



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

631-584-5454

April 21st, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Easter



*"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep."*

John 10:14-16

*"With Philip & James we pray to live lives worthy of the call to be
Apostles of Hope"*

Daily Mass: 7:30am and 9:15 am
Saturday 5pm Sunday: 8am 10 am 12noon

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

Parish Center Phone: 631-584-5454 Parish Fax: 631-862-9675

Website—www.sspj.org

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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Collections: ~

Thanking you for your generosity

Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:

\$16,700

Weekly Collection: Sunday, April 21st, 2024:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,543.

Mail Collections: \$946.50

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

Total Collection: \$13,863.54

Catholic Relief Services sent to DRVC

**FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON:USING
SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232**

EASTER COLLECTIONS :

\$46,428.00

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



LCDR. MEGAN M. SHUTKA-VIK, USN
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1 LT MICHAEL J BANG -MILITARY INTELLIGENCE US ARMY
MATTHEW PATRICK GALLAGHER US ARMY
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MIDN ERIN NICASTRO, USN.
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CHRISTOPHER A. HIONIDIS-USAF
EMMETT MOLONEY -USN
HANK MOLONEY—USAF
CARL JOSEPHSON-USAF
DANIEL JOSEPHSON-USAF
SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON-USAF

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,

Welcome to Good Shepherd Sunday! We don't see many shepherds around these days – or do we?? Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, reflects:

There's lots of darkness around us these days: unemployment, war, racial and economic divides, fear for our children and their future, violence, loss, etc. Those in the pews often turn to our appointed shepherds for help. May God give them wisdom and perseverance as they serve and guide God's people. We pray then for those who shepherd us through their ministries in the church: the ordained, vowed religious, paid staff and lay volunteers. We praise God for their generous response to God's call. We pray for strength and direction in their service to God's people, especially the neediest and powerless. May God help them to relieve pain, give courage to the crestfallen and vision to the misguided.

We also pray for all the shepherds sitting in the pews: parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, spouses, friends, and teachers. They too bear the responsibility and burden of leadership for those in their charge. May they be blessed with God's ample shepherding graces today.

May all of us who are nourished by the Good Shepherd at this Eucharist, hear again God's call to be good shepherds and, like Christ, be willing to give our lives for the sheep in our care.

At our last Pastoral Council meeting one person asked. "Do you think people know why we're praying the Prayer for Being Eucharist?" Do you know? There are many reasons. We pray to "become what we receive" as St. Augustine wrote years and years ago. We are inviting God to do with us what is done with the bread and wine – to take, bless, break, and give us as food for a world hungry for the real presence of God. As the sign above our church doors states, we are called to receive and become His real presence. And so, during this time of Eucharistic Revival, we pray our Prayer for Being Eucharist.

This past week some of our young parishioners have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, being sealed with the gift of the Spirit to be Apostles of Hope, bringing the Easter message of God's validation of Jesus' vision of life to us. Congratulations to each of you and your families! Many thanks to Dominick Avento, our Religious Education Team and our SSPJ faculty who have shared faith so generously.

And finally,

After my friend turned vegan it was like I'd never seen herbivore.

Decaf coffee is depresso.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well, red.

I named my iPod Titanic. It's syncing now.

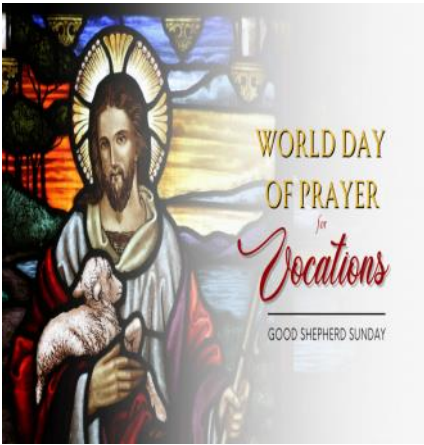
Try resistance training. Refuse to go to the gym.

Life and beer are very similar. Chill for best results.

Peace,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions, For the week of April 21st, 2024



We Pray for those who are ill...

