



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

October 24th 2021
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday



“What do you want me to do for you?”

The blind man replied to him,

“Master, I want to see”

“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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Father Joe Lobo-Associate Pastor
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Deacon John Keenan

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

Weekly Collection: October 17th, 2021: \$ 11,372.

Faith Direct : (131Participants) 3,622.

Total Collections: \$ 14,994.

**FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON:
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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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,

Picture this: Jesus looks at you and asks you, **What do you want me to do for you?** How would you answer? As with Bartimaeus, the blind man in today's gospel, so much depends on what's happening in our lives right now. Perhaps we might answer as quickly as Bartimaeus did. He knew right away what he wanted - he wanted to see! And his faith in Jesus enabled him to see. What about each of us? Are we in touch with what we really want from Jesus? Our deep-down needs? Or might we be "blind" to what we need from Jesus? Perhaps this week we might take some time to reflect on what it is in our lives that we would like **"to see through the eyes of faith"**.

Here's a prayer by Anne Osdieck which might help us to focus:

*Jesus, Son of David,
have pity on us,
as you did on Bartimaeus.*

*Everyone knew him; the son of Timaeus.
We are beggars too, and blind.
We can't stop crying out for the eyes of faith.*

*Help us throw off our cloaks of distrust.
Wrap us in faith.*

We want to follow you, as did Bartimaeus.

I'd like to ask you to prayerfully consider joining our Barnabas Ministry. Members of this ministry, like St. Barnabas whose name means "encourager", write positive words of encouragement to the students in both Religious Education and SSPJ School classes, responding to their reflections on Sunday's Scripture. Your message need not be long – a sentence or two affirming what the student has written, acknowledging them and their desire to come to know Jesus. The time commitment is up to you – perhaps a half hour a week. You would pick up the reflections on Tuesday or Wednesday and return them the following week when you pick up your next batch. This is a wonderful way to encourage our young people in their faith, as well as deepening your own faith. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up!

And,

*A somewhat ditsy, overweight person goes to the doctor and is put on a diet.
"I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day and repeat for two weeks and you will lose at least 5 pounds."
When the person returns, 20 pounds has been lost. The doctor exclaims "that's amazing! Did you follow my diet?"
The person nods. "But I thought I was going to drop dead every third day from all the skipping!"*

Peace

Father Tom

Mass Intentions, For the week of October 24th, 2021

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Banns of Marriage

First

**Joseph Huard
St. Matthews, Lake
Worth Fl
To
Megan Earl
SSPJ**

**Christopher D'Amico
To
Melissa Virga**



Remember in our hearts and prayers

Alan Evans
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 Thornton
Ellie Walsh
Esther Styles
Flo Donohue
Gloria Montesano
Grace Bertolone
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Helen
Heidi Ray
Jackie Harvey
Jack Donohue
Jamie Geiman
Jessica Venditto
John Cronin
John DeStefano
John Harney

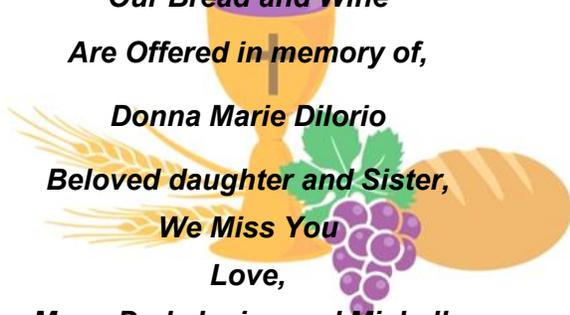
John Scomillio
Joseph H
Joseph
James Macchiano
Judy Rampola
Joseph Mazelis
Joseph Costa
Kenneth Cook
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Kim Olofson
Leon Donach
Lynn McDonnell
Mark Geld
Mary Ann Cesarski
Mary Monte
Mary Fresi
Maryann Kevlin
Maria Clark
Marie del Cielo
Marilyn Suli
Matthew Parrella
Marie & Frank Fiecco
Melissa C.
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Nancy & Paul Bertran
Nancy Cuccinotta
Pasquale Savarese
Pat LeDoux
Peggy Guerra
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

