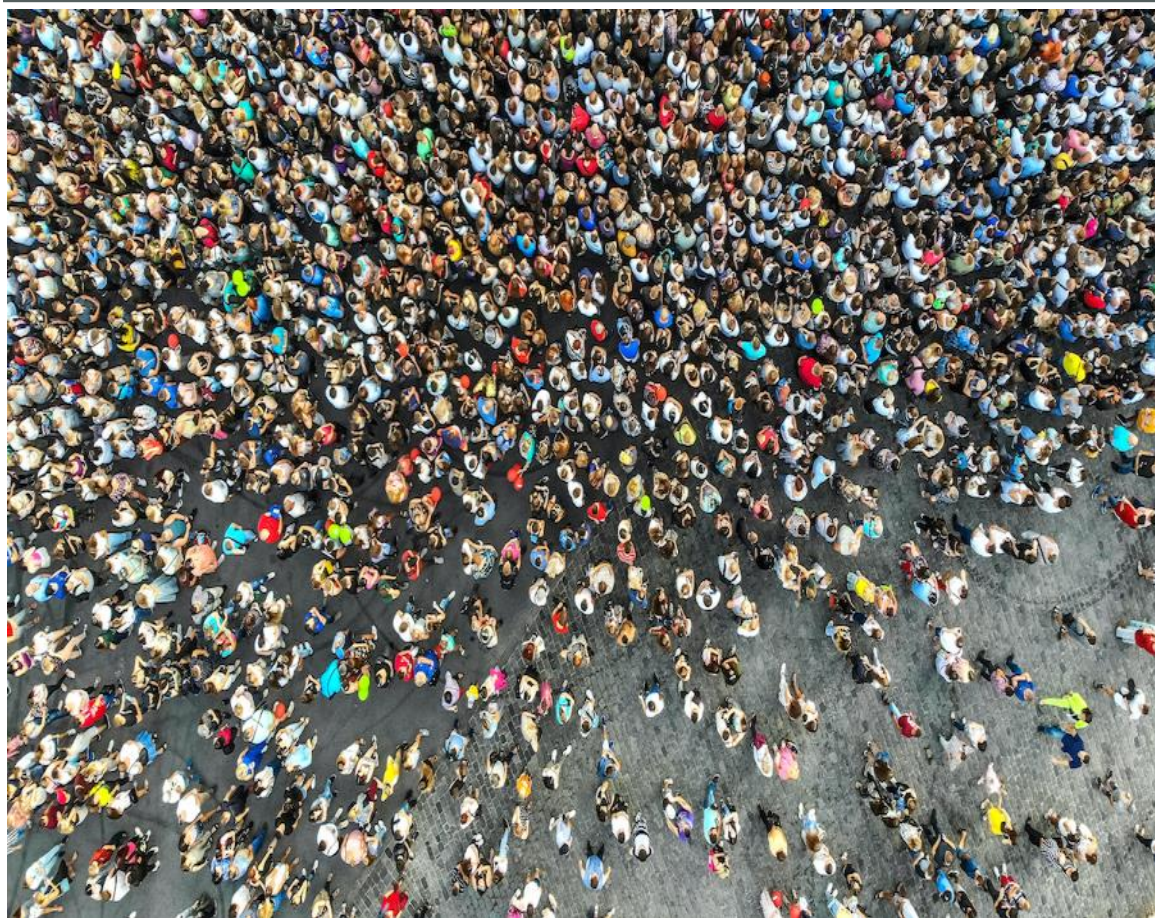




The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780
631-584-5454

October 15th, 2023
The Twenty Eighth Sunday
In Ordinary Time



"Many are invited,
But few are chosen ." Matthew 22:14

"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

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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, October 1st, 2023:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$10,321.

Collections from mail: \$ 4,345.

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

Total Collections: \$18,040.04

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Collection for Respect Life sent directly to DRVC

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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 offers another challenging parable. The king's servants are sent to summon those invited to the wedding feast of his son. The invitations are refused or ignored, and the servants mistreated or killed. Finally, the king sends servants to invite "whomever you find". The feast goes on, but then comes the somewhat troubling part. The king asks one of the guests why he has no wedding garment on, and when there was no response, has this guest thrown out. Yikes!

Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ, offers some thoughts:

What is the "garment" in Matthew's writing? Some experts in scripture write that it is Baptism, the proper incorporation into the "hall" or community. Others write that the garment is how the invitation has changed the person being called.

Perhaps the invitee just sat there eating and drinking, but not relating selflessly with the others. Perhaps he was even taking food and drink from others. He might not have been acting as someone invited, but as someone entitled....

We are invited to the feast of the Eucharist. How has this invitation changed us? St. Augustine tells us upon receiving Eucharist, *become what you eat*. May our reception of Holy Communion touch our hearts, enabling us to be more and more like Jesus. Let Jesus be our wedding garment.

