



The Parish of Saints Philip and James  
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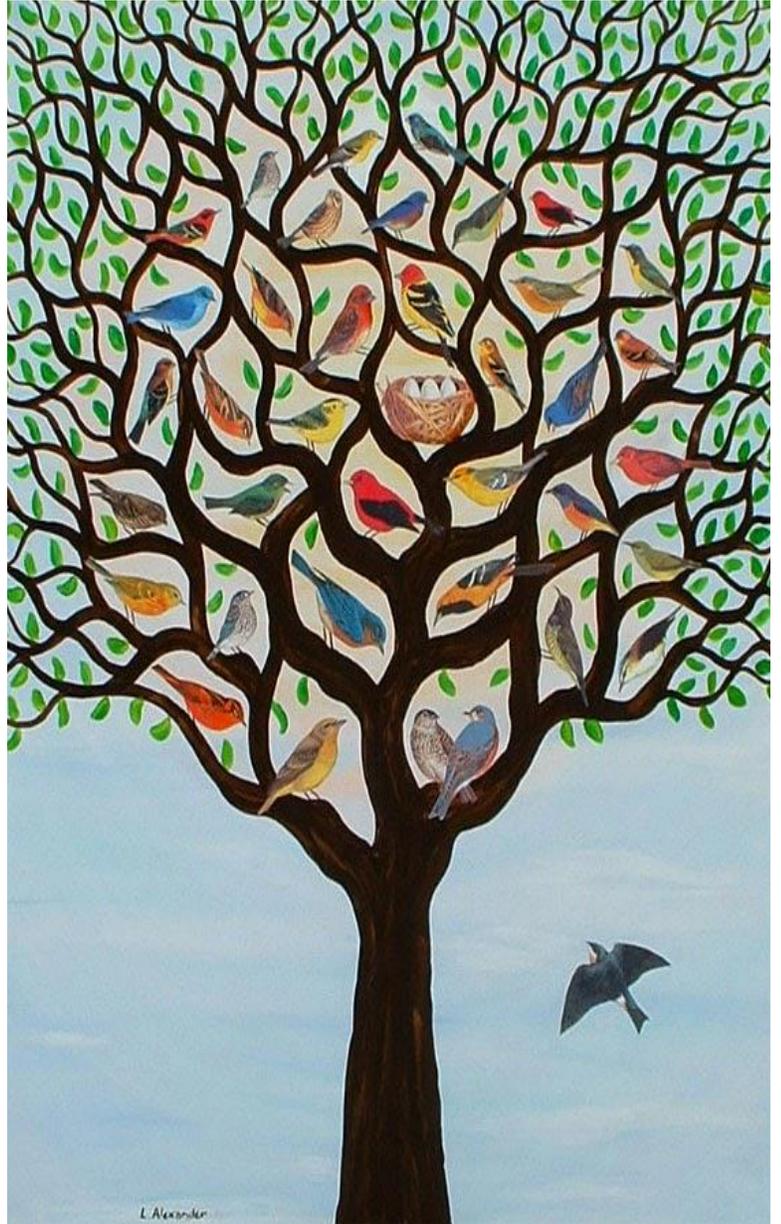
June 16th, 2024

# The Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

*"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*



*"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

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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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### Collections: ~

*Thanking you for your generosity*

*Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:*

**\$16,700**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, June 2nd, 2024:**

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,889.

Mail Collections: 1,645.

Faith Direct(126Participants) WEEKLY \$3,374.04.

**Total Collection: \$14,908.04**

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### Sacraments

**Baptism**— Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.

**Marriage**—Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

**Confirmation**—Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

**Reconciliation**— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 8:00am mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

**R.C.I.A.**— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

**Eucharistic Adoration In The Church**— Monday 1:30pm -7pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS



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### LIVE-STREAMING THE 8:00AM SUNDAY MASS

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

# Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

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, 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 this time of year, we ask 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 who graduate this week.

And, in honor of Father's Day...