Saturday October 23rd	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Donegan/ Student EM: Mantia/Damato/ Toto</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	Frankie Stanganelli Anthony Starek
Sunday October 24th	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Willman/ Fitzpatrick EM: Czujko/Kanuika/ Kenney</i>	8am	For the People of SSPJ
	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Just/Geier EM: Amen/Latino/ Sotomayer</i>	10:00am	Lawrence Kenney
	Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Joe Lector: O'Hara/Kenton EM: Luna/Parish/ Consenz</i>	12:00pm	Rev. Robert Giuntini John Conway Christen Patricia Mich
Monday October 25th		7:30am 9:15am	Joanna Harrison Filomena Sardone
Tuesday October 26th		7:30am 9:15am	Living~Larissa Nussor Ana Jimenez
Wednesday October 27th		7:30am 9:15am	Living~Ann & Ed Svenningson Donna Marie DiIorio
Thursday October 28th		7:30am 9:15am	Thomas Bourguignon Collective Mass: Joseph David Boslet Theresa & Patrick Keane
Friday October 29th		7:30am 9:15am	Marjorie Weglein Jack Duffy
Saturday October 30th	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lectors: Auletta/Student EM: Lombardi/Duffy/ Damato</i>	9:15am 5:00pm	John Reese Michael Arcurio
Sunday October 31st	<i>Presider: Father Joe Lectors: Halluska/Kanuika EM: Ramos/Sehne/Sica</i>	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ
	<i>Presider: Father Tom Lectors: Luna/O'Leary EM: Mulhall/Orlando/ Sotomayer</i>	10:00am	Andrew Krauer
	Collective Mass <i>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Rubano/Suski EM: Napolitano/Parish/ Consenz</i>	12:00pm	Margaret C. Lettieri

Our Altar Memorials for the week of October 24th, 2021

**Our Bread and Wine
Are Offered in memory of,**

**Donna Marie Dilorio
Beloved daughter and Sister,
We Miss You
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jenine and Michelle**



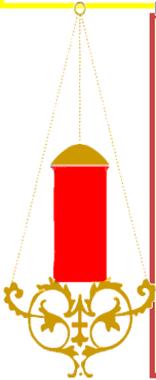
**Our Altar Candles
Are Burning in memory of,**

**Donna Marie Di Iorio
With Love,
From Your Family and all your Friends**



**The Sanctuary Lamp
Reflects the delicate soul of,
Joyce Duhning
Blessings with love,
The Duhning Family**

**The Pro-Life Rose
Is dedicated in memory of,
Donna Marie Di Iorio
With love from your sons,
Dominic and Donovan**



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: TODAY, OCTOBER 24TH

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

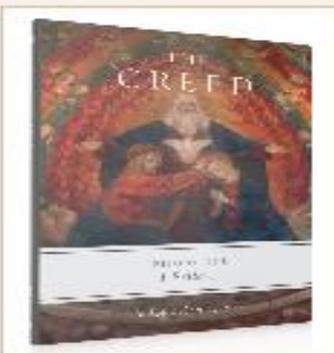
THE MEN'S FORUM

AT THE CHURCH OF SAINTS PHILIP & JAMES
A brotherhood of men dedicated to growing in their faith & discipleship in the Lord Jesus Christ.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

**Video Presentation & Discussion:
Bishop Robert Barron: "The Creed", Episode 1: "I Believe"**

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. Explore the meaning of "belief" and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son's Incarnation and the great drama of his Crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the Spiritus Sanctus, or "Holy Breath," shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all of humanity out of the world of sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ's divinity—not only in the next world, but here and now.



- 6:00 to 7:00pm: Adoration: Main Church
 - 7:00 to 8:30pm: Video Presentation: 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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At a recent Parish Council meeting, the topic of COVID concerns was discussed and the related effects it has had and continues to have on adults and their families, as well as teenagers. After much discussion, it was decided that it would be advisable to have presentations by professionals here at SSPJ. Since the concerns and effects are quite different for adults and teens, we plan to hold one session for adults and another for teenagers. We are planning to hold both sessions on **Saturday, November 20th at 4:00 pm**. In order for us to coordinate and arrange these sessions, we will need to know of your interest in attending.

Please fill out and return the form below, or you may also call the Parish Center Office and let us know of your interest.

PRESENTATION ON COVID CONCERNS ON NOVEMBER 20, 2021

I am interested in attending the session for ADULTS_____ or TEENS_____

Name_____

Tel. Number _____

Music Ministry

I want to take this opportunity to thank our cantors. We have 3 Adult Cantors; Barbara Meringolo, Jane Lohmann, and Jeannie Hill, 5 teen cantors: Anthony Spiezio, Katelyn Feeny, Nina Hughes, Nicole LoCastro and Madison McCulloh, ranging from Gr 8-11. The parish thanks you for the time, talent, and dedication you give to the Music Ministry as cantor and choir members.

Also, Grace Cazzaniga, when she is home from college.