Throughout October, Respect Life Month, we continue to pray for increased respect for the gift of life at all stages and in all places and for policies which promote dignity and justice for all. Throughout his life Jesus clearly states that our relationship to God is determined by our relationships with one another. This demands that Christians be attuned to anything that would diminish life at any of its stages. From the womb to tomb, from birth to death, and at every stage between, we are called to treat all of life with dignity, respect, honor, and reverence.

Many things going on this week! Our Eucharistic Renewal Adult Education series begins Monday evening. Please see the evening's outline further along in the bulletin.

Wednesday evening at 7pm in the Church, Bishop Andrzej will conduct an evening of prayerful reflection for members of the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, School Board and all those involved in liturgical ministries. However, all are most welcome to join. We will recommission those involved in liturgical ministries at each of the weekend Masses next weekend.

The new officers of the Knights of Columbus will be installed following the 5pm Mass. We also hope to begin Youth Mass on the third Saturday of the month at the 5.

Today is our Oktoberfest! Hope to see you there!

And finally,

Gladys was the preacher's wife and accompanied her husband each Sunday to church. One particular Sunday when the sermon seemed to go on forever, many in the congregation fell asleep. After the service, to be sociable, she walked up to a very sleepy-looking gentleman. In an attempt to revive him from his stupor, she extended her hand in greeting, and said, "Hello, I'm Gladys Dunn." To which the gentleman replied, "You're not the only one!"

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of October 15th, 2023

Eucharistic Adoration

From 1:30pm-7PM
In the Church



We Pray for those who are ill...

Andy
Anna Capizzio
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
Rob Remhild
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Catherine Smith
Cathleen Henchey
Chase Addonizio
Christella Stewart
David Beleck
David McCue
Deirdre W.
Diane LaPorte
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Eleanor Bayley
Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Smith
Eileen
Emily Schiaratta
Emily Souders
Flo Donohue
Gail Lumley
George Fitzpatrick
Gloria Montesano
Ginny & John Rief
Gregory Parker
Helen
Harold Scott
Jack Donohue
Jackie & Christine
Duffy
Jakob King
Jamie Accardi
Jean Saladino
Jenny Bonanno
Jerry
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
Kitty Cronin
Kristin Galetta
Laura Bode
Leon Donach
Lola Santangelo
Lori Cearney
Mary Monte
Marty Rizzo
Margaret Remhild
Mark Wagner
Mary Ryan
Maria Clark
Maria Collaro
Marie del Ciello
Maureen Litten
Mary Ann Cesarski
Mary Beth McGovern
Matthew Parrella
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Michael
Nick Lella
Patricia Acker
Patricia Tripptree
Pasquale Savarese
Pat McCumber
Peter Donach
Peter Portanova
P.I.
Phil Giaraputo
Ricardo Buffit
Rob Remhild
Riordan Cavooris
Rogelio Martinez
Rose
Ronnie Paciella
Ryan Duffy
Sara Jean Andersen
Stanley Stura
Stephen Dolce
Susanne Smith
Tonia Perdue
Tara Cesarski
Teresa Mattera
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Tom Devaney
Thomas Lfrieri
Tom Ficht
Tom Ryan
Tom Focene
Vivien & John
Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.

Saturday October 14th Cantor: N. LoCastro	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Schor/Student EM: Conti/Mantia/Sisti/ Drechsler/Urce:	9:15am 5:00pm	Vincent Hughes Wayne Sitar
Sunday October 15th Cantor: L. Lupinocci	Presider: Father Joe Lector: White/Cavooris EM: Kenney/Portanova/ Sehne/Ramos/P. Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: B. Meringolo	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Zahorodny/Ryan, k EM: Luna/McKie/ Mulhall/Orlando/Rizzo/ Licari	10:00am	Anna Sostak
Cantor: L. Stefanowski	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Geier/Ryan, L EM: Margaret/Kaleita/ Rubano	12:00pm	Lorraine Marino Marilyn Mooney John C. Moloney Thomas Spellman Theresa Foiles
Monday October 16th	St. Hedwig	7:30am 9:15am	Frances & Angela Regina John Burke
Tuesday October 17th	St. Ignatius of Antioch	7:30am 9:15am	Dolores Fiederlein Jack Duffy
Wednesday October 18th	St. Luke	7:30am 9:15am	Salvatore Ferruzza Peter Byrne
Thursday October 19th	St. John de Brebeuf Isaac Jogues	7:30am 9:15am	Living~Mary Donohue & Anthony Settineri Collective Mass Joan Siedlewicz John Henson
Friday October 20th	St. Paul of the Cross	7:30am 9:15am	Ryan Birbiglia Thomas Spellman
Saturday October 21st Cantor: K. Feeney	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Thompson/Student EM: Calderone/Byrne/ Drechsler/Taurassi/Toto	9:15am 5:00pm	Maria Fazio Donna Marie DiIorio
Sunday October 22nd Cantor: J. Lohmann	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Czujko/Koke EM: Licari/Koke/ Portanova/Sehne/Sica	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: L. Lupinocci	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Rubano/ Tomasino EM: Mantia/Rapp/ Clarke/Keane/McKie/ Mulhall	10:00am	Frank Romanelli
Cantor: B. Meringolo	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Kenton/Smith EM: Napolitano/ Margaret/Settineri	12:00pm	Rev. Robert Giuntini Claudia Chandler Thomas Spellman Janet Porter