*What did the rainbow say to his son after the thunderstorm? I'm proud of hue.  
What kind of races do insects watch on Father's Day? Gnats car.  
What TV news show features interviews with parents? Meet the Stressed.  
Where do daddy deer stop for coffee? Starbucks.  
What do you call a father lion's family? His pride and joy.  
What's a great gift for spontaneous dads? Off-the-cuff links.  
What did the electrician do to his misbehaving son? He grounded him.  
Why didn't the daddy deer enter the bar? The sign said, "The buck stops here!"  
When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apparent.*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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

# Mass Intentions, For the week of June 16th, 2024

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Monday's**

**1:30-7pm**

**In the church**



*We Pray for those who are ill...*

Alan Piscak  
Andy  
Amanda Rose Cretella  
Anna Capizzio  
Anna Maria  
Alfred Fox  
Antonette Sabatino  
Angie Mingione  
Angela Amoroso  
Arthur Gureck  
Austin Rocky  
Baby Ben  
Baby Penny Grace  
Candela  
Barbara Bombace  
Brian  
Mattia Rose Lubrano  
Barbara Sammarco  
Belinda Groneman  
Benito Fernandez  
Betty DiSimone  
Brian Carr  
Bob DelCiello  
Rob Remhild  
Brenden Toomey  
Carol  
Carmela Montesano  
Carolyn Nehl  
Cathleen Henchey  
Chase Addonisio  
Christella Stewart  
David Beleck  
David McCue  
Deirdre W.  
Diane LaPorte  
Donna Patrissi  
Dorothy Mitchell  
Ed Ceraso  
Eleanor Bayley  
Elizabeth Martin  
Elizabeth Smith  
Elspeth Bigoness  
Eileen  
Emily Schiaratta  
Emily Souders  
Flo Donohue  
Gail Lumley  
Gloria Montesano  
Ginny & John Rief  
Gregory Parker  
Helen  
Harold Scott  
Jack Donohue  
Jackie Sikorski  
Jakob King  
Jamie Accardi  
Jean Saladino  
Jenny Bonanno  
Jerry  
Jessie Lokai  
Joelle Nicholas  
Joni Deleo  
John Capizzio  
John Cronin  
John DeStefano  
John Maynes  
John Mattia  
Joseph

Joe Benaburger  
Joseph Domizzio  
Judy Rampola  
Joe Dorrian  
Joseph Costa  
Joseph Domizzio  
Kaitlyn Remhild  
Kathleen Draper  
Kathleen N.  
Kerry  
Karl Walz  
Kitty Cronin  
Kristin Galetta  
Laura Kennedy  
Larry Baldwin  
Lauretta Prague  
Laura Bode  
Leon Donach  
Lola Santangelo  
Lori Cearney  
Marjorie Fox  
Mary Monte  
Margaret Remhild  
Mark Hildreth  
Mark Wagner  
Mary Ryan  
Marie Feicco  
Maria Clark  
Maria Collaro  
Marie del Ciello  
Maureen Litten  
Mary Ann Cesarski  
Mary Beth McGovern  
Matthew Parrella  
Mia Mednick  
Michael Fisher  
Mike Lofaro  
Michael  
Nick Lella  
Patrice Henry  
Patricia Acker  
Pasquale Savarese  
Pat McCumber  
Peter Donach  
Peter Portanova  
Ricardo Buffit  
Rob Remhild & Family  
Riordan Cavooris  
Rogelio Martinez  
Ronnie Paciella  
Rose  
Ryan Duffy  
Sara Jean Andersen  
Stanley Stura  
Stephen Dolce  
Susanne Smith  
Tonia Perdue  
Tara Cesarski  
Teresa Mattera  
Tina Cafaro  
Tiffany Lochan  
Thomas Lfriieri  
Tom Ryan  
Tom Focone  
Vivien & John  
Cordes  
Wayne Smith Sr.