I would like to introduce 2 new cantors. Judy Contrino, who sings one Sunday a month and is also a lector and new to the parish, Laura Lupinacci who will sing one or two Masses a month. Lastly, Carol Argentieri, cantor in training.

Welcome to the Music Ministry.

We are glad you heard the call to become Apostles of Hope in the Music Ministry.

Remember to sing at Mass. Now that we have the books there is no excuse. The numbers for the following weeks Masses are on the website under Fr Tom's reflection. Write the numbers down so you are ready to sing on Sunday and praise God through music !!!

The Parish of St. Patrick in Smithtown would like to invite you to attend the Treasures of The Church on Tuesday November 9th from 7:00-10:00pm.

St. Patrick Parish presents a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Tuesday November 9 at 7:00 pm. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of St. Patrick, St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and thousands have occurred through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. For most, this will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Please spread the word.

All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday,

November 2, 2021, at 7 PM

*We will remember with love
and in a special way
Our dear ones who have died
between*

September 1, 2020, and

August 31, 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

HOLIDAY VISIT TO CALVERTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

DATE: Wednesday, December 1, 2021

ARRIVAL AT CALVERTON: 9:30 A.M.

DEPARTURE FROM CALVERTON: 1:30 P.M.

BUS PICK-UP TIMES AND LOCATIONS:

(BUS WILL MAKE STOPS AT BOTH LOCATIONS ON RETURN TRIP)

8:15 a.m. THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME
190 East Main Street
Smithtown, New York 11787

8:30 a.m. SMITHTOWN SENIOR CENTER
420 Middle Country Road
Smithtown, New York 11787

YOU MUST CALL (631) 724-9500 - THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME TO RESERVE A SEAT ON THE BUS BY Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

THIS IS A FREE TRIP SPONSORED BY THE BRANCH FUNERAL HOME

COFFEE, DONUTS AND COLD DRINKS WILL BE SERVED,
ALONG WITH PIZZA ON THE WAY BACK.
THE BUS HAS A LAVATORY.

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE BUS DEPARTS.

Sts. Philip & James ~ Building a Beautiful City Raffle

Help us continue to Build a Beautiful City – not one out of reach but one within our own community

Out of struggles can we see a ray of hope reaching for the day ~
we can start slowly but truly mending ~ Brick by Brick, Heart by Heart ~
Maybe now we start learning how WE CAN BUILD A BEAUTIFUL CITY. Yes, we can.



Cost \$25 each / 3 for \$50. / 7 for \$100
Cash Prize \$2500 - First prize
\$500 - Second prize -- \$250 - Third prize
Additional ticket at the Rectory Office
Drawing ~ November 3, 2021 (after the 9:15 Mass)

Building a Beautiful City Raffle
Name _____
Address _____
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Tickets maybe dropped in the collection baskets at church or at the Rectory Office. If under \$5000 raised raffle will be held as a 50/50. Any questions call the office 631-584-5454 x202. Thank you for our support.

A Reflection from Sister T

Dear Friends,

As you may or may not be aware, Pope Francis has, among the many wonderful attempts to enliven and enrich the Church, opened the SYNODAL PATH on Sunday October 10th. The process will continue to 2023.

The phases of the Synod are interesting and so bear with me as I share it with you.

Phase 1 Diocese and Parishes around the world dream together about the future;

Phase 2 National and Regional bishops' conferences discern and synthesize;

Phase 3 Bishops and the baptized faithful convene in Rome to discuss content of Phase 1 and 2.

Okay, why am I sharing this with you? When I read the Pope's homily for October 10th, I was taken by the three words he used to describe the journey of the Synod. "Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same Road, walking together", he said. In walking that road, one needs to "encounter, listen and discern", all which Jesus did when he met the rich young man in the Gospel. It was those three words that grabbed me: encounter, listen and discern.

I thought to myself, do I really encounter someone? Am I present to where they are? Or do I have pat answers to SOLVE their concerns? It can really be tough to be present and ask questions that will help you understand the other. Is there eye contact, an air of peace and calm, or closeness? Hard questions only I can answer.

What about the second verb, listen? Do I really listen to the person I have encountered? A few sentences in, I am already thinking up a solution so we can move on. Am I willing to take the time to listen with my heart, not just my ears? Are we willing to be surprised by the spirit because we are truly listening to perhaps an opinion different than ours?