Bake Sale

The Catholic Daughters are hosting their Annual Harvest Bake Sale THIS weekend October 14th & October 15th in the School Lobby after all Masses.

Please stop by and support the great works of the Catholic Daughters !



Eucharistic Adoration Committee Seeks Your Assistance:

If you are able to assist in covering a time slot during Adoration, kindly sign up on the designated sheets in the back of the church.

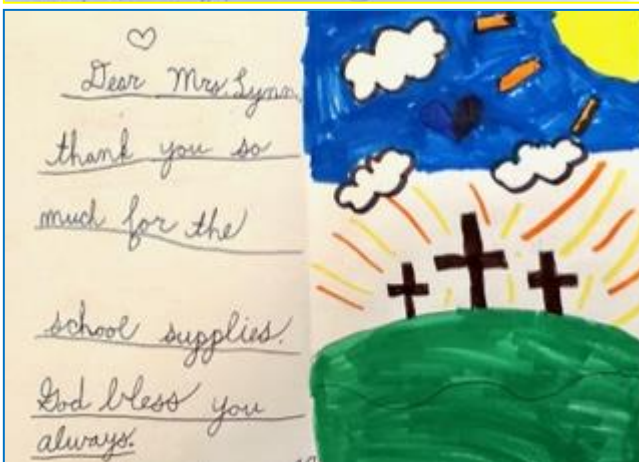
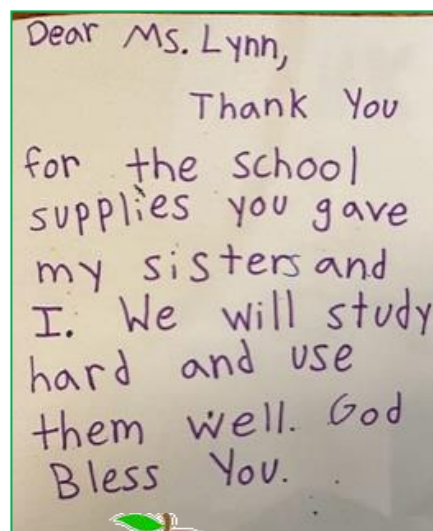
We hope to cover the existing time of 1:30-7pm with your help. Any questions, please contact the Parish Center Office. Thank you

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: OCTOBER 21ST & 22ND

NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



**A VERY ,VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM THE SPECIAL LIVES TOUCHED
BY
THE SSPJ SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**



Wedding Vow Renewal ~ Sunday October 29th, 2023 at the 12:00noon Mass

On Sunday, October 29th at the 12 Noon Mass,
We will offer married couples the opportunity.
to gather and renew their wedding vows.

A reception will follow in the auditorium.



Those wishing to join are asked to complete and return the form below or you may call
the Parish Center – 631-584-5454 and provide the information.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

A Marriage Prayer

Dear Lord

Help us to remember when we first met, and the abiding love that grew between us.

Please work our love into practical living so nothing will ever divide us.

*We pray for words both kind and loving, and hearts always ready
to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive.*

*Lord, together with faith and hope we place our lives and marriage into your righteous
hands.*

Amen

We look forward to celebrating at this Mass

(names) _____ # attending _____

Number of years married _____

Our Marriage took place at (Church/ town) _____

Contact info (email) _____ (phone) _____

Reception sponsored through a generous donation,
honoring Nancy and John Dervan on their recent renewal of vows

Parish Social Ministry

Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00pm

All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

As we pray for our beloved deceased

At this Mass we will remember in a special way

Our dear ones who have died between

September 1, 2022, and August 31, 2023

Light reception to follow in the auditorium.

ALL ARE WELCOME



Love Beyond All Telling
The Meaning of the Eucharist in Our Lives

As part of our parish observance of the ***Eucharistic Revival***, you are invited to join us for three evenings of prayerful reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives.

October 16, 23, and 30, from 7:00-8:30PM.

In The Bethany Center

During these three evenings we will explore why The Second Vatican Council referred to the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life," looking at the biblical, theological, and liturgical dimensions of the Eucharist along with its portrayal in music and art.

Some themes that will be discussed include the ***Eucharist as food for the journey***, the ***Eucharist as sacrifice***, the ***Eucharist as the great prayer of thanksgiving***, and the ***Eucharist as the real presence of Christ***.

