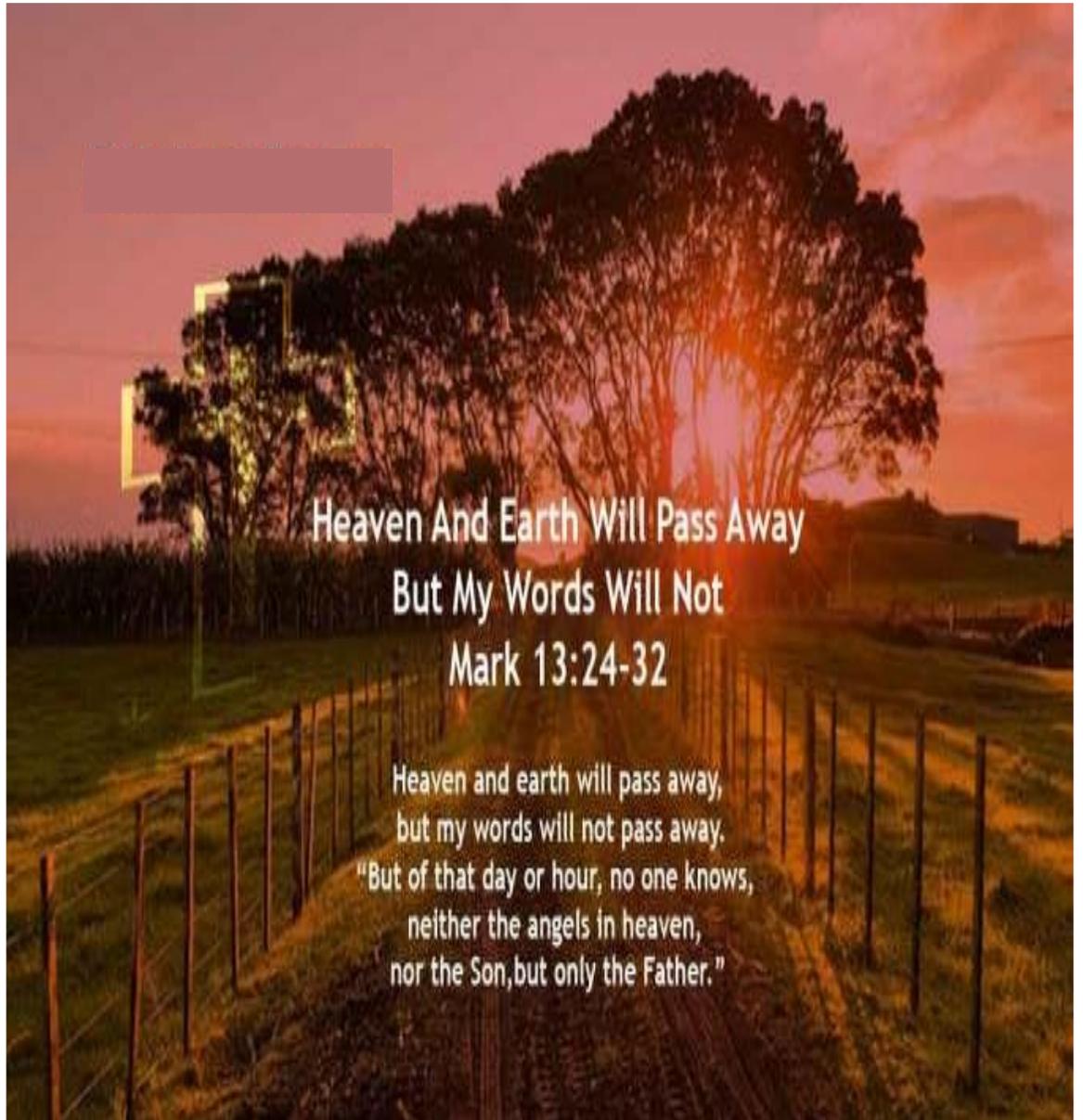


The Parish of Saints Philip and James
1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

November 14th, 2021
Thirty-Third Sunday
In Ordinary Time



Heaven And Earth Will Pass Away
But My Words Will Not
Mark 13:24-32

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.
"But of that day or hour, no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father."

"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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Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget: \$17,890

Weekly Collection: November 7th, 2021: \$ 14,855.

Faith Direct : (131Participants) 3,622.

Total Collections: \$ 18,477.

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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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As you probably know, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has declared Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Law.

In order to be as helpful as possible to the parties that may be affected by this bankruptcy, we will be publishing the following note regarding “proof of claim forms” for the next few months:

Information regarding the deadlines for filing proofs of claim in the Diocese’s chapter 11 case and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

A Letter From Father Tom

Dear Friends,

*Our cars will rust and fall apart,
Condos crumble to the ground.
Our fondest dreams will disappoint. Everything will go.
Investments. Worries. Honors. Pains.
Yet you say to us, "My words will not pass away."
Jesus, please fill us with your words, which will never pass away.
You are love. Love remains.*

This prayer/poem by Anne Osdieck connects with today's gospel. There's an uneasiness but also reassurance. Next Sunday is the feast of Christ the King, which marks the end of the liturgical year. As we prepare for the close of the church year, we're reminded that we do not know when other "closings" will occur. I came across these thoughts of Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ:

As our projects and pretenses mount, as our labors and tasks surround us, as our entertainment and doodling while away the time, we may forget the upshot of our lives. It is to love and evoke love, no matter where we may be, from nursing home to classroom. It is to receive with full heart the gift of Christ's once-and-for-all redemptive act. It is to sing, with the psalmist: "For you are my God, you alone are my joy. Defend me, O Lord." It is to welcome the opportunity of each moment, each breath. Since we do not know the hour or the day, let this be the hour, let this be the day!