Now comes discern. Encountering and listening to others is not an end to why we have journeyed down the same road. Hopefully I have been changed because of the encounter and listening, the forming of a relationship. So, what do I do? Are my attitudes in process of growth? Have I experienced a change of heart? Where is this experience taking me? The answer to all of this is to look within. Am I ready to do that and make the changes necessary or is it the 'same old, same old'? Look at the story of the rich young man; how did Jesus walk with him? Am I willing to do that with another?

On an aside I mentioned this to our RCIA people Sunday and told them that we have encountered each other, hopefully will listen to each other, and then make the discerning decision to take the leap of faith they are being called to.

This week, test these three words and how they operate in your life. Check out the news about the Synod and Pope Francis' plan regarding its implementation. You'll may be on a road you never thought you would be, but you won't be alone.

Till next week,
Sister Theresita

A LITANY OF THE PERSON

Image of God

born of God's breath

vessel of divine Love

after his likeness

dwelling of God

capacity for the
infinite

eternally known
chosen of God

home of the Infinite
Majesty

abiding in the Son

called from eternity

life in the Lord

temple of the Holy
Spirit

branch of Christ

receptacle of the
Most High

wellspring of Living
Water

heir of the kingdom
the glory of God

abode of the Trinity.

God sings this litany

eternally in his Word.

This is who you
are.

Amen.

—Anonymous
Trappist monk,
via worldprayers.org

A Note To Our Students and Families ~ Weekly Gospel Reflections

Reflections for our Religious Education students are presented weekly in our bulletin.

As we stated at the Grade Level meetings, our Religious Education program is three tiered – **Learning** (doing the lessons), **Receiving** (attending Mass), and **Giving** (Acts of Service). All three parts are equally important. When our children attend Mass, they are physically in the presence of Christ. Even if they are reluctant at first to participate in the liturgy, they are there and being in Church is different from being anywhere else. They will see that a faith-filled community is made up of real people, old, young, rich, poor, healthy, disabled, good, bad, bored, engaged, all united in the same act of worshipping our God. At Mass they hear the Word of God and prayers praising our Lord. Those phrases expressing the foundation of our faith are repeated week after week and will stay with our children forever.

“WORDS ARE POWERFUL THINGS, AND THE RIGHT WORDS SHOULD BE SEEDED DEEP IN OUR CHILDREN’S MEMORIES. THEY MAY BLOSSOM UNEXPECTEDLY WHEN THEY DESPERATELY NEED THEM, BUT ONLY IF THEY’VE BEEN PLANTED BEFOREHAND”

Starting the weekend of November 6/7 for submission at Mass November 13/14 the following regulations will be in place:

- A reflection MUST be handed in each week and will be recorded. The due date is noted at the top of the reflection page.
- Weekly submissions will be recorded and MUST be handed in. Late submissions will not be credited. If you attend Mass at another church, please submit our reflection with a bulletin from that church by Tuesday for it to be credited accordingly.
- Our Religious Education office MUST be notified of any exceptions or illness via email to religioused@sspj.org
- Parents will be notified in the event a student misses 3 reflections. There are no opportunities for making up reflection assignments. Missing reflections will be cause for your child to step down a grade level.

It is our hope that through these reflections and attending Mass weekly your children will develop a relationship with God. God merely extends the invitation. It is our role as parents to make sure our children are present for that invitation.

OCTOBER PRAYER OF THE MONTH

*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...*

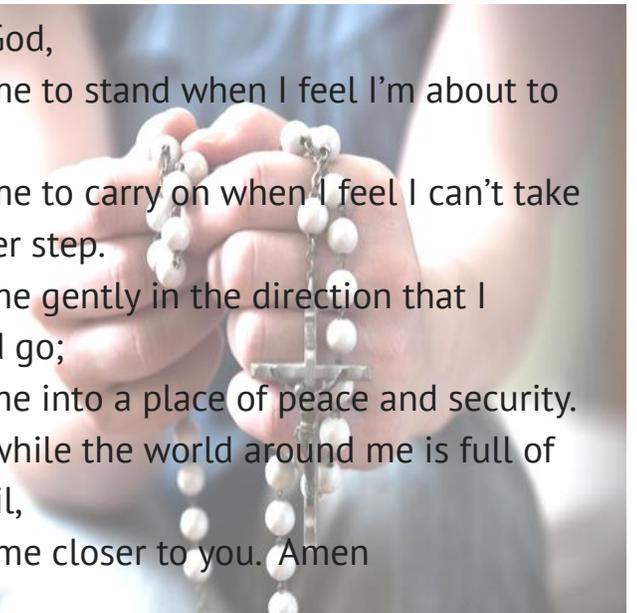
Hail Mary

**Hail Mary, Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour
of our death.**



Amen.