<b>Saturday June 15th Cantor: LoCastro</b>	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Franco/Merlino EM: Rizzo/Mantia/Sisti/ Drechsler/Urce</i>	9:15am  5:00pm	<i>Paul J. Czujko  No Intentions</i>
<b>Sunday June 16th Cantor: Meringolo</b>	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Dervan/Marino EM: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/ Sehne/P. Tully</i>	8:00am	<b>For the People of SSPJ Parish</b>
<b>Cantor Lohmann</b>	<i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: DeRosa/Doran EM: Calderone/Luna/ McKie/Mulhall/Orlando/ Kaleita</i>	10:00am	<b>Father's Day Novena</b>
<b>Cantor: Lupinacci</b>	<b><u>Collective Mass</u></b> <i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Kenton/Rubano EM: Napolitano/Bleggi/ Margaret/Rubano</i>	12:00pm	<b>Father's Day Novena</b>
<b>Monday June 17th</b>	<b>Adoration 1:30-7pm In the Church</b>	7:30am  9:15am	<b>Father's Day Novena  Florence Dunn</b>
<b>Tuesday June 18th</b>		7:30am  9:15am	<b>Father's Day Novena  Robert Connelly Sr.</b>
<b>Wednesday June 19th</b>	<b>St. Romuald</b>	7:30am  9:15am	<b>Father's Day Novena  Edward &amp; Anna Ceruso</b>
<b>Thursday June 20th</b>		7:30am  9:15am	<b>Father's Day Novena <u>Collective Mass:</u> Gregory Mattia Harold Kesler Joseph M. Clarke</b>
<b>Friday June 21st</b>	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>	7:30am  9:15am	<b>Father's Day Novena  Katie Farrell</b>
<b>Saturday June 22nd Cantor: Feeny</b>	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Healy/Lombardi EM: Rizzo/Mantia/Sisti/ Drechsler/Urce</i>	9:15am  5:00pm	<b>Father's Day Novena  Frank Annitto</b>
<b>Sunday June 23rd Cantor: Stefanowski</b>	<i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Cullen/Czujko EM: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/ Sehne/P. Tully</i>	8:00am	<b>For the People of SSPJ Parish</b>
<b>Cantor: Hill</b>	<i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Contrino/Luna EM: Calderone/Luna/ McKie/Mulhall/Orlando/ Kaleita</i>	10:00am	<b>Father's Day Novena</b>
<b>Cantor: Lohmann</b>	<b><u>Collective Mass</u></b> <i>Presider: Father Jude Lector: Smith/Tomasino EM: Napolitano/Bleggi/ Margaret/Rubano</i>	12:00pm	<b>Patrick J. Kelly Cecilia Force Ralph Marciante Maximo Collado Martin Rizzo</b>

## *Altar Memorials for the Week of June 16th, 2024*



*Our Bread & Wine  
Are Offered,*

*In loving memory of our dear friend,*

*Jack Steele*

*“Strong defender of all life”  
In our hearts,*

*The Respect Life Committee*

*Our Altar Candle Dedication*

*“May the light of these candles  
remind all of the strong faith  
shared so generously by,”*

*Jack Steele*

*With gratitude,  
The Respect Life committee*



### Music Ministry

Jesus teaches us about the kingdom of God. Growing in planting and growing of the reign of God. Sow the seed of your kingdom and await the growth so we may be ready for the harvest. Seed, Scattered and sown is our Communion hymn. Wheat is gathered and grown, vine is fruit of the land, the living cup, the living bread of God.

Today is also Father's Day. We remember all our fathers living and deceased. The Presentation hymn, Faith of Our Father's is dedicated to all our dad's.

I remember my dad, Joseph Castiglie. He loved to sing and would encourage all around him at Mass to sing. Singing is praying twice and the world could use more prayers. So, Dad, send your Spirit to me so I can continue to encourage the faithful to praise God through music.