Many thanks to Sue and Kevin McNamara for again sharing the grace of their sacrament with those preparing for marriage in our PreCana program last weekend. Thanks too to all of the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharistic who shared in the times of recollection and who are being commissioned for another year of ministry next weekend, the feast of Christ the King. And another word of thanks to all our young parishioners who have been sharing their gifts as singers, servers, greeters, and ushers! We are richly blessed!

I again encourage all students in grades 8-12 to come to the Special Presentation of Understanding The Emotions, Isolation and Uncertainty brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic next Saturday, November 20th, at 4 pm which will focus on the issues young people have faced and are facing with the pandemic. The presentation will be in the auditorium. A separate presentation has been prepared for adults and will occur in church, also at 4 pm.

On Saturday, November 20th, we will also recommence our third Saturday of the month youth Mass at 5 pm. We'll be introducing a few new songs. I hope you will join in the singing!

At the 5pm mass this weekend, we are happy to welcome all of the 5th graders and their families and at the Sunday, 10am mass we welcome our third graders and their families.

All are invited to begin Thanksgiving Day with Mass at 9:15am. Please bring with you something you will later share at your home table for a blessing.

And,

*The leading cause of injury to old men is their thinking they are still young men.
It amazes me how much exercise and extra fries sound alike.
The doctor told the patient, "you're not retaining water. You're retaining, cookies,
ice cream, pizza, etc."*

Peace,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions, For the week of November 14th, 2021

**For the Week of
November 14th, 2021**

Our Bread & Wine

Are offered in memory of,

Joseph Napolitano

**"On his First Anniversary in
Heaven"**

With Hope & Grace,

Your Loving Family



Eucharistic Adoration
Monday in the church
From 1:30pm-7:00pm

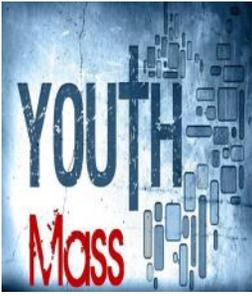
*A thousand years of enjoying
human glory is not worth even an
hour spent sweetly communing with
Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
Padre Pio*

Remember in our hearts and prayers

Alan Evans
Anthony J. Novellino, Sr.
Antonette Sabatino
Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Anne Pell
Anna & Harold Clayton
Arthur Gureck
Baby Ben
Baby Penny Grace Candela
Barbara Bombace
Barbara Ruland
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Brendan McAlvin
Cathy McCulloch
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Charles Figliosi
Charlie Stangarone
Claudia Chandler
Deacon Ron Blasius
Deirdre W.
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Thorton
Ellie Walsh
Esther Styles
Flo Donohue
Gerald Maass
Gloria Montesano
Grace Bertolone
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Helen
Heidi Ray
Jack Donohue
Jamie Geiman
Jennifer Clark
Jessica Venditto
John Cronin
John DeStefano
John Harney

John Scomillio
Joseph H
Joseph
James Macchiano
Judy Rampola
Joseph Mazelis
Joseph Costa
Kenneth Cook
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Kim Olofson
Leon Donach
Lynn McDonnell
Mark Geld
Marty Caltabiano
Mary Ann Cesarski
Mary Monte
Mary Fresi
Maryann Kevin
Maria Clark
Marie del Cielo
Marilyn Suli
Matthew Parrella
Marie & Frank Fiecco
Melissa C.
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Nancy & Paul Bertran
Nancy Cuccinotta
Pasquale Savarese
Pat LeDoux
Peter Donach
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Riordan Cavooris
Richard Chiorando
Sara Jean Andersen
Stephen Dolce
Suzanne Orlando
Tara Cesarski
Vivien Cordes
Vicki Archdeacon
Veronica Broderick
Wayne Hendricks

Saturday November 13th	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Thompson/ Student EM:Anderson/Rapp/ Drechsler	9:15am 5:00pm	Paul Guerra Dr. Colene Young
Sunday November 14th	Presider: Father Joe Lector:Sehne/Fitzpatrick EM:Koke/Martin/ Portanova	8am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Contrino/ Nicastro EM:Mulhall/Orlando/ Reichart	10:00am	Joseph Napolitano
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Rubano/O'Hara EM: Keane/Consenz/ Samson	12:00pm	Enzo Guidotti June Kelly Gertrude E. Christy Donald Fisher
Monday November 15th	St. Albert the Great	7:30am 9:15am	Robert Springer Rosemary Napolio
Tuesday November 16th	St. Margaret of Scotland	7:30am 9:15am	Robert Charles Regan Frank Romanelli
Wednesday November 17th	St. Elizabeth of Hungary	7:30am 9:15am	Joanna Harrison Alice Couglin
Thursday November 18th		7:30am 9:15am	Helen Sullivan Sochia Collective Mass: James McKenna
Friday November 19th		7:30am 9:15am	James Cooper Leon P. Hull
Saturday November 20th	Presider:Father Tom Lectors:Donegan/Student EM: Mantia/Duffy/Toto	9:15am 5:00pm	Onorina Viola John Mignone
Sunday November 21st	Presider: Father Tom Lectors:Mantia/Dobres EM:Ramos/Sehne/Sica	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Joe Lectors: Burke/Cafaro EM: Luna/McKie/ Sotomayer	10:00am	Donna Servidio
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector:Geier/Kenton EM:Consenz/Keane/ Napolitano	12:00pm	Robert Inserillo June Kelly James Cooper Joseph Napolitano



**JOIN US FOR A YOUTH MASS
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2021
WE WILL RECOMMENCE OUR
THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH YOUTH MASS!
AT THE 5PM MASS
JOIN US FOR CHICK ~FIL ~A AND
TRIVIA FUN AFTER MASS!!! ALL ARE INVITED !!!**



Dear Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist,

When the COVID-19 pandemic swept across the world, our faith helped guide us through the overwhelming times of fear, loneliness and despair. Jesus took our hands and asked us to trust Him as He walked with us through the darkness. He continues to walk with us, leading us to the light.

