



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

March 31st, 2024
Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord



*"This is the day the Lord has made
Let us Rejoice and be Glad"*
Psalm 118

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

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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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Website—www.sspj.org

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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, March 17th, 2024:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,353.

Mail Collections: \$1,907.

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

Total Collection: \$14,634.04

Catholic Relief Services sent to DRVC

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****MARCH 24TH COLLECTIONS**

UNAVAILABLE AT PRINT DATE**

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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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,

Christ is risen! Christ is truly risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy Easter to all! We are delighted to welcome all who join us for today's joyful celebration. May the hope of Easter guide us to fulfill the theme on our Lenten bracelets and truly *receive one another as Christ*, for God comes disguised as our lives! May that awareness make us "bold" in the words of Mother Cabrini in the wonderful film based on her life. We're called to "lift up" one another and "lift up" God's world as Apostles of Hope. Mother Cabrini, like the first Apostle of the Resurrection, Mary Magdalene, heralds the risen hope God breathes in each of us today. We receive God in and through and with one another. We, the Body of Christ, though wounded as He was, give birth to a new spring filled with God's extraordinary loving grace. Our statues and crucifix are no longer covered and now call each of us to expose the beauty possible when we receive one another as Christ. Rejoice to be an Apostle of Hope!

Many thanks to all who helped to make the liturgies of Holy Week such graced experiences. Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates and the RCIA Team. God Bless, Christi Gallina on her baptism, Kristina Quadrino and Nick Hoffmann as they received the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Marianna Avellan as she completed her sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Blessings upon them, their families, and our RCIA team who continue to journey with them. Thank you to our Music Ministry, our liturgical ministers, all who planned, decorated, and assisted with the many details of our liturgies. Our parish continues to be richly blessed.

At each Easter Mass we were invited to renew our baptismal promises. Our liturgies of the Easter season will continue to connect us with our baptismal commitment. Our weekend Masses will begin with an "Asperges" or "Sprinkling Rite", as we celebrate the life-giving waters of Easter. Please consider how Easter joy might be encouraging you to be an Apostle of Hope in your family and in our parish!

We're invited to continue our Easter celebration at home with a Family Blessing. After Mass each family is invited to take home a small bottle of holy water and to ask God's blessing, signaling the new life the Risen Lord bids us to bring into our homes and neighborhoods. A Blessing Prayer is included in today's bulletin.

One of the most common Christian symbols associated with Easter is the lamb with a banner bearing a cross. In ancient times the Jews sacrificed a lamb in the course of the Passover celebration. The early Christians, most of whom were Hebrews, associated the sacrifice of the lamb with Christ's sacrifice on the cross. They connected the joyous Passover festival commemorating the liberation of the Hebrews from years of bondage in Egypt with the liberation from death represented by the Resurrection. Today's bulletin includes a "Paschal Lamb" for you to place in your window from Easter until Pentecost which this year falls on May 19th.

And finally,

*Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
How do moths swim? Using the butterfly stroke.
What's an astronaut's favorite part of a computer? The space bar.
I was hit in the head with a soda can. Thankfully it was a soft drink.*

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of March 31st, 2024

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION
MONDAY
1:30PM-7PM
IN THE CHURCH**



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
Bob DelCielo
Rob Remhild
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
George Fitzpatrick
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
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 Cielo
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
Ricardo Buffit
Rob Remhild & Family
Riordan Cavooris
Rogelio Martinez
Ronnie Paciella
Rose
Ryan Duffy
Sara Jean Andersen
Stanley Stura
Stephen Dolce
Susanne Smith
Tonja Perdue
Tara Cesarski
Teresa Mattera
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Thomas Liffrieri
Tom Ryan
Tom Focone
Vivien & John
Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.