**Happy  
Father's  
Day**

### **GOD BLESS THE MEN WHO FOLLOW THE FATHER...**

**God, our Father  
Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience.  
Let the example of their faith and  
love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and  
daughters,  
may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect**

**HIS WORDS.  
YOUR JOURNEY.  
TOGETHER.**



THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

**"Each time we receive the Bread of Life, Jesus comes to give new meaning to our fragilities. He reminds us that in his eyes we are more precious than we think. He tells us he is pleased if we share our fragilities with him. He repeats to us that his mercy is not afraid of our miseries. The mercy of Jesus is not afraid of our miseries. And above all he heals us from those fragilities that we cannot heal on our own, with love."**



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

After 11 years as our beloved Pastor and friend it has come time to say goodbye and wish Father Tom well as he embarks on a new chapter in his life: RETIREMENT!

Father Tom has faithfully served God's people and the Diocese of Rockville Centre for the past 46 years.

You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating his years of devotion, guidance, and inspiration on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the 5 pm. Mass followed by a retirement reception in his honor.

Your presence will truly make this occasion memorable as we express our gratitude and best wishes for the future.

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Date: Saturday, June 22, 2024

Time: 5 pm. Mass followed by Reception (light dinner/dessert)

Location: SSPJ Auditorium 6-9 pm.

RSVP: please email [vportanova@sspj.org](mailto:vportanova@sspj.org) or call (631) 584-5454 X 202

Confirm number of people attending.

You may also complete and return in the collection basket:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # attending \_\_\_\_\_

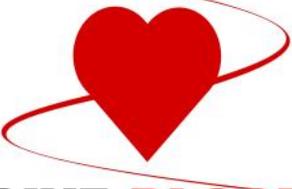
Here is a Sign  
For You



And Our Lives Must Be A Sign  
That God Continues To  
Gently Embrace His Children

**SSPJ BLOOD DRIVE  
IN HONOR OF PETER PORTANOVA**



SAVE A LIFE  
  
GIVE BLOOD

*From the Heart of Virginia Portanova...*

*I am blessed beyond measure ...it was my intent to host a blood drive as a way for people to feel they were doing something to help me / my family. We all feel helpless when someone is suffering and we all hope for a way to do something to lend support, help, comfort.*

*Donating blood in Peter's honor was a no brainer...hoping to recoup for St. Catherine's the 40+ Units of blood given to Peter ...while saying through way of blood donations – a thank you. ...I was helping others, St. Catherines and myself.*

*It was my hope that we would get 40 units. The morning of the drive we only had 17 people sign up. But our door never closed and one person walked through after another continuously throughout the day...I went in to donate at 6:10 hoping my iron would be high enough to actually donate... my iron was 12 just where it needed to be to give blood but not the Alex I was hoping for because that counts as a double donation and we were only at 33 collections...and we only had 30 minutes left. Well the door opened, and it opened again and again and while I squeezed and pumped my fist to keep my blood flowing into the deposit bag, I was eyeing the body count...34, 35, 36...oh no #37 rejected because his iron was too low...and he pleaded – there's a shortage... but they held firm to their "sorry, no".*

*Needle out, bright green tape to let the world know, I gave! As I drank my apple juice and ate my Lorna Doones...the door opened, 37, 38....39, 40, 41...with a joy-filled heart I stepped outside the Office, looked up at the cross atop our church and said "thank-you".*

*Virginia Portanova ~ Thomas and Peter Jr.*



## *Sister T's Reflection for Us All This Week and Always...*

Dear Friends,

I have always been taken by the Word **Namaste**. There are several translations of the word but my favorite is **'the God in me greets the God in you'**. A connection came to mind while thinking about The central place the Eucharist has in the Catholic Church. During these years of the Eucharistic Revival we have been emphasizing the importance of knowing and believing in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Do I really truly believe that when I receive Communion, I am receiving the 'real' body and blood of Christ?

Sometime actions become rote, and this can happen when we receive communion. What a sacred time, God is so physically present to us. Okay, what connection does it have with **Namaste**? The longer I thought, I realized that although we can sit for hours before the Blessed Sacrament or receive Communion daily, how do we take it out into the world to our home, workplace, schools etc.? We need to become that body of Christ, His hands and feet and heart. So therefore, when we say **Namaste**, we would truly be saying **'the God in me greets the God in you'**.

