



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

631-584-5454

August 21st, 2022
The Twenty-first Sunday
In Ordinary Time



"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough"

Luke 13:24

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

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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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

Website—www.sspj.org

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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**Collections: ~Thanking you for your generosity
Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

\$17,890

Weekly Collection: Sunday, August 14th, 2022:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$ 7,989.

Collections from Mail: \$1,900.

Assumption Collection: 674.

Faith Direct : (125Participants) \$3,203.

Total Collections: \$13,766.

Collection for Communications:

FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT

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USING SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232

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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MATTHEW PATRICK GALLAGHER US ARMY

MIDN ERIN NICASTRO, USN.

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

We have begun live-streaming of the 8am Sunday mass which is available to view on our the SSPJ Church Facebook page, while it is live at the 8am mass, it can be recalled at any time.

While Father Tom is away, A Reflection from Sister T

August 17, 2022

Recently I had the pleasure of visiting the Jersey shore, thanks to the generosity of a dear friend. While I was there, I sat by the ocean for several hours and just listened to the roar of the waves. While soaking in the beautiful sights and sounds of the shore, I was reminded of how powerful the water truly is.

This led me to reflect on other things that are very powerful. Since I had received an email earlier in the day that perhaps could have been written differently, I said to myself “words are powerful too!” They can build people up just as easily as they can tear them down. It made me stop and think: do I use my words carefully?

Some ordinary people who had great opportunity to use their words for good were the Prophets. The words of Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Ezekiel, and Jesus were very powerful indeed. Although they could have been viewed as condemning people, this is not so; they were crying out to help them to become aware of the way they were living. The prophets spoke of being faithful to God, of loving without measure, of being steadfast in adversity, and being more aware of our lives’ situations. The prophet’s words, whether from thousands of years ago or now, are challenging. There will always be an element of judgement in their speech, but it will be coupled with compassion. You truly can’t have one without the other.

So, what about me, us? How and what words do we speak? Do we encourage people, or are we harsh and condemning? Am I capable of taming my tongue? (James 3:1-18 raised that question.) Do we say things we later regret? Why is it so much easier to jump on the bandwagon of hate and cruelty in word and action than to encourage people who may need the extra TLC? Are we capable of seeing an unjust situation and dealing with it in a compassionate way?

I recently read somewhere that before you speak you should take a piece of paper, crumple it up into a ball then try and smooth it out again. The creases you created will always be there, impossible to erase or ignore. So it is with people; once words are spoken, they can’t be taken back, and we will always bear the mark of whatever harm they may do.

The power of water and the power of words. I think at times, it is easier to deal with the power of water! Once I remember saying to a Sister that I just loved creation. Her response to me was “that is easy! Loving people is the challenge”. She was so right, especially when we speak of how we treat one another. Nature doesn’t talk back!

Spend some time this week thinking about the power of your words. How do you see your words affecting those around you? Can you learn to tame your tongue? The power lies within all of us; how do you wield the power of your words? Hopefully, with compassion.

Till next week,

Sister Theresita

The power of *water* and the power of *words*

Mass Intentions, For the week of August 21st, 2022

Eucharistic Adoration

**Monday's
1:30-7:00pm
In the Church**



Remembering those who are struggling at this time with illness, loneliness and despair...

If you wish to have the SSPJ Parish family pray for someone who is feeling down, kindly contact the Parish Center office at 631-584-5454...

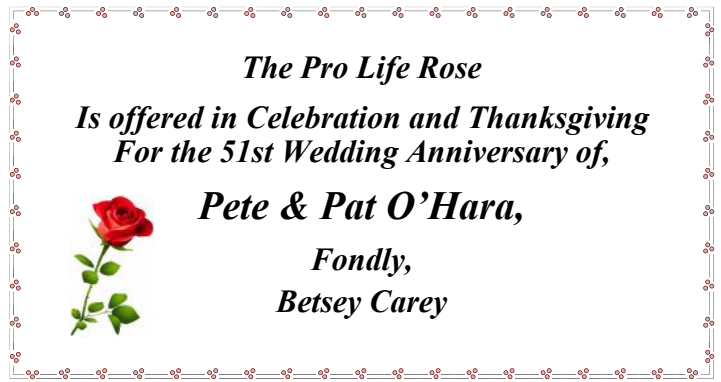
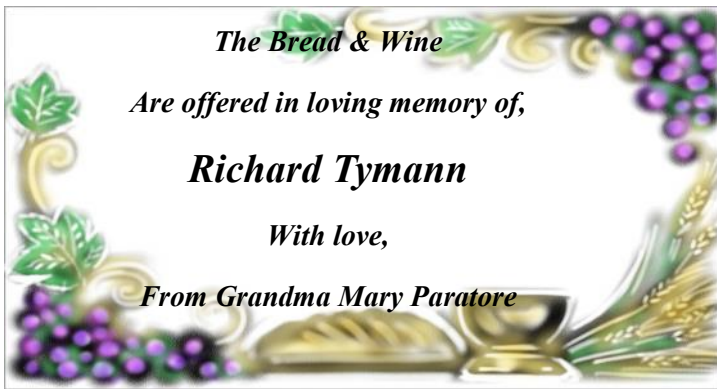
Remember in our hearts and prayers