Dear God,
Help me to stand when I feel I'm about to fall;
Help me to carry on when I feel I can't take another step.
Lead me gently in the direction that I should go;
Lead me into a place of peace and security.
Even while the world around me is full of turmoil,
Bring me closer to you. Amen



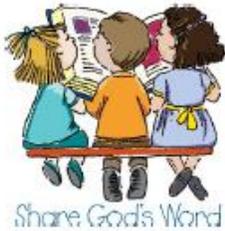
My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 24th, 2021

My Name Is: _____ My Grade IS: _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend Saturday, October 30th or Sunday, October 31st, 2021

The Gospel Message:



As Jesus and His disciples were traveling one day they came across a man named Bartimaeus. Bartimaeus was sitting on the side of the road, begging for food since He was blind. When he heard that it was Jesus walking past, he yelled out, "Jesus, have mercy on me!".

Some people around Bartimaeus told him to be quiet, but he didn't stop. He yelled again, "Jesus, have mercy on me! Because Bartimaeus believed that Jesus and only Jesus could heal him. Jesus healed Bartimaeus and he could now see. Jesus told him that his faith has saved him.

Challenge: Put a mask over your eyes and color this picture of Jesus healing Bartimaeus.

Do you think it would be easier to color without your eyes covered?

WHY?

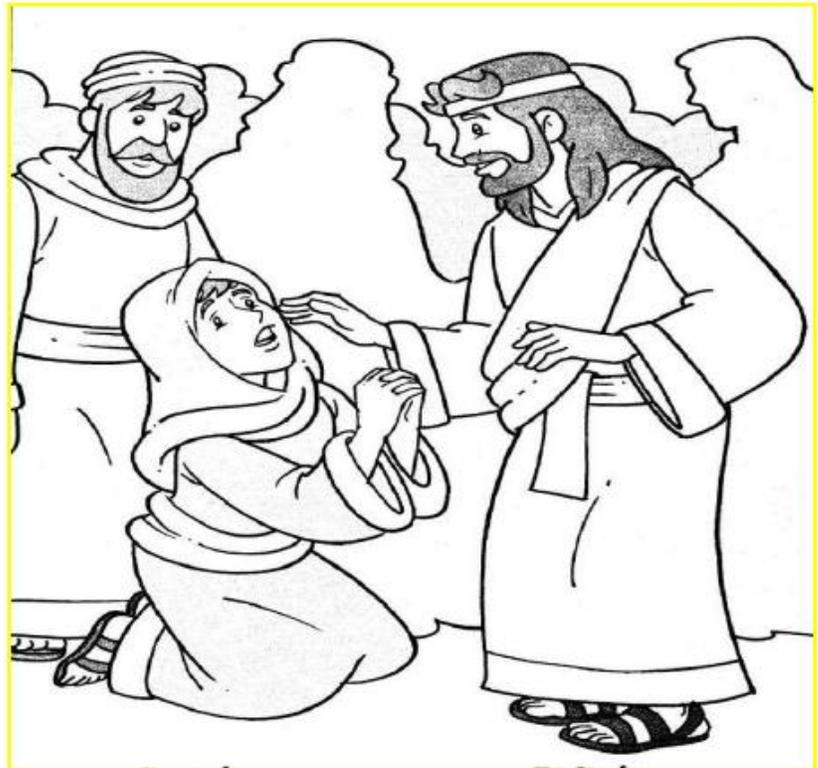
Jesus teaches us that when we hold him in our hearts, especially during times that we feel sad, that his love will open our eyes and take away our worries so that we can follow him always with happy hearts...

We pray:

Dear Jesus,

Please hear the prayers we have in our hearts and remind us that nothing is impossible when we hold faith in our hearts.

Amen



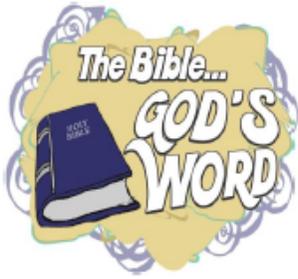
Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For the: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 24th, 2021

My Full Name: _____ My Grade IS: _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend Saturday, October 30th or Sunday, October 31st, 2021

The Gospel Message:



Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus. Mark 10:46-52

Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus when he sees him in a crowd, asking him to have pity on him. The people in the crowd told him to be quiet, but Jesus called Bartimaeus forward and restores his sight. Jesus tells Bartimaeus that his faith has saved him.

This gospel teaches us that that our persistence in prayer is a sign of our faith that God will save us and help us along the way.