Alan Piscak
 Andy
 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
 Carolyn Nehl
 Cathleen Henchey
 Chase Addonizio
 Christella Stewart
 David Beleck
 David McCue
 Deirdre W.
 Diane LaPorte
 Donna Patrissi
 Dorothy Mitchell
 Ed Ceraso
 Eleanor Bayley
 Elizabeth Martin
 Elizabeth Smith
 Eileen
 Emily Schiaratta
 Emily Souders
 Flo Donohue
 Gail Lumley
 Gloria Montesano
 Ginny & John Rief
 Gregory Parker
 Helen
 Harold Scott
 Jack Donohue
 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
 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
 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 Matterna
 Tina Cafaro
 Tiffany Lochan
 Thomas Lifrieri
 Tom Ryan
 Tom Focone
 Vivien & John
 Cordes
 Wayne Smith Sr.

<p>Saturday April 20th Cantor: Feeny</p>	<p><i>Presider: Father Tom</i> <i>Lector:Merlino/Student</i> <i>EM:Rizzo/Byrne/Drechsler/</i> <i>Taurassi/Toto</i></p>	<p>9:15am 5:00pm</p>	<p>Ralph Maciante Bill Manise</p>
<p>Sunday April 21st Cantor: Meringolo</p>	<p><i>Presider: Father Tom</i> <i>Lector:Marino/Baker</i> <i>EM:Dervan/Koke/Sehne/</i> <i>Sica/P. Tully</i></p>	<p>8:00am</p>	<p>For the People of SSPJ Parish</p>
<p>Cantor: Meringolo</p> <p>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</p>	<p><i>Presider: Father Joe</i> <i>Lector:Cafaro/Lombardi</i> <i>EM:McKie/Orlando/</i> <i>Clarke/Keane/Parish/</i> <i>Licari</i></p>	<p>10:00am</p>	<p>Thomas Devaney</p>
<p>Cantor: Lohmann</p>	<p>Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Joe</i> <i>Lector: Kenton/Franco</i> <i>EM:Consenz/Margaret/</i> <i>Settineri/Rubano</i></p>	<p>12:00pm</p>	<p>Claudia Chandler Ralph Marciante Al DiGiovanni Anna Capizzio</p>
<p>Monday April 22nd</p>	<p>Adoration 1:30-7pm In church </p>	<p>7:30am 9:15am</p>	<p>Maureen Scheibe George Vincent Stafford</p>
<p>Tuesday April 23rd</p>	<p>St. George</p>	<p>7:30am 9:15am</p>	<p>Joe Falcone Maximo Collado</p>
<p>Wednesday April 24th</p>	<p>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</p>	<p>7:30am 9:15am</p>	<p>Thomas Ginty</p>
<p>Thursday April 25th</p>	<p>St. Mark Evangelist</p>	<p>7:30am 9:15am</p>	<p>Collective Mass:</p>
<p>Friday April 26th</p>		<p>7:30am 9:15am</p>	<p>Paul J Czujko Tom Collins</p>
<p>Saturday April 27th Cantor: LoCastro</p>	<p><i>Presider: Father Joe</i> <i>Lector:Tomasino/Healy</i> <i>EM:Licari/Rapp/Anderson/</i> <i>Byrne/Damato</i></p>	<p>9:15am 5:00pm</p>	<p>James Hanrahan Stephen & Dolores Cea</p>
<p>Sunday April 28th Cantor: Lupinacci</p>	<p><i>Presider: Father Joe</i> <i>Lector:Czujko/Halluska</i> <i>EM:Czujko/Dervan/Diaz/</i> <i>Dunn/Kenney</i></p>	<p>8:00am</p>	<p>For the People of SSPJ Parish</p>
<p>Cantor: Lupinacci</p>	<p><i>Presider: Father Jude</i> <i>Lector:Cavooris/Koke</i> <i>EM:Conti/Napolitano/</i> <i>Amen/McKie/Kaleita/</i> <i>Consenz</i></p>	<p>10:00am</p>	<p>Sarah Wilder</p>
<p>Cantor: Hill</p>	<p>Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Jude</i> <i>Lector: Rubano/Geier</i> <i>EM:Chilton/Latino/</i> <i>C&V Rubano</i></p>	<p>12:00pm</p>	<p>Rev. Richard Hendel Tom Collins Mary Kay Awalt Geraldine Syzmanski</p>



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 8, 2024
The Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We know that the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy can seem insurmountable. This is especially true when it feels like there is no support for a pregnant woman struggling to appreciate the precious gift of life she carries and may compel her towards a regrettable decision. But genuine empowerment of women comes only through recognizing the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and this is most poignantly illuminated through the blessings of motherhood.