Andy
Alfred Fox
Antonette Sabatino
Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Arthur Gureck
Austin Rocky
Baby Ben
Baby Penny Grace
Candela
Barbara Bombace
Barbara Ruland
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Barbara Sammarco
Belinda Groneman
Camille Staats
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Catherine & Jimmy
Catherine Smith
Claudia Chandler
David Beleck
David McCue
Deacon Ron Blasius
Deirdre W.
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Eleanor Bayley
Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Smith
Ellie Walsh
Emily Schiaratta
Flo Donohue
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Helen
Ida Jean D'angelis
Jack Donohue
Jakob King
Jamie Accardi
Jenny Bonanno
John Cronin
John DeStefano

Joseph
Judy Rampola
Gerry F.
Joe Dorrian
Joseph Costa
Kathleen Draper
Kathleen N.
Kerry
Kitty Cronin
Lee Krauer
Leon Donach
Lola Santangelo
Lori Cearney
Margaret Remhild
Mark Wagner
Maria Clark
Maria Collaro
Marie del Ciello
Maureen Litten
Mary Ann Cesarski
Matthew Parrella
Melissa C
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Paul Napoli
Patricia Acker
Patricia Trippree
Pasquale Savarese
Pat McCumber
Peter Donach
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Richard Lombardi, Sr.
Riordan Cavooris
Rogelio Martinez
Ronnie Paciella
Sara Jean Andersen
Stanley Stura
Sofia McCormick
Stephen Dolce
Suzanne Smith
Susanne Smith
Tara Cesarski
Tina Cafaro
Vivien Cordes
Veronica Broderick
William Capurso

Saturday August 20th	Presider: Father Ciya Lector: Lombardi/Grimaldi EM: Mantia/Rapp/Sisti/Byrne/ Taurassi	9:15am 5:00pm	Greg Mattia Jane Tinti
Sunday August 21st	Presider: Father Ciya Lector: Mantia/Kanuika EM: Czujko/Kanuika/Kenney/ Martin/Tully	8am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Luna/Cavooris EM: McKie/Mulhall/ Orlando/Reichert/Sotomayer	10:00am	Norma Annunziata
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector: Cashman/Smith EM: Parish/Samson/Margaret	12:00pm	Nicholas Materdomini Susan Meehan Frances Settoducato Rosalind Kaplan Bill Connors Jerry Linder
Monday August 22nd	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:30am 9:15am	Living~Juan Madariaga Ralph Silvestre
Tuesday August 23rd	Saint Rose of Lima	7:30am 9:15am	Frances Ferrari Ray & Ruth Bensin
Wednesday August 24th	Saint Bartholomew	7:30am 9:15am	Virginia While Lynn Gish
Thursday August 25th	St. Louis and St. Joseph Calasanz	7:30am 9:15am	Bill & Jessica Connors <u>Collective Mass</u> Cristen Mioh
Friday August 26th		7:30am 9:15am	Richard P. Tymann George Dunn
Saturday August 27th Saint Monica	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Halluska/Auletta EM: Rapp/Lombardi/Sisti/ Toto/Taurassi	9:15am 5:00pm	James Broderick John Muller
Sunday August 28th	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Czujko/Koke EM: Kenney/Martin/ Portanova/Sehne/Sica	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
	Presider: Father Ciya Lector: Cafaro/Latino EM: Amen/Latino/Luna/ Sotomayer/Anderson	10:00am	Mary Maljus
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Ciya Lector: Kenton/Just EM: Consenz/Napolitano/ Margaret	12:00pm	Franceseo Casali Bill Connors Edward L. Curtis Greg Mattia Marty Caltabiano Bill Connors, Jr.