Please join us for any or all three of these evenings
presented by Tom Petriano, Professor of Religious Studies at St. Joseph's University.



SSPJ THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 15TH

4 – 7 PM. SSPJ TOWNE SQUARE (AUDITORIUM)

Sponsor Opportunities to help defray the cost!

Donations of German Beers, Beverages!

I / We would love to SPONSOR OKTOBERFEST 2023

lass den Spaß beginnen

Genutlichkeit Sponsor

\$500.

Prost Sponsor

\$250.

Bierhallen Sponsor

\$100.

Wurst Sponsor

\$50.

Name: _____ (for program and advertising)

Address: _____

Phone / e-mail _____

I / We would love to volunteer our help for this event!

Please contact me at: _____ e-mail

_____ phone

_____ NAME

Forms / sponsorship may be dropped into the collection baskets at Mass, mailed to 1 Carow Pl, St. James,
or dropped off at the rectory office.

SAVE THE DATE!

SSPJ THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 15TH
4 – 7 PM. SSPJ TOWNE SQUARE (AUDITORIUM)

COST: \$25 PER PERSON. CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$10.

FAMILY PACK (2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN = \$60)



Live Band, Dancing,
entertainment,
games for the
kids...and of course
Food glorious
FOOD!!!!

Follow our bulletins for Sponsor Opportunities to help defray the cost!

Donations of German Beers, Beverages!

Volunteer opportunities to help set up, serve and so much more....

LET THE FUN BEGIN! lass den Spaß beginnen

Music Ministry

*God is giving us an invitation. Inviting us to the banquet of his love.
Table of Plenty, our Opening hymn. God will provide for all that we need here at the table of plenty.*

How about accepting our invitation too. You are invited to join the music ministry. Maybe Gods wants you to become part of the music. Are you willing to answer the call? There are a lot of ways to help. Come find out. You know you want to.

Mary song this week – Hail Mary; Gentle Woman



Attention !! All Singers
The Music Ministry needs you !!
Adult Choir
Chords of Faith teen choir -(Gr 7-12)
Children's Choir -(Gr 3-6)

Please consider joining. For more information call Margaret Adams at the parish center 631-584-5454 or email sspjmusicministry@gmail.com

Choir members from the Chords of Faith and Adult choirs were asked this question and these are their responses.

What is it about the Music ministry that led you to become a member?

-Love of music, singing and God.

-"He who sings prays twice" Lifting the spirits of ourselves and the congregation is very rewarding. Camaraderie of fellow musician is special. Marietta Cesaraki.

-Wanted to feel more connected in my relationship with God. It happens particularly during funerals. Barbara Meringolo

I used to sing in my other church when I was a very young child and I love going back to it because it reminds me of how much I missed it and enjoyed it so much.

My interest in the music ministry stems from my love of music. Having no special training or talent. I have been a member of the choir for 51 yrs. During this time, I have had the privilege of meeting wonderful people. We all share in the desire of praising God through music under the very able director, Margaret Adams Connie Musculino

I have always loved to sing and I enjoy music. To sing with a group is even more fun. I love being in this choir-great people! I was hesitant to try it, but I'm so happy I did. Donna Chocko

Love my church. Love my choir, Love my community wanted to be part of this choir. Best decision ever! Lori Dellecave.

I joined the music ministry as a child in the children's choir because I loved to sing and felt so connected to the music. As I have continued in the music ministry, I have developed friendships that are so special to me. I have met people that remain incredibly important in my life. Jeannie Hill

The Great Work at SSPJ School!

SSPJ Science Program!

Ms. Skoblicki is proud and pleased to bring her Expertise, Knowledge, Enthusiasm and Love of Science to SSPJ



At SSPJ Ms. Skoblicki runs a science club for Nursery through Grade 2 where students actively explore different concepts each week. Her fifth graders have already been down to the beautiful science lab and have begun to complete labs to prepare for the upcoming 5th Grade State Science Tests. They have already completed the Circle of Life Lab where students learned about metamorphosis and the life cycles of the Bullfrog, Bluebird and Bean Plant. She looks forward to teaching her students about the Scientific Method and guiding them to participate in the Science Fair this year. Her hopes are that the students at SSPJ school will be inspired to love science as much as she does and to become active participants in learning. She is blessed to have the support of Ms. Anderson, her colleagues and the parents at SSPJ school!