Ah, but do we believe that? Recently, I was talking to a friend who was presenting on the topic of negotiating. I shared with her my word and said **IF** we greeted each other with that image in mind all negotiating would be a lot easier. We would **LISTEN** to the other person. **HEAR** what they are saying and not be preparing out rebuttal while they were speaking to us. Imagine that! I would suggest that in most instances that is **NOT** the case. There seems to be an air of entitlement in our society today. Imagine if we greeted each other recognizing the presence of God in the other person, I think our families, workplaces, cities, churches, and the world would be much different places.

As we continue to ponder the mystery of the Eucharist and our part in "being' Eucharist , may we continue to become the hands, feet and heart of Christ and greet all with Namaste on our lips and in our hearts, I offer you this prayer, pray it frequently during the week:

**Let us pray for the willingness to make present in our world the love of Christ shown to us in the Eucharist, Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood. May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. Amen (New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal)**

**Namaste,**

Till next week,

Sister Theresita

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads out there, may YOU continue to be the face of God for your families.

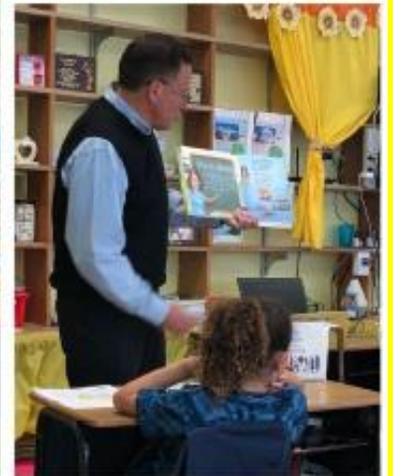


## The "Mouses" make a visit to SSPJ School!

A great big THANK YOU to SSPJ Parishioner Joe Licari for visiting 2nd & 3rd Grade and teaching us all about plural nouns!

Mr. Licari recently published "Mia's Mouses", a children's picture book written for young readers 6-9 years old.

The students truly enjoyed his visit and learned so much!



# SSPJ's Annual Egg Drop!

SSPJ Seventh Grade Students did an excellent job designing and creating a device to protect an uncooked egg as part of a science lesson. The eggs were dropped from 3 stories high. Thank you to Mr. Lou and the St. James FD for providing this opportunity for our students!





SCAN ME!

REGISTRATION FOR OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
PROGRAM FOR THE 2024/25 SEASON  
WILL BEGIN ON JUNE 9, 2024

**THIS YEAR, FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, ALL GRADE LEVEL REGISTRATIONS, AS WELL AS PAYMENTS, WILL BE COMPLETED / SUBMITTED ON-LINE.**

Upon completion of the registration forms please click the "New" or "Renew" registration tab to submit payment via **Faith Direct**. While on-line registration is open 24/7, please direct any inquiries to the Religious Ed office during business hours.

Please note that our First Communion program is a two-year program...all first graders should register as soon as possible. First and Second Grade will continue to be taught on-site. All other grade levels will continue via Google Classroom.

Upon receipt of all completed forms and payment you will be notified of your child's(ren) placement in a class (grades 1 & 2) or access to google classroom.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Please direct any concerns to the parish office, we will be happy to assist you.

We look forward to guiding your child(ren) in developing a relationship with Jesus and understanding of our faith. Wishing you all a fun-filled summer!

# SO PROUD OF OUR SSPJ SCHOOL MAY APOSTLES OF HOPE!

## Apostles of Hope May 2024

### Nursery

**Wesley Kolodzinski** is an Apostle of Hope. Wesley comes in with a sweet side smile and is ready to start the day! He enjoys going to Mass with his buddy where he is always a good listener. Wesley loves to participate during circle time and spend time with his friends. He is always caring and helpful in our classroom!