If you called to Jesus do you think he would hear you?

If Jesus approached you and asked you; "What do you need?" what would you ask from him?

That is the lesson of faith....Always turning to Jesus to remove the things that block your ability to see his love for you.

Let Us Pray,

Jesus, help me to never be afraid to ask you to help me. When I am worried or need help, remind me that praying always makes me understand that faith in you is all that I need. Amen

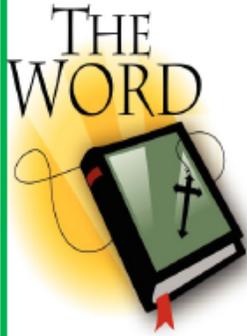
Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

For the: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 24th, 2021

Full Name: _____ Grade: _____

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The Gospel Message:



Mark 10:46-52

Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him.

Imagine that you were in the crowd with Bartimaeus, would you be the one telling him to be quiet?

Or would you be curious that Jesus could really heal him?

Having faith is what saved Bartimaeus. How do you think he received such persistent faith?

Do you think that having faith takes practice? And how can you begin?

Let Us Pray,

Jesus please remind me that having faith comes from remembering that all it takes is to remember to talk to you in prayer, to see with eyes of mercy and faith. That all my needs are met because of your never ending love for me.

Amen

WE ARE AT 92% OF GOAL!!!

Status as of October 19th, 2021

Pledges: \$97,710. Payments Received: \$91,395.

Every sacrifice is an act of love....



"No matter how much you live the experiences of these years of your youth, you will never know their deepest and fullest meaning unless you encounter each day your best friend, the friend who is Jesus"

- Pope Francis

Your donation to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal** creates pathways to faith for our Youth and lay leaders who catechize them. This is multi-level evangelization and *Dramatic Mission Growth* in action!

INSPIRE is a new initiative designed to invite young people to embrace their Catholic faith and deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, as well as to encourage renewal in outreach to teenagers in parish communities throughout the Diocese. Three "hub" parishes – St. Barnabas in Bellmore, St. John the Evangelist in Riverhead, and St. Joseph in Babylon – are hosting a series of INSPIRE Youth Nights over the next year. The nights will consist of Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship and inspiring talks, followed by games and refreshments. Each hub parish has a unique team of veteran youth ministers, worship leaders, and faithful young adults who will facilitate the night. The initiative officially kicked off on Friday, October 8th at St. Barnabas, with the other locations offering theirs in the weeks that follow.

The Office of Youth Ministry has been hosting information sessions for parish leaders to learn and discuss how they can make the most of the initiative. Youth ministers, catechetical leaders, priests, parents, and other adult leaders will have the opportunity to accompany the youth (grades 8-12) of their parish to each INSPIRE night and use the event as a vehicle to build relationships with the teens and their families. Local follow-up to these nights is encouraged and some resources will be provided.

For more information, go to:
<http://bit.ly/DRVCINSPIRE>

"The pandemic has obviously brought new challenges and obstacles to youth evangelization efforts around Long Island. INSPIRE is designed to bring young people together safely for prayer, catechesis, and fellowship, as well as to sow the seeds of evangelization for each parish group that attends, so that we can all be in a better place to build up young disciples in the Diocese of Rockville Centre." – Nolan Reynolds, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

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

Name: _____ Parish: _____

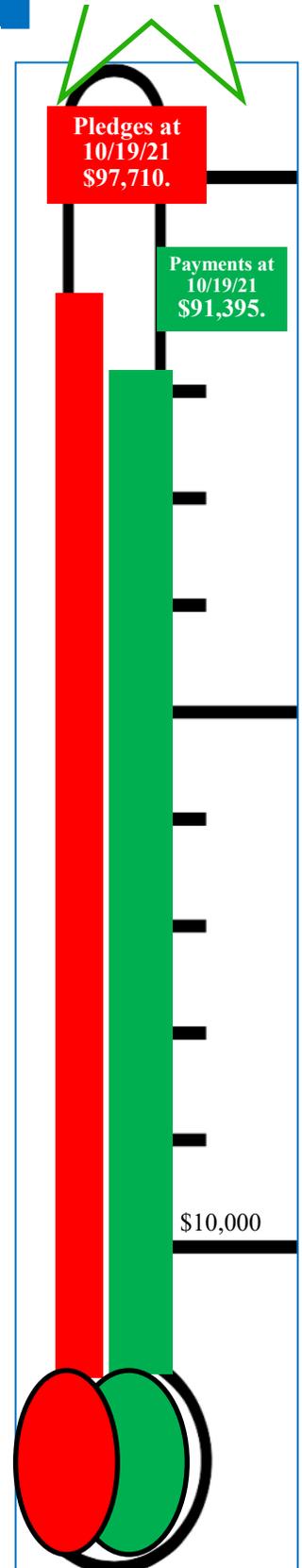
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To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296. Thank you.