Ms. Michelle Skoblicki has an extensive science background. She graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from St. Joseph's University and a Master's Degree in Education from CW Post University. Michelle began her teaching career in public school where she received her tenure. During this time, Michelle became the Chairperson for Math, Science and Technology and she

ran the Science Club and Math Olympiad for students. Ms. Skoblicki was also part of the Science Committee where she worked alongside the Director of Science and administrators to align the curriculum to Next Generation Learning Standards and incorporate technology. She was actively immersed in Professional Development. Ms. Skoblicki ran both in-person and virtual STEAM nights for students and families for several years. She established a science lab and ran a 10 week Science Club for students. She taught students how to design and execute projects using the scientific method. Students then showcased their projects on Google Slides. She also participated in the I AM Empowered project through PSEG with her class. Students researched conservation efforts and created PSA's on FlipGrid to enhance environmental awareness in the community.

Outside of school, Ms. Skoblicki has been conducting interactive science programs for students in grades Pre-K through 6 at libraries throughout Suffolk County for the past 10 years. Additionally, she runs science programs for the Town Of Brookhaven throughout the summer. She also actively supports the Riverhead Marine Rescue by helping with beach clean ups and supporting sea turtle releases. She is a volunteer for the Friends of Flax Pond where she protects Diamondback Terrapins by collecting scientific data which is used for future research and conservation efforts. She encourages her former students to participate with her in these hands-on field experiences.

Sts. Philip & James School & Academy is blessed to offer our students wonderful science opportunities with Ms. Skoblicki at the helm of proficiency.



THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM SISTER T~

Dear Friends,

We live in a very busy world with so many things happening around us . We in the Church world are learning and hearing about the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod in Rome. You have already read some of my thoughts on the Eucharistic Revival. Let me share this with you.

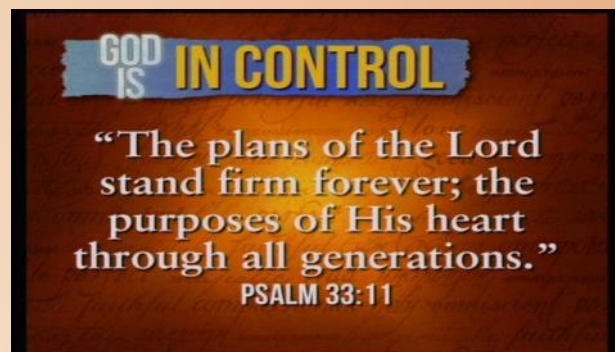
“When we learn to hand everything over to God...we begin to see God’s hand in everything ...” This is a tough call as today most folks seem to want to own and control everything about their life, work, family, and Church. It is their hand that is doing everything, hard to let go! So how do we live in this kingdom of God? Jesus teaches that we need to live our lives in terms of humble service and trust in His plan else we risk losing everything. Jesus is saying the only way to participate in the Kingdom is by understanding how vast and sacred it is. We can be part of it, but the Kingdom is something that no human can own. It belongs to God. It belongs to God’s hands in our lives.

Our hearts are way too small, and our impulses are way too selfish to think that we can manage God’s Kingdom or our own lives. Jesus is telling us what it means to be his Church. Do you realize that not even the Church owns the Kingdom?

Remember, always see God’s hand in everything. The Church, rather, serves the Kingdom. It serves us by showing its healing, joy, acceptance, mercy, and grace. That is what it means to be a Church. Not people in control of everything. And that is what it means to have the privilege of being members of Christ’s People.

*Trusting in God and that God’s hand is in everything.
During the week think and reflect upon how to let God be in control of your life.*

*Till next week,
Sister Theresita*





June 2023— July 2024

Our Year of the Eucharistic Revival

All My Brothers and Sisters

“At Mass we find ourselves with all sorts of men and women: young and old, poor and well off, locals and strangers. Are these people my brothers and sisters?”

Pope Francis asks to consider our actions at Mass carefully. It is so important to him that we realize at Mass we—all together—are being transformed into the one body of Christ, and that we are being called to give ourselves as Jesus gave himself. Take a look around the next time you are at Mass—who’s there you’ve never seen before? Who’s there every week? Where do people sit? Do people make room for others? Do you? When this call to unity and service seems overwhelming, remember that God doesn’t call the qualified, God qualifies the Called.

Ponder:

How welcoming am I to newcomers and strangers?

Pray:

God of Mystery and wonder, help me to see your face reflected in everyone around me.

(Taken from What Pope Francis Says About Eucharist)

Sister T

(Window from St.
John the Evangelist
Church, Center
Moriches)



HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.

“When faced with the difficulty to live an honest and generous life, to dedicate myself to the will of the Father, am I willing to say “yes” each day, even if it costs? And when I fail, am I sincere before God about my difficulties, my failings, my weaknesses? And when I say “no”, do I turn around after?”

Pope Francis
October 1st

respect life
month
novena



OCTOBER 13-21
respectlife.org

God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

Early Childhood Open House at SSPJ School!

SSPJ Early Childhood Open House

Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Sunday, October 29, 2023

11 am - 12:30 pm



Come see all the good things SSPJ has to offer!