Altar Memorials For the Week of August 21st, 2022

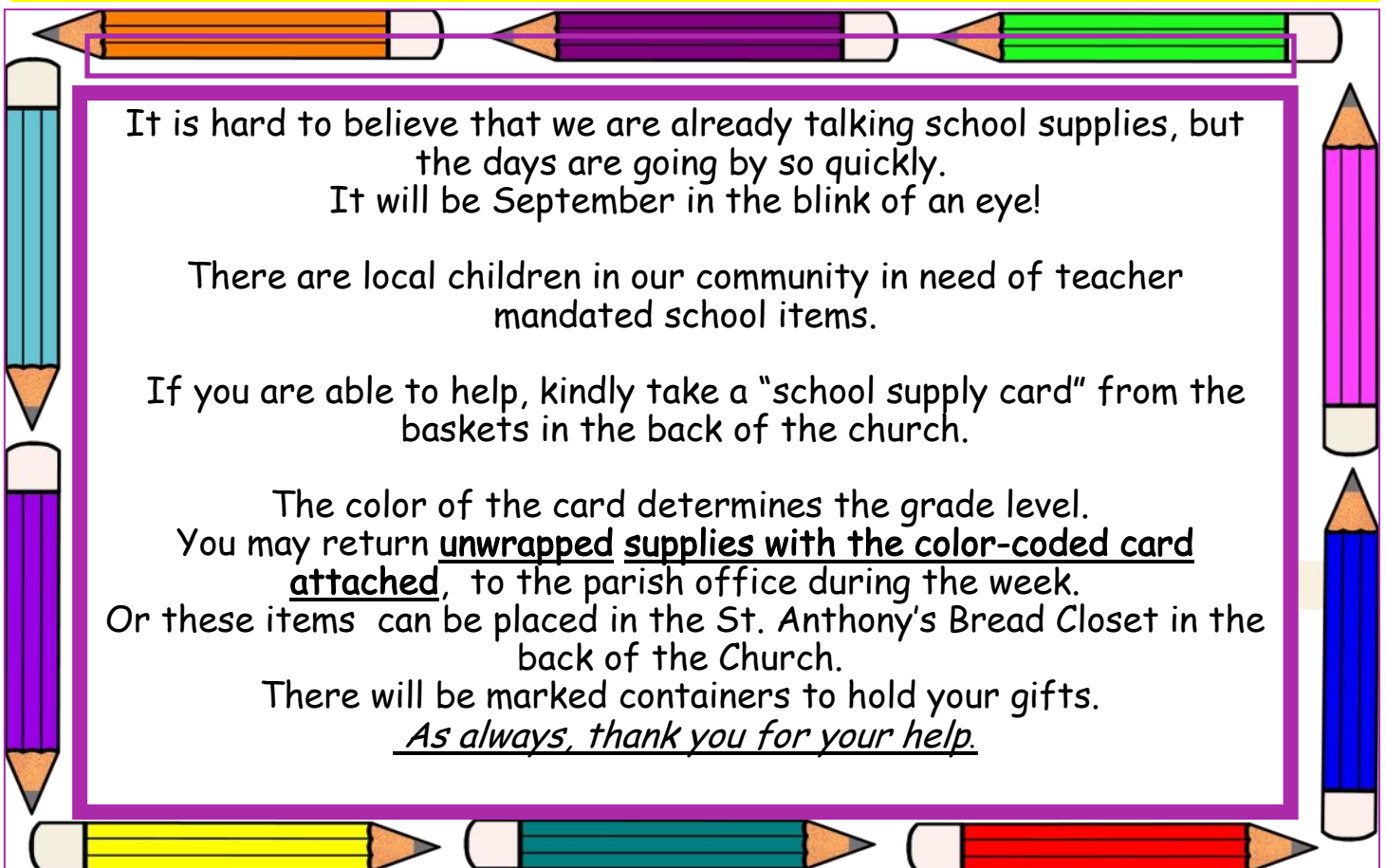


Our theme today is of a life service of living the way of Jesus. If we are shown the way to Jesus, we can fill others with abundant love.

Our Gathering hymn Gather Us in, Jesus gathers us in so we can know of his love. Presentation – Christ Be our light. God light shines on us today and Communion, One Love released brings it all together.

I am taking off the last 2 weekends of the month before we start anew. Please sing loud and strong and say Hi to the accompanists filling in for me. I am grateful for their help.