Saturday March 30th Cantor:	Presider: Father Tom Lector: EM: *Per assignment*	9:15am 7:00pm	Morning Prayer No Intentions
Sunday March 31st Cantor: .	Presider: Father Tom Lector: EM: *Per assignment*	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor:	Presider: Father Joe Lector: EM. *Per assignment*:	10:00am	Easter Novena
Cantor:	<u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Joe Lector: EM: *Per Assignment*	12:00pm	No Intentions
Monday April 1st		7:30am 9:15am	Easter Novena Michael Kaplon
Tuesday April 2nd		7:30am 9:15am	Easter Novena Ray & Ruth Benfio
Wednesday April 3rd		7:30am 9:15am	Easter Novena Pat Henrich
Thursday April 4th		7:30am 9:15am	Easter Novena <u>Collective Mass:</u> Ralph & Theresa Guzzo Brigid Winters
Friday April 5th		7:30am 9:15am	Easter Novena Margaret Breheny & Claire D'Angelo
Saturday April 6th Cantor: Lupinacci	Presider: Father Tom Lector:Dreschler/Burke EM:Licari/Sisti/Anderson/ Damato/Drechsler	9:15am 5:00pm	Easter Novena Liam Bentley & Family
Sunday April 7th Cantor: Lohman	Presider: Father Tom Lector:O'Leary/White EM:Conti/Rizzo/Czujko/ Sehne/M. Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: Hill	Presider: Father Joe Lector:Zahorodny/Luna EM:Napolitano/Suski/ Parish/Mulhall/Orlando/ Sotomayer	10:00am	Easter Novena
Cantor: Feeney	<u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Joe Lector: Latino/Smith EM:Consenz/Samson/ Stack/Settinieri	12:00pm	Antonina Griffio Heidi Alicia Austin Maria Fazio Thomas O'Brien Claudia Chandler Joey Morda

Altar Memorial for the Week of March 31st, 2024



*Our Bread & Wine
Are Dedicated
To Our Dear Son,*

Michael Kaplon

“Happy Heavenly Birthday”

*With Our Love Forever,
Your Family*



The 2025 MASS BOOK
WILL BE AVAILABLE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 8TH
AT THE PARISH CENTER
OFFICE

An Easter Prayer

O God,
Open my heart this Easter,
so that the Holy Spirit
may allow seeds of hope
to flourish within me.
For my deepest wish is to be
Your instrument of peace;
to be a presence of Your love
and compassion
for all the world to see.
Lift me up, Lord,
so I can recognize signs
of rebirth all around,
and rejoice at the promise
of eternal life
in Christ.

Amen



HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.

The “blessed” are those who respond to the forms of poverty with love, with service: not by turning away, but by giving food and drink, by clothing, sheltering, visiting; in short, by being close to those in need. And this is because Jesus, our King, who calls himself the Son of man, finds his favourite sisters and brothers in the most fragile women and men. His “regal hall” is set up where there are people who suffer and need help. This is the “court” of our King. And the style with which his friends, those who have Jesus as their Lord, are called to distinguish themselves is his own style: compassion, mercy, tenderness. They ennoble the heart and descend like oil on the wounds of those injured by life.”
Pope Francis "



Happy Easter to all from the Music Ministry!!

Thank you to all in the Music Ministry for a prayerful Lent and Joyous Easter. All your time, commitment and dedication, extra singing, and playing are greatly appreciated.

Gloria is back, and Alleluia's are sung. For the Easter season we will be singing Water of Life and renew our Baptism promises., # 946.

*Mass parts change to the Mass of Christ the Savior,
918, 919, 922, 923*

Remember TOGETHER we sing our praise to God.



***STATIONS OF THE CROSS CONCLUDES THIS FRIDAY
EVENING APRIL 5TH
AT 7PM IN THE CHURCH***

Prayers of the Resurrection

Friday April 5th

Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Laudato Si

THIRTEENTH STATION: The Body of Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

After this, Joseph of Arimathea, secretly a disciple of Jesus for fear of the Jewish leaders, asked Pilate if he could remove the body of Jesus. And Pilate permitted it. So, he came and took his body.

As a follower of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea stepped forward in a very public way. This took great courage.

While we cannot stop global warming overnight, we can slow its rate by reducing fossil fuel pollution. But to do this, all of us will need to step out of our comfort zones into the public realm, as Joseph did, and use our voices and our votes to address this crisis. Pope Francis reminds us that "...along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a "culture of care" which permeates all of society.(LS 231)

FOURTEENTH STATION: The Body of Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed.