**Calling all Who wish to become:
Altar Servers!**

**Training for Altar Servers will
Begin on 9/29/23 From 4:00pm to
5:00pm**

**In the Church
4th Grade and up
Altar Server Training Dates**

10/20/2023

10/27/2023

**Please call Parish Center to give your
contact information
631-584-5454**



LET US ALL CARE FOR GODS CREATION

Kudos to our wonderful SSPJ 8th Graders for
gracing us with a spiritual and tasteful
rendition of a water dance. It brought to our
attention the need to join the river of justice
and peace,
to take up climate and ecological justice, and to
speak out with and for communities
most impacted by climate injustice and the loss
of biodiversity .



Sts. Philip and James School is excited to partner again with Duck
Donuts to bring you the **Dirt and Worms** DIY Donut Kit Fundraiser



Each *Dirt and Worms* DIY Kit includes:

FRESH Donuts | Spooky Sprinkles | Gummy Worms | OREO Dirt | Glaze



50% of each order will go toward our yearly fundraising goal! We hope
to make this a **SWEET** success with your help while supporting a small family
business.

ORDERING: Please order and pay by **Thursday, October 19**

PAYMENT: Cash only, please

PICKUP: Kits will be distributed at dismissal (3pm) on **Wednesday, October
25** in the main parking lot

Please text/email if you have any questions.

Contact: Whitney Piliero (wpiliero@gmail.com)

Text: 631-235-4467



Duck Donuts DIY Kit Order Form:

☐ **FAMILY (4) \$10 Qty: ____**

☐ **FLOCK (8) \$20 Qty: ____**

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____



We are at 77% of GOAL which mean we are \$23,785 away!
Can we reach our goal by Thanksgiving????

WE ARE AT 77% OF OUR GOAL as of October 3rd, 2023

Our Pledges are \$78,215.

Our Payments are \$71,801.

Together we can reach our goal!

Updated figures at print date

GOAL: \$102,000
PAYMENTS AT
10/3/23
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We are on our
Way~

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2023
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission.*



"Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land." (Isaiah 4:6)

October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family's budget.

Support for those in need is crucial for many families, especially our senior community. Our Long Island community has had a 25% to 30% increase in the senior demographic, leading to an increase of 65% of these seniors living in poverty. Your donation allows Catholic Charities to provide affordable safe housing to senior citizens, operating 16 housing facilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties, totaling more than 1,329 units.

Additionally, it ensures the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents. Housing programs are also available for those with developmental disabilities and our veterans in need. Through our Parish Social Ministry programs, we bring food and hope during these challenging times. I would like to share a comment from a senior and resident of Bishop Ryan Village, Hampton Bays with you:

"My neighbors and I often say that we are tremendously relieved to have dignified, affordable housing and are very grateful to this ministry of the Church assisting us in our time need."

Your gift to the CMA also provides funding to educate our seminarians and provide faith formation to our young people and lay leaders, more than 600,000 are served each year. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift. Please know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal and every gift makes a difference in the lives of others no matter the amount.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

GOAL
\$102,000
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\$60,000

\$10,000

Parish Social Ministry

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Will be holding a Baby Shower after all the masses on the weekend of October 28th & 29th. There is a need for diapers and wipes, car seats (please check the user dates on the back) strollers single or double NEW OR USED but in clean condition, fall, gently used or new, boys and girls baby clothes, formula, bathtubs, all baby items. Please don't forget personal care items for the moms either.

PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS TO THE FRONT OF THE RECTORY OR TO THE SCHOOL LOBBY IN CASE OF RAIN

THE WASH KIT GANG INVITES ALL TO JOIN IN A WONDERFUL GATHERING:

WE WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2023 IN THE BETHANY CENTER LOWER LEVEL DIRECTLY AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS

DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE ARE ASKED TO CALL THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE AT 631-584-5454 TO REGISTER FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



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



We remember the family and friends of,
LeRoy Wisdom

Safely Home in the arms of our Lord

Our Food Pantry Needs:

Your generous response has our pantry

FULLY STOCKED

At this time.

Thank you for all of your support!



SSPJ SENIORS

The next meeting of the SSPJ Seniors will be on Monday, October 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Sts. Philip & James room. Please join us.

All
Are
Welcome!