As we all move forward on the path of healing, we invite all the Eucharistic Ministers for a prayerful gathering of recollection and renewal on:

Saturday, November 13th 9:15am– 10:30am with mass and meeting
All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be recommissioned next weekend
The Feast of Christ the King

Thank you~ Father Joe Lobo



Reminder to our Liturgical Ministers~ Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Kindly arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled mass assignment.

Please meet in the Prayer room for prayer and to sign in for your assignment.



Mass of Thanksgiving

***Thanksgiving Day,
November 25th, 2021
9:15am mass***

***All are welcome to bring an item that
will be shared upon your table of
thanks for a blessing of gratitude.***

***Blessing of the Prayer Shawls~ The
First Sunday of Advent~
November 29th, 2021, 8:00am Mass***

We are sincerely grateful for the compassion and joy that each member of the Prayer Shawl ministry offers to each stitch their loving hands create. They are wonderfully blessed and share that treasure with our Parish and with the so many seeking comfort...

At the end of Mass, if you have a loved one at home or know someone ill, you may take one to them.



CHRISTMAS GABRIEL EDITION
Seeking submissions for this most wonderful edition...

Theme:
*Christmas,
The Giving, The Joy, The Hope,
Living the season as an Apostle of Hope...*

Search your hearts where only the most heartwarming stories can be found...

Deadline for submission: November 26th

**Questions, please contact Gabriel Editor:
Elena Mingionemingione55@yahoo.com**

LOST AND FOUND

***FOUND: GOLD WEDDING BAND WITH INSCRIPTION INSIDE
OF THE CHURCH***

*Questions, kindly contact Parish Center Office
at 584-5454.*

READING AND ENCOURAGING~ THE BARNABAS MINISTRY

Help is Needed~A small commitment with a Huge amount of Joy!

Can you share with us your time, and heart, reading the reflections of our students?

As you see, our Students offer their thoughts each Sunday, which reflect their understanding the Gospel message...

We are seeking kind words, encouraging hearts, and uplifting messages that we can share with our students.

Just a little time, can make a positive difference in the hearts of our Students and their families.

If you should be interested, kindly contact the Parish Center office at 631-584-5454



MUSIC MINISTRY

Believe it or not the music ministry is in full Advent/Christmas Mode.

Preparing for the next liturgical season often begins months earlier. I search and gather songs that fit our themes and seasons.

I have Christmas in my head starting as early as August and we have been rehearsing since Sept. How fun!

Want to see how it works and how it all comes together, stop by one of the choir rehearsals and see the magic unfold. Getting a new piece of music, learning it, and hearing how it sounds when it comes together is amazing. Then we pass on our perfected piece to you and hopefully it will inspire you, too.

Christmas is in the air!! In person Christmas Concert this year.

Save the date December 19, 2021 6pm

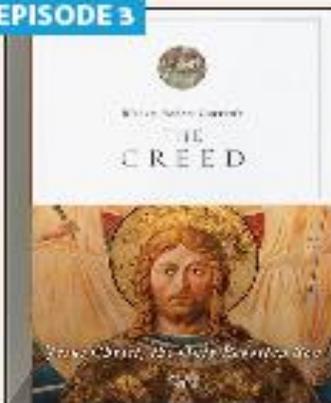


THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES

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

EPISODE 3



"Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son"

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021

Video Presentation & Discussion: Bishop Robert Barron: "The Creed" Episode 3: "Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son"

"I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ." With these words of the Creed, we come to the heart of the matter. For all of distinctively Christian faith begins and ends with a particular person, Yeshua from Nazareth, the only begotten Son of the God of Israel, Light from Light, true God from true God. This proclamation, no less shocking nearly 2,000 years later, draws us into the depths of the divine life and into the mystery of the Incarnation.

In The Creed, a new film series blending both documentary footage and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers through the Creed recited at every Sunday mass, a statement of faith that has profoundly influenced both Eastern and Western spirituality, theology, and liturgy.

6:00 to 7:00pm: Adoration: Main Church

7:00 to 8:30pm: Video Presentation & Discussion: Bethany Center (Old Church) • Optional Coffee Social (Off Site)

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

** Please Note: Due to the threat of COVID face masks must be worn and social distancing maintained in the Bethany Center. Masks are optional in the main Church.*



Website: www.sspjmensforum.org

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We are Here to Help, To Lend a hand , and Listen to Your Voices...
Teens and Adults are Invited to a Special Presentation of Understanding
The Emotions, Isolation and Uncertainty brought on by the COVID –19 Pandemic



Dr. Paul Ginnetty

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 2021
SSPJ PARISH WILL HOST TWO OUTSTANDING
COUNSELING PROFESSIONALS
DR. PAUL GINNETTY AND DANIELLE FINNERTY
AT 4PM IN CHURCH
FOLLOWED BY A YOUTH MASS AT 5:00PM

