREGORY DEVANEY, USMC
SGT. JOSHUA MAHONEY, US ARMY
KEVIN JONES, U.S.C.G.
RICHARD MAIER, U.S.M.C.
PRIVATE JOSHUA OLSEN, USARNG
GLEN CRIMA-U.S. ARMY
PFC. ANTHONY SCIAMETTA
MARIO CATANIA, USMC
RYAN ANTHONY NASCIMENTO, U.S.M.C.
ENS. RYAN M. SHOWS U.S.N.
STAFF SGT. RYAN REXRODE U.S.M.C.
DR. KARA VANDEKIEFT, LT.COL.USAF
SGT. STEPHEN D. OUTCAULT, USMC
PAUL MUMOLO, U.S.N*

Safely Home... We Remember,



Religious Education Ministry

*"Participating in the faith formation of our children,
that is where a relationship with Jesus, is born...
It begins with loving parents
and continues in the faith filled hands of a Catechist"*

**Our Religious Education Program Is Seeking Catechists
For All Grade Levels:
From Communion II(2nd grade) through Confirmation II (8th grade)
And Our Special Needs Religious Education Program.**

*We encourage you to pray upon the vocation of Catechist,
If you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to this special vocation,
Please pray about it...
He will give you everything you need to accomplish this awesome task.*

If you would like more information
On becoming a Catechist,
please contact
our Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204.

**Registration for the 2018-2019 Religious Education
School Year is open from:
June 1 thru July 31, 2018**

Please visit the Parish website at: www.sspj.org and follow the instructions to enroll your child/children in our Religious Education Program for the 2018-2019 school year.

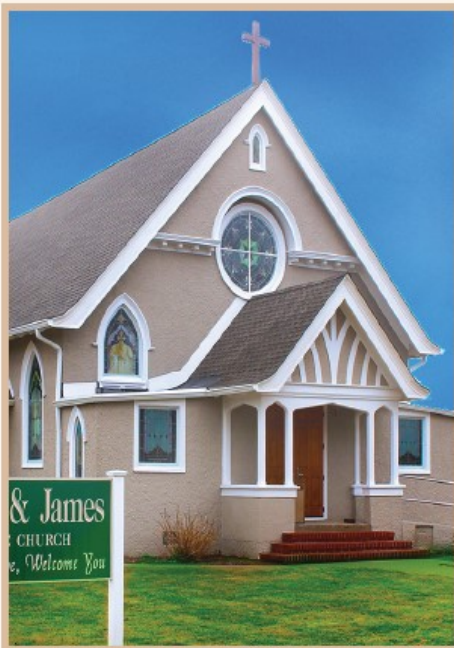
Any family registering a First Grader or a child new to our Parish, is asked to contact us to schedule an appointment to register your child.

Please contact us via email at religioused@sspj.org
or by phone at 631-584-3204
To arrange a convenient appointment date and time.

THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

A brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in their faith & discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ.



MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

Fr. Thomas Haggerty, Pastor at SSPJ Church
Closing Liturgy for the 9th Season of the Men's Forum

As is our custom, we close out the year with a Mass of Thanksgiving for all the wisdom, graces and blessings our good God has shared with us as men called to follow Jesus Christ. The Men's Forum is a brotherhood of Catholic men who are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship. We seek to become better men of Christian virtue and witness in our families, friendships, Church, and community. *Please join us!*

• **NOTE:** We will be meeting in the Old Chapel.

LOCATION: Old Chapel: North Country Rd., Saint James, NY
6:30 PM: Adoration • 7:30 PM: Mass • 8:30 PM: Coffee & Cake

Come for all, or part of our evening's schedule • No membership required. Open to all men!

Website: www.sspjmensforum.org



CHURCH of SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

359 Clinton Avenue • St. James, NY 11780 • 631-584-5454 • www.sspj.org



Do you know a Senior who is about to graduate from High School?

It is that time of year again – graduation! As many of our teens move onto college, you can help them continue their journey of faith.

Many colleges, secular and parochial, provide a *Newman Center* for incoming Catholic students. These Centers provide pastoral support and ministry to students, in addition to providing a space to meet other catholic students interested in growing in their faith.

Please send graduate's first and last name and college they will be attending via email to campusministry@drvc.org. The respective *Newman Connection* campus leader will be informed and will welcome the student when they arrive in the fall.