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

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 15th, 2022

My Name Is: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and
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Saturday, October 21st or Sunday, October 22nd, 2023



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Amen

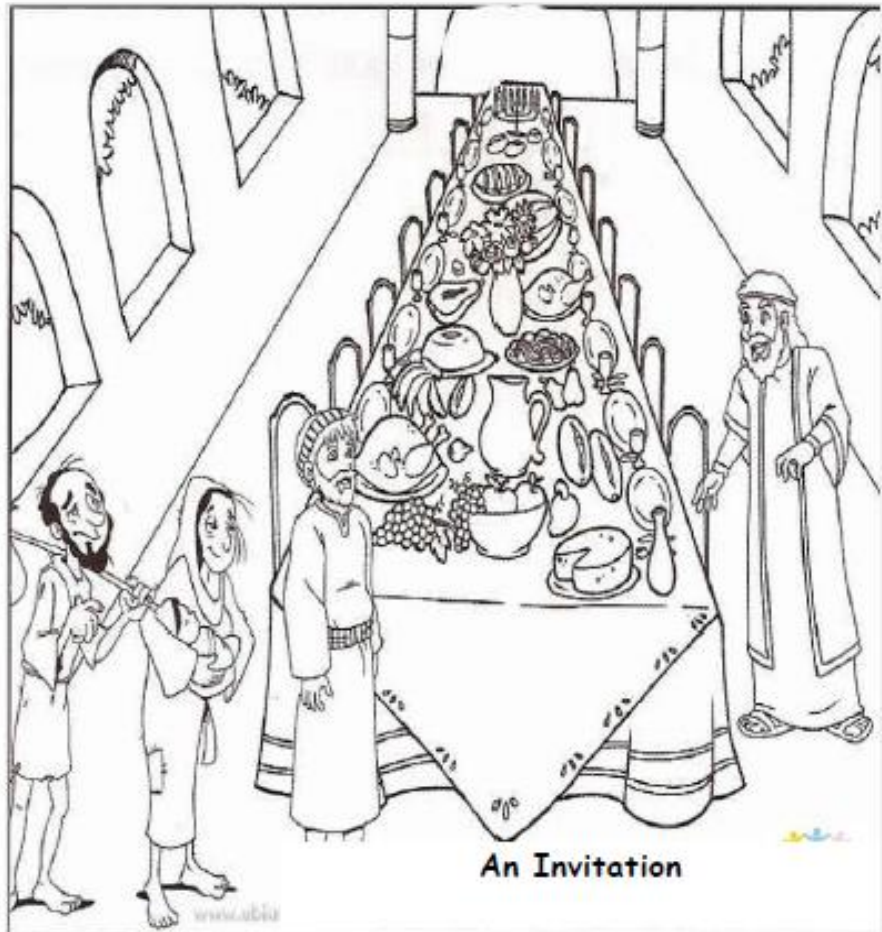


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In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable, or story, about a wedding. Some people accept the invitation, and some people refuse it. Jesus tells the parable to teach us about being invited to be his disciple. Jesus invites everyone to be his disciple. Some people accept his invitation, and some people refuse it.

Being a good disciple, a person that try's very hard to follow Jesus,

invites you to have a special seat at the table of God.



An Invitation

Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 15th, 2023

My Full Name: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

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In today's Gospel story, or parable, A King is having a wedding feast for his Son. The King invites many people, but they do not come.

Why do you think they did not want to come?

If you were invited to a Wedding Feast by Jesus, would you go? _____

What would be the best gift to bring to this wedding feast?

Please remember that Jesus wants nothing more than for you to follow him. To be kind, to be caring and generous with your time. The wedding feast is considered the Kingdom of God. And to be invited into God's kingdom we need to share our goodness and kindness with everyone we meet.

Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

For the: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Name: _____ Grade: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

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Saturday, October 21st or Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

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The Wedding Invitation in today's gospel parable, represents God's invitation to each of us to share in the Kingdom of Heaven.

What gift would you share with others to make this Kingdom in which we live more beautiful?

You chose a gift that you possess. What is it, and where did that gift come from?

In today's gospel parable, a single person attended the wedding, but was asked to leave because of his clothing. Now we know that God never judges anyone by their appearance; explain what you think was meant by asking that person to leave the wedding:

You see, we have all the gifts we need to approach situations and invitations as opportunities to do God's work. All you need is the desire in your heart to say YES!

Reflecting and Preparing for Next Sunday October 22nd, 2023
The Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good News INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 22

Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Ps 96:1,3-5,7-10
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:15-21

Monday October 23

Romans 4:20-25
Luke 1:69-75
Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday October 24

Romans 5:12,15b,17-19,
20b-21
Ps 40:7-10,17
Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday October 25

Romans 6:12-18
Ps 124:1b-8
Luke 12:39-48

Thursday October 26

Romans 6:19-23
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 12:49-53

Friday October 27

Romans 7:18-25a
Ps 119:66,68,76-77,93-94
Luke 12:54-59

Saturday October 28
Sts. Simon and Jude,
Apostles

Ephesians 2:19-22
Ps 19:2-5
Luke 6:12-16

In the Gospel reading, when Jesus asks the Pharisees to tell him whose image was engraved on the coin owed for the census tax, he uses it to teach a lesson about the image that should be engraved upon our hearts. Our hearts should belong to God and to God alone.

The Romans believed that their emperors were divine. Therefore, to possess Roman coins meant carrying around the graven image of a human god. The Pharisees knew this when they challenged Jesus.