### Pre-Kindergarten

**Niccolo Mormile** is an Apostle of Hope. Nicky comes to school everyday ready to learn! He enjoys singing songs and playing with friends. He often will find the child sitting alone during recess and invite them to join in the game being played. He says his prayers with grace and pride. Nicky enjoys watching beginner bible stories and discussing what he learned.

### Kindergarten

**Charlotte Spatafora** is an Apostle of Hope. In school, Charlotte is an active participant during religion lessons and says her prayers loud and proud! She is very kind to her friends and always offers a helping hand! She always puts others before herself, just as Jesus did. Charlotte attends Mass with her Mom, Dad, and little sister. She loves to be an example to her younger sister! Charlotte continues to grow in her faith and it is showing! She knows she can do anything as long as she has her faith.

### Grade 2

**James Cortazar** is an Apostle of Hope. This past year James was able to experience 3 special sacraments (Baptism, Reconciliation and Communion). James prepared for each of these sacraments with excitement. He has worked hard to show he is a follower of Jesus. James listens intently during Mass, setting a good example to those around him. He actively participates in religion lessons and is always willing to help a friend. It has been such a special year for James!

### Grade 3

**James Waldmann** is an Apostle of Hope. James is a compassionate boy and a good friend to his classmates. He looks out for others and is always willing to offer a helping hand. Recently, James saw that a classmate was upset about something and he offered a solution that made him feel better. James is part of our Elementary Art Club and our school band, where he is able to express his artistic and musical talents that God gave him. He is reverent during prayers and our weekly Masses with fourth grade. James is a disciple of Jesus.

### Grade 4

**Sergiana DeBerry** is an Apostle of Hope. Sergiana completed altar serving training this year and she actively participates in serving weekly Masses. She is a kind hearted student who cares for others and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Sergiana takes her studies seriously and she strives to do her very best. She is an excellent role model and example for others.



### Grade 5

**Sabella Johnson** is an Apostle of Hope. Sabella actively participates in our weekly grade level Mass. She is always reverent during morning and afternoon prayers. She enjoys participating during religion class and is kind to her classmates and teachers. Sabella always works hard and gives her best effort. Outside of school, Sabella participates in a number of service projects to help others in her community. Sabella is doing an outstanding job answering her call to be an Apostle of Hope.

### Grade 6

**Rocco Tomasino** is an Apostle of Hope. Rocco consistently gives his best effort in school, especially in Religion class. Rocco can always be counted on to help his classmates and teachers. He is a patient and caring big buddy to his Nursery buddy. Rocco sets a strong example of how to live as a follower of Jesus.

### Grade 7

**Matilda Dias** is an apostle of Hope. All year Matilda has been helping her peers and standing up for others. She's a leader in and out of the classroom. Matilda is an altar server, a member of the crochet club where she helped make a blanket for the Prayer Shawl Community, she is a member of the CMSAA Volleyball team and a club monitor. Although very busy, Matilda always strives to do her best and is kind to all those she comes in contact with.

### Grade 8

**Jude Hughes** is an Apostle of Hope. Jude shows he follows Jesus' teachings through his actions daily. Jude is an altar server and attends Mass with his family. Jude is kind and respectful to all the staff and students here at SSPJ. He is an excellent example of what an Apostle of Hope looks like.

### Faculty

**Miss Gallelli** is an Apostle of Hope. Miss Gallelli is our second grade teacher. She prepared her class with grace for their First Reconciliation as well as First Holy Communion this year. She is a calm presence to her students, exemplifying what it is to be a follower of Jesus. Miss Gallelli is a kind hearted teacher who shows kindness to all those she comes in contact with.

**Ms. Merola** is an Apostle of Hope. Ms. Merola is our third grade teacher. She has demonstrated to her students the importance of character through patience, kindness, hard work, perseverance and faith. She tends to students in after care twice a week and she took on the co-responsibility of being our faculty/staff sunshine representative, helping to create community among coworkers. Ms. Merola is a true disciple of Jesus.