Rev. Joseph H. Fitzgerald
Director of Vocations, Youth,
Young Adult and Campus Ministries

DIocese of ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Focus on Religious Freedom
from Catholics for Freedom of Religion
www.cffor.org

Truth vs. Relativism:

Jesus said, "...and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free ...". (John 8:32)

Veritatis Splendor (The Splendor of Truth), was written by Pope John Paul II in 1993 and revolves around man's ability to discern good, the existence of evil, and the role of human freedom, human conscience and natural law. Pope John Paul II emphatically says that moral truth is knowable and there is no contradiction between freedom and following the truth.

Much of our modern culture is based on a belief in relativism which says there is no absolute truth and that truth is merely what a particular individual or culture happen to believe.

Veritatis Splendor insists that moral law is universal across people in varying cultures and is, in fact, rooted in the human condition and natural law.

(w2.vatican.va; natural-law-and-conscience.org; crisismagazine.com; prolife365.com)

Fr. Eric Fasano, Co-Chancellor of DRVC, will speak to us about *Veritatis Splendor* at the annual Rally for Religious Freedom on June 30.

!!! Save the Date !!!

Saturday, June 30, 10-12:00, Rally for Religious Freedom, St. John the Baptist HS, Montauk Hwy, West Islip; Public Witness Rosary @ 10:00am, Rally @ 10:30am;

Keynote Speakers: Fr. Eric Fasano, Co-Chancellor DRVC, Sister Constance Viet, Little Sisters of the Poor. Video messages from Bishop Barres and Cardinal Dolan

Sts. Philip & James 2018 Family Festival

JUNE 21ST - 24TH

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Please consider one of our 2018 Family Festival sponsorship opportunities

FESTIVAL SPONSOR:

As a Festival Sponsor your name will appear in SSPJ festival promotions as well as be prominently displayed at the festival. Festival Sponsors will receive 10 Pay-One-Price tickets.

RIDE SPONSOR:

As a Ride Sponsor your name will be displayed at a ride at the festival. Ride Sponsors will receive 4 Pay-One-Price tickets.

FAMILY FESTIVAL SUPPORTER:

As a Family Festival Supporter your name will be displayed on signage along with other supporters. Festival Supporters will receive 2 Pay-One-Price tickets.

Pay-One-Price tickets are good for unlimited rides any one day of the SSPJ Festival.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please email Nancy Paz Greubel at npaz@fpfconstruction.com or call (516) 220-2771

BECOME A SPONSOR

- | | Price |
|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Festival Sponsor | \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Sponsor | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporter | \$200 |

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please list our donation as follows: _____

Please return no later than June 13th.

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to: Sts. Philip & James, Family Festival Committee 359 Clinton Avenue, St. James, NY 11780



RAFFLE



2018 Sts. Philip & James Car Raffle

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

DONATION: 1 for \$20 / 6 for \$100

1st PRIZE:

Win a 2018 Mercedes-Benz CLA250 4MATIC®
2 Year Lease

(Subject to Terms and Conditions of Lease Contract)

OR **\$15,000**

2nd Prize: \$250...3rd Prize: \$100...4th Prize: \$100...5th Prize: \$100

Drawing will be held on Sunday, June 24, 2018, Sts. Philip and James Church, the last night of the Family Festival. Winner need not be present. Must be 21 years of age or over to participate. Thank you to Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown for their continual generosity and support. In the event that less than 1,000 tickets are sold, prize becomes a \$500 cash prize.

Mercedes-Benz
of Smithtown



630 Middle Country Road, St. James NY
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm • Sat 10am-5pm • Sun 11am-4pm
631.265.2204 / MBoSmithtown.com

COMPETITION
AUTOMOTIVE GROUP
competitionautogroup.com

Sts. Philip & James 2018 FAMILY Festival



Discounted POP Pay-One-Price bracelets!!!

Advance sale price is \$22 per POP – that's an \$8 savings!!

Here's how it works:

- Each POP Pay-One-Price bracelet is good for unlimited rides any ONE day of the SSPJ Festival.
- Upon receipt of your payment you will receive a coupon for each pre-sale POP purchased.
- Stop by the ticket booth any one day of the festival with your coupon to receive a POP bracelet.
- Sorry, no refunds.

Discount cards are available for purchase at the rectory & school beginning

Monday, June 11th thru Wednesday, June 20th.

Any questions, please contact Nancy at (516) 220-2771

Date & Times of the Festival are as follows:

Thursday	June 21 st	6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Friday	June 22 nd	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Saturday	June 23 rd	6:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Sunday	June 24 th	5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

*Volunteer Appreciation Party~2018
A Special Thank you to All Who Share their time and talents
encouraging all to walk the journey as Apostles of Hope*



We
Appreciate
YOU!