Paying the census tax to Caesar symbolized more than just submission to a foreign government. It had religious connotations. If Jesus was a true prophet, he should speak up against Jews possessing pagan coins. If he was a true messiah, he should deliver them from the oppression and taxes of the foreign government – or so they thought.

We don't know how they happened to have the Roman coin that they showed to Jesus. If they pulled it out of their own purses, which is likely, it

revealed their hypocrisy. However, Jesus wasn't just interested in exposing their hypocrisy; he wanted to make a point about the True Messiah.

If we belong to God, Jesus is engraved upon our hearts. We have been rescued from the destruction of sin by the Messiah.



We have let him deliver us from the oppression of evil that was caused by our sins.

Whose image do others see when they look at your life? When people see you, do they see Jesus engraved upon you? To the extent that they do, that's the extent to which you belong to the kingdom of God!

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How do you know that others see Jesus in your life? What's the evidence?
- † What have they told you about yourself that is also a description of Christ?
- † What are some of the ways in which Jesus has come into your life and changed you from within?
- † How has that changed the way you live?
- † How does this evangelize the people around you?

OUR LIFESTYLE AND OUR OVER-STRAINED PLANET

In a book, *The Book of Hope*, which he co-authored with Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams makes this statement: *Creating the human race may be the single biggest mistake evolution ever made.*

He says this tongue-in-cheek since he recognizes that the emergence of the human race was clearly intended by the evolutionary process and that rather than being a colossal mistake it is the apex of the process. Nonetheless, today, the human race is a huge threat to planet earth. Simply put, there are now over seven billion people on the planet and already in many places we have used up nature's limited resources faster than nature can replace them. By the year 2050 there will probably be ten billion of us. If we carry on with business as usual, the planet simply cannot sustain us, at least if we continue in our present lifestyle.

And the lifestyle referred to here is not, first of all, the lavish lifestyle of the rich who can be reckless and consume more than their share of resources. They, of course, contribute to the problem and unduly influence the rest of us in our own habits of consumption; but, the lifestyle referred to here is what you and I, conscientious consumers, are living, even as we conserve, recycle, compost, drive electric cars, and try to live simply.

I can take myself as an example. I'm trying to be sensitive to what my own consumption is doing to mother earth. By comparison to those who have a luxurious lifestyle, I can claim to live pretty simply. I don't buy what I don't need, have a very small wardrobe, and am cautious about the amount of electricity and water I use. I drive a second-hand compact car and try to drive it only when necessary. I help assure that the thermostat in our house is set so as to ensure the minimal use of electrical energy, and I live in a relatively small house, recycle, and try to use as little plastic as possible.

But, on the other hand, I have two computers, a desktop in my office and a laptop at home. I have a cellphone which, through the years, has had to be updated four different times in terms of buying a new model and junking the old one. I shower daily and, depending upon physical work and exercise, sometimes take a second shower. I drive a car. I get on an airplane at least once a month for conferences and meetings and I fly internationally several times a year to visit family. I don't have a lot of clothes, but my ministry and work require a certain standard of dress (which I meet minimally).

I think I can claim a simple lifestyle, given where I live and the work I do. However, realistically, if all seven (plus) billion people in the world lived as I do, there wouldn't be enough resources to sustain us. Bottomline, the world cannot support eight billion people if everyone lives as I do, and as most of us do in the more affluent parts of our world. What's the answer?

We can lay a guilt trip on ourselves and on others, though this isn't necessarily helpful. What can be helpful? There's no easy answer. Those of us living in the more affluent parts of our world can make changes, but can we simply stop using computers and mobile phones? We can conserve water, but can we abandon our present standards of hygiene? We can conserve electricity, but can we simply stop driving our cars and darken all our city buildings at night? We can be more scrupulous on how much we travel on airplanes, but can we live without airplane travel? We can cut back on what we buy in terms of excess food, excess clothing, and excess luxuries and entertainment. We can recycle, compost, and not use plastic bags – and all of this, cumulatively, will make a difference. Indeed, all of this needs to be done. However, helpful though this is, it alone will not solve the problem.

For Jane Goodall, beyond these individual things, we need to do some collective things to solve the existential threat to this planet. Goodall names three: First, we must alleviate poverty. If there are people living in crippling poverty, it is understandable that they will cut down the last tree to grow food or catch the last fish because they are desperate to feed their families. Second, we must eliminate government corruption and corporate greed. Without good government and concern for the common good in business, it is impossible to solve our enormous social and environmental problems. Moreover, those who for their own benefit refuse to face the problem will go on unchallenged. Finally, collectively too, we must realistically face up to the tension between our lifestyle and the ever-growing population on this planet. Thoughtless consumers are part of the problem – but so are the rest of us, me included, who fancy ourselves as living simply.