BOTH DR. GINNETTY AND DANIELLE FINNERTY WILL FOCUS ON IDENTIFYING THE VARIOUS THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS WE ARE FEELING AS A RESULT TO THE PANDEMIC AS WELL AS PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES TO CULTIVATE AWARENESS AND METHODS OF IDENTIFYING AND ATTENDING TO THESE TROUBLING THOUGHT PATTERNS IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND SELF-CENTERED MINDFULNESS AND KINDNESS



Danielle Finnerty

Words from Danielle Finnerty~

Last year I worked for the Diocese of Rockville Centre as part of a team called Project Alpha, which included both School Counselors and Social Workers. Project Alpha worked to provide outreach support services to Catholic schools in both Nassau and Suffolk County. During this time, I was fortunate enough to have been able to connect with Ms. Anderson, which led to my position as a part time School Counselor at Sts. Philip and James School. Growing up, I always knew that I wanted a career that would focus on my innate nature to want to help others. While I began my freshmen year in high school, my parents opened their home to foster children. Throughout the years, we were able to help many children during some of the most challenging times of their lives. These experiences drove me to focus my education on helping others, which led me to complete the Master's degree program in Mental Health/School Counseling at Long Island University.

As excited as I am to be able to work with Ms. Anderson and her staff, I am equally excited to work with Father Tom in support of the Church. These current times have proven to be challenging to us all as we continue to live through a pandemic and adjust to the new normal. Many of us are experiencing different emotions relating to Covid and have been struggling with our own experiences and situations. The workshop that I will be providing for our students will focus on identifying the various thoughts/emotions that are associated with the virus, as well as the challenges/concerns that are being faced by our students while also managing the stressors that they are exposed to daily. We will be identifying coping skills and learn how to implement them during times of need. I am looking forward to working with the students of the Parish by providing them with helpful information on how to persevere during this confusing time.

Dr. Paul Ginnetty is a professor of psychology at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue. He is also in private practice as a clinical psychologist. His prior professional experience includes having served on the staff of an outpatient chemical dependency program and as a psychologist within the student health services at Stony Brook University. He has also served as the director of a Catholic Charities mental health clinic in New York City. He has graduate degrees in theology and divinity in addition to his Ph.D. in clinical psychology and his post-doctoral certification in psychoanalysis and psychotherapy. His wife and he are long-time parishioners of St. Patrick's parish where they raised four children.

Dr. Ginnetty will be addressing the following "**Co's**" of Covid-19 for Adults~

The Co's of COVID-19-

Reflections on our individual and shared experience of **COVID-19**. An examination and discussion of: how we have attempted to **CO**pe; the aspects of the experience that we can and can't **CO**n**tr**ol; what the pandemic has **CO**st us; what it has **unCO**vered about our personal, family, social and work lives; and how it can contribute to our ongoing process of **CO**n**ve**rsion.



INTERESTED IN ATTENDING? PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE



Sister Theresita wants to thank all the folks who stepped up to volunteer for the children's Liturgy of the Word.

We will be able to start on the first Sunday of Advent
November 27/28.

Again God bless you all for your generosity!!!

A Reflection from Sister T~

November 10, 2021

Dear Friends,

There is something special about the months of October and November. For me, the beauty of the October Fall season is a delight to the eyes and heart. November brings with it the thoughts of Thanksgiving celebrations and the abundance in our lives.

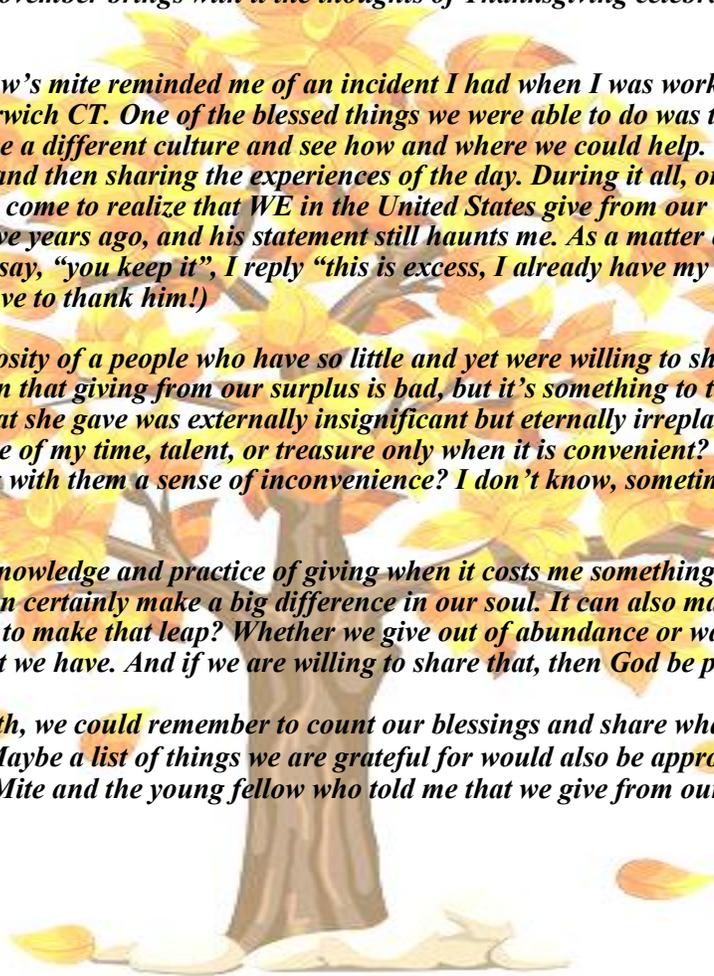
The recent readings about the widow's mite reminded me of an incident I had when I was working for the Diocesan Office of Youth Ministry in the Norwich CT. One of the blessed things we were able to do was to take groups of students down to Haiti to experience a different culture and see how and where we could help. On one such trip, we were finishing our evening prayer and then sharing the experiences of the day. During it all, one student very emphatically said, "Sister T, I have come to realize that WE in the United States give from our excess and not from our want." That was over twenty-five years ago, and his statement still haunts me. As a matter of fact, when I share something with someone, and they say, "you keep it", I reply "this is excess, I already have my share". (Wish I knew where that student is now, would love to thank him!)

