



The Parish of Saints Philip and James

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

631-584-5454

June 6th, 2021
The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ



“Take it; this is my body.”

Matthew 26:26

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

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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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

Website—www.sspj.org

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

Weekly Collection: Sunday May 30th, 2021: \$10,740.

Faith Direct: (126 Participants) 3,253.

Total Collections: \$ 13,993.

**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>

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

In his sermon "The Weight of Glory," C. S. Lewis wrote: "Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses." Christ's body is as hidden in the least of us as it is under the appearances of bread and wine. Both require an uncommon and daring faith.

Today as we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, we are reminded that as we are fed by Jesus, we are also to feed others. In the Eucharist, bread and wine are transformed by the Spirit of God into the body and blood of Christ. The sacrament we receive should transform us into sacraments as well, – sacraments of God's love for one another, signs of God's presence to our families and communities.

On this occasion we also pray for others who assist in feeding the Body of Christ – for all those who serve meals to the poor and those who bring food for our food pantry. We pray for those who bring others to the table of the Eucharist, for those who serve at the Table of the Lord at Mass, and for those who bring Eucharist to those who are ill or homebound. All these are expressions of love for Christ in the Eucharist. And we pray for each of us, those who have been coming to the table of the Lord for many years and those who have just begun.

Please join me in praying this prayer by Anne Osdieck:

***Jesus, you call us all. priest and penitent, the homeless and CEO's,
immigrants and border agents, Italians, Asian-Americans, Japanese.
Those who stand back and those who don't.
None of us are worthy, but you tell us, "your souls shall be healed."
"This is my body; take it and eat."
Oh please stay with us forever.
Make us one with you, one with each other.
Let your love course through our lives and heal us.
Make us one in your one body. Amen.***

As we safely move toward more fully re-opening we hope to not just "return to normal", but to grow and deepen our commitment as the Body of Christ. How might this happen? By dreaming and planning and working and celebrating together. Let's unmask new possibilities while also renewing our faith traditions. As Apostles of Hope, may we remember that "hope is a muscle". Consider being part of our Dream Team. Please call the Parish Center.

And,

Teacher: Johnny, please use the words "letter carrier" in a sentence.

Johnny: Yes, ma'am. "My dad said that after seeing how many things my mom was bringing on vacation, he would rather letter carrier own luggage."

Peace,

Father Tom

Mass Intentions, For the week of June 6th, 2021

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration
Monday's from 1:30pm-7pm
In the Church

Banns of Marriage

Second

Brian Ahern
St. Patrick's Smithtown
To
Jaclyn Saggese
SSPJ



Remembering in Our Prayers~

Angie Mingione	Joseph S.
Angela Amoroso	Luis Anthony
Anna Ormsby	Antonette Sabatino
Avery Akhogba	James Macchiano
Arthur Gureck	John Harney
Baby Ben	Judy Rampola
Barbara Bombace	Joseph Costa
Barbara Ruland	Kathleen N.
Mattia Rose Lubrano	Kitty Cronin
Belinda Groneman	Leon Donach
Belinda Vega	Lynn McDonnell
Brianna Florio	Mark Geld
Bob Keenan	Mark Hildreth
Carol	Mary Fresi
Carolyn Nehl	Maryann Kevlin
Charles Figliosi	Maria Clark
Claudia Chandler	Marie del Cielo
Daniel Radice	Marilyn Suli
Deirdre W.	Matthew Parrella
Dolores North	Marie & Frank Fiecco
Donna Patrissi	Michael Fisher
Dorothy Mitchell	Mike Lofaro
Dylan Beach	Monsignor Iocavacci
Ella	Pasquale Savarese
Ellie Walsh	Paul Bertrand
Ginny & John Rief	Peter Donach
Gladys Blake	P.I.
Gregory Parker	Ricardo Buffit
Helen	Riordan Cavooris
Heidi Ray	Sara Jean Andersen
Ida Wehman	Stephen Dolce
Joanna	Tara Cesarski
Jack Donohue	Vivien Cordes
John Cronin	Vicki Archdeacon
John DeStefano	Veronica Broderick
J.C.	Wayne Hendricks