The Great News At SSPJ School

SSPJ Student Council Trimester I Class Representatives



Madelyn Saladino
Grade 8



Marco Grimaldi
Grade 8



Emma Beam
Grade 8



Jack Hurlbert
Grade 7



Gianna Tomasino
Grade 7



Shane Stephen
Grade 7



Erin Kieran
Grade 6



Vincenza Franco
Grade 6



Julianna Carey
Grade 5



Christine McGovern
Grade 5

Under the direction of Ms. Corrine Nocera, the SSPJ Student Council is off to a great start. At their first meeting the group.....

- Proposed to have the athletes wear his/her jersey on game days to promote school spirit...***GO OWLS!***
- Spoke about The Water Bottle collection process. One representative will take the bottles home each week to cash in.
- Began planning their first fundraising event with a scheduled date of January 22nd, 2022...***Faculty VS. Student Basketball Game***
 - Student and faculty teams are in the process of being created
 - Posters, flyers, tickets, and promotional social media posts are in the works

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!

Parish Social Ministry



We Remember in Our Hearts...

Mary Malkus
Vincent Casano
James Cooper

Safely home in the loving hands of God

October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



ALL FOR JESUS THROUGH MARY

Join Catholic Radio @ 7PM each evening on AM 1350 or 1240 to pray the rosary for America. If you put Catholic Radio on your device, you can join individuals around the United States to pray for our country. Tune in during the day to hear amazing religious programming and listen while driving to learn more about your faith.

Here at SSPJ you can pray the rosary any weekday after the 7:30 AM Mass. Thursday morning in particular is for our Country. If you prefer, come after the early mass and you can stay for the 9:15 mass if you wish.

Any questions please call 631-862-9370



Join the Worldwide Movement which started on September 22 to protect mothers and babies. 40 days for Life campaigns have inspired many participants including the Respect Life Committee of SSPJ.

**Their hearts of mercy are involved in:
Peaceful prayer Vigil on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood building in Smithtown each Wednesday and/or Saturday from 8AM to 12 Noon and Thursday rosary at 6 PM. We encourage the moms to Choose Life.
Fasting and Sacrifice
Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 1:30-7PM
The closing hour from 6-7PM praying for respect for human life.
For further information please call 631-862-9370**



The Laudato Si Pledge is part of a global movement.

The pledge is a simple one.

I pledge to:

Pray for and with creation

Live more simply

Advocate to protect our common home

To sign the pledge, go to

www.livelaudatoSi.org



Prayer Before An Election

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned,

Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.

We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word,

live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace.

We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28b-34

Monday November 1

All Saints Day

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Ps 24:1b-2,3-4ab,5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Tuesday November 2

All Souls Day

Wisdom 3:1-9
Romans 5:5-11
or Romans 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Wednesday November 3

Romans 13:8-10
Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9
Luke 14:25-33

Thursday November 4

St. Charles Borromeo

Romans 14:7-12
Ps 27:1,4,13-14
Luke 15:1-10

Friday November 5

Romans 15:14-21
Ps 98:1-4
Luke 16:1-8

Saturday November 6

Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27
Ps 145:2-5,10-11
Luke 16:9-15

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus asserted the two greatest commands of the Law, quoting from the ancient Hebrew scriptures, which we have in the first reading. And the second reading, from the New Testament letter to the Hebrews, explains how the Law of Love supersedes or fulfills all other laws. Jesus, who loved perfectly and never sinned against anyone, sacrificed himself for sinners. Therefore, we who want to follow him to heaven need to follow in his footsteps of love, by loving God and everyone else whole-heartedly.

Try as we might, though, we love imperfectly; we sin. The best penance, then, is an act of love, especially if it's a sacrifice offered to (or for) those who were harmed by our sin. But the damage we've caused has a ripple effect that goes far beyond anything we can see. This is remedied in the Catholic Church's Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus – through the priest – ac-

cepts our remorse and absolves our sins, while the entire earthly Body of Christ (the Church) – through the priest – accepts our penances for the earthly damage that our sins have caused.