He was able to recognize the generosity of a people who have so little and yet were willing to share. I too have experienced this. That doesn't mean that giving from our surplus is bad, but it's something to think about. The widow certainly gave from her want. "What she gave was externally insignificant but eternally irreplaceable" (Fr. Mike Schmitz). What about me? Do I give of my time, talent, or treasure only when it is convenient? How do I deal with interruptions, as they seem to bring with them a sense of inconvenience? I don't know, sometimes I do well, but other times... you get the picture.

How do I continue to grow in the knowledge and practice of giving when it costs me something and perhaps, I will be without? Eternally irreplaceable can certainly make a big difference in our soul. It can also make a difference in our family and our world. Am I willing to make that leap? Whether we give out of abundance or want, what I think is so important is to be thankful for what we have. And if we are willing to share that, then God be praised!

Perhaps during this week and month, we could remember to count our blessings and share what we have with others, even if it is just the interruptions. Maybe a list of things we are grateful for would also be appropriate. What ever you do try and remember the Widow's Mite and the young fellow who told me that we give from our excess and not our want.

Happy November!



The RCIA Team Meets Sunday Mornings in the SSPJ Room from 8:45am-9:45am

The Following topics are open to all:

Sunday, November 14th~
CREATION: OUR ORIGINS AND GOODNESS

SUNDAY, November 21st~
The Mystery of the Church



We Remember with love...SSPJ Lights of Love Tree Lighting

~ Saturday, November 27th, 2021 ~Following the 5pm First Week of Advent Mass

We Invite all to the 2021 Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

This event offers a wonderful opportunity to remember in your hearts

"the lights of our loved ones, safely home" during this holiday season

Our Christmas Tree located on the front lawn of the rectory

Will be lit as the names of our loved ones are read aloud...

Hot chocolate and cookies will be served

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH ~ For your loved ones to be remembered at the tree lighting ceremony

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH ~ For your loved ones names to be printed in the Christmas bulletin and displayed upon the Christmas Altar

\$5.00 donation per each name being memorialized

Annual Tree Lighting Memorial

We Remember:

Remembered

by:-----

Contact #:-----

*Amount Paid:_____Number of Names:_____x\$5.00 per name
= Total Enclosed:_____*

*Please place this form in an envelope with payment and return to the Parish Center office by:
Wednesday, November 24th for names to be read at Tree lighting or Monday December 6th
for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin.*

Religious Education News

CATECHIST CORNER....

Offered by Catechist, Paul Damato

In these challenging times, we have all had to develop new routines. Masking vaccinating, home delivery and curbside pickups, and reduced contact with friends and family are some of the changes we have all endured. Regrettably, our children have also shared the burden with hybrid and remote learning.

Remote learning is also a challenge for our parents teaching religion from home. As a Confirmation Catechist, I have not only dealt with the challenge of classroom lessons but also providing twelve and thirteen year old's with an understanding of the Rosary, part of the curriculum.

It is hard to imagine a middle school student who could sit still long enough to recite a complete Rosary or understand the twenty different reflections of the four mysteries. I have found the best way to teach the Rosary is to pray the five introductory prayers and only one series of the ten Hail Mary's each week. I google the reflection to find either a painting or video segment to illustrate the thought.

The last two weeks I googled the 1978 "Jesus of Nazareth" miniseries and "the birth of Jesus" and "The Visitation" and found three to four minute videos. This allowed me to introduce the reflection to my twelve year old who then enjoyed the movie segment. We then prayed the introductory prayers and ten Hail Mary's. The entire process took less than ten minutes before our CCD lesson.

I hope this approach to the Rosary allows you to introduce the reflections with manageable prayer time for your middle school child.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE AT 631-584-3204.

THANK YOU VETERANS



ACTS OF LOVE ~ A SERVANTS HANDS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER...

Thanking our Veterans as we have celebrated Veterans Day.
Kindly create a card made in Thanksgiving for all the sacrifices our Veterans have made for each and every one of us.

They will be distributed on Thanksgiving to the Veterans residing at the Stony Brook Veterans Home.

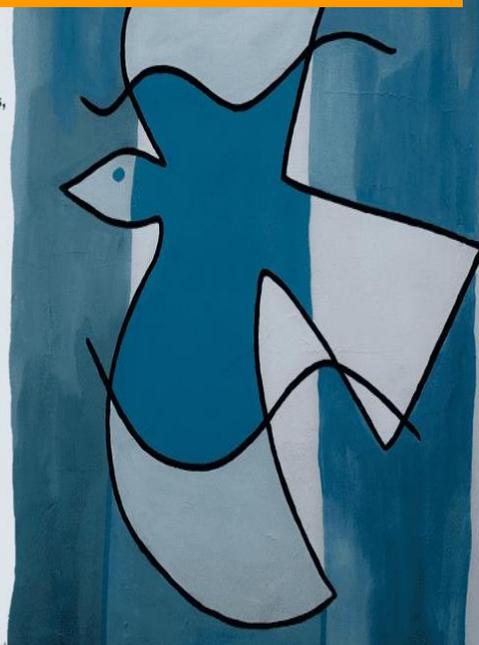
CARDS DUE AT PARISH CENTER OFFICE BY: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Prayer for Living Fratelli Tutti