Saturday	June 5th, 2021 Presider: Father Joe Lector: P. Wos EM: L. Sisti	9:15am 5:00pm	William Heneghan Steve Rannazzisi
Sunday	June 6th, 2021 Presider: Father Joe Lector: J. Auletta EM: M. Sehne	8am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Tom Lector: S. Cavoorthis EM: E. Sotomayer	10:00am	Michele Lamaruggina
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: M. Cashman EM: P. Parish	12:00pm	Rev. Otto Froehlich Rev. William Murphy Agnes & Everett Watson James Ficht Andrew (Bob) Cassidy Living~ John Harney
Monday	June 7th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	Maureen Butler Living~Pasquale Savarese
Tuesday	June 8th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	Mary Ann Avento Benedetta Caltabiano
Wednesday	June 9th, 2021 St. Ephrem	7:30am 9:15am	Gloria Rotondo Mary Castiglie Anderson
Thursday	June 10th, 2021	7:30am 9:15am	John DeGraw Collective Mass: Virginia Edwards Joseph Falasca
Friday	June 11th, 2021 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	7:30am 9:15am	Paul Fitzsimmons Joseph Castiglie
Saturday	June 12th, 2021 Presider: Father Tom Lector: L. Halluska EM: A. Mantia	9:15am 5:00pm	Paul Cross Deacon Ken Maher
Sunday	June 13th, 2021 Presider: Father Tom Lector: C. Czujko EM: E. Sica	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ
	Presider: Father Joe Lector: M. Hoonhout EM: H. Orlando	10:00am	Anthony J. Sisti
	Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector: P. Geier EM: B. Luna	12:00pm	Anthony Lauricella Irene Johnson Gertrude Hunter Marie Jaconetti Manus Clancy Living~ Pasquale Savarese

THE THERMOMETER IS RISING!
2021 ~Catholic Ministries Appeal
The 2021 Goal for SSPJ is: \$105,300.
Status as of June 1st, 2021
Pledges: \$76,391. Payments Received: \$56,860.
We are at 72% of GOAL!! Thank you!

2021 CMA
 GOAL
 \$105,300
 Thermometer
 represents
 Payments received at
 6/1/21

GOAL:
 \$105,300



“Faith is not a light which shatters all our darkness, but a lamp which guides our steps in the night and suffices for the journey”

-Pope Francis

Lauren believes her involvement in Youth Ministry has been one of the most important things she has ever done.

“Youth ministry will change your life. There will be a time when you have a really bad week and you come to the group meeting and you just share, you open your heart and let everyone in – you let Jesus’ love in. You feel so much better and you know that everything is going to be ok. Having a relationship with God is something that helps you through rough times and makes you grateful for the good times,” shared Lauren

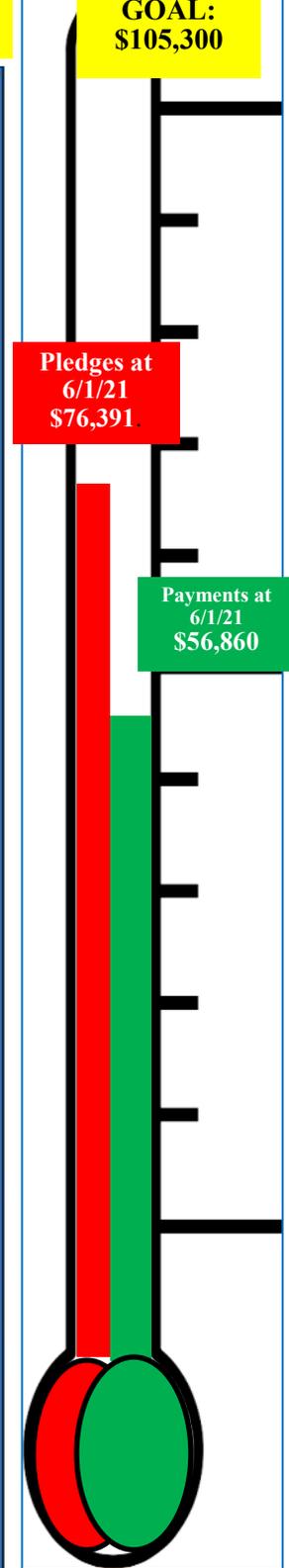


Youth Ministry in our Parishes helps guide our young people on their faith journey and empowers them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today!