IT IS THAT MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN...PARISH
SOCIAL MINISTRY'S
"BACK TO SCHOOL" SUPPLY COLLECTION!



Good Things Happening at SSPJ School!

Meet the Teacher: Miss Nazzaro



Hello SSPJ families!

I am ecstatic to share that I will be teaching second grade next year at SSPJ!

After a fantastic first year of teaching at SSPJ, I could not be more excited to continue to be a part of your educational journey at a new grade level.

I am looking forward to getting to know each of you and help guide you through your first Communion.

I have so many exciting things planned for this year and can not wait to see your smiling faces soon!

Fun Facts:

- I am the cheer coach at SSPJ!
- I am also a dance teacher and Pure Barre instructor
- I love Disney! Especially Beauty and the Beast and Stitch!
- My favorite animal is a shark! I even went swimming with them in the Atlantic Ocean!

MEET the TEACHER

Hello! I'm Gabrielle Gallelli and I am so excited to be teaching Pre-K! I earned my Bachelor's Degree from St. Joseph's College and my Master's Degree from American College of Education. This school year will be my second-year teaching Pre-K and my first year at Sts. Philip and James School. I LOVE to teach, and my daily goal is to make our classroom a happy place to learn and grow. I can't wait to begin this school year!



FUN FACTS

- I always played school when I was little.
- My Child Development teacher, Ms. Schwender inspired me to become a teacher.
- I have a dog named Sophia
- I love spending time with my friends and family!

MY FAVORITES

COLOR: Turquoise

FOOD: Sushi

ANIMAL: Fox

CHILDREN'S BOOK: The Book With No Pictures

DRINK: Starbucks

WELCOME!

New Family Welcome

Welcome to our new Apostles of Hope!

Saturday, August 27th
Sts. Philip and James Church
5:00 PM Mass
Recess Yard
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Social

GREAT HAPPENINGS AT SSPJ SCHOOL!!!
 Enrollment to SSPJ School is ongoing -
 Come see all that our school has to offer
 As we embark on our 101st year of Catholic Education.

**Meet the Teacher:
 Ms. Merola**

Hello SSPJ Family and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year!!



I am excited to share with you that I will be moving from Kindergarten to teach 3rd grade this year!!

I am looking forward to continuing to be part of your educational journey. I can't wait to see how we will grow academically, socially, and spiritually together, as we continue to live as Jesus' disciples and strive to be Apostles of Hope!! Have a great rest of your summer and I'll see your smiling faces in September!! :)

Fun Facts & Favorites of Mine:

- I visited Charleston, SC with my family this summer!!
- We welcomed a new puppy into our home named Murphy!!
- I love anything chocolate and peanut butter, especially Reese's!!
- Orange and Yellow are my favorite colors because they brighten up my day!! :)



Meet the Teacher

MS. LUMLEY

WELCOME

to Kindergarten!

about me

Hello! My name is Brittany Lumley and I am so excited to be your child's kindergarten teacher this year! I have a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education and a Master's Degree in Infant/Toddler Early Childhood Special Education. I have planned fun and exciting learning activities for this school year. I cannot wait to meet your child and see them excel!



fun facts

- ★ My hobbies include working out and reading
- ★ I have a pet Chinchilla
- ★ My favorite meal is breakfast



★ I love to watch the sunset

my favorites

- ★ FOOD: Pizza & Sushi
- ★ DRINK: Coffee
- ★ COLOR: Yellow
- ★ STORE: Target
- ★ CANDY: Reese's
- ★ ANIMAL: Elephant



WELCOME!

Meet the Teacher: Mr. Petraglia



Hello everyone!

My name is Vincent Petraglia and I am thrilled to be the new 7th & 8th Grade SS and ELA teacher.

I am a recent graduate of SUNY Oswego earning a bachelor's degree in Adolescent Education. I am currently working towards my Master's degree in Special Education at St. Joseph's University. As someone who has taught throughout the state, I'm pleased to have found a home here in the Sts. Philip and James School Community.

I pray for a safe and happy school year and I look forward to meeting all of you.

SSPJ
SECOND
ANNUAL
OKTOBERFEST



LET THE FUN BEGIN! lass den Spaß beginnen

MUSIC - ENTERTAINMENT - GERMAN DINNER

OKTOBERFEST BEER TASTING ~ SODA

CARNIVAL GAMES FOR THE KIDS ~ PUMPKIN PICKIN'

Lass uns zusammenkommen ~ Let's gather together

SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 9TH ~ 4 - 8 PM.