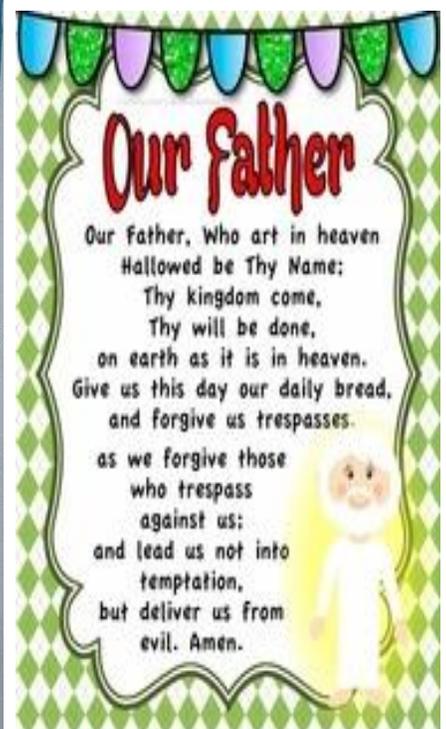
When our lofty words of love have been emptied of their meaning,
When our borders and computer screens have erected impenetrable walls,
When our minds are so quick to conflate "other" with "enemy,"
How will we find our common humanity?
It's never too late to make an earnest and tender start.
May we remove from our pockets the stones we intended to throw
And cement them together to build a home that welcomes all.
May we repent of our indifference and move into genuine encounter.
Instead of drawing battle lines,
May we draw our chairs up to a communal table,
Where we can feast in the knowledge of our shared dignity.
May God grant us the holy vision
To see in every human being a sacred mystery,
And may we love each mystery not abstractly, but concretely.
Just as Thomas touched the wounds of Jesus,
May we be unafraid to touch the wounds of our suffering neighbor.
May we lay down our arms and offer our outstretched hands,
Until there is no "them," but only "us,"
Until we are, at last, sisters and brothers, all.
Amen.

Cameron Bellm

**For Our Students~
Take a picture of this prayer with your phone and
remember, when you are struggling, read it and call
out to Jesus...**



NOVEMBER PRAYER OF THE MONTH



My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, November 14th, 2021

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

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart,
and bring it to mass with you next weekend

Saturday, November 19th or Sunday, November 20th, 2021

The Gospel Message:



Share God's Word

Jesus teaches us that our world changes and will one day end. But we do not have to be afraid of change. Jesus' love for us will never end. His words are true, and he is always with us.

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for
loving me...

Please remind me
in my heart that
no matter what
might make my
heart frightened
that you remain
with me forever.

Amen



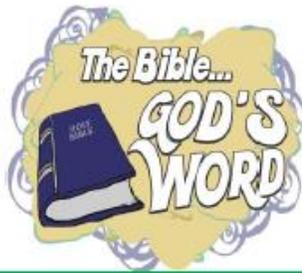
What can you do this week to follow Jesus?

Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For the: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, November 14th, 2021

My Name: _____ My Grade IS: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and **bring it to mass with you next weekend Saturday, November 20th or Sunday November 21st**

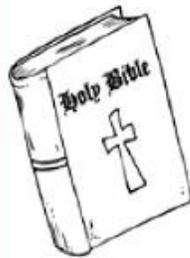


The Gospel Message: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man.

We are learning to accept change in our lives. Many things in our world change, but Jesus' words to us and his love for us will endure forever.

*Dear Jesus,
There are times when I am scared and sometimes when I don't make the best choices.
Please help me to find you, follow you, and hear you when I am worried.
For you are my comfort.
Amen*



O Be Careful!

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

The puzzle is base on Ephesians 5:15-20

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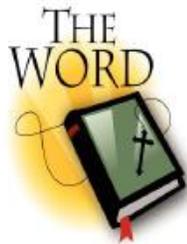
Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

For the: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, November 14th, 2021

Name: _____ Grade: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend Saturday, November 20th or

Sunday, November 21st, 2021



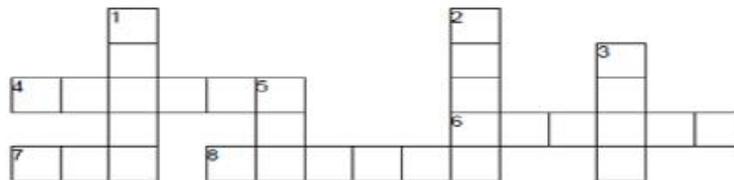
The Gospel Message: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus teaches about the signs of the coming of the Son of Man. As we prepare for changes in our lives, we find security in the people whose love for us will not change. Many things in our world are subject to change, but Jesus' words to us and his love for us will endure forever

There's a Great Day Coming

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Mark 13:32 (NLT)

Complete the activity below.



ACROSS

4. White fluffy items that float in the sky
6. To come back
7. A period of twenty-four hours.
8. Heavenly beings that serve God

DOWN

1. A position of high honor
2. Twinkling bodies in the night-time sky
3. A time period of sixty minutes
5. The source of light during the day

ANGELS	GLORY	SUN	HOUR
STARS	DAY	CLOUDS	RETURN

Dear Jesus,

Everyday things never stay the same for they change according to your will. But Jesus, please lead me always to your words, your grace, your will.

I worry when will things be different and maybe familiar, but when those thoughts confuse my heart, let me turn to you, for you are the light and way I wish to follow.