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal ensure that young people like Lauren can develop a relationship with God that will lead to a life of prayer and service, coupled with the support and socialization of other young people who embrace the same Church and values.

Every day the world offers our children choices that challenge their faith. The Catholic Ministries Appeal is so important in supporting ministries and programs that involve our children. Are you aware that collectively parish-based religious education programs serve more than 100,000 of our young people in public schools? Similarly, campus and young adult ministry programs serve more than 7,000 each month.

Please know that I thank you most sincerely for your consideration of this special request to make a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. **Please know that no gift is too small** and every gift makes a difference in the choices that our young people make.



Altar Memorials for the Week of June 6th, 2021

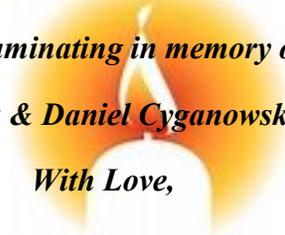
Our Bread and Wine
For the Week of June 6th, 2021

Are offered in memory of,
Sophia & Daniel Cyganowski
With Love,
Melanie Cyganowski



Our Altar Candles
For the Week of June 6th, 2021

Are Illuminating in memory of
Sophia & Daniel Cyganowski
With Love,
Melanie Cyganowski



The Sanctuary Lamp

For the Week of June 6th, 2021

Is Offered in loving memory of,

Sophia & Daniel Cyganowski

With love,

Melanie Cyganowski



**AS THE DOORS OPEN WIDE....
POST PANDEMIC CHANGES AT
SSPJ
AS OF JUNE 5TH, 2021**

MASKS:

Masks are no longer required for those who have been vaccinated.

If you have not been vaccinated or have a compromised immune system, we encourage you to wear a mask.

INSIDE SSPJ:

Inside our home, the stained glass windows illuminate pews and seating for all. Socially distanced roping and seating areas have been removed from the pews.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION:

Effective June 5th, 2021 we will resume
4 Communion Stations:

- ◆ Two in Front Center of Church
- ◆ Two in Middle Break of Church

Please follow the direction of our Ushers

We are grateful for your patient and reverent responses during this troubling time for our Nation and our World.

We ask you to continue to remember in your prayers all who have lost their lives from Covid-19, and their families. All in India and the World who are still battling this pandemic.

All who are still battling the disease or its after effects.

And most especially, all of our first responders, essential workers, and OUR FRONT LINE HEROS~ whose efforts brought us to this day.

SSPJ Nursery School Program 2021 -2022



A safe, fun loving program, (taught by certified teachers) where children will engage in age-appropriate activities designed to help them learn and grow socially, academically and spiritually.

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



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

After Care available Monday - Friday from 2:50 pm - 5:45 pm

Children must turn 3 on or before Dec. 1st 2021 and be totally potty trained to participate in the Nursery Program

For more information or to schedule a tour Email Ms. Anderson

danderson@sspjschool.net



Parish Social Ministry



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Remembering in Our Prayers

Donna Anne Martin
Edward W. Hildebrandt
Irene Carasiti~ June 7th, 2020 ~Memorial Mass

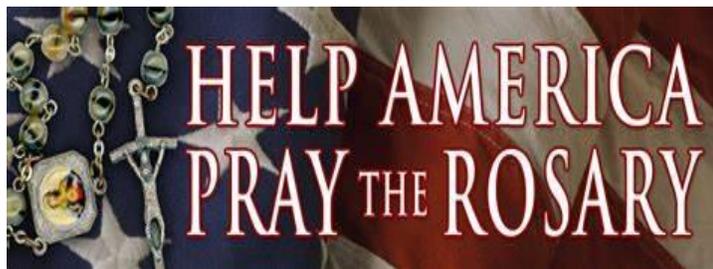
Safely home in the arms of Jesus



THE FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF

TISSUES

YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY IS ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



All are invited to join their fellow parishioners by praying the **ROSARY FOR AMERICA** on Thursday evenings @ 7PM at Our Lady's grotto.

Beginning June 3rd, 2021-July 1st, 2021

In case of rain, we will meet in the church. We pray in thanksgiving for our gift of this nation and to remember those who gave livelihoods and lives for our freedoms. Please bring your family and friends.