Penance is not only an act of love, it's designed to strengthen our resolve to choose love when tempted to sin again. If the priest gives us an easy penance (for

example, "Say the Lord's Prayer and three Hail Marys"), if we really want to become holier, we should ask God



during those three Hail Marys for a penance that's a more difficult act of love. We should choose a sacrifice, something that requires loving God with our whole heart, soul, and mind as well as loving ourselves and our neighbors just as much.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret said, "The love of Christ arouses us, urges us to run, and to fly, lifted on the wings of holy zeal." How high is your love flying? Zeal is a good measuring instrument of how much we love God.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Whom have you loved imperfectly this week?
2. What act of penance could you do that would be an exercise in loving them better, treating them the way Jesus would? When will you complete the reconciliation through the sacraments of the Church?
3. What does "zeal" mean? Name some of the ways that we love God with zeal.
4. Tell the story of a time when you made a sacrifice because of love. How did this reveal Jesus to others?

PERMISSION TO BE SAD

Let the preacher say, you have permission to be sad!

In a book, *When the Bartender Dims the Lights*, Ron Evans writes:

“There’s a line I came upon in the musings of a preacher: On a Sunday morning many of the people sitting before you are the walking wounded, and you need to give them permission to be sad. In a world obsessed with happiness, where being great is all that matters, let the preacher say, you have permission to be sad. And in a world where old age becomes the golden years, where every problem can be fixed and every ailment cured, let the preacher say, you have permission to be sad. In a world preoccupied with prolonging life, where death is a forbidden word, let the preacher say, you have permission to die. And let the preacher say, you have permission to live in memories of a lonesome kind.”

Today neither our culture nor our churches give us sufficient permission to be sad. Occasionally, yes, when a loved one dies or some particular tragedy befalls us, we are allowed to be sad, to be down, tearful, not upbeat. But there are so many other occasions and circumstances in our lives where our souls are legitimately sad, and our culture, churches, and egos do not give us the permission we need to feel what we are in fact experiencing – sadness. When that is the case, and it often is, we can either deny how we feel and go through the motions of being upbeat, or we can give way to our sadness, but only at the price of feeling there is something wrong with us, that we should not be feeling this way. Both are bad.

Sadness is an unavoidable part of life and not, in itself, a negative thing. In sadness, there is a cry to which we are often deaf. In sadness, our soul gets its chance to speak and its voice is telling us that a certain frustration, loss, death, inadequacy, moral failure, or particular circumstance or season of our lives is real, bitter, and unalterable. Acceptance is our only choice and sadness is its price. When that voice is not listened to, our health and sanity feel a strain.

For example, in a particularly challenging (raw) book, *Suicide and the Soul*, the late James Hillman states that sometimes what happens in a suicide is that the soul is so frustrated and wounded that it kills the body. For reasons too complex and many to know, that soul could not make itself heard and was never given permission to feel what it was in fact experiencing. At an extreme, this can kill the body.

We see this in a less-extreme (though also deadly) way in the phenomenon of anorexia among young women. There is an irresistible pressure from the culture (often coupled with actual bullying on social media) to have a perfect body. Unfortunately, nature doesn’t issue many of those. Thus, these young women need permission to accept the limitations of their own bodies and to be okay with the sadness that comes with that. Unfortunately, this isn’t happening, at least not nearly enough, and so instead of accepting the sadness of not having the body they want, these young women are forced (no matter the cost) to try to measure up. We see its sad effects.

Psychotherapists, who do dream work with clients, tell us that when we have bad dreams, the reason is often that our soul is angry with us. Since it cannot make itself heard during the day, it makes itself heard at night when we are helpless to drown it out.

There are many legitimate reasons for being sad. Some of us are born with “old souls”, poets, over-sensitive to the pathos in life. Some of us suffer from bad physical health, others from fragile mental health. Some of us have never been sufficiently loved and honored for who we are; others have had our hearts broken by infidelity and betrayal. Some of us have had our lives irrevocably ripped apart by abuse, rape, and violence; others are simply hopeless, frustrated romantics with perpetually crushed dreams, agonizing in nostalgia. Moreover, all of us will have our own share of losing loved ones, of breakdowns of all sorts, and bad seasons that test the heart. There are a myriad of legitimate reasons to be sad.

This needs to be honored in our Eucharists and in other church gatherings. Church is not just a place for upbeat celebration. It is also supposed to be a safe place where we can break down. Liturgy too must give us permission to be sad.

D.H. Lawrence once famously wrote:

The feeling I don’t have I don’t have.

The feelings I don’t have, I won’t say I have.

The feeling you say you have, you don’t have.

The feelings you would like us both to have, we neither of us have.

We need to be true to our souls by being true to its feelings.