We bury God's creation in a tomb of injustice and environmental destruction. Since the advent of the industrial revolution, the human family has produced so many fossil fuel emissions that our entire planet is now enveloped in a layer of a warming atmosphere. The greenhouse gas effect is increasingly becoming our planet's tomb; we are trapped in it...not just some of us, but all of us. We are in a time when the whole of humanity is called to act together to turn this around. There is urgency to act now, while, with God's help, we can still turn our tomb into hopeful resurrection.

The Creator does not abandon us, he doesn't leave us alone, for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward." (LS 245)

FIFTEENTH STATION: Jesus Rises from the Dead

Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices so that they might go and anoint him. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large. On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold, the place where they laid him.

In the light of the Resurrection, we work for the renewal of humanity, the earth, and all of God's creation. The resurrection of Jesus inspires us to live in a new way - to live sustainably and simply - as we work toward the renewal of the earth so that all of creation will rise into new life.

"As never before in history, common destiny beckons us to seek a new beginning... Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life." (LS 207)

AN EASTER LETTER FROM BISHOP BARRES



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Easter 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter to you and your families! Thank you for your love for the inspired Word of God. Thank you for your love for the Resurrection appearances of our Lord in this Easter season and the way your lives are set on fire in your meditation and contemplation of these mysteries.

Thank you for your fidelity to the Eucharist and the Sunday Mass and your Catholic spirit of evangelization. Thank you for being instruments of Eucharistic Revival.

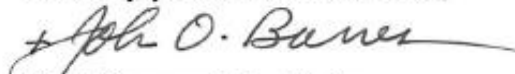
In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis states: “Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power.” (276)

We continue to live through “the storms of history” and we rely on the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds in Ukraine, the Middle East, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the region of the Sahel, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan and so many other troubled areas of the world.¹ We ask the Risen Lord and his glorified wounds to touch the wounds experienced in our own country.

In *The Everlasting Man*, G.K. Chesterton captured the power of our Lord’s Resurrection experienced in the cycles of history. He wrote: “Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.”

This Easter and every Easter we celebrate this Everlasting Man who knew his way out of the grave and who invites us and the Catholic Church on Long Island to a great Resurrection.

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,


Most Reverend John O. Barres
Diocese of Rockville Centre

¹ See Pope Francis’ December 25, 2023 *Urbi et Orbi* Message.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RCIA CANDIDATES AND
OUR RCIA TEAM, AND SISTER T!
WHAT A JOYOUS EASTER VIGIL**

GOD BLESS

**MARIANNA
AVELLAN**



GOD BLESS

**KRISTINA
QUADRINO**



GOD BLESS

**NICK
HOFFMANN**

RCIA Prayer

Lord, we pray for those in the RCIA
process who journey to you.

Strengthen their faith.

Open their hearts to the fullness of your
love.

Deepen their understanding.

Set their hearts on fire for the
kingdom of God.

We ask this through Jesus, who is the
Way, the Truth, and the Life for all.

Amen.

GOD BLESS

**CHRISTI
GALLINA**

CMA 2024 TOGETHER WE CAN REACH IT!!

**TOTALS RECEIVED AS OF
MARCH 19TH, 2024**

GOAL: \$102,000

PLEDGES: \$36,645. PAYMENTS: \$20,475.



"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."*

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

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

THANK YOU



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL GRADES WILL NOT BE HELD DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 24TH, 2024

CLASSES WILL RESUME DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 31ST, 2024

WISHING ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES A BLESSED HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CELEBRATION!

Congratulations to Shane and Jack on their wonderful accomplishments at SSPJ School!

Lector Ministry

Congratulations and God bless Shane on being the 5th member of the SSPJ 2024 graduating class to join the Lector Ministry.

A great big THANK YOU to Miss Rita for preparing our students so well.



Way to go Jack Kollmer!

After earning the title of the top Speller at SSPJ School, Jack (Grade 7) successfully competed in the DRVC Zone 5 Spelling Bee and has earned the honor of being top DRVC Zone 5 speller! Keep up the outstanding work!

We are so proud of you!

Please open your hearts to these beautiful ministries;

The Lector Ministry and the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are feeling a calling to either, kindly write a note to Father Tom describing your desire to share your time and gifts .

Kindly send your letter to Father Tom by April 10th, 2024

Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., April 20 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Sat., April 27 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm

Training in ENGLISH:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Sat., April 27 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00
Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm
You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.
Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health**
Sat., April 27* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

*On April 27, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

A REFLECTION FROM SISTER T...

Dear Friends,

Alleluia, Jesus Christ is risen today, and I happily share with you Pope Francis' last 'Be Attitude' "BE MY WITNESSES". I just love the fact that it comes on Easter after we experienced Holy Week. Take the time during this week to make the reflection questions real for your own resurrection story.

Be My Witnesses

- .. Am I willing to share my faith story with others? Am I comfortable in sharing how I see God working in my life, even during the difficult times? Can I speak of my trust in God's plan for me?*
- .. Am I willing to go out to meet others where they are at? Am I able to accept others that are not as Intune with the presence of God in their lives? What about those who seem to be further along the journey in their faith? Do they intimidate me?*
- .. Am I willing to share my challenges and mistakes as well as my successes? Sometimes we look to forget the mistakes and not include them in our faith journey, where do I fit on the scale of accepting my challenges/mistakes? Can I accept the mistakes of others? Am I able to recognize the Good Fridays as well as the Easter Sundays in my life?*
- .. Am I willing to **JUST** listen to the other? How supportive am I of others as they walk their faith journey? Am I able to be a Witness of the way that Jesus spoke of and died for? Do I sometimes choose to be apathetic in my journey? Lastly how to I keep the challenge of being a Witness for my faith **ALIVE**?*

I pray that you have a blessed Easter and that these "BE ATTITUDES" have accompanied and helped you through your Lenten journey, "Be a Witness" for the faith, our world is in need of those who can bring the peace, joy, and hope of the Resurrection into the lives of others. Happy Easter!

Till next week,

Sister Theresita

I have Risen, and I am with you still,



Alleluia

Easter Home and Family Blessing Prayer

Lord, our God, You whose home is in heaven and on earth, surround this shelter with Your Holy Spirit. Encompass our home with the power of Your protection so that no evil or harm will come near. May Your blessing and protection shield our Home and family from destruction, storm, sickness and all that might bring evil to those who live here. (Members may take turns praying the following and sprinkling water in each room)

Blessed be this doorway. May all who come to it be treated with respect and kindness. May our comings and goings be under the seal of God's loving care.

Blessed be this living room and family room. May we truly live within it as people of peace. May prayer and playfulness never be strangers within its walls.

Blessed be this dining room. May all our meals be reminders of the presence and love of God in our home, lives and world.

Blessed be this kitchen. May our meals remind us always of the many blessings of this life, and may the ill-seasonings of anger and bitterness never poison the meals prepared here.

Blessed be this bathroom. May the spirits of health and healing abide here and teach us to honor and love our bodies and minds.

Blessed be these bedrooms. Here we shall find rest, refreshment and renewal. May the spirits of love and affection together with the spirits of the angels touch all who shall use these rooms.

Blessed be all the rooms of this home. May each of them be holy and filled with the spirit of happiness.

May our door be always open to those in need and may the holy light of God's presence shine brightly in this home. May it be a blessing for all who live here and for everyone who shall come to our door.

May God's holy blessings rest upon us all; in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN!



Parish Social Ministry

Our Food Pantry Needs:

**CANNED CHICKEN
CANNED TUNA**
Thank you so very much!



We remember the family and friends of,

Thomas Ginty

Safely Home in the arms of our Lord



Prayer blankets will be blessed on April 6 at the 5 PM Mass.

If you know a family member or friend in need of the prayers and love of the SSPJ family, please feel free to take one.



We give thanks for the faith we celebrate in Your Son, the Risen Jesus Christ who has inspired us to gather in thanksgiving and praise. May we have the courage to give expression to our faith with practical actions for the betterment of each other and of your creation to ensure the rejuvenation of our common home.

SENIOR GROUP GATHERING

**Seniors will meet on Monday, April 8
from
1:30-3:30 in the Sts. Philip & James
Room.
Please join us for an afternoon of faith,
fun, and friendship.**

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

*Sends you wishes of joy this Holy Easter Season!
With gratitude, we thank you for your defense of all
life,
and wish that God may be ever near to you and your
families!*

*Remember to celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy
next Sunday April 7th in thanksgiving for the mercy
we have all received!*

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



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**

Our Family Prayer Intention~ April, 2024

Your prayers will be offered to Jesus during all masses this month.

Look for them beside the Tabernacle

Please offer your intention at mass next weekend;

Palm Sunday March 24th, 2024

We as a Parish Family will be holding you in our prayers

FAMILY/STUDENT NAMES	STUDENT GRADE LEVEL/SSPJ SCHOOL

Dear Jesus,

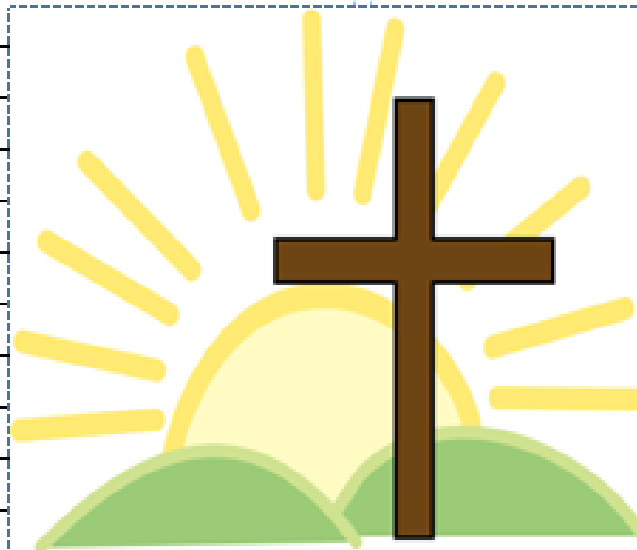
We thank you for all the blessings we have received by your grace and love. We pray that you will continually remind us that we are never alone, and that you are always by our side.

Jesus, we offer you our hearts, our needs, our intentions, knowing that you hear us. Let your will be done.

Amen

Who do you know that might need some special love, some kindness, or a smile to cheer them?

Together as a family we offer them in our prayers...



Reflecting and Preparing for Next Sunday, April 7th., 2024
Sunday of Divine Mercy

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 7

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 8

Annunciation of the Lord
Is 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, April 9

Acts 4:32-37
Ps 93:1-2,5
Jn 3:7-15

Wednesday, April 10

Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-9
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 11

St. Stanislaus
Acts 5:27-33
Ps 34:2,9,17-20
Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 12

Acts 5:34-42
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 13

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
Jn 6:16-21

Divine Mercy Sunday is one of the Church's most inspiring and comforting feast days. In today's Gospel, Christ's compassion and love shine when he appeared to his disciples in the locked Upper Room on that first Easter evening after he rose from the dead.

Frightened and confused, his friends were shaken following the traumatic events they had just experienced, and they huddled in fear and confusion. They had received a report that Jesus had risen and was alive! What would Jesus say to them now? Would he be angry with their denials, betrayal, and fear?

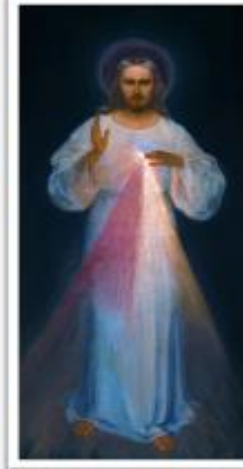
When our Lord appeared to them, he immediately put them at ease with his words of grace, "Peace be with you." He gifted them with the Holy Spirit and gave them the power and mission to forgive sins.

Thomas, who missed the first appearance of Jesus, was filled with questions and doubts. Jesus showed much patience and compassion, just as he did with the other disciples, and

he continues to do for us. Jesus greeted him with peace and offered Thomas another chance, the experience of touching his wounds to help him believe, which won his heart for Christ.

Although Jesus affirms faith without sight, sometimes even the most passionate and faith-filled souls experience fear, doubts, failures, confusion, and setbacks. God's unlimited mercy and

love are unstoppable; he will continue pursuing souls and giving them more opportunities to trust in him and experiences to win their hearts. At the heart of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer was offered by Jesus to St. Faustina, which has seen many miracles unfold and brought people to conversion:



Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement

*for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. **Jesus, I trust in You.***

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you only feel at peace when things are going the way you want them to? How do you feel God's peace in difficult times?
- † Is there someone who needs mercy and forgiveness from you?
- † How does society's tendency towards lack of faith affect *your* faith and inner peace?
- † How do the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist give you the peace of Christ?
- † How can you offer the peace of Christ to others?

AND ALL MANNER OF BEING SHALL BE WELL

We are all, I suspect, familiar with the famous expression from Julian of Norwich, now an axiom in our language. She once famously wrote: In the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of being shall be well. To which Oscar Wilde is reported to have added: "And if it isn't well, then it's still not the end"

Few words better express what we celebrate in the resurrection of Jesus. Belief in the resurrection, belief that God raised Jesus from the dead, constitutes the very ground of our Christian faith. Everything else we believe in as Christians is grounded on that truth and, as St. Paul says, if that isn't true, if Jesus wasn't raised from the dead, we are the most deluded of all people. But if God did raise Jesus, and we believe that he did, then not only can the rest of Jesus' message be trusted, we can then live with the ultimate consolation that the end of our story has already been written and it is a happy, ecstatic ending. We will in the end, live happily ever after. Life is indeed a fairy tale.

How does the resurrection of Jesus guarantee that? Here's how Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, that wonderful scientist and mystic from the previous generation, answered. Once, having just made a presentation within which he presented a vision of how the cosmos and all of life will come together in one final harmony inside the Cosmic Christ at the end of time, he was challenged by a skeptic to this effect: "That's a lot of wishful thinking and optimism. But suppose we blow up the world with a nuclear bomb, what happens to your wishful thinking then?" Teilhard's answer wonderfully distinguishes genuine Christian hope both from wishful thinking and natural optimism, even as it affirms what the resurrection of Jesus guarantees. He responded in words to this effect: "If we blow up the world with a nuclear bomb, well that would be a two-million-year setback. But what I'm proposing will happen, not because I wish it so or have empirical evidence to warrant it. It will happen because Christ promised it, and in the resurrection, God showed that God has the power to deliver on that promise."

What we believe in as Christians is not based on wishful thinking or natural optimism, it's based on the word and promises of Jesus and the trustworthiness of that word and those promises is guaranteed by the resurrection of Jesus. When we believe this, we can live our lives without undue anxiety about anything, confident that the end of our story is already written and that it's a happy ending.

If we believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, if we believe in the resurrection, then, in essence, we believe that the world is already saved. We don't have to save the world; we only have to live in face of the fact that we believe it has already been saved. And if we live in face of that belief we can risk everything, risk our very lives, knowing that our ending of our story has already been written and that it's a happy one, no matter how dire things might look at present.

We see a wonderful example of this kind of belief in Archbishop Desmond Tutu, one of the key figures in opposing and eventually bringing down apartheid in South Africa. At the heart of the struggle to bring down apartheid, facing every kind of threat, he remained steadfast and even joyful in face of threats and overwhelming odds. What anchored him in his steadiness and joy? Belief in the resurrection of Jesus.

Occasionally on a Sunday morning when he would be preaching, armed soldiers would come into the church and line-up along the isles with their weapons in hand, hoping to intimidate him. Tutu, for his part, would smile at them and say: "I am glad you've come to join the winning side! We've already won!" In saying this, he wasn't talking about the battle over apartheid which, at that point, was still far from won. He was talking about the resurrection of Jesus, the definitive triumph of goodness over evil, which assures that, in the end, goodness will eventually triumph over evil, love over division, justice over injustice, and life over death.

Knowing that, we can live life in confidence and hope. It will end well, not because we wish it so or because things are looking that way for us. It will end well because Jesus promised it would and in the resurrection, God backs up that promise.

Hence there's nothing to fear, nothing – not defeat, not threat, not loss, not sickness, not even death. The resurrection of Jesus assures us that in the end all shall be well, and all shall be well, and every manner of being shall be well; and if it isn't well ... well, then it's still not the end!