In this, it is with great joy that I announce the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** at Catholic Health. This program, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprises a dedicated help line designed to assist women access the **counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life** when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. **The Pregnancy Support Team is available 24x7, 365 days of the year** to assist callers in accessing the services needed to help them see that every new life is a blessing, even when there are challenges.

Any expectant woman in need of help can call the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program and be confident that, **regardless of age, religion, immigration status or ability to pay**, she will receive compassionate, non-judgmental, and *life-affirming* care. Most of all, she can be assured that she will not be alone through her pregnancy, and she will not be abandoned after she delivers her child. If she is overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy, contemplating abortion pills on her college campus, distressed with an adverse prenatal diagnosis, experiencing a miscarriage, worried about feeding her child, regretting a past abortion or other pregnancy-related distress, FIAT is there to help her sort things out and get the care she needs. It only takes the courage of a phone call to find real hope: **631-476-LOVE (5683)**.

It is my prayer that the **FIAT Pregnancy Support Program** be recognized across the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the first step a woman takes when facing challenging circumstances during pregnancy. There are promotional materials available at every parish and on-line, but we ask for your help to make this resource known widely through your prayers, your witness, and your word-of-mouth, for every one of us has an important and serious responsibility to spread the Gospel of Life. Let FIAT lead the way.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

**Sts. Philip & James Parish Welcomes our Newly Baptized Children,
Parents and their Families!**

Welcome!

Landon & Jaxson Outsens
and Mom and Dad



Welcome Vincenzo
Giacalone
And Mom & Dad



*“Go
therefore
and make
disciples
of all
nations,
baptizing
them in
the name
of the
Father
and of the
Son
and of the
Holy
Spirit,”
Matthew
28:19*



Welcome Baby Mare
Bonadonna
And her Family



Welcome Baby Joseph
Benedetto and Mom &
Dad



Welcome Sayar Family
Baby Aria and Mom & Dad



*GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS UPON OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES!
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION~ APRIL 16TH, 2024*





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

STS. PHILIP & JAMES COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN CONCERT WITH STS. PHILIP & JAMES SCHOOL PRESENT THE INAUGURAL MID-SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

MID-SUMMER GOLF CLASSIC

JULY 17, 2024

CRAB MEADOW GOLF COURSE. NORTHPORT

REGISTRATION 12:00PM-SHOTGUN START 1:30PM

BBQ LUNCH, DINNER, BEER, WINE, *RAFFLE PRIZES*



Honorees Arthur Dunn & Jack Steele



Proceeds to benefit Sts. Philip & James Knights of Columbus Charity Outreach Efforts and Sts. Philip & James School



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of Players: ___ \$200.00 per person
___ \$ 750.00 per foursome

(includes Driving Range, Cart, Lunch, Dinner)

Dinner only: ___ \$90 per person

Please Make Checks Out To:

Sts. Philip & James K of C Council #12839

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- ___ Dinner @ \$2,000 (2 Available)
- ___ Lunch @ \$1,500 (2 Available)
- ___ Driving Range @ \$500 (2 Available)
- ___ Tee Signs @ \$100 each
- ___ Putting Green @ \$500 (2 Available)
- ___ Pin Flag @ \$125 (18 Available)

Sponsor Information

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS~
APRIL 21ST, 2024~ THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Pope Francis has released his message for the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, celebrated on Sunday, 21 April, and urged Christians to welcome our shared vocation to sow the seeds of hope and peace in our world.

He said: "Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty, and peace, wherever we find ourselves."

The Holy Father noted that all Christians are called to welcome our God-given vocation to serve Him in the world, whether it be through the consecrated life, the priesthood, marriage, or as a single person.