SSPJ TOWNE SQUARE / AUDITORIUM

Cost \$35. Per Person - Children 12 & under \$10. / Under 5 free

You may purchase tickets at the Rectory Office or complete the form below and drop in the collection basket ~ mail to: 1 Carow Place ~ or dropped through the mail slot at the office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Number attending _____ (adults) _____ (children)

Payment enclosed _____ check total _____ cash total

Any questions please call Virginia 631-584-5454 x202 or email vportanova@sspj.org



**SSPJ
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OKTOBERFEST**

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 9TH

4 – 8 PM. SSPJ TOWNE SQUARE (AUDITORIUM)

Sponsor Opportunities to help defray the cost!

Donations of German Beers, Beverages!

I / We would love to SPONSOR OKTOBERFEST 2022

lass den Spaß beginnen

<u>Genutlichkeit Sponsor</u>	<u>Prost Sponsor</u>	<u>Bierhallen Sponsor</u>	<u>Wurst Sponsor</u>
\$500.	\$250.	\$100.	\$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.

The Good News of Sts. Philip & James School



Enrolling Now

for the 2022- 2023 School Year!

Nursery - Grade 8

***Catholic Education is a gift that lasts a lifetime.
Come see all that we have to offer as we embark on our 100th year!***

Before Care available Monday - Friday from 7:30 am - 8:30 am

After Care available Monday - Friday from 2:50 pm - 5:30 pm

Nursery Program Selection:

Half Day Program 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

Full Day Program 8:30 am - 2:50 pm

2 Days - Tuesday/Thursday

3 Days - Monday/Wednesday/Friday

5 Days - Monday - Friday

For information or to schedule a tour please contact

Principal Ms. Diane Anderson

631-584-7896

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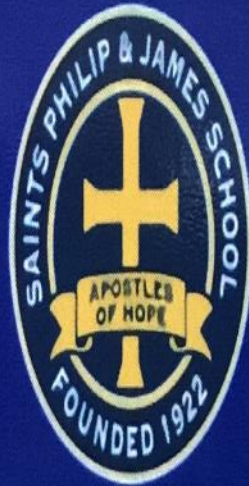
www.sspjschool.net

Celebrate SSPJ School

SAVE THE DATES

9/25/22

Mass & BBQ



11/25/22

Comedy Night

Celebrating 100 Years of Catholic Education

5/3/23

Gala

<https://www.facebook.com/SSPJ-Alumni-Friends-101521398508292>



WHAT AN AWESOME BLESSING! COME,
CELEBRATE SSPJ SCHOOL'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY!!

ALL ARE WELCOME TO THIS HISTORIC EVENT!



*SSPJ School Celebrates 100th Anniversary with
Centennial Mass & BBQ!*

*September 25, 2022
12 Noon Mass*

Bishop John Barres, Celebrant

*BBQ-SSPJ Recess Yard
1 pm - 4 pm*



Food, Games, DJ, Giveaways, 50/50 Raffle, Fellowship

\$15 adult / \$10 child / \$50 family

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Family Name: _____

_____ Adult Tickets- \$15 each

_____ Child (4 yrs. - 12 yrs.) Tickets- \$10 each

Children under 4 FREE

_____ Family Rate \$50

Total # attending _____ Total \$ _____ cash or _____ check

Make checks payable to SSPJ School

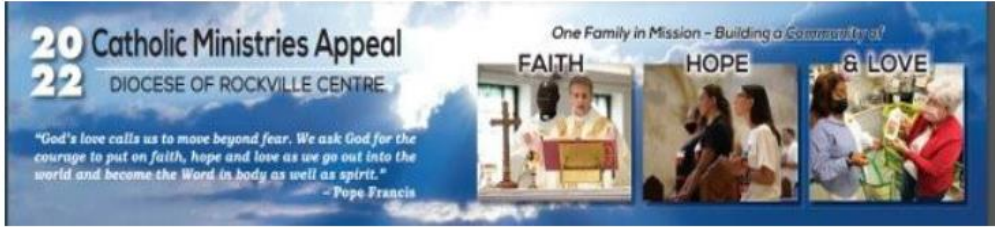
Mail/drop off at SSPJ School, 359 Clinton Ave., St. James, NY 11780 OR Place in the collection basket at
Church OR Place in the mail slot at the Parish Center. Thank you.