Celebrating the Liturgy- With Grateful Hearts We Serve

PRESIDER SCHEDULE-FOR June 23rd & 24th, 2018

Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, June 24, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 12:00 MASS
Father Tom Haggerty	Father Tom Haggerty	Father Patrick Osei-Poku	Father Patrick Osei-Poku
Deacon John	Deacon John	Deacon Ron	Deacon Ron

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SCHEDULE-FOR June 23rd & 24th, 2018

Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:00 PM	Sunday, June 24, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
W. VanGostein	P. Martin	A. Giordano	P. Agoglia
C. Lombardi	W. Ramos	C. Napolitano	M. Laub
H. Orlando	K. Rapp	W. Rodriguez	E. Sotomayer
P. Schfilliti	M. Dunn	J. Scott	J. Hanrahan
G. Alfano	R. Fabian	L. Sisti	E. Law
I. Arevalo	C. Haff	M. Spina	M. McCreesh
R. Byrne	W. Haff	J. Sweeney	M. Peykar
P. Damato	J. Harvey	J. Tafra	P. Roman
D. Doran	P. Kanuika	M. Tangel	C. Rubano
A. Dunn	C. Czujko	M. Tully	V. Rubano

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE-FOR June 23rd & 24th, 2018

Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 8:00AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
A. Balocca	J. Auletta	C. Donnelly	C. Tsoumpelis
A. Bjorkland	L. Auletta	S. Donnelly	D. Sanchez-Rincon
C. Nigro	E. Nicastro	B. Roberts	D. Sanchez-Rincon
S. Nigro	K. Nicastro	B. Dearie	S. Santos
		S. Dearie	

LECTOR SCHEDULE-FOR June 23rd & 24th, 2018

Saturday, June 23, 2018 5:00PM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 8:00 AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 10:00AM MASS	Sunday, June 24, 2018 12:00 NOON MASS
L. Auletta	L. Willman	A. Brown	E. Wittish
L. Halluska	S. Cavooris	A. Foster	A. Latino

CAMPS 'R' US

WHERE SUMMER VACATION IS OUR JOB!
ST. JAMES CAMPUS AT SSPJ SCHOOL!



ACCREDITED



AWARD
WINNING

AFFORDABLE



#BESTSUMMEREVER!



LEARN MORE!
877-850-CAMP
CAMPSRUS.ORG

Campers, ages 3 and up, enjoy fun-filled summers with incredible activities, including Sports, Arts & Crafts, Swimming, Gaming, GaGa, Go Karts, Bowling, Field Trips, Special Events and much more. Our premier facilities, top-notch staff, and unique affordability have earned us the reputation as one of the best summer camps on Long Island!



Summer is Filled With FUN
at Camps 'R' Us!

Getting Ready for Next Sunday

June 24th - Nativity of John the Baptist - Cycle B

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

Isaiah 49:1-6 *Psalms 139*
Acts of the Apostles 13:22-26 *Luke 1:57-66, 80*

We hear the prophet Isaiah speak of a "servant" of God in today's first reading. The "servant" could have been a person or the nation Israel. From the beginning God called, fashioned and offered this "servant" an important place in extending the glory and kingship of God. The "servant" hears that he is not to toil merely for the restoration and union of Israel, but to open the way for the light to the "nations" that is beyond the borders of God's chosen people. Salvation is going to come to all the world and this "servant" is going to toil for the coming of that salvation.

In today's second reading, we hear how God has been preparing for the light of Jesus. Here too John is saying of himself that he is not the Christ. Again, this was a large controversy in the early days after the Resurrection.

The gospel has to do with the birth of John, but even more, his naming. Elizabeth and Zechariah are advanced in age and so the lack of fertility was seen to be a kind of curse. She is found to be pregnant and when her time for deliverance arrives he is born. All come to marvel and give God praise. The neighbors are from the hill country of Judea. They expect his naming at the circumcision to follow custom. His father, in the previous verses, is struck speechless by God for his questioning. His mother announces his name to be John and his father is given a tablet and writes the same. Upon this writing, his speech returns giving thanks and praise to God. After the naming, John grows up and is the man in waiting for God's time to be fulfilled.

John is born to be the front-runner, the advance-publicity man for the coming on stage of Jesus. We are the co-runners who have been radiated by his Light and extend that Light to the ends of our neighborhoods, the end of our abilities, and to the end of our time.