Gratitude, he said, should characterize World Vocations Day celebrations, as we recall the countless Christians who serve God in all walks of life. He especially invited young people to make room for God, so that they might find happiness in His call, which always respects our freedom.

"Let Jesus draw you to Himself," said the Pope. "Bring Him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let Him challenge you by His presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis."

BROADWAY COMES TO THE SSPJ SCHOOL STAGE!



SSPJ DRAMA CLUB
PRESENTS

**Into the
Woods Jr**

APRIL 26TH & 27TH 7:00 PM

MUSIC & LYRICS BY STEPHEN SONDHEIM
BOOK BY JAMES LAPINE

Adults \$10.00
Children \$5.00

**TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE
DOOR**



HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

"Never take your eyes off the light of Jesus. It is a little like what farmers used to do in the past while plowing their fields: they focused their gaze on a specific point ahead of them and, keeping their eyes fixed on that point, they traced straight furrows. This is what we are called to do as Christians while we journey through life: to always keep Jesus' luminous face before our eyes, never to take our eyes off Jesus."

Music Notes...



Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus says, I am the good Shepherd.

"A good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Our Presentation, "The King of Love my Shepherd Is" says that, 'on his shoulders he gently laid and home rejoicing brought me. Jesus is there for His sheep.

Endless Is Your Love, Our Communion Hymn, says of God's love for us. There is no place where we can go where God isn't there.

THE BURDEN OF WAR

Loving God,
The burden of war is a heavy burden to carry;
we pray for those weighed down by warfare.
We pray for those caught up in the turmoil,
in the fear, in the danger, and in the stress.
We pray for parents and children sheltering.
We pray for people in the heat of combat.
We pray for the vulnerable and marginalized.
We pray for those without the medication essential
to their health
and for those denied food.
We pray for all who, exposed to the horrors of war,
suffer in mind and body.
The burden of war is a heavy burden to carry.
We pray for those weighed down by warfare;
we pray for those who must leave home and family
to escape the conflict.
We pray for those who travel to family or friends
abroad.
We pray for those who find a welcoming place to
stay for a while.
We pray for refugees, for those who will never be
able to return to their home,
in all the loss, in all the pain, in all the heartache.
We pray for those separated from their loved ones,
and for those
who do not know where their loved ones are.
The burden of war is a heavy burden to carry;
we pray for those weighed down by warfare.
We pray for those who search for peace.
We pray for national leaders in whose hands are life
and death,
that the loss suffered by so many may be
measured against any powerful gains.
We pray for the peacemakers as they struggle to
get parties
to the conflict to listen to one another and to talk to
each other.
We acknowledge that by contacting power persons,
by demonstrating, and by prayer, we may hasten
the way of peace.
The burden of war is a heavy burden to carry.
Loving God,
In your strength we face the reality of war with
courage,
with your patience we help the war-torn
compassionately,
through your peace we witness old conflicts ended
and new beginnings bud and bloom,
through your peace we envision an end to all wars.
Amen

—David Sparks

Parish Social Ministry

We remember the family and friends of,

Denise Hervey Maery, Catherine Jensen
Lucille O'Donnell, Patricia M. McGrath
William TR Peters, Joanne Avanti
Dorothy McMahon



Safely Home in the arms of our Lord

SENIOR GROUP GATHERING

The SSPJ Senior Group will be meeting on
Monday April 22nd
In the Sts. Philip & James Room
From 1:30-3:30pm
All are invited for an afternoon of faith,
friendship and fun.

Our Food Pantry Needs:

FULLY STOCKED
AT THE MOMENT

Thank you so very much!



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

The Respect Life Committee requests that as you do your spring cleaning, please check to see if you have an unexpired car seat, booster seat, stroller or double stroller you no longer need. Donations also need for summer clothing, new and gently used, for ages 3, 4, and 5. Thank you for your generosity. Please drop off at 56 Tillotson Ave., St. James.