Today we are at 97% OF GOAL!! THANK YOU!
OUR PLEDGES ARE ONLY \$3,190 AWAY FROM OUR GOAL!!!
OUR PAYMENTS ARE NOW \$15,755 AWAY FROM OUR GOAL!!!
Every little sacrifice touches so many lives...

GOAL!
\$102,000

MIGHT WE BE ABLE TO OFFER JUST A SMALL PIECE OF OUR TREASURE TO LIFT OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS?

AS OF: 8/16/22



Sharing Our Gifts through the CMA

As stewards, we choose to live our lives in thanksgiving to our generous God. Our actions, our words, what we choose to do or not to do, are all examples of our gratitude. Christian stewards seek ways to share what we have been given. One very important way to exercise our stewardship is through the support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The CMA allows us an opportunity to share our gifts in many different ways and to *build a community of faith, hope and love.*

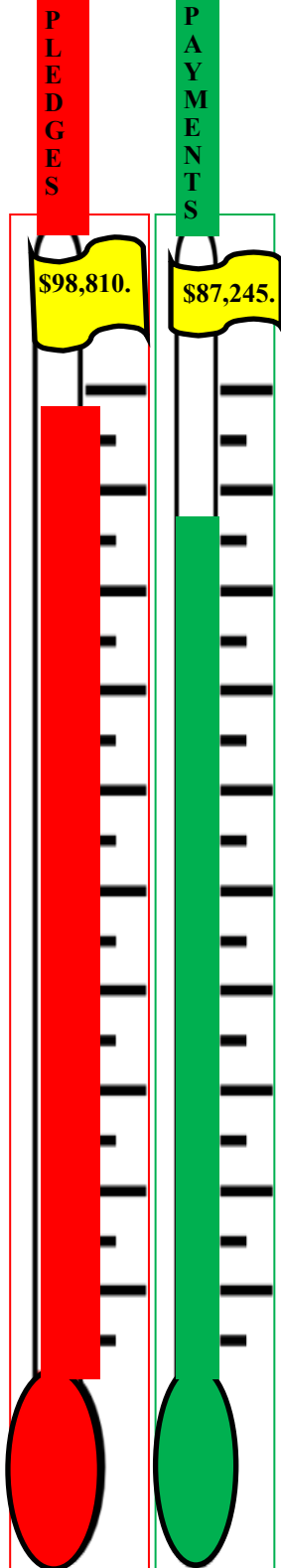
Gift of Financial Resources: More than 600,000 of our sisters and brothers received support and assistance from the funds shared through the CMA each year in our formation and Catholic Charities pastoral services. It is rare that just one person or one parish could touch this many lives. The CMA brings us beyond the individual, the group and the parish and unites us as one Church of Long Island.

Gift of Prayer: The Catholic Ministries Appeal brings us closer to those we help and support. We can become more "connected" with our sisters and brothers through prayer. We may wish to pray for those who support the Appeal, those who volunteer, those who receive support and even those who cannot participate for whatever reason.

Gifts of Time and Talent: The CMA offers opportunities to share our time and talent. Many parishes form CMA committees to support a smooth and organized Appeal effort. Others share their gifts by volunteering in the ministries that the CMA supports. One of the great benefits of the Appeal is communication. People are informed of the many good works, programs and opportunities in this diocese. The CMA tells of the good works of the Church and communicates the opportunities to share our God-given gifts.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal is Stewardship in action!

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



AS WE NEAR THE START OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR...

(Taken from The Sunday Visitor)

Kids need more than stuff to be successful in school (and in life). They need a strong foundation of faith. Outfit your kids' spiritual backpacks with the equipment they need.

Compass

Your student may still be learning east from west, but with a compass, they will always know right from wrong!, The Moral Compass can be there when you aren't. With care and regular use, your child will be as wise as King Solomon!

Parent part: Pray the following together before heading out the door: "God, help me make choices today that honor you, others and myself."

Dictionary

Words are the currency of any education, so make sure your child has the right ones at the ready. A dictionary contains some of the most powerful words in our vocabulary. Use them alone ("please") or in popular combinations ("thank you" and "I'm sorry"), and your child will move to the head of the class in no time!

Parent Part: Share the words of Pope Francis: "Above this door are written three words that we have already used other times: May I, thank you, and I'm sorry ... in their genuine sense of respect and desire for good, they are far away from any hypocrisy and duplicity."