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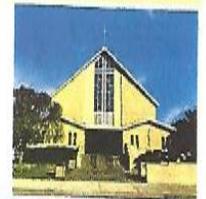
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*Are you struggling with your grief?  
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Please call the Rectory Office to register.  
Meeting will be held on June 18 at 1 PM in the Bethany Center.*

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# SSPJ SENIORS

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Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546  
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480  
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698  
[www.childrenscommunityhs.org](http://www.childrenscommunityhs.org)  
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607  
Elder Abuse: 631-761-7470  
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547  
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542  
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758  
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030  
In Home Care- Home Instead: 631-724-2273  
LI Against Domestic Violence: 631-666-8833  
LI Head Start: 631-732-7100  
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833  
Memory Care in NY: [www.memorycare.com](http://www.memorycare.com)  
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333  
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262  
Nassau/Suffolk Law: 631-232-2400  
National Aging in place-L.I. Chapter: 631-383-4341  
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Office for the Aging: 631-853-8200  
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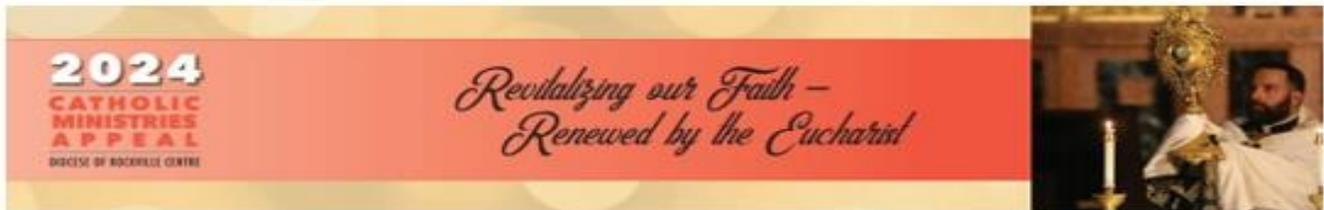
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## Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

### 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 23, 2024: Jb 38:1,8-11 | Ps 107:23-26,28-31 (1b) | 2 Cor 5:14-17 | Mk 4:35-41

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you for the growth and peace you often bring through storms. Amen.

#### Prepare for the Storms in Our Lives

Springtime weather is unpredictable and dangerous in Tornado Alley, the Midwestern region of the United States. Destructive, violent winds and funnel-shaped clouds can wreak havoc on communities. During storm season, meteorologists do their best to watch and warn everyone when conditions look volatile so they can heed warnings, take appropriate shelter, and be prepared. Meteorologists carefully observe atmospheric conditions, windspeeds, and supercell thunderstorm circulation, but there is usually a lot of uncertainty about when, where, and if a "terrible twister" is coming. Sometimes, disaster is unavoidable even when people are prepared, and good people become victims of tragedy.

Life often throws unexpected storms our way. When we think everything is under control, we might face a sudden health scare, a job loss, a relationship crisis, or the heart-wrenching loss of a loved one. Then what?

We can weather storms by building shelters for spiritual support and peace before bad things happen. We can acknowledge our need for God the Father who made and loves us. We can develop and nurture a personal relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through study, prayer, participation in Mass, and receiving the sacraments. We can prepare by surrendering our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who is with us to guide

and protect us against the evil snares of the devil. We can prepare our hearts to rely on God and to accept the things we cannot change with grace and peace, knowing that Christ keeps His promises to be with us always, even in the storms of life.



It is helpful to remember that the storms we face often draw us closer to God and teach us to rely on Him fully. When we suffer through storms, our reliance on divine help builds our hope and trust in Him, the "Father Almighty," whom we affirm in our

Profession of Faith at Mass. This journey of faith and resilience allows us to share our experiences with others who need help. Mark's Gospel reminds us not to be afraid and to be patient. As children of God, we are heirs of His grace and He promises to be with us always.

#### Reflect & Discuss:

- † How are you nurturing your shelter in Christ ahead of possible storms?
- † How have you waited for God's help during a storm, and what helped you be patient?
- † How have you shared the peace of Christ with others who are going through a storm?
- † If God is Almighty and loves us, why do "storms" – bad things – still happen to good people?
- † How does Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection bring hope in life's storms? How does the Holy Spirit help in difficult situations?