Katie's Way

Collecting new and gently used baby items and delivering them to the Life Center of Long Island. These items benefit mothers, children, and expectant mothers in need. Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances. **Suggested donation items:** Diapers, wipes, bottles. Gently used baby and toddler items such as car seats, high chairs, strollers, clothing, toys, etc. New baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, etc. **PLEASE DROP OFF AT: 56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST. JAMES, NY**



HAPPY EARTH DAY

Care of Creation

Celebrating Earth Day April 22

We give thanks for all those who are moved to
heal and protect the earth, in small ways and
in large.

Blessed be the healers of the earth.

Helpful Phone Numbers~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Dept. of Social Services: 631-854-2300
Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827
Alzheimer's Disease: 631-954-2323
American Red Cross L.I.: 516-747-3500
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
Brookhaven Youth Counseling: 631-451-8011
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698
www.childrenscommunityhs.org
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607
Elder Abuse: 631-761-7470
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030
In Home Care- Home Instead: 631-724-2273
LI Against Domestic Violence: 631-666-8833
LI Head Start: 631-732-7100
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
Memory Care in NY: www.memorycare.com
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
Nassau/Suffolk Law: 631-232-2400
National Aging in place-L.I. Chapter: 631-383-4341
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-784-2433
Office for the Aging: 631-853-8200
Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615 www.SuffolkOA.org
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion): 888-456-4673
Response Crisis Center: (Suicide Hotline): 631-751-7500
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200

CMA 2024 TOGETHER WE CAN REACH IT!!

TOTALS RECEIVED AS OF
April 17th, 2024
GOAL: \$102,000
PLEDGES: \$53,130. PAYMENTS: \$36,385.50



"By being with Jesus, we discover that his pastoral heart always beats for the person who is confused, lost, far away,"

- Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach provide love, care, and spiritual nourishment to those in need.

When Amanda's mom passed away in 2019, her mom's ex-husband left, leaving her three stepsisters alone with the threat that they would be put in foster care. Without any hesitation she took the children in to care for them. *"It's been a hard battle. We were homeless and in bad situations, but I know that God will not give you something you can't handle. You must keep the faith and push forward. With the help of the Parish Social Ministry program at St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches, I was able to get through this hardship. In addition to food, the PSM has helped me to renew my lapsed insurance license and assisted in paying bills. If I need to talk to anyone, I can call or email to make an appointment. They have been there for me through everything. I really appreciate all they do for me and for everyone else. It is a blessing. They are angels on earth."*



- Amanda, Client of St. John the Evangelist's Parish Outreach

The Director of the Parish Outreach, Katie Spellman, shared how her work allows her to grow in her faith. *"Working in Parish Social Ministry has taken my faith outside of the Church. It's an opportunity for me to dig deeper into faith and think of the humble servant. It's a gift for me to work here - it feeds my soul."*

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DIocese of Rockville Centre

*Revitalizing our Faith -
Renewed by the Eucharist*



Dear Friends:

A Blessed and Happy Easter! We entered this season of Easter seeing the many difficulties facing our world and community. Through it all, the People of God on Long Island continue to be inspired by the Word of God and devoted to being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

Pope Francis reminds us that *"The Eucharist impels us to a strong and committed love of neighbor, for we cannot truly understand or live the meaning of the Eucharist if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters, especially those who are poor, suffering, weary or may have gone astray in life."*

So crucial to our work as instruments of Eucharistic Revival are the funds raised by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Those funds help us to strengthen our mission and be present in ministry to so many people throughout our beloved Diocese. We can provide programs and services to our parishes, offer hope to those in need, nurture the faith of our youth, college students, and young adults, and support formation for our deacons, lay leaders, and seminarians.

Ordained in 2023, Rev. Stephen McClernon shared why the Appeal was so important to his formation. *"The CMA has been influential in my life. One of the ministries it supports is the Holy Hours for Vocations at the Seminary. We gather young people from across the Island to hold Eucharistic Adoration. During my college years, this experience was a big part of my faith and my decision to become a priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has helped foster my vocation to the priesthood."*

Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please pray for the success of this year's Appeal and for those who are supported by it.

You and your loved ones are remembered in my prayers and Masses. May the Risen Lord guide and strengthen you in this Easter season.

Sincerely in Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

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Sister T's Weekly Reflection...

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter Season! As we continue to live Easter as a verb and not a just a noun, I pray that you are being surprised by the different experiences you may be having. With this in mind, I want to share something different with you.