Amen

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL UPDATE~ AS OF NOVEMBER 9th, 2021

We are \$6,169 AWAY FROM GOAL!

We are \$10,912 AWAY FROM OUR REBATE

In this season of thanks and gratitude we remain grateful for all your support.

Should your means allow, please consider making a contribution



"Each individual Christian and every community is called to be an instrument of God for the liberation and promotion of the poor."

-Pope Francis

This Veterans Day, Help us Support A Place to Call Home

Charles spent 17 years deployed at military bases throughout the world. Returning home after an incident involving nerve gas, he began struggling with debilitating bouts of anxiety and depression.

His circumstances worsened and he couldn't maintain a steady job. Charles moved in with his mother, but within a year she died and his childhood home went into foreclosure.

Catholic Charities' *Project Veterans' Independence*, which guides homeless veterans into permanent housing so they can live independently and have access to support networks that get them back on their feet, reached out and helped Charles.

"I was out of the service, out of a family, out of a job and out of a home. Catholic Charities found me and helped me to not only find a place to live - but they helped me to turn my life around."

- Charles, honorably discharged US Veteran

*Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in someone's life.
Thank you!*

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

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Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

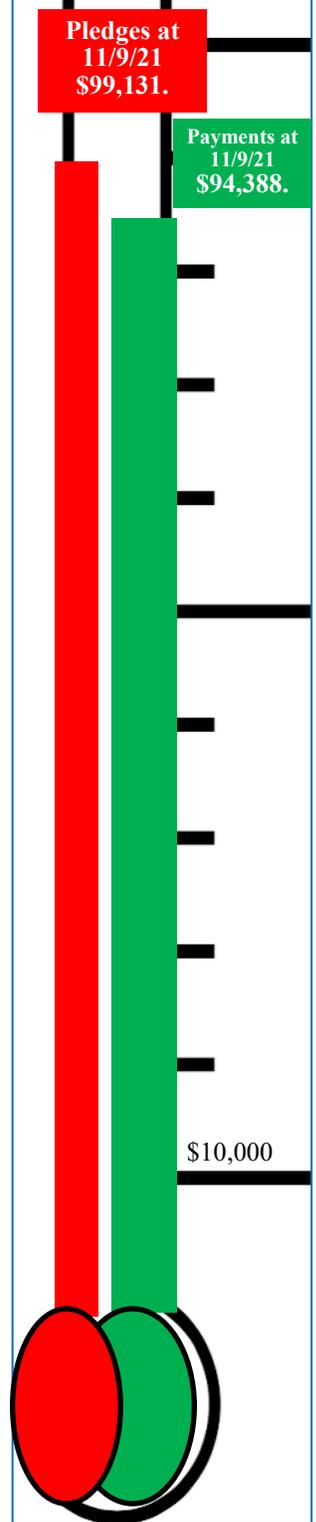
Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____



Parish Social Ministry

As We Give Thanks

To promote the independence of our service users and to better respect their dignity, we would like to empower them to make their own choices for a holiday dinner.

Therefore, again this year, we would appreciate more supermarket gift cards or monetary contributions and less in the way of food items.

Your donations may either be placed in the collection basket clearly marked PSM or be brought to the parish office during the day.

Distribution to our clients will be on Thursday, November 18th to allow shopping time. As ever, thank you for your heartfelt generosity and support.

O God, when I have food

O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency,
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help,
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.



The presence of those praying and offering help to the women who are driven to Planned Parenthood is making an impact. Thank you to those who have been able to pray with us. Planned Parenthood has changed the day the doctor will be available to those women seeking abortions.

*They are now only available on **Fridays**. So please join us on Friday mornings. We need your presence to pray and offer help from 8AM to 12 Noon. If you have any questions, please call 631-862-9370*



Our Pantry is fully stocked with thanks to all the wonderful generosity of all Apostles of Hope!

Thank you for sharing your hearts



Four Reasons Christians Care for Creation

1. We care for creation because Christianity is a comprehensive worldview.
2. We care for creation because we live in it.
3. We care for creation because it reveals God's character.
4. We care for creation because doing so validates and displays the gospel.

THE GREAT WORK AT SSPJ SCHOOL!

Congratulations Marco!

Marco Grimaldi is the first in his class to join the
Lector Ministry!



With the help and support of Ms. Nocera and Rita Byrne the Sts. Philip and James Eighth Grade students are the second lectors at a 5:00 pm mass on Saturday as part of their Religion curriculum.

After successfully completing his service as a student lector, Marco has responded to the call of being an Apostle of Hope and has decided to join the Lector ministry.

Marco is commended for his dedication and service to SSPJ Parish and School.



SSPJ students celebrating Vocations Awareness Week with Sister Theresita



Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Solemnity of Christ the King

Daniel 7:13-14
Ps 93:1-2,5
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

Monday November 22

St. Cecilia

Daniel 1:1-6,8-20
Dn 3:52-56
Luke 21:1-4

Tuesday November 23

Daniel 2:31-45
Dn 3:57-61
Luke 21:5-11

Wednesday November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & co.

Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,
16-17,23-28
Dn 3:62-67
Luke 21:12-19

Thursday Nov 25

Daniel 6:12-28
Dn 3:68-74
Luke 21:20-28
(Thanksgiving)
Sirach 50:22-24
1 Cor 1:3-9
Luke 17:11-19

Friday November 26

Daniel 7:2-14
Dn 3:75-81
Luke 21:29-33

Saturday November 27

Daniel 7:15-27
Dn 3:82-87
Luke 21:34-36

When the question of Christ's kingship comes up in the Gospel, Jesus redirects us to the true meaning of divine kingship. Without denying that he is king, he says: "The reason I was born into the world is to testify to the truth." He is not the king of a country or a world; he is the king of truth, the ruler of reality.