## REACTING TO CRITICISM

In much of the secularized world today, we live in a climate that's somewhat anti-Christian and anti-church (as contradictory as this may sound in a culture that still considers itself Christian). But the truth is that in many circles today it is fashionable to bash Christianity, especially its churches, be they Roman Catholic, Protestant, or Evangelical. Invariably the criticism will focus on inconsistencies, faults, and historical sins inside these churches. Indeed, the expression, *I am spiritual but not religious*, carries a not-so-subtle critique of the churches. *I want God, but not Christianity and the churches.*

How serious is this? What's to be our response? While it's irritating, ultimately it's not a major cause for concern. As a church, we are not fundamentally threatened by this and we should not overreact. Why?

First, because a certain amount of this criticism does us good. We have real faults and shortcomings and our culture generously points them out. The present criticism of the church is healthily humbling us and pushing us towards a more courageous internal purification. Our critics show us our faults; they do us a favor. Besides, for too long we enjoyed a situation of privilege, never a good thing for the church. We tend to be healthier as Christians whenever we are living in a time of dis-privilege rather than in a time of privilege, albeit it isn't as pleasant. Moreover, there's something weightier at stake.

We must be careful not to overreact to the present anti-ecclesial climate because this can lead to an unhealthy defensiveness and put us too much in the position of adversary vis-a-vis the culture. That's not where the gospel wants us to be, not at all. Our task instead is to absorb this criticism, painful though it can be, gently point to its unfairness, but resist every temptation to be overly defensive. Why? Why not aggressively defend ourselves?

Because we are strong enough not to, pure and simple. We can withstand this without having to become hard and defensive. No matter how prevalent or unfair the criticism, the church is not about to go under or away any time soon. We are more than two billion Christians in the world, stand within a two-thousand-year-old tradition, have among ourselves a universally accepted scripture, have two thousand years of doctrinal entrenchment and refinement, have massive centuries-old institutions, are embedded in the very roots of Western culture and technology, constitute one of the biggest multi-national groups in the world, and are growing in numbers worldwide. We are hardly a reed shaking in the wind, reeling, a ship about to go under. We are strong, stable, blessed by God, an elder in the culture. Because of this we owe the culture graciousness and understanding.

Beyond that, and more important than our historical strengths, is the fact that we have Christ's promise to be with us and the reality of the resurrection to sustain us. Given all this, I think it's fair to say that we can absorb a fair amount of criticism without fear of losing our identity. Moreover, we must not let this criticism make us lose sight of why we exist in the first place.

The church does not exist for its own sake or to ensure its own survival. It exists for the sake of the world. We can too easily forget this and, in all sincerity, lose sight of what the gospel asks of us. For example, compare these two responses: at a press conference, someone once asked the late Cardinal Basil Hume what he considered the foremost challenge facing the church today. He replied: "To save the planet." Some years later, another Cardinal (unnamed here because of his answer) in a television interview was asked roughly the same question, "What do you see as your first task in taking over this diocese?" His reply: "To defend the faith." A very different answer, clearly.

Everything about Jesus suggests that Hume's view is closer to the gospel than the other. When Jesus says, *my flesh is food for the life of the world*, he is telling us that the major task of the church is not to defend itself, to ensure its continuity, or to keep the world from grinding it up. The church exists for the sake of the world, not for its own sake. That's why Jesus was born in a trough, a place where animals come to eat, and it's why he gives himself on a table, to be eaten. Being ground up is part of what Jesus is about. Everything about him suggests vulnerability over defensiveness, risk over safety, trust in a divine promise over any human defense and insurance.

The very essence of the gospel is a call to risk beyond defensiveness, to absorb what's unjust, to not be defensive- *Forgive them for they know not what they do*. We are meant to be food for the world, not anxious about our own survival. We must be the food of understanding, graciousness, and forgiveness for the world.