*During Easter Week our Business Manager Virginia Portanova celebrated **The Stations of the Resurrection. (Sr. Catherine Duenne – Twenty-Third Publications)** I would like to share them with you.*

First Station – Jesus is Raised from the dead. (Matt 28:5-6)

Second Station – Women find the Empty Tomb (Matt 28:1-7)

Third Station – The Risen Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20:14b-18)

Fourth Station – Jesus Joins the disciples on the Road to Emmaus. (Luke 24:13-27)

Fifth Station – Jesus is Known in the Breaking of the Bread. (Luke 24:28-32)

Sixth Station – Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Jerusalem. (Luke 24:38-40)

Seventh Station – Jesus Gives His Disciples Peace and Inspires Forgiveness. (John 20:19b-20)

Eighth station – Jesus Deepens the Faith of Thomas. (John 20:24-29)

Ninth Station – Jesus eats with His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. (John 21:10-12)

Tenth Station – Jesus Forgives Peter and Commands Him to Feed His Sheep. (John 21:15-17)

Eleventh Station – Jesus Commissions His Disciples. (Matt 28:19-20)

Twelfth Station - Jesus Ascends to Heaven. (Mark 16:19-20)

Thirteenth Station – Mary and the Disciples Gather in Prayer. (Acts 1:12-14)

Fourteenth Station – The descent of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:2-4)

There you have it! What a wonderful way to go through your week. I have included the Scripture references so that they can help place you in the midst of the scene. After all the events of the Triduum these stations are a wonderful way to journey through the Prayer of Imagination and the Easter Season. May your week be filled with resurrection stories!

*Till next week,
Sister Theresita*

PS Just saw this and it put a smile on my face, may it add gladness to your day. "The church is empty but so was the tomb! God is making house calls!"

PLEASE SUPPORT SSPJ TROOP 7
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Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

5th Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22:26-28,30-32
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Monday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena
Acts 14:5-18
Ps 115:1-4,15-16
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday, April 30

Acts 14:19-28
Ps 145:10-13b,21
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday, May 1

Acts 15:1-6
Ps 122:1-5
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday, May 2

St. Athanasius
Acts 15:7-21
Ps 96:1-3,10
Jn 15:9-11

Friday, May 3

Sts. Philip and James
1 Cor 15:1-8
Ps 19:2-5
Jn 14:6-14

Saturday, May 4

Acts 16:1-10
Ps 100:1b-3,5
Jn 15:18-21

What a beautiful metaphor Christ shared in the Upper Room! Jesus was trying to help His disciples understand the gift of Divine Grace and how the lives of Christians must stay joined to the glorified life of Jesus to be nourished, sustained, and grow to fruitfulness.

Like any master gardener of a vineyard, God our Father delights in each of us whom He plants in His garden. He is passionate about our growth, and He wants us to reach the fruitful potential of our souls in this life so that we may fulfill our purpose in His vineyard here on earth.

He fertilizes the soil to help us grow. He waters, weeds, and prunes our vines to help us become all we were meant to be. God knows the beautiful fruitfulness and growth that we can experience in His perfect plan. He watches over each of His vines with loving care.

Our souls are made to be the perfect reflection of Christ. God the Father, with the help of the Holy Spirit, watches over us with loving guidance and protection and wants our souls to grow in love and holiness.

There are times in the garden of our lives when enemies slip in and threaten the beauty and very existence of our spiritual lives. If one isn't careful, bad soil, pests, predators, parasites, dryness, and weeds can be very destructive. We will only bear fruit if we are pruned of everything unhealthy to our souls, and we must be sure to cling fast to the vine of Christ who strengthens us.



Our spiritual lives are dependent on the gift of Divine Grace and our souls are nourished and sustained by the love of Christ. It is vital that we trust Him with our whole hearts to do whatever is needed in our lives for our best growth. We must trust Christ and always stick close to Him.