Zechariah, Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary were all mighty little in their times, but all were born with their little to do mighty things in their time for all time. We are "servants" whom the Lord has known before we were born and in our life's time we give birth to him according to our individual personalities and history. John was born to make known the coming of Jesus. We are born for the remembering of his life, death, and Resurrection. We are born to announce that he lives and gives new births and lives to all the nations.

Excerpts from Fr. Larry Gillick, "Born to Announce", at www.liturgy/slu/edu

— John Craghan, Th.D., S.S.L.
Copyright 1997, Liguori Publications / Liguori, MO 63057-9999



For reflection:

Zechariah doubted Gabriel's words that Elizabeth would bear a son. How are you with insights from the Holy Spirit? Do you trust them? Do you act on them or dismiss them?

"John is his name". John means "God is gracious". What is the origin of your name? What is its meaning for you? How do names define us? How might they set us free?

What was John's whole life and ministry about? What is your ministry about?

In today's first reading we hear "for now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb." Since before you were born, God has had a plan for you. How might you be part of the plan to help salvation reach the ends of the earth?



STIRRING THE SMOLDERING ASHES OF OUR FAITH

Anyone who has ever watched a fire knows that at a point the flames subside and disappear into smoldering coals which themselves eventually cool and turn into cold, grey ash. But there's a moment in that process, before they cool off, that the coals can be stirred so as to make them burst into flame again.

That's the image St. Paul uses to encourage us rekindle the fires of our faith when they seem to be burning low: "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that was once given you." It's a meaningful image. Our faith sometimes needs some stirring in its roots to make it alive and affective again. But how's that to be done? How do we stir into flame again the fire of our faith?

We stir our faith back into flame by re-situating ourselves inside its roots. Despite the fact that faith is a divine gift, it can be helpful sometimes to journey back and examine what earthly forces helped plant the faith inside us.

Who and what helped give us faith? Of course, that's a deeply personal question that each of us can only answer for himself or herself. For myself, when I try to go back and touch the roots of my faith a number of things come into focus.

First, there was the faith and witness of my parents, the critical piece. Faith was the most important thing in their lives and they did everything in their power to ensure that this was true too for us, their children. And their lives never belied their faith. That's a strong witness and a gift of incalculable value.

Then there was the witness of my parish church, a rural, immigrant community, small enough so that everyone knew everyone else's joys and sorrows and was able to share them in faith, even if not always in full neighborly warmth. It takes a village to raise a child, in my case it was a parish. As a boy growing up, I could glance around a church and see most everyone I knew, friend or not, all kneeling together in one faith. That's a rarity today and no small gift.

Next came the dedication and faith witness of the Ursuline sisters who came into our rural community to teach in our public schools and were not only our best teachers academically but also catechized us. By the time I'd reached my teens, I'd memorized two catechisms and had a solid intellectual grasp of the tenets of my faith, a gift whose importance I recognized only later on.

Finally, and in a way that left deep, permanent roots in my soul, there was the voice of the God of my youth. During my youth, God's voice was strong and clear inside me. Admittedly some of what I took to be God's voice then was in actuality the voice of fear, timidity, tribalism, and what Freudians term the superego. But, that being admitted, God's voice was there too, unavoidable, clear. I know that because much of my youthful fear, timidity, crass tribalism, and superego have long since departed, and the voice of the God of my youth remains inside me still.

However, now, sometimes that voice can be quite silent, and it can feel as simply the voice of the naiveté of my youth – Santa, the Easter Bunny, and Jesus – and not something that's real anymore or indeed ever was really real. For me, as for everyone, faith-wise, sometimes my imagination and affectivity simply run dry so that my preoccupations preclude God's presence. It's then that I need to stir the seemingly smoldering coals of my faith by making a journey back to reground myself in the reality of my parents' faith, in the reality of what branded my soul in our small parish community, in the reality of the witness and catechesis of the Ursuline sisters who taught me, and, not least, in that clear, deeply moral, divine voice that spoke inside me and guided me in my youth.

This kind of journey, I believe, can be helpful for most everybody, with one cautionary flag: The seeming silence of God in our lives as adults can in fact be a deeper modality of God's presence rather than a sign of a deteriorating faith. The voice of God often seems clear in our youth but later on that clarity gives way to what the mystics call "dark nights of the soul", where God's seeming absence is not a question of a loss of faith but of a new, richer, less-imaginative mode of God's presence in our lives. Fervor is not always a sign of a deep faith, just as the seeming absence of God is not necessarily a sign of a weakening faith. God must be patiently waited for and will arrive in our lives only on God's terms, not ours.

Even so, St. Paul's advice remains: "I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that was once given you."