The Respect Life Committee would like to thank Fr. Tom and the parishioners of Sts. Philip and James for their generosity again donating to our Drive By Baby Shower. It would be lovely if we could all see the faces of the moms who receive the many items donated or purchased with your cash donations for the needs of these moms and babies. Financial donations will be shared with the homes for moms and babies and organizations who care for them. As in the past you have all been overwhelmingly generous. Please know that you have been Apostles of Hope to these special people that God has put in our paths. Thank you for responding so generously to their needs.

The future of our fragile, beautiful planet home is in our hands. As God's family, we are stewards of God's creation. We can be wantonly irresponsible, or we can be caring and compassionate. God says, "I have set before you life and death... choose life."

comfort



Virtual Bereavement and Support Group

YES Community Counseling Center is continuing our support group for adults who have lost a loved one to addiction virtually. While each person who goes through the grieving process does it in his or her unique way, it does not have to be done alone. Please join us in this month's virtual bereavement group through Zoom.

The heartache of grief can be complicated when losing a loved one to an addiction.

**Second Monday of each month
7:00pm-8:00pm**

To register and receive zoom invite to group please contact Kathleen Coletta, LCSW-R via email at kcoletta@yesccc.org

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Saints Philip and James Roman Catholic School

RAFFLE

Sponsored by the Church proceeds to benefit the Saints Philip and James Roman Catholic School.

2021 Sts. Philip & James Car Raffle

1 Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780

DONATION: 1 for \$20 / 6 for \$100



1st Prize:

Win a 2021 Mercedes-Benz GLA 250 4MATIC® | OR \$15,000
2 Year Lease (Subject to Terms and Conditions of Lease Contract)

2nd Prize: \$250 | 3rd Prize: \$100 | 4th Prize: \$100 | 5th Prize: \$100

The drawing will be held on Saturday, June 19, 2021 at Sts. Philip and James Church after the 8pm mass. Winner need not be present. Must be 21 years of age or older to participate. Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown has no affiliation with Sts. Philip and James Church and is not responsible for or conducting the raffle. The Church and/or winner is responsible for including the lease, completing all associated documents and making all payments (including all taxes) in connection therewith. In the event that less than 1000 tickets are sold raffle automatically reverts to a 50/50 prize with the church.

Mercedes-Benz of Smithtown
630 Middle Country Road, St. James NY
877.862.7343 | mbofsmithtown.com



Music Notes....

I hope everyone at the 10am Mass heard the choir. We are back!!

It is exciting to have the group back again. We will sing through June and then fully in September.

If you are interested in the choir, think about joining us in September. In the meantime, come hear us at the 10am.

This weekend is also The Body and Blood of Christ. We gather at the Table of Plenty. God will provide all that we need. The hymns this weekend center around God's body and blood.

HAPPY JUNE!

A PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

I need a heart burning with tenderness
Who will be my support forever,
Who loves everything within me, even my weakness...

And who never leaves me day or night.
I could find no creature
Who could always love me and never die.

I must have a God who takes on my nature
And becomes my brother and is able to suffer!
You heard me, only Friend whom I love.
To ravish my heart, you became man.
You shed your blood, what a supreme mystery!

And you still love for me on the Altar.
If I cannot see the brilliance of your Face
Or hear your sweet voice,
O my God, I can live by your Grace,
I can rest on your Sacred Heart!

O Heart of Jesus, treasure of tenderness,
You Yourself are my happiness, my only hope.
You who knew how to charm my tender youth,
Stay near me till the last night.

Lord, to you alone I've given my life,
And all my desires are well known to you.
It's in your ever-infinite goodness
That I want to lose myself, O Heart of Jesus!

Amen.



ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

SMITHTOWN LANDING COUNTRY CLUB

495 LANDING AVENUE
SMITHTOWN, NY 11780



SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES COUNCIL #12839



This Year's Honoree

Deacon Kenneth J. Maher



Registration: 12:30pm

(Hotdogs/Beverages at check in)

Shotgun Tee Off: 2:00pm

Open Bar, Full Dinner, Carving Station, Dessert



Proceeds to benefit Sts. Philip & James Knights of Columbus Charity Outreach Efforts.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Number of Players: ___#190.00 per person

(includes Cart, Cocktail Hour, Dinner)

Dinner only: ___ \$90 per person

Number attending: _____ Total: \$ _____

SPONSORSHIPS

___Dinner Sponsorship @ \$1,000 (2 Available)

___Driving Range Sponsor @ \$500 (2 Available)

___Tee Signs Sponsorship @ \$100 each

___Cart Sponsorship (1) \$300

___Putting Green Sponsorship (4) @ \$250 each

___Pin Flag Sponsorship (18) @ \$125

Sponsor Information

Please Make Checks Out To:

Sts. Philip & James K of C Council #12839

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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A Reflection from Sister T

Do you play the blame game?