As much as plants need air, sunshine, and water, a branch is just as reliant upon the vine. Without the vine – Jesus – our souls will shrivel and die. Letting go of our own selfish wills – by fully surrendering to God's Holy Will and trusting His pruning and weeding in our lives – will surely help our souls blossom, bear fruit, and become all we were made to be by our Father.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How can you welcome and accept God's pruning when it feels so unpleasant?
- † In what ways is God pruning and shaping you into His Image?
- † Do you see the difference this pruning is making in your walk with Christ?
- † How can we ensure that God gets the glory for our fruit?

G O D ' S E X U B E R A N T E N E R G Y

All things considered, I believe that I grew up with a relatively healthy concept of God. The God of my youth, the God that I was catechized into, was not unduly punishing, arbitrary, or judgmental. Granted, he was omnipresent so that all of our sins were noticed and noted; but, at the end of the day, he was fair, loving, personally concerned for each of us, and wonderfully protective to the point of providing each of us with a personal guardian angel. That God gave me permission to live without too much fear and without any particularly crippling religious neuroses.

But that only gets you so far in life. Not having an unhealthy notion of God doesn't necessarily mean you have a particularly healthy one. The God who I was raised on was not overly stern and judgmental, but neither was he very joyous, playful, witty, or humorous. Especially, he wasn't sexual, and had a particularly vigilant and uncompromising eye in that area. Essentially he was somber, heavy, and not very joyous to be around. Around him, you had to be solemn and reverent. I remember the Assistant Director at our Oblate novitiate telling us that there is no recorded incident, ever, of Jesus having laughed.

Under such a God you had permission to be essentially healthy. However, to the extent that you took him seriously, you still walked through life less than fully robust and your relationship with him could only be solemn and reverent.

Then, beginning more than a generation ago, there was a strong reaction in many churches and in the culture to this concept of God. Popular theology and spirituality set out to correct this, sometimes with an undue vigor. What they presented instead was a laughing Jesus and a dancing God, and while this was not without its value, it still left us begging for a deeper literature about the nature of God and what that might mean for us in terms of a health and relationships.

That literature won't be easy to write, not just because God is ineffable, but because God's energy is also ineffable. What, indeed, is energy? We rarely ask this question because we take energy as something so primal that it cannot be defined but only taken as a given, as self-evident. We see energy as the primal force that lies at the heart of everything that exists, animate and inanimate. Moreover, we feel energy, powerfully, within ourselves. We know energy, we feel energy, but we rarely recognize its origins, its prodigiousness, its joy, its goodness, its effervescence, and its exuberance. Moreover, we rarely recognize what it tells us about God. What does it tell us?

The first quality of energy is its prodigiousness. It is prodigal beyond our imagination and this speaks something about God. What kind of creator makes billions of throwaway universes? What kind of creator makes trillions upon trillions of species of life, millions of them never to be seen by the human eye? What kind of father or mother has billions of children?

And what does the exuberance in the energy of young children say about our creator? What does their playfulness suggest about what must also lie inside of sacred energy? What does the energy of a young puppy tell us about what's sacred? What do laughter, wit, and irony tell us about God?

No doubt the energy we see around us and feel irrepressibly within us tells us that, underneath, before and below everything else, there flows a sacred force, both physical and spiritual, which is at its root, joyous, happy, playful, exuberant, effervescent, and deeply personal and loving. God is the ground of that energy. That energy speaks of God and that energy tells us why God made us and what kind of permissions God is giving us for living out our lives.

God is ineffable, that is the first truth that we hold about God. That means that God cannot be imagined or ever circumscribed in a concept. All images of God are inadequate; but, that being admitted, we might try to imagine things this way. At the very center of everything there lies an unimaginable energy that is not an impersonal force, but a person, a loving self-conscious mind and heart. From this ground, this person, issues forth all energy, all creativity, all power, all love, all nourishment, and all beauty. Moreover, that energy, at its sacred root, is not just creative, intelligent, personal, and loving, it's also joyous, colorful, witty, playful, humorous, erotic, and exuberant at its very core. To live in it is to feel a constant invitation to gratitude.

The challenge of our lives is to live inside that energy in a way that honors both it and its origins. That means keeping our shoes off before the burning bush as we respect its sacredness, even as we constantly receive permission from it to be robust, free, joyous, humorous, and playful – without feeling we are stealing fire from the gods.