



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

631-584-5454

# June 14th, 2020

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ



*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for  
the life of the world."*

*John 6:51*

*"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

### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-8pm

Open Thursday 9am-5pm

Open Saturday 10am-2pm

Closed Friday and Sunday

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**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**— Thursday 2-4pm  
Friday 8-9pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVE FOR US IN YOUR PRAYERS

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**Financial Support Needed weekly to meet Parish budget:**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday June 7th, 2020**

**Father's Day:**

**Faith Direct :**

**Total Weekly Collection:**

\$ 7,552.  
840.

**3,035.**

**\$17,800.**

**\$11,427.**

# Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

In today's first reading, Moses is speaking to the people of Israel as they neared the Promised Land after a long 40 years of hard wandering. He appeals to their memory, calling upon them to remember how God cared for them during their travels. "Remember," he instructs, "Remember your God." It's not just a nostalgic or theoretical remembering he is asking of them. He calls them to remember God's concrete actions on their behalf. He spells out the specifics of what God did for them and reminds them that God sustained them in their desert journey by giving them manna.

We also are called to "remember our God". We do that as we look back at God's presence throughout all the experiences of our lives, including during these past months of isolation due to the covid-19 pandemic. As our state and our church continue the process of reopening, may we respond to the presence of God in one another and be respectful by continuing to practice safety precautions.

## **Specifically, in light of this new phase of reopening, please note:**

- We began welcoming limited numbers to celebrate Mass within the church building. Only 90 people are permitted in the church. We are currently arranging to have an online provider arrange tickets for Sunday Mass. These tickets will be required for entry.
- This weekend there is an 8am Mass and a 10am Mass. At this time tickets are not needed for the 9:15am weekday Mass, but the same limit of 90 persons is in effect.
- Masks are required for entry.
- You will be escorted to a seat. This means there are no favorite spots at this time.
- Entry is through the center doors only. You are asked not to touch the doors, they will be open.
- Reception of Holy Communion is not permitted at this time by directive of the diocese.
- At the conclusion of the Mass, ushers will indicate when it is time for you to exit the church beginning from the rear of the church.
- We will continue to live stream the Mass on weekdays at 9:15am. This weekend livestreaming will be at the 10am Mass.

The dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect indefinitely. Those who are sick or vulnerable due to age or health conditions are strongly encouraged to remain at home and view the Mass .

I ask that we keep in mind that there are many who wish to come to Mass and that if you sign up for one week that the following week you give someone else an opportunity.

We will study how things go this weekend and will make any needed modifications as we responsibly negotiate a safe reopening.

Today we celebrate the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ – who we are called to be! We are a people who reverence the Real Presence of Christ who offers Himself to us and dwells within each of us. As the Eucharist makes us Christ's church of reconciliation, the Eucharist makes each one of us a minister of reconciliation, and an Apostle of Hope. As the Eucharist animates the Church with the love and compassion of Christ, the Eucharist animates each of our lives with the love and compassion of Christ. As our country and our world strive for equality and justice, may we reverence and respect the presence of Christ in each person.

Let's continue to pray for each other Apostles of Hope.

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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



## Welcome Back ~

*As we take cautious steps to begin this journey we ask your support, understanding and cooperation. The following information is a tentative step on our road back home please realize anything is subject to change.*

*We ask that ALL PARISHIONERS SIGN UP FOR FLOCK NOTE~ THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS SERVICE.*

*FLOCKNOTE ENABLES US, AT THE CURRENT TIME, TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY PARISHIONERS OF ANY IMPORTANT ISSUES IN A VERY EFFICIENT AND TIMELY FASHION.*



*Please text "SSPJParish" to 84576 - you will automatically be registered as an SSPJ parishioner – please follow the prompts to complete the sign-up.*

*As you know our parish runs on donations, contributions and offerings made through the generosity of our parishioners. If you are able to continue financial support, offerings may be mailed to SSPJ - 1 Carow Place. They may also be dropped into the mail slot at the side of the office entrance door. You may choose to sign-up with Faith Direct, there is a link on our opening webpage. The Diocese of Rockville Centre has established a Text-to-Give program as an alternative way to financially support your parish. You may choose this option for a one-time payment or set a schedule.*

**TEXT TO GIVE PROGRAM:**  
ONLINE OFFERTORY GIVING  
**TEXT:** 148parishssphilipandjames  
**TO:** 516-271-3338



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**FAITH DIRECT:**  
GO TO SSPJ.ORG  
CLICK ON THE FAITH DIRECT ICON  
Creating a Faith Direct account is easy, just click on the Faith Direct logo, and use  
Parish of Saints Philip and James account code  
NY232 when signing up  
*We remain grateful for your generosity and support*



### FOOD PANTRY APPRECIATES YOUR HELP:

TOILET PAPER

CANNED CHICKEN

BABY WIPES

BOXED MAC & CHEESE

GIFT CARDS: KING KULLEN/STOP & SHOP  
GAS GIFT CARDS

Any donations may be left in the Church Prayer Room  
or the St. Anthony's Bread Closet.

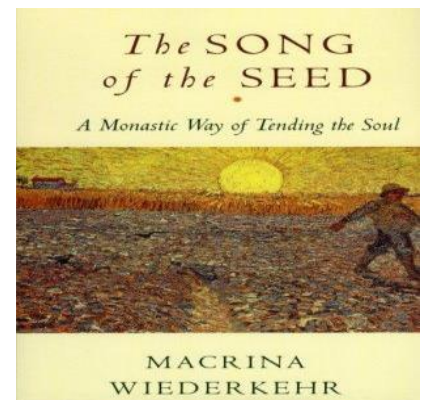
### Laudato Si

Pope Francis says "A fragile world, entrusted by God to human care, challenges us to devise intelligent ways of directing, developing and limiting our power". How will we use our free will to make choices that allow us to be agents of change?

## At Home Retreat Corner with Sister T

There is always time for a wonderful phone call. This week I received a phone call from a 91 year old parishioner who was so grateful for the parish inviting people to use the book Song of the Seed. She shared that she was a lover of planting, the earth and this newfound book.

So much so that she sent her 2 friends a copy. *"this is just wonderful at my stage in life."* Thank you for sharing. Any one else that has some comments are welcome to send to Sister T at [srtheresita@sspj.org](mailto:srtheresita@sspj.org)



"Never worry about numbers.  
Help one person at a time and  
always start with the person  
nearest you."  
— Mother Teresa



*As we enter an "new normal" we ask that you reach out to your neighbors who may not have computer access, and share this information with them. Perhaps offering to assist them with this process...*

*Offer your hand in communion with your Parish family...*

## ***WELCOME HOME!***

Daily mass at SSPJ has resumed on June 10th, 2020 at 7:30am and 9:15am Monday thru Friday, Saturday at 9:15am  
(9:15am Daily Mass will continue to be live streamed)

### **SUNDAY MASS:**

ON JUNE 14TH, 2020 : MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 8AM AND AT 10AM  
(The 10:00am Mass will be livestreamed )

DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS, **MASS IS LIMITED TO 90 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE.**

THERE WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AT THIS TIME

FOR COMPLIANCE AND TRACING PURPOSES, MASS ATTENDANCE WILL REQUIRE  
**ON -LINE REGISTRATION AT: SSPJ.ORG :MASS RESERVATIONS**

IF A PERSON IS UNABLE TO REGISTER ON LINE: PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE  
631-584-5454

## **AS THE "NEW NORMAL" BEGINS, WE ASK YOUR COOPERATION WITH THE FOLLOWING WHEN ENTERING CHURCH:**

**A MASK MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES**

**HAND SANITIZER MUST BE USED UPON ENTERING AND EXITING CHURCH**

**SOCIAL DISTANCE IS MANDATORY: ALLOW 6 FEET DISTANCE UPON ENTERING  
AND EXITING**

PLEASE PROCESS UP THE CENTER AISLE AND  
**ENTER THE OPEN PEW FROM THE SIDE AISLE.**

**EXIT THE PEW FROM THE SIDE AISLE ROW BY ROW TO ALLOW DISTANCE.**

**SIT ONLY WHERE THERE IS AN "X" ON THE PEW.**

**FAMILIES OF 3 OR MORE ARE ASKED TO SIT IN THE SIDE PEWS ONLY**

*Thank you so very much for your understanding*



So blessed we are to say, we have received pledges as of June 9th, 2020

In the amount of \$87,255. toward our 2020 CMA Goal of \$111,000.

During this very difficult time, it is with great appreciation and gratitude for your sacrifices and generosity.

If you wish to donate to the Catholic Ministries Appeal:  
Diocese of Rockville Centre| Catholic Ministries Appeal | 516-678-5800 ext. 296



*Every day, people in our community are helped because of support from funds raised through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Today, consider a Dad like Tom.*

It was the weekend and I was at a local bar partying. That was my routine. Apparently the guy near me was partying harder and next thing I know we're in a bad fight. And in that one heated, drunken moment I lost everything. I was arrested for assault and sentenced to seven years in one of the worst prisons in New York State.



All I could keep thinking was, *"This isn't possible. It can't be happening to me."* But it was. When I got there I did everything I could to get out early. I took part in a prison substance abuse program because alcohol had been a mitigating circumstance in my case. I also served as an assistant to a college professor who taught classes for inmates, helping them earn high school diplomas. I loved the work and did that for four years. In the meantime I trained myself to read a book a day, joined a music program and taught myself to play guitar. But even with all my good behavior it was still five and a half years before I was released on parole

When I finally got back home to Long Island I tried hard to start life over but it was difficult. Not only did I have to find a job and a place to live, I had to reconnect with family and figure out who my real friends were. To make matters worse I was unhappy with the outpatient program I had been assigned to. I felt like I was just a number to them so I took a chance and transferred to Catholic Charities.

The change in atmosphere was like night and day. They had a more spiritual approach and didn't judge me for my past. In fact, they helped me understand that my experiences were valuable life lessons. I finally started feeling good about myself, like I was a part of the community. Today, I work a full time job, have a beautiful family and I haven't had a drink since 2010. It wasn't easy but the team at Catholic Charities gave me the get-up-and-go I needed to make a fresh start.

***Please consider donating to the Appeal and making a difference in the lives of other Dad's like Tom.***

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Make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mass Intentions, For the week of June 14th, 2020

Saturday, June 13th, 2020  
5:00pm Concetta & Joseph Bitetto

Sunday, June 14th, 2020~The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ  
8:00am For the People of SSPJ  
10:00am Edward & Anna Ceraso  
12:00Noon Collective Mass:  
Theresa Stramiello  
Robert Motto  
Peter Creedon  
John Capizzio  
Blondine Gagne

Monday, June 15th, 2020  
7:30am Paul J. Czujko  
9:15am Steve Rannazzisi

Tuesday, Wednesday June 16th, 2020  
7:30am  
9:15am The Cerrito Family

Wednesday, June 17th, 2020  
7:30am Joan Bedosky  
9:15am Florence Dunn

Thursday, June 18th, 2020  
7:30am  
9:15am Collective Mass:  
John Boland

Friday, June 19th, 2020~The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
7:30am Thomas Kiernan  
9:15am Harrison Thrasher, Jr.

Saturday, June 20th, 2020~The Immaculate Heart of Mary  
9:15am John Purcell  
5:00pm No Intentions

Sunday, June 21st, 2020  
8:00am Father's Day Novena  
10:00am For the People of SSPJ  
12:00Noon Collective Mass:  
No Intentions

**Our Pro Life Rose**  
**For the Week of June 14th, 2020**

**Is Offered for,**  
**Margaret Mennella**  
**Dear Mom,**  
**We miss you so much.**  
**Love you,**  
**Margie C. Martin**



## Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

## Remembering in Our Prayers~

Adrian Erias  
Angela Amoroso  
Arthur Gureck  
Anna Capizzio  
Barbara Bombace  
Baby Mattia Rose Lubrano  
Belinda Groneman  
Belinda Vega  
Bob Keenan  
Claudia Chandler  
Daniel Radice  
Deirdre W.  
Diana C.  
Dottie Nunziata  
Dorothy E. Mitchell  
Donalea Donach  
Ellie Walsh  
Frank Cotoia  
Gladys Blake  
Gregory Parker  
Ida Wehman  
Joan Kranz  
Jim McLean  
John DeStefano  
J.C.

And for all the prayers intentions in our hearts

Joseph S.  
Joseph G.  
Joyce Wiggins  
Judy Contrino  
Kathleen N.  
Kitty Cronin  
Leon Donach  
Maria Clark  
Marie del Ciello  
Matthew Parrella  
Melissa C.  
Michael Fisher  
Mike Lofaro  
Patricia Acker  
Peter Donach  
P.I.  
Philip G.  
Ricardo Buffit  
Richard Cembrale  
Sara Jean Andersen  
Tim Cavoors  
Vivien Cordes  
Victoria Zubrycky  
Vicki Archdeacon  
William Quinn

For our Nation in time of crisis

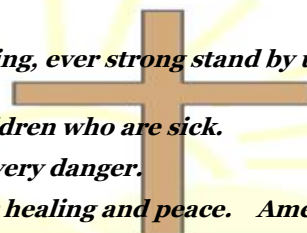
## Prayer for the Sick

**God of love, ever caring, ever strong stand by us in our time of need.**

**Watch over your children who are sick.**

**Look after them in every danger.**

**And grant them your healing and peace. Amen**





## *The Great News at SSPJ School!!! It's All About FUN!*

### It was a Fun Day for a *Virtual* Fun Day!

Distance learning could not keep the students of SSPJ School from having fun. Students watched videos of faculty members demonstrating activities and games and joined in on the fun at home!

**We are SSPJ Strong!**





June 21, 2020 • 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

## Death Isn't the Worst

*This Week's Readings at Mass*

- Jeremiah 20:10-13 - Jeremiah's faith in crisis
- Romans 5:12-15 - Mankind's sin through Adam
- Matthew 10:26-33 - Reassurance to the Twelve

In this Gospel reading, Jesus is speaking to the apostles immediately after giving them a terrifying task to "cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, and cast out demons" (Mt. 10:8) and to take nothing for their journey: no money, food, or extra clothing. Naturally, they were likely concerned about not having enough of the basic necessities for such a mission (Mt 10:9-10). Finally, Jesus told them the kicker: "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves... beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me... and you will be hated by all because of my name" (Mt. 10:17-18, 22). Having heard all these instructions and predictions, we can imagine the apostles might not have wanted to go through with their mission after all. Who in their right mind would sign up for such a job?

Just when all the apostles may have been reconsidering their mission, Jesus addressed their fears. He told them boldly that they shouldn't fear anyone. He urged them to speak with confidence and strength. He reminded them that they are worth far more than two song birds who are known, watched over, and cared for by God. He taught them that the life of their soul is more important than their physical life. He put their physical worries and fears into perspective.



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"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

### Sheepish Question:

For what do I need courage (OR wisdom) right now?

Death is not the worst that can happen, so they do not need to live in fear. Instead, they can go out to proclaim Jesus' message and live in confidence and trust that God will watch over them, until, through, and beyond their death.

## Questions of the Week

- 1 Think about a time in the past when you were fearful of following Jesus' lead because of some real or imagined hardships it would entail. What did you do? What happened?
- 2 Is there something worrisome or scary you are being invited to do in your life now? Does it help your resolve to hear Jesus' assurances of God's care for you? Why or why not?

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## A Magnificent Defeat

Where's the fairness in life? Why are some people so undeservedly blessed in this world while others are seemingly cursed? Why are craftiness, self-serving ambition, taking advantage of others, and dishonesty so frequently rewarded? This has no quick answer.

In his book *The Magnificent Defeat*, the renowned novelist and preacher, Frederick Buechner, takes up this question by focusing on the biblical character, Jacob. He, as we know, twice cheated his brother, Esau. Catching him hungry and vulnerable, Jacob buys his birthright from him for a meal. More seriously, he poses as Esau, tricks their father, and steals the blessing and the inheritance that was Esau's by right. Everything about this seems wrong and calls for retribution, yet Jacob's life seemingly teaches the opposite. In contrast to his cheated brother, Jacob lives a very richly blessed life and is favored by God and by others. What's the lesson? Are God and life really on the side of those who do this type of thing?

Buechner builds his answer by moving from the pragmatic and the short-range to