Dear Friends,

Do you remember that comic strip, I think it was called *Family Circus*? Whenever something would happen, the little children when, asked who did it, they would all say “He did it! She did it! I don’t know! Not me!” They were all so good at blaming someone else!

They came to mind as I recently found myself experiencing the ‘blame game’. Lately it seems that situations people get into are always because of someone else – or they are having trouble because of so-and-so.

“It is all their fault!”

“It would be better if...”

And when they are the cause of the something themselves, it is *still* because of someone else! They do not take responsibility for their actions.

Perhaps I am the only one experiencing this kind of behavior, but I truly believe I am not alone. We all need to own who we are and what we do. Somehow, that is getting harder to do. In a conversation I had lately with one of my Sisters, she reminded me that we are all sinners and we need to remember what Jesus said before we start blaming others: “the one who is without fault, throw the first stone”. It resonated with me; I just had to share it.

So how do we become better, and stop accusing people of things? Before we may judge another, perhaps we need to ask ourselves: can we really throw the first stone? Are we completely without blame? The church offers us the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist; I know I need both of those sacraments to help me become a better person and stop playing the blame game.

In this past Sunday’s readings Jesus, tells the disciples “Go therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you”. I don’t think that blaming others was one of the commands, do you? Each of us, in order to be a good disciple, needs to teach by good example and kindness. Sometime words can fall short. We need to practice what we are teaching and take responsibility for our actions. The secret is to remove the beam in your eye before you help remove the splinter in your fellow disciple’s eye. We are all called to become our best selves and each of us has that call.

So, be non-judgmental and love your fellow disciples into becoming what God calls us to be, not what we think they should be. How are you at playing the blame game? How do you go forth teaching the commands that Jesus gave us. Do we love people into life?

Till next week,
Sister T

RCIA NEWS:

This photo was taken at the final gathering of the RCIA team after a full year on Zoom. It was great to ‘see’ each other.

We prayed for the gifts and fruits of the Spirit and were excited about celebrating together.

Looking for new Candidates for next year. Any one interested? Know anyone who would like to enrich their faith life and join our sessions? All are welcome here.

Questions, please contact Sister T at 631-584-5454



SSPJ SCHOOL NEWS!

Exciting News From Third Grade!

Mrs. Howard's class recently completed a unit on plants and animals.

Students were given a supply of seeds to plant their backyard gardens.



Mrs Howard surprised the children with an incubator and a dozen hatch-able eggs.

On May 31st, the students were blessed with 5 baby chicks. The children were excited to see the chicks when they returned to school after the Memorial Day weekend.



Also, as part of our science curriculum we made dinosaur, plant and shell fossils.



Science in third grade is a great experience.



Blessings Upon First Communion Candidates Jesus Loves YOU!

It is time to celebrate First Holy Communions at SSPJ! Our Communion II Students and their families are so looking forward to receiving Jesus in their hearts during the coming weeks.

First Holy Communion has been celebrated each Saturday at the 9:15am masses during the months of May and June.

We Congratulate our Students and their families and are ever grateful for the lessons of faith and hope that Miss Charlotte has been sharing with them.

May God's blessings always shine through each of your beautiful hearts!



*We Congratulate Our Communion II Students
Who received their First Holy Communion
On Saturday, May 29th, 2021*

**Jonathan Mass
Aiyanna Lochan
Thomas Gulotta
Ava Glenn
Joseph Zito
Natalie Capizzi
Kevin Peykar
Jordan Gromalski
Edward Kern**

*Lord Jesus, I love and adore you. You're a
special friend to me.*



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:
REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021-2022 YEAR BEGAN ON JUNE 1ST, 2021**

Dear Parents,

Well, we made it through another crazy year! We want to thank all of you for your help making this year work as we navigated our lessons on Google Classroom. The students did a great job – largely due to your help. As we start to talk about registration for next year, there are a few things we want to share with you:

For the 2021-2022 year, the 1st and 2nd graders will be invited back to parish campus for their Religious Education classes. The days and times have not been decided, but all CDC and Suffolk County guidelines for the health and safety of the students will be followed.