Eraser

We all make mistakes. Whether giving or receiving, the sharp, pink Eraser of Forgiveness can turn the darkest of marks into shavings blown away with a single puff. Sure, it's important to remind our young scholars to be careful with their words (not all of them are so easily erased). But it's just as critical that they have a tool at the ready to fix the mistakes they make whenever they can.

Parent Part: Talk with your child about how it feels to ask forgiveness. How does it feel to offer forgiveness? (Does it feel a little like erasing our sins and starting from a clean slate?)

Day Planner

Life happens one day at a time. A Calendar/Planner will help your little time traveler see what's ahead of them and what's behind them while keeping a foot planted firmly in the gift of the present. With plenty of space for their memories and an almost infinite number of pages for new experiences, the Calendar/Planner can hold it all.

Parent Part: Measure how far your child has grown by talking with them about what it means to be a kid at their age. Heading off to school means they "get" to do a lot of the stuff they couldn't when they were younger.

Glue

School can be bumpy. A dab of Friendship (glue) can be just what the doctor ordered when cracks or chips appear in your student's confidence. The bonds of Friendship will teach your kids that relationships can be "sticky": sticking together; sticking up for someone being teased; sticking around when relationships with classmates get hard.

Parent Part: Model strong friendships for your child by being a good friend to the people in your life. Talk about the things you do for friends without any expectation of something in return.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
FOR: 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 1ST, 2022

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE ACCESSED ON THE WEBSITE: SSPJ.ORG

SELECT: RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ALL FAMILIES MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE PARISH IN ORDER TO REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

ANY QUESTIONS, KINDLY CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE AT 631-584-3204

Due to the nature of our Google classroom curriculum, we are unable to extend registration beyond October 1st, 2022.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY
FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:

IT IS TIME TO PICK UP YOUR BOOKS!

BOOKS FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR
WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE
FOLLOWING DATES:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23RD, 2022

FROM 5PM-8PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH, 2022

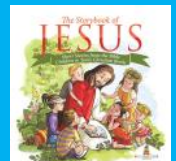
FROM 1PM –5PM

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH, 2022

FROM 9AM-12NOON

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Please contact Parish Social Ministry at 584-5454.

Helpful Phone Numbers~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Dept. of Social Services: 631-854-2300
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Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
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Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698
www.childrenscommunityhs.org
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607
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Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
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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
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Memory Care in NY: www.memorycare.com
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333
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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
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion): 888-456-4673
Response Crisis Center: (Suicide Hotline): 631-751-7500
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200



*Let us weep
with the
anguished
plea of
creation,
Let us hear
that plea and
respond to it
with deeds, so
that we and
future
generations
can continue
to rejoice in
creation's
sweet song of
life and hope.*

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29
Ps 68:4-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19,22-24a
Luke 14:1,7-14

Monday August 29
Passion of John the Baptist
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Ps 119:97-102
Mark 6:17-29

Tuesday August 30
1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Ps 145:8-14
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday August 31
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Ps 33:12-15,20-21
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday September 1
1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Ps 24:1b-6
Luke 5:1-11

Friday September 2
1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday September 3
St. Gregory the Great
1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Ps 145:17-21
Luke 6:1-5

This Sunday's Gospel reading raises the question: What are my expectations (my motivations) when I do good? How other-centered are they? How *self-centered*?

If benefiting others is done for the sake of receiving something in return, our motive is not Christ-like.

Jesus explains this with the example of inviting to a banquet those who cannot return the favor. He's not saying that we have to do this to be holy. That interpretation would be too literal; it misses the point.

The real message is that whatever we do, we should do it for the sake of love, rather than for repayment, i.e., for our own gain. We should do good to others for the sake of the benefit it will give to them. This seems like a no-brainer, but stop for a minute to think about how much you'd like to be thanked and appreciated. What else do

you hope to get from the good you do?

Even when someone sins against us and we pray for them to repent, our prayer should be offered out of concern for their souls. Sure, we also wish they would change so that our own lives will be easier, but that should not be our primary concern.

As followers of Christ, if we receive any blessings in return for the good we do, that's our bonus, not our motive. We can rightly look forward to such bonuses, but our joy does not depend on them.



By becoming aware of our motives and expectations, we gain the freedom to

choose to be more like Jesus. As he promised, "You will receive your reward at the resurrection of the righteous." The fulfillment of this promise begins now, in the moment that we decide to be like the Resurrected One, our Lord Jesus.