The perception of reality that we develop when Jesus is not our teacher and interpreter and revealer of truth is warped and blurred by the falsehoods and misunderstandings and counterfeits that float around in the kingdom of the world.

When we sin, it's because we don't fully understand the reality of the situation. Jesus is not yet fully the king of that part of our lives.

For example, think of a person who has asked you for something that you cannot afford to give. Perhaps it's the sick neighbor. Or the co-worker who doesn't have the level of faith that you have. Or the aging parent who needs more and more assistance.

Do you feel like you don't have enough to satisfy their needs? Are you so tired from your own burdens that you cannot take on someone else's? Well, it's our flesh nature that says we cannot enjoy doing more for others



than we're already doing. This is a warped view of reality; it looks like we'll be happier if we cater to our own desires instead of taking care of someone else's need.

In true reality, a joyful lifestyle develops when we listen to the voice of Jesus, even when he says, "go the extra mile" or "be like the Good Samaritan and take a detour to minister to others". We have to trust the truth that he teaches, regardless of how little we understand it.

Understanding grows in the doing of God's will more than in the thinking about it. Joy grows as we gain the understanding that comes from seeing some of the fruits of what we've done. When we sin, it's because we cannot envision the good fruits that will come from doing things the way Christ tells us to. Under his kingship and the Holy Spirit's wisdom, we gain freedom to overcome all of our sinful tendencies.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. "FEAR" is "False Evidence Appearing Real." What is fear telling you about the ways of Christ?
2. What will you do to give Jesus kingship in these areas?
3. Name a common misconception you've seen or experienced that keeps people away from Christ. Why do people believe this unreality?
4. How can we help them feel safe in learning the truth and accepting the kingship of Christ?

GIVING OURSELVES A BETTER STORY

In a recent book, *Living Between Worlds*, James Hollis offers a piece of wit that carries more depth than is first evident. A therapist says to a client, *I cannot solve your problem, but I can give you a more compelling story for your misery*. That's more than a wisecrack. Whether we feel good or bad about ourselves is often predicated on what kind of story we understand ourselves as living within.

I remember a seminar some years ago where one of the keynote speakers was a young French Canadian priest, Pierre Olivier Tremblay. Tremblay began his talk with words to this effect: I am a chaplain at a university, working with young college students. They are full of life, dreams, and energy; sadly, however they are mostly devoid of hope because *they have no meta-narrative*. They suffer a lot because they do not have a bigger story within which to understand themselves and make more sense of their own story. Their own stories, precious though they are, are too small and individualistic to give them much to draw on when pain and heartache beset them. They need a bigger story within which to situate themselves, a meta-narrative. While this wouldn't necessarily take away their pain and heartaches, it would give them something bigger within which to understand their suffering.

Hearing this, I think of my parents and the spirituality that helped sustain them and their generation. They had a meta-narrative, namely, the Christian story of salvation history and of how, in that story, at the very beginning of history, Adam and Eve committed an 'original sin' that has ever since skewed reality so as to leave us with the impossibility of ever attaining the full symphony in this life. When their lives got hard, as is the case with all of us, they had a religious perspective as to why they were frustrated and in pain. They understood themselves to be born into a flawed world and a flawed nature. Hence, their prayer included the words, *for now we live, mourning and weeping in a valley of tears*.

Today we might frown on this and see it as unhealthy and morbid, but that narrative of Adam and Eve helped give some explanation and meaning to all the shortcomings in their lives. While it didn't take away their pain, it helped give dignity to their miseries. Today I see many sincere parents trying in new ways to give a bigger narrative to their young children through stories like *The Lion King*. That might indeed be helpful for young children; but as Pierre Olivier Tremblay points out, eventually a much bigger and more compelling narrative is needed.

The story within which we frame our pain makes all the difference in the world vis-a-vis how we cope with that pain. For example, James Hillman tells us that perhaps the biggest pain we experience with aging is *our idea of aging*. This is true too for many of our struggles. They need the dignity of being seen under a larger canopy. I like what Robertson Davies says when he laments that he doesn't want to struggle with a 'growing edge', but wants rather to be 'tempted by demon'. He wants to accord a higher dignity to his temptations!

A bigger story brings us this dignity because it helps us differentiate meaning from happiness. We invariably confuse the two. What we need to seek in life is meaning, not happiness. Indeed, happiness (as we generally understand it) can never be pursued because it is always a byproduct of something else. Moreover, happiness is ephemeral and episodic; it comes and goes. Meaning is abiding and can co-exist with pain and suffering. I doubt that Jesus was particularly happy as he hung dying on the cross, but I suspect that inside of all the pain, he was experiencing deep meaning, perhaps the deepest meaning of all. Not incidentally, he found this deepest of all meaning because he understood himself as being inside the deepest of all stories.

At the end of the day, faith, religion, community, friendship, and therapy, cannot take away our problems. Most times, there isn't any solution; a problem must be lived through. As Gabriel Marcel famously put it, life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved. The story within which we frame our pain is the key to turning problem into mystery.

Art Schopenhauer once wrote that all pain can be borne if it can be shared. The sharing he was referring to doesn't just have to do with friendship, community, and intimacy. It also has to do with story. Pain can be borne more generatively when it finds itself inside a larger story than our own, when it shares a meta-narrative, a horizon wide enough to dwarf idiosyncratic loneliness.

Hollis is right. No therapist can solve our problem, but he or she can help us find a bigger story that can give more meaning and dignity to our misery.