All other grades will continue their lessons on Google classroom. We will be scheduling grade level Masses to foster community among our parish families.

Students in 7th Grade should hold onto their *Decision* book. Confirmation is a two-year program which will utilize the *Decision* book.

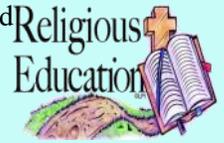
Everyone – please save the password you chose for your Google Classroom account as that will be the password for next year.

Registration for next year will open on June 1, 2021. Please register as soon as possible so that we can move your child up in Google classroom and order the proper number of grade level books needed. **The form can be found on our website (SSPJ.org)** under Religious Education tab

On the registration form, please note that we are asking for your permission to allow photographs that may contain a picture of your child in our Bulletin, on our Website, on our Facebook page and in our Gabriel.

We encourage you to join Flocknote. This is an app whereby we can contact you in the event of an emergency, inclement weather closings, and remind you of important meetings. We do not share your personal contact information with any other organizations or groups within or outside our parish. Please complete this section on the application.

Once again, thanks for all your help. We learned this year that it does take a village to raise a child



In Christ,
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God Bless SSPJ YOUTH MINISTRY

Calling ALL YOUNG PEOPLE
from Grades 8 through 12



SSPJ Youth Group
MINISTRY
Living the Gospel by Our Actions

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
“FRESH AIR & BREATHE”
SATURDAY SOCIALS

MAY 29th, JUNE 5th, JUNE 12th,
JUNE 19th & JUNE 26th

Immediately following the SPM Mass
By SSPJ school's parking lot.

2021-2022 SSPJ YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
If you're interested in re-joining, or becoming a new member
of SSPJ Youth Group, please go to WWW.SSPJ.ORG/Youth
to download and fill out
Registration Form for the 2021 – 2022 Season.

**A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
TO ALL OF OUR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES!**

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IN
SHARING ACTS OF SERVICE
THIS YEAR HAS BEEN
AWE-INSPIRING AND
SOMETHING THAT WE,
YOUR PARISH FAMILY ARE
SO INSPIRED BY!**

**LOOK IN FUTURE
BULLETINS FOR A SUMMARY
OF OUR
CHARITY MILES FOR
FEEDING AMERICA!!**



Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:2-3,13-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

Monday June 14

2 Corinthians 6:1-10
Ps 98:1-4
Matthew 5:38-42

Tuesday June 15

2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Ps 146:2,5-9a
Matthew 5:43-48

Wednesday June 16

2 Corinthians 9:6-11
Ps 112:1b-4,9
Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday June 17

2 Corinthians 11:1-11
Ps 111:1b-8
Matthew 6:7-15

Friday June 18

2 Corinthians 11:18,21-30
Ps 34:2-7
Matthew 6:19-23

Saturday June 19

2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Ps 34:8-13
Matthew 6:24-34

This week, something is going to happen that will give you the opportunity to touch someone's life with God's love. Watch for it.

If you consciously choose to make the most of the situation, you might feel challenged, perhaps a bit nervous or intimidated, but you will experience the joy of making a difference for the kingdom of God. And you might be surprised at how well you do!

God has been preparing you for this situation for a long time. Your trials, your spiritual education, your personal purification process, your prayer-time insights, your Christ-centered conversations with others – all these and more have been part of the preparation.

You are like the seed in the Gospel passage. Life's circumstances have fertilized

you, watered you, and tilled your soil. Over time, the seed sprouted, the plant grew, and the flowers began to produce good fruit.

Every day, we all encounter small and sometimes large opportunities to serve the kingdom of God. We don't have to be full-time volunteers nor paid employees of the Church to work in the mission of Christ. If we are willing, he touches the world through us in our homes, our workplaces, our parishes, in the grocery store, in the traffic tie-ups, on the Internet, and everywhere we go.



Have any of your seeds sprouted into a tree that withered from neglect or got chopped down by others? This happens to all of us. The good news is: In every dead tree at least one fruit remains, shriveled up and hanging

from a lifeless branch, but secretly holding a very valuable seed.