The reward he gives us here and now is the grace that enables us to do whatever he asks and to do it generously and cheerfully. We'll receive other blessings besides, but that's not our main motive.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. How upset do you get when others treat you unkindly after you've been nice to them?
2. When the give-and-take in a relationship is unequal, do you withhold goodness from that person?
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice your selfish motives this week. Take your anger to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask Jesus to empower you to care more about those people who have been upsetting you.
4. Describe a situation when you gave more than you received. How did God bless you in that? How was your sacrifice an example of Christ?

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

ONE GOD, ONE GUIDANCE SYSTEM, AND ONE ROAD FOR US ALL

At the end of the day, all of us, believers and non-believers, pious and impious, share one common humanity and all end up on the same road. This has many implications.

It's no secret that today religious practice is plummeting radically everywhere in the secular world. Those who are opting out don't all look the same, nor go by the same name. Some are *atheists*, explicitly denying the existence of God. Others are *agnostics*, open to accepting the existence of God but remaining undecided. Others self-define as *nones*; asked what faith they belong to they respond by saying none. There are those who define themselves as *dones*, done with religion and done with church. Then there are the *procrastinators*, persons who know that someday they will have to deal with the religious question, but, like Saint Augustine, keep saying, *eventually I need to do this, but not yet!* Finally, there's that huge group who define themselves as *spiritual-but-not-religious*, saying they believe in God but not in institutionalized religion.

All of us know people who are in one or several of these categories and are anxious about them. What can we do, if anything, to nudge these people towards faith, religion, and church? What will happen if they die in this state? Where does God stand in the face of this?

I suspect that God doesn't much share our anxiety here, not that God sees this as perfectly healthy (*humans are human!*), but rather that God has a larger perspective on it, is infinitely loving, and is long-suffering in patience while tolerating our choices. Why? What's God's larger perspective here?

First, the fact that our faith already baptizes those we love. Gabriel Marcel once famously stated, *To say to someone 'I love you' is to say, 'you will never be lost'.* As Christians, we understand this in terms of our unity inside the Body of Christ. Our love for someone links him or her to us, and since we are part of the Body of Christ, he or she too is linked to the Body of Christ, and to touch Christ is to touch grace. Thanks to the marvels of the Incarnation, every sincere Christian can say, 'my heaven includes this or that particular person whom I love.' We used to call this "baptism by desire", except that in this instance the desire for "baptism" is on our part, but still equally efficacious.

Next, we need to recognize that God loves these persons more than we do and is more solicitous for their happiness and salvation than we are. God loves everyone individually and passionately and works in ways to ensure that nobody gets lost. Moreover, God is tricky! As good Christian apologists have always pointed out, God has his own schemes, loving traps, and means to lead persons to faith.

Moreover, God is infinitely patient. If we bracket piety for a moment, we might profitably

compare God to a GPS (a *Global Positioning System*) given how infinitely patient and yet persistent a GPS is in giving us directions. A GPS is built with the presumption that it will frequently not be obeyed and that it will have to make the necessary adjustments. We are all familiar with how this works. We are driving towards a destination and the GPS tells us that in order to get there we need to make a right turn at the next intersection. However, we ignore its instruction and drive straight through the intersection. There is a brief silence and then the GPS, taking into account the fact that we ignored its original directive, says, 'recalculating' and gives us a new instruction vis-à-vis getting to our destination. And, it will repeat this cycle endlessly. A GPS, limitless in its patience, keeps 'recalculating', and keeps giving us a new instruction until we get to our destination. It never gives up on us.

God is the same. We have an intended destination and God gives us constant instructions along the way. Religion and the church are an excellent GPS. However, they can be ignored and frequently are. But, God's response is never one of anger nor of a final impatience. Like a trusted GPS, God is forever saying 'recalculating' and giving us new instructions predicated on our failure to accept the previous instruction. Eventually, no matter our number of wrong turns and dead ends, God will get us home.

One last thing. Ultimately, God is the only game in town, in that no matter how many false roads we take and how many good roads we ignore, we all end up on the one, same, last, final road. All of us: atheists, agnostics, nones, dones, searchers, procrastinators, those who don't believe in institutionalized religion, the indifferent, the belligerent, the angry, the bitter, and the wounded, end up on the same road heading towards the same destination – death. However, the good news is that this last road, for all of us, the pious and the impious alike, leads to God.