



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

October 8th, 2023
The Twenty Seventh Sunday
In Ordinary Time



“Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Matthew 21:43

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

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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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Website—www.sspj.org

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$16,700

Weekly Collection: Sunday, October 8th, 2023:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$10,321.

Collections from mail: \$ 4,345.

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

Total Collections: \$18,040.04

Collection for Respect Life sent directly to DRVC

**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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HANK MOLONEY—USAF

LIVE-STREAMING THE 8:00AM SUNDAY MASS

The Sunday mass at 8:am is available to view on our SSPJ Church Facebook page, while it is live at the 8am mass, it can be recalled at any time.

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Today's first reading and gospel speak of vineyards. Vineyards require great care and much work. We live in God's vineyard. How are we tending to this vineyard? Perhaps we might need to reorient our lives towards what is important. This takes time, effort, prayer and discernment. St. Paul in today's second reading gives great guidance in this endeavor. *Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.*

We are looking forward to focusing on the Sacrament of Matrimony at the 12noon Mass on Sunday, October 29th. All married couples wishing to renew their vows are invited to participate. A small reception will follow the Mass in the auditorium. If you're coming – and I hope you will – please leave your name, the number of years you are celebrating, where you were married and the number of people coming with you at the rectory. We'd like to present you with a certificate at the Mass. To be able to do so we will need your names and number of years married by October 23rd.

Pope Francis opened the Synod on Synodality on October 4th. Here's a prayer we are all invited to pray during the Synod, asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide:

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

Do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

*Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.*

*All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Please consider joining in our adult education series as part of our parish Eucharistic Revival. We are most fortunate to have Doctor Tom Petriano, chair of the Religious Studies Department at St. Joseph's University and a gifted presenter conducting the sessions on Monday evenings October 16th, 23rd, and 30th at 7pm in the Bethany Center.

October is Respect Life month. As we pray in gratitude for the gift of life, we also pray that all in our country and our world will recognize, respect and protect the gift of life in all situations. As Apostles of Hope, let's tend to all life in God's vineyard.

And...it's Oktoberfest! Come down and join the fun at our 3rd annual celebration! It always promises to be "Wunderbar" in overdrive delight. See details a little further along. It's coming soon -- October 15th!

And finally,

I asked a clerk in a bakery, "What do you have with no fat and no sugar?" Answer: "Napkins."

Prayer of a squirrel: "Thank you, Lord, as the world gets crazier, the nuts get easier to find."

*The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve. Surprise! Surprise! It was an Apple,
but with extremely limited memory. Just one byte and everything crashed.*

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of October 8th, 2023

Eucharistic Adoration

From 1:30pm-7PM
In the Church



We Pray for those who are ill...

Andy
Anna Capizzio
Alfred Fox
Antonette Sabatino
Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Arthur Gureck
Austin Rocky
Baby Ben
Baby Penny Grace
Candela
Barbara Bombace
Brian
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Barbara Sammarco
Belinda Groneman
Rob Remhild
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Catherine Smith
Cathleen Henchey
Chase Addonizio
Christella Stewart
David Beleck
David McCue
Deirdre W.
Diane LaPorte
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Eleanor Bayley
Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Smith
Eileen
Emily Schiaratta
Emily Souders
Flo Donohue
Gail Lumley
George Fitzpatrick
Gloria Montesano
Ginny & John Rief
Gregory Parker
Helen
Harold Scott
Jack Donohue
Jackie & Christine
Duffy
Jakob King
Jamie Accardi
Jean Saladino
Jenny Bonanno
Jerry
Joelle Nicholas
Joni Deleo
John Capizzio
John Cronin
John DeStefano
John Maynes
John Mattia
Joseph
Joe Benaburger
Joseph Domizzio

Judy Rampola
Joe Dorrian
Joseph Costa
Joseph Domizzio
Kaitlyn Remhild
Kathleen Draper
Kathleen N.
Kerry
Kitty Cronin
Kristin Galetta
Laura Bode
Leon Donach
Lola Santangelo
Lori Cearney
Mary Monte
Marty Rizzo
Margaret Remhild
Mark Wagner
Mary Ryan
Maria Clark
Maria Collaro
Marie del Ciello
Maureen Litten
Mary Ann Cesarski
Mary Beth McGovern
Matthew Parrella
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Michael
Nick Lella
Patricia Acker
Patricia Trippree
Pasquale Savarese
Pat McCumber
Peter Donach
Peter Portanova
P.I.
Phil Giaraputo
Ricardo Buffit
Rob Remhild
Riordan Cavooris
Rogelio Martinez
Rose
Ronnie Paciella
Ryan Duffy
Sara Jean Andersen
Stanley Stura
Stephen Dolce
Susanne Smith
Tonia Perdue
Tara Cesarski
Teresa Mattera
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Tom Devaney
Thomas Lfrieri
Tom Ficht
Tom Ryan
Tom Focone
Vivien & John
Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.

Saturday October 7th Cantor: Cantor:M. Mc Culloh	Presider: Father Joe Lector:Merlino/Student EM: Licari/Calderone/ Anderson/Drechsler/ Kanuika	9:15am 5:00pm	James Hanrahan Sal Stracquadini
Sunday October 8th Cantor: Cantor:J. Hill	Presider: Father Joe Lector:Sehne/Marino EM:Rapp/Sisti/Czujko/ Sehne/ M. Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: J. Lohmann	Presider: Father Tom Lector:Dobres/Healy EM:Sisti/Parish/ Mulhall/Conti/Reichert/ Sotomayer	10:00am	Wayne Tutrani
Cantor: L. Stefanowski	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector:Wagner/Latino EM:Consenz/ Samson/Stack	12:00pm	Nelzi Kucich Ram Williams Ram Williams Tom Spellman
Monday October 9th	St. Denis, Bishop	7:30am 9:15am	Anthony Hurtado Theresa Keane
Tuesday October 10th		7:30am 9:15am	John Blazich Donald Dickinson
Wednesday October 11th	St. John XXIII, Pope	7:30am 9:15am	Walter Drechsler Madeline Gadue
Thursday October 12th		7:30am 9:15am	Luigi Bove Collective Mass Vincent Finnegan
Friday October 13th		7:30am 9:15am	Living~Rob Remhild Gregory C. Vogelsperger
Saturday October 14th Cantor: N. LoCastro	Presider: Father Joe Lector:Schor/Student EM:Conti/Mantia/Sisti/ Drechsler/Urce St Callistus I	9:15am 5:00pm	Vincent Hughes Wayne Sitar
Sunday October 15th Cantor:L. Lupinocci	Presider: Father Joe Lector:White/Cavooris EM:Kenney/Portanova/ Sehne/Ramos/P. Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: B. Meringolo	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Zahorodny/Ryan EM:Luna/McKie/ Mulhall/Orlando/Rizzo/ Licari	10:00am	Anna Sostak
Cantor: L. Stefanowski	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Geier/Ryan EM: Margaret/Kaleita/ Rubano	12:00pm	Lorraine Marino Marilyn Mooney John C. Moloney Thomas Spellman

Altar Memorials for the Week of October 8th, 2023

**Our Bread & Wine
Are Offered In loving memory of,**

My Husband,

Anthony Hurtado

"On his first anniversary in heaven"



***The Pro Life Rose
Is dedicated***

***In loving memory
Of my husband,***

Anthony Hurtado



***Our Altar Candles
Are offered and illuminating***

***In loving memory
Of my husband,***

Anthony Hurtado

***"On his first anniversary
in heaven"***



***The Sanctuary Lamp
Is burning in memory of,***

My husband,

Anthony Hurtado

"On his first anniversary in heaven"



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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***radical
solidarity***



Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope & strength in the Lord Amen

Parish Social Ministry

All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance

**As we pray for our beloved
deceased**

**At this Mass we will remember in
a special way**

**Our dear ones who have died
between**

***September 1, 2022, and August 31,
2023***

**Light reception to follow in the
auditorium.**

ALL ARE WELCOME



**Bake
Sale**

The Catholic Daughters are hosting their Annual Harvest Bake Sale next weekend October 14th & October 15th in the School Lobby after all Masses.

Please stop by and support the great works of the Catholic Daughters !





Eucharistic Adoration Committee Seeks Your Assistance:

If you are able to assist in covering a time slot during Adoration, kindly sign up on the designated sheets in the back of the church.

*We hope to cover the existing time of 1:30-7pm with your help.
Any questions, please contact the Parish Center Office. Thank you*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY "LET THE LITTLE ONES COME TO ME"



Learning Knows No Bounds

God Bless Our Religious Ed Students and their Families as we begin a new year of faith sharing and service!

Our Everyone NeEd'S Jesus Program will begin on October 14th

UPCOMING MASSES CELEBRATING OUR RELIGIOUS ED STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH: GRADE 3 & 4 MASS AT 10AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND: GRADE 5 & 6 MASS AT 10AM



KICK OFF!

Friendship, Fellowship and Faith...The Confirmation I & II Year Opening Kick Off Event was a wonderful time for all! Thank you to all our Students for your participation and a big thank you to The Religious Ed Team for a





Love Beyond All Telling
The Meaning of the Eucharist in Our Lives

As part of our parish observance of the ***Eucharistic Revival***, you are invited to join us for three evenings of prayerful reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives.

October 16, 23, and 30, from 7:00-8:30PM.

In The Bethany Center

During these three evenings we will explore why The Second Vatican Council referred to the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life," looking at the biblical, theological, and liturgical dimensions of the Eucharist along with its portrayal in music and art.

Some themes that will be discussed include the ***Eucharist as food for the journey***, the ***Eucharist as sacrifice***, the ***Eucharist as the great prayer of thanksgiving***, and the ***Eucharist as the real presence of Christ***.

Please join us for any or all three of these evenings
presented by Tom Petriano, Professor of Religious Studies at St. Joseph's University.



SSPJ THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 15TH

4 – 7 PM. SSPJ TOWNE SQUARE (AUDITORIUM)

Sponsor Opportunities to help defray the cost!

Donations of German Beers, Beverages!

I / We would love to SPONSOR OKTOBERFEST 2023

lass den Spaß beginnen

Genutlichkeit Sponsor

\$500.

Prost Sponsor

\$250.

Bierhallen Sponsor

\$100.

Wurst Sponsor

\$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.

SAVE THE DATE!

SSPJ THIRD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 15TH
4 – 7 PM. SSPJ TOWNE SQUARE (AUDITORIUM)

COST: \$25 PER PERSON. CHILDREN 10 AND UNDER \$10.

FAMILY PACK (2 ADULTS/2 CHILDREN = \$60)



Live Band, Dancing,
entertainment,
games for the
kids...and of course
Food glorious
FOOD!!!!

Follow our bulletins for Sponsor Opportunities to help defray the cost!

Donations of German Beers, Beverages!

Volunteer opportunities to help set up, serve and so much more....

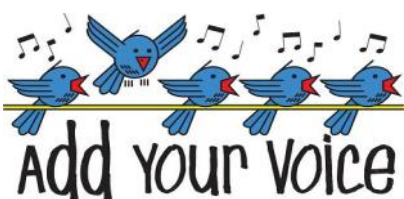
LET THE FUN BEGIN! lass den Spaß beginnen

Music Ministry

*God the gardener, our focus this weekend.
We gather to All Creatures of Our God and King and our
choirs will be singing: How Great and Wonderful," a
song of creation.*

*A few songs are being incorporated in our Mass. October
is the month of Mary so we will have a Mary song for
each Mass and our Communion hymn focus on
eucharistic for the Eucharistic revival. This week's Mary
hymn is Hail holy Queen and Communion Hymn, One
bread, One Body.*

*Remember
"He who sings prays twice."
Don't you want to join the Music Ministry??*



**Attention !! All Singers
The Music Ministry needs you !!
Adult Choir
Chords of Faith teen choir -(Gr 7-12)
Children's Choir -(Gr 3-6)**

**Please consider joining. For more information
call Margaret Adams at the parish center
631-584-5454 or email
sspjmusicministry@gmail .com**

Calling all Who wish to become: Altar Servers!

**Training for Altar Servers
will**

**Begin on 9/29/23 From
4:00pm to 5:00pm**

In the Church

4th Grade and up

Altar Server Training Dates

10/13/2023

10/20/2023

10/27/2023

**Please call Parish Center to
give your contact
information
631-584-5454**



●●● Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes today!

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

Location	Dates	Contact
Sts. Philip and James School 359 Clinton Ave. St. James, NY 11780	September 11th 2023 thru November 10th 2023	Mrs. Jessica Leahy 631-413-9455 jessicaguest@gmail.com

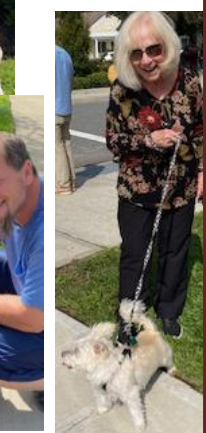
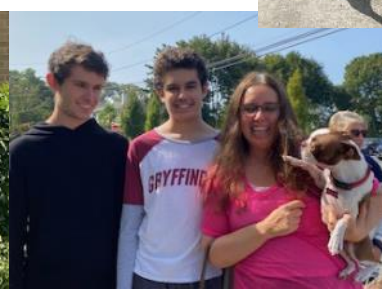
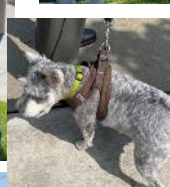
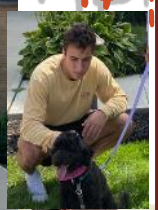


BLESSING OF MAN'S BEST FRIEND!

Prayer to St. Francis

Feast Day, October 4

Good St. Francis,
You showed the world how to live with humility,
generosity, and joy—a true servant of the King!
As you modeled yourself on Christ,
teach me how to follow your example,
expressing tenderness and compassion to those in need,
offering fellowship and the Good News to the poor,
living as a visible expression of Christ's peace.
As you celebrated the world around us,
help me to also celebrate all of God's creation,
and see in it the wonder of the Lord's love,
making every moment and every encounter
a canticle of praise to the Almighty.
Amen.



THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM SISTER T~

Dear Friends,

I am writing this reflection on the feast of the guardian angels, October 2. As I went through the day, I asked people if they prayed to their angel today and what their Angel's name was. If you haven't done it, it is great to give your angel a name. We ALL loved to be called by name. Pick one out if your angel doesn't have a name.

Besides that, some of you will be reading this on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi October 4. And since I am Saint and Angel name dropping let us not forget St. Therese the Little Flower, October 1. What wonderful role models for us. They made me think of a quote from Joyce Rupp's book **May I have this Dance**. It goes like this – **“What I do is less significant than why and how I do my work”**.

These Saints and Angels know why and how they do things, Sadly WE sometime forget that. We do things because they have to be done, or grungily finish a task we agreed to do or what about the things that we have come to do by rote.

Do we stop to think as we eat our meals, the journey the food took to get to our table? Planting, harvesting, delivering, preparing serving all happen before you enjoy your delicious meal. What about praying or attending Mass. **How** and **why** are we participating? They may sound like silly questions, but they are real.

We are creatures of habit and habit turns into rote. If you look at the two Saints I mentioned, they did simple humble things in the name of and for God. They knew who they were and worked happily and wholeheartedly at doing God's will. Each in their own way.

Take the time this week to look at some of the things you do and see if you do them knowing why and how you do them. Whether it be eating, working, being with your family, helping a friend or attending Mass, would you be able to say and know that **“What I do is less significant than why and how I do my work”**. You may come to some very interesting discoveries.

May your week be blessed.

Till next week,
Sister Theresita

PS; Please pray for the Synod which began on October 4th. The purpose of a synod is to convene a council of bishops to discuss a topic of theological or pastoral significance in order to prepare a document of advice or counsel to the pope¹. The synod is a model that includes listening to a broad range of people and then discussing the issues together with the goal of hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling the church





June 2023— July 2024

Our Year of the Eucharistic Revival

A Will To Share

Anyone who goes to the Eucharist without having compassion for the needy and the without sharing is not modeling the Actions of Jesus.

The Eucharistic sacrifice, Pope Francis reminds us, is nothing less than Jesus offering his life out of love for us. By receiving this gift, we are called to understand and embrace our own obligation to care for the poor, the needy, the homeless, the rejected, the sick, and anyone who is looked down upon by society. What Jesus has done for us is what we must do for others—love them, accept them, help them, accompany them on their journey in life, and act out of sacrificial love on their behalf. If we don't grasp this, we are not following Jesus' path.

Ponder:

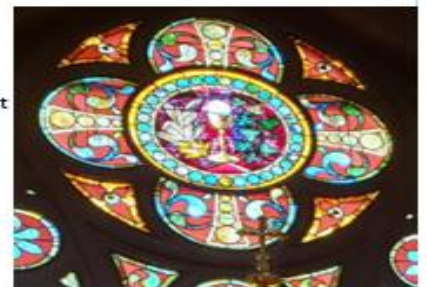
What does receiving communion mean to me?

Pray:

God of mystery and wonder, I can never pay you back for your blessings, but help me to be a blessing to others in your name.

(Taken from What Pope Francis Says About Eucharist)

(Window from St.
John the Evangelist
Church, Center
Moriches)



Sister T



HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.

"In a world full of noise, we are no longer accustomed to silence; indeed sometimes we struggle with it, because silence forces us to face God and ourselves. Yet it lies at the foundation of the word and of life."

Pope Francis

October 4th, 2023

HELPING HANDS FOR CREATION AT SSPJ SCHOOL!

We are called to care for creation!

SSPJ students answering their call to be Apostles of Hope!



Thank you to all who volunteered to stay after school to help clean the garden!

Your act of service is greatly appreciated!

SSPJ Early Childhood Open House

Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

Sunday, October 29, 2023

11 am - 12:30 pm



Come see all the good things SSPJ has to offer!

SSPJ GUILD PRESENTS The 7th Annual Trunk or Treat!



Come Celebrate the Season and Support SSPJ School!
All Families and Friends Welcome!

Compete for the Most Frightening Trunk, Best Themed Trunk, and/or Best Family Trunk!
Bring Your Best Jack O'Lantern!
Sweet treats for purchase! (Cash only)

When: Friday, October 20, 2023

Time: 5:15 PM - 7:15 PM

Where: SSPJ Back Parking Lot

Feel free to contact Toddy Marotta at toddyvictoria@iCloud.com with any questions!

Forms and payments should be returned to the School Office by Thursday, 10/12.
Attn: Trunk or Treat Event

_____ family would love to host a trunk! Yay! Please send us
_____ tickets (your children are free!)

_____ family would love to just trunk or treat! Please send us
_____ tickets at \$10 each

Tickets can be picked up at the time of the event along with a bracelet and SPECIAL TRICK OR TREAT BAG.

*** YOU MUST USE THE PROVIDED BAG TO PARTICIPATE!**

Families hosting a trunk may enter the side parking lot at 4 PM.
The parking lot gates will close at 5 PM.

All families and friends attending must enter through the side gate by the side door.

Sts. Philip and James School is excited to partner again with Duck Donuts to bring you the **Dirt and Worms** DIY Donut Kit Fundraiser



Each **Dirt and Worms** DIY Kit includes:

FRESH Donuts | Spooky Sprinkles | Gummy Worms | OREO Dirt | Glaze



50% of each order will go toward our yearly fundraising goal! We hope to make this a **SWEET** success with your help while supporting a small family business.

ORDERING: Please order and pay by **Thursday, October 19**

PAYMENT: Cash only, please

PICKUP: Kits will be distributed at dismissal (3pm) on **Wednesday, October 25** in the main parking lot

Please text/email if you have any questions.

Contact: Whitney Piliero (wpiliero@gmail.com)

Text: 631-235-4467



Duck Donuts DIY Kit Order Form:

☐ FAMILY (4) \$10 Qty: _____

☐ FLOCK (8) \$20 Qty: _____

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____



We are at 77% of GOAL which mean we are \$23,785 away!

Can we reach our goal by Thanksgiving????

WE ARE AT 77% OF OUR GOAL as of October 3rd, 2023

Our Pledges are \$78,215.

Our Payments are \$71,801.

Together we can reach our goal!

GOAL: \$102,000
PAYMENTS AT
10/3/23
\$71,801.

PLEDGES AT
10/3/23
\$78,215
We are on our
Way~

On Sunday, October 29th at the 12 Noon Mass,
We will offer married couples the opportunity.
to gather and renew their wedding vows.

A reception will follow in the auditorium.



Those wishing to join are asked to complete and return the form below or you may call
the Parish Center – 631-584-5454 and provide the information.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

A Marriage Prayer

Dear Lord

Help us to remember when we first met, and the abiding love that grew between us.

Please work our love into practical living so nothing will ever divide us.

*We pray for words both kind and loving, and hearts always ready
to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive.*

*Lord, together with faith and hope we place our lives and marriage into your righteous
hands.*

Amen

We look forward to celebrating at this Mass

(names) _____ # attending _____

Number of years married _____

Our Marriage took place at (Church/ town) _____

Contact info (email) _____ (phone) _____

Reception sponsored through a generous donation,
honoring Nancy and John Dervan on their recent renewal of vows

Parish Social Ministry

Our Food Pantry Needs: **Please check expiration dates** **Canned Chicken**



Thank you for your kindness and compassion



We remember the family and friends
of,
John Frenna

Safely Home in the arms of our Lord

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

"October is Respect Life month. As faithful Catholics we are aware that respecting life is a constant pursuit. May we always consider more deeply that every human life is valuable, and reflect on how we can build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death".

Pope Francis invites us to "become painfully aware" of the extent of our planet's crisis and engage in the eco-conversion that is needed to protect our common home



THE WASH KIT GANG INVITES ALL TO JOIN IN A WONDERFUL GATHERING:

WE WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2023 IN THE BETHANY CENTER LOWER LEVEL
DIRECTLY AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS

DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE ARE ASKED TO CALL THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE AT 631-584-5454

TO REGISTER FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Saints Philip & James Consolation Ministry

We are gathering names of anyone grieving the loss of a loved one and may be interested in joining our Bereavement Program.

The program will be held for six weeks beginning Tuesday, October 10th at 1pm.

This gathering is held in the Bethany Center.

To register, please call the Parish Center Office At 631-584-5454.

Helpful Phone Numbers~ YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

Dept. of Social Services: 631-854-2300
Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827
Alzheimer's Disease: 631-954-2323
American Red Cross L.I.: 516-747-3500
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800
Brookhaven Youth Counseling: 631-451-8011
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698
www.childrenscommunityhs.org
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607
Elder Abuse: 631-761-7470
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030
In Home Care- Home Instead: 631-724-2273
LI Against Domestic Violence: 631-666-8833
LI Head Start: 631-732-7100
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833
Memory Care in NY: www.memorycare.com
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262
Nassau/Suffolk Law: 631-232-2400
National Aging in place-L.I. Chapter: 631-383-4341
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-784-2433
Office for the Aging: 631-853-8200
Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615 www.SuffolkOA.org
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion): 888-456-4673
Response Crisis Center: (Suicide Hotline): 631-751-7500
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200



Collecting new and gently used baby items and delivering them to the Life Center of Long Island. These items benefit mothers, children, and expectant mothers in need. Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances. **Suggested donation items:** Diapers, wipes, bottles. Gently used baby and toddler items such as car seats, high chairs, strollers, clothing, toys, etc. New baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, etc.

PLEASE DROP OFF AT: 56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST.JAMES, NY

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 8th, 2022

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

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

Saturday, October 14th or Sunday, October 15th, 2023



The Gospel Message:

In today's gospel reading Jesus teaches us another parable (a story) about tending to a vineyard, a place where grapes are grown. The people that work for the land owner try to fool him so that they can inherit the vineyard and keep the harvest of grapes.

What God is teaching us is that we must believe in his love and mercy to grow our harvest and share it with all our brothers and sisters.

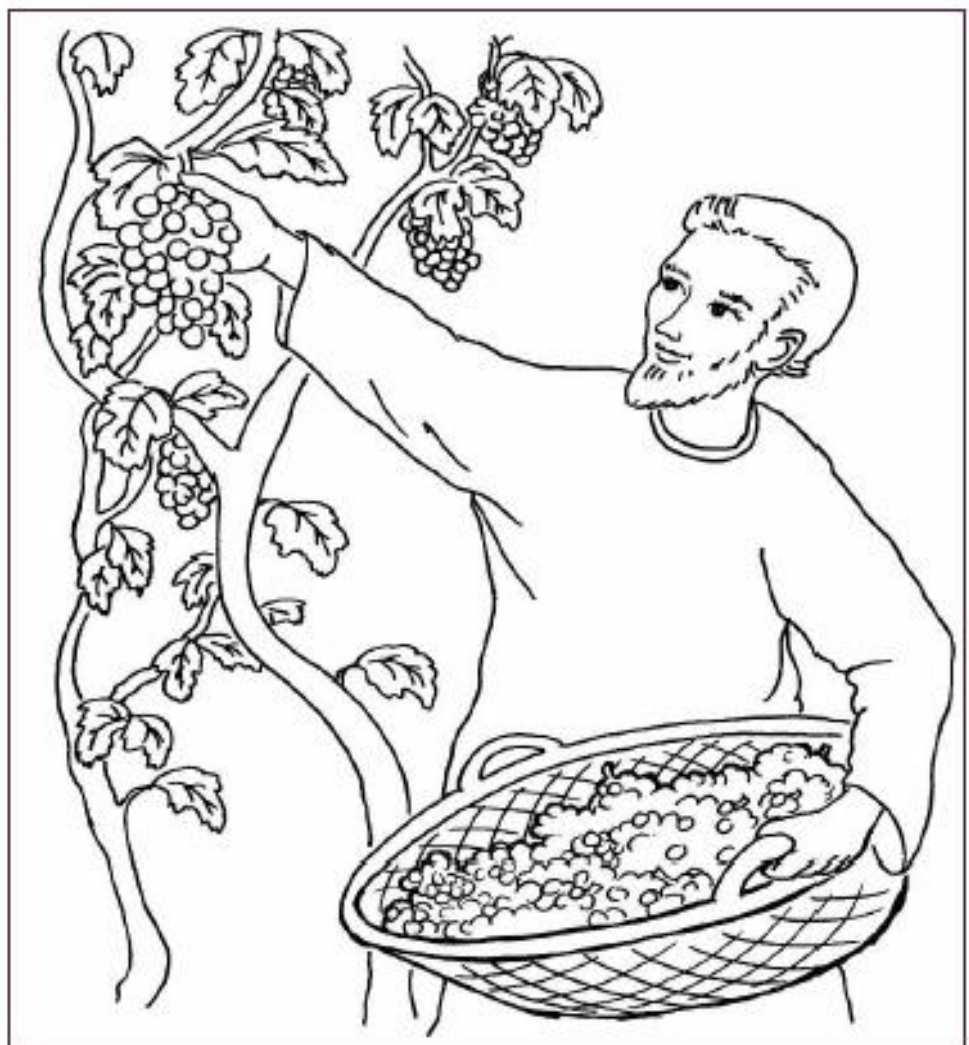
**"THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO
PRODUCE ITS FRUIT"**

Dear Jesus,

*The parables you
share with me teach
me your ways.*

*They remind me
that choosing what
is right and just is
always the best
choice.*

*I thank you for
sharing all of your
glorious creation
with me. Please
help me to honor
and care for it.*



Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For the: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 8th, 2023

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

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

Saturday, October 14th or Sunday, October 15th, 2023



The Gospel Message: Matthew 21:33-43

In today's gospel reading Jesus teaches us a another parable (a story) about tending to a vineyard, a place where grapes are grown. The people that work for the land owner try to fool him so that they can inherit the vineyard and keep the harvest of grapes.

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Amen

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Match the words in the box with the correct definition.



the stone that the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone ...
Matthew 21:42

1. _____ A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
2. _____ The time or season for gathering crops
3. _____ A parent's male child
4. _____ A person who works with plants and flowers
5. _____ People employed to perform services for another person
6. _____ The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
7. _____ To hear or pay attention to something
8. _____ To put to death

FRUIT
HARVEST

PARABLE
KILLED

FARMER
LISTEN

SERVAANTS
SON

Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

For the: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 8th, 2023

Name: _____ Grade: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

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

Saturday, October 14th or Sunday, October 15th, 2023

The Gospel Message: Matthew 21:33-43



In today's gospel reading Jesus teaches us another parable (a story) about tending to a vineyard, a place where grapes are grown. The people that work for the land owner try to fool him so that they can inherit the vineyard and keep the harvest of grapes.

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Let Us Pray,

*Dear Jesus,
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Amen

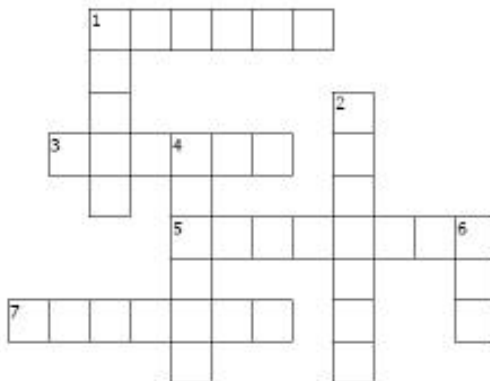
The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



the stone that the builders
rejected has become the
corner stone...
Matthew 21:42



ACROSS

1. A person who works with plants and flowers
3. To put to death
5. People employed to perform services for another person
7. The time or season for gathering crops

DOWN

1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
2. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
4. To hear or pay attention to something
6. A parent's male child

PARABLE
SERVANTS

LISTEN
SON

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FRUIT

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Reflecting and Preparing for Next Sunday October 15th, 2023
The Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 15

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Ps 23:1-6

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

Monday October 16

Romans 1:1-7

Ps 98:1-4

Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday October 17**St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Romans 1:16-25

Ps 19:2-5

Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday October 18**St. Luke, Evangelist**

2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Ps 145:10-13,17-18

Luke 10:1-9

Thursday October 19**Sts. Isaac Jogues &
John de Brébeuf, Priests,
and Companions, Martyrs**

Romans 3:21-30

Ps 130:1b-6b

Luke 11:47-54

Friday October 20

Romans 4:1-8

Ps 32:1b-2,5,11

Luke 12:1-7

Saturday October 21

Romans 4:13,16-18

Ps 105:6-9,42-43

Luke 12:8-12

In today's Gospel, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers: people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet without entering into a genuine relationship with God.

You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Genuine Christians are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love.

Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a friend of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up

boundaries against them.

Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, i.e., into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality. We should



love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship.

God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However,

healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on.

And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How many Godly, healthy friendships do you really have?
- † Where can you go to find more people who want to be in a holy, Christ-centered, faith-building relationship with you?
- † What makes a friendship truly good?
- † How do you know when the time has come to say no to an unhealthy, unholy relationship? How have you handled it?
- † Where have you gone to find support and healing and growth?

OUR DEEPEST LONELINESS

Harvard psychologist Robert Coles, in describing the French mystic Simone Weil, once suggested that what she really suffered from and what motivated her life was her moral loneliness. What is that?

Moral loneliness is what we experience when we ache for moral affinity, that is, for a soulmate, for someone who meets us, understands, and honors all that's deepest and most precious inside us.

We are lonely in different ways. We feel restlessness despite experiencing intimacy, and we feel a nostalgia for a home we can never quite find. There's loneliness, a restlessness, an aching, a yearning, a longing, an appetite, a disquiet, a nostalgia, a timelessness inside us that never quite feels consummated.

Moreover, this dis-ease lies at the center of our experience, not at its edges. We are not restless people who sometimes get restless, serene people who sometimes experience disquiet, or fulfilled people who occasionally get frustrated. Rather we are restless beings who sometimes find rest, disquieted persons who sometimes find solitude, and dissatisfied men and women who sometimes find satisfaction.

And, among all these many yearnings, one is deeper than the others. What we ultimately long for beneath everything else is moral affinity, for a soul partner, for someone to meet us in the depth of our soul, for someone who honors all that's most precious in us. More than we long for someone to sleep with sexually, we long for someone to sleep with in this way, morally.

What does this mean?

It might be expressed this way: Each of us nurses a dark memory of once having been touched and caressed by hands far gentler than our own. That caress has left a permanent mark, an imprint in us of a love so tender, good, and pure that its memory is a prism through which we see everything else. The old myths express it well when they tell that, before we were born, God kissed our souls and we go through life always remembering, in some intuitive way, that kiss and measuring everything else in relation to it and its original purity, tenderness, and unconditionality.

This unconscious memory of once having been touched and caressed by God creates the deepest place inside of us, the place where we hold all that's most precious and sacred to us. When we say that something "rings true", what we are really saying is that it honors that deep place in our hearts, that it coincides with a deep truth, tenderness, and purity that we have already experienced.

From this place issues forth all that is deepest and truest inside us – both our kisses and our tears. Paradoxically this is the place that we most guard from others, even as it is the place that we would most like someone to enter, providing that entry respects the purity, tenderness, and unconditionality of the original caress of God which formed that tender cavity in the first place.

This is the place of deep intimacy and deep loneliness, the place where we are innocent and the place where we are violated, the place where we are holy, temples of God, sacred churches of reverence, and the place we corrupt when we act against truth. This is our moral center and the aching we feel there is aptly called moral loneliness. It's here that we long for a soulmate.

And it's in this longing, in this unyielding ache, that we are driven outward where, like the Biblical woman in the *Song of Songs*, we achingly search for someone to sleep with morally.

Sometimes that longing is fixed on a certain person, and that fixation can be so obsessive that we lose all emotional freedom. As well, we can conclude, as does our culture, that this at its root is a longing for sexual union. There's some truth in that, despite its one-sidedness. Sexual union, in its true form, is indeed the "one-flesh" consummation decreed by the Creator after the condemnation of loneliness – "it is not good for the man to be alone." Outside of sexual union, in the end, one is always somewhat alone, single, separate, cut off, a minority of one.

But, ultimately, we are lonely at a level that sex alone cannot satisfy. More deeply than we long for a sexual partner, we long for moral affinity. Our deepest longing is for a partner to sleep with morally, a kindred spirit, a soulmate in the truest meaning of that phrase.

Great friendships and great marriages invariably have this at their root, namely, deep moral affinity. The persons in these relationships are "lovers" in the deep sense because they sleep with each other at that deep level, irrespective of whether or not there is sexual union. At the level of feeling, this type of love is experienced as a "coming home".

Therese of Lisieux once suggested that, as humans, we are "exiles of the heart" and we can only overcome this by moral communion with each other, that is, through sleeping with each other in charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, longsuffering, and faith.