We are to take those ugly, dead fruits and plant them in the

freshly tilled soil of today. A new tree will grow and it will become taller and stronger and more abundantly fruitful than the tree from which it came, because the decay from the original tree is now additional fertilizer in the soil.

In everything that happens to you, remember: You have good fruits to share; God has been nurturing their growth. You *are* ready!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What are some of the ways you have grown in your faith? How can this help others?
2. Realizing that the good fruit that come from your growth is Jesus working through you to make the world a better place, how do you feel about this?
3. Describe various ways that we continue the mission of Christ in our ordinary lives.
4. What produces new growth in us so that we become more useful to Christ?

LOSING THE SONG IN THE SINGER

Often when listening to someone singing live or on television, I close my eyes to try to hear the song so as not to let the singer's performance get in the way of the song. A song can be lost in its performance; indeed, the performance can take over so that the song is replaced by the singer.

When anyone is performing live, be it on a stage, in a classroom, at a podium, or in a pulpit, there will always be some combination of three things. The speaker will be trying to impress others with his talent; he will be trying to get a message across; and (consciously or unconsciously) he will be trying to channel something true, good, and beautiful for its own sake. Metaphorically, he will be making love to himself, making love to the audience, and making love to the song.

It is the third component, making love to the song, which makes for great art, great rhetoric, great teaching, and great preaching. Greatness sets itself apart here because what comes through is "the song" rather than the singer, the message rather than the messenger, and the performer's empathy rather than his ego. The audience then is drawn to the song rather than to the singer. Good singers draw people to the music rather than to themselves; good teachers draw students to truth and learning rather than to themselves; good artists draw people to beauty rather than to adulation, and good preachers draw their congregations to God rather than to praise of themselves.

Admittedly, this isn't easy to do. We are all human, so is our audience. No audience respects you unless you do show some talent, creativity, and intelligence. There's always an unspoken pressure on the singer, the speaker, the teacher, and the preacher, both from within and from without. From within: *I don't want to disappoint! I don't want to look bad! I need to stand out! I need to show them something special!* From without, from the audience: *What have you got! Show us something! Are you worth my attention? Are you bright? Are you boring?* Only the most mature person can be free of these pressures. Thus, the song easily gets lost in the singer, the message in the messenger, the teaching in the teacher, and the message of God in the personality of the preacher.

As a teacher, preacher, and writer, I admit my own long struggle with this. When you first start teaching, you had better impress your students or you won't have their attention or respect for long. The same with preaching. The congregation is always sizing you up, and you had better measure up or no one will be listening to you. Moreover, unless you have an exceptionally strong self-image, you will be a perennial prisoner of your own insecurities. Nobody wants to look bad, stupid, uninformed, or come across as talentless. Everyone wants to look good.

Moreover, not least, there is still your ego (and its power can never be underestimated). It wants to draw the attention and the admiration to itself rather than to what is true, good, and beautiful. There is always the temptation for the messenger to be more concerned about impressing others than about having the message come through in purity and truth. The subtle, but powerful, temptation inside every singer, teacher, speaker, preacher, or writer is to draw people to themselves rather than to the truth and beauty they are trying to channel.

I struggle with this in every class I teach, every article or book I write, and every time I preside at liturgy. Nevertheless, I make no apologies for this. It is the innate struggle in all creative effort. *Are we trying to draw people to ourselves, or are we trying to draw them to truth, to beauty, to God?*

When I teach a class, how much of my preparation and energy is motivated by a genuine concern for the students and how much is motivated by my need to look good, to impress, to have a reputation as a good teacher? When I write an article or a book, am I really trying to bring insight and understanding to others or am I thinking of my status as a writer? When I preside at mass and preach is my real motivation to channel a sacred ritual in a manner that my own personality doesn't get in the way? Is it to lead people into community with each other and to decrease myself so Christ can increase?

There is no simple answer to those questions because there can't be. Our motivation is always less than fully pure. Moreover, we are not meant to be univocal robots without personalities. Our unique personalities and talents were given by God precisely as gifts to be used for others. Still, there's a clear warning sign. When the focus of the audience is more on our personalities than on the song, we are probably making love more to ourselves and our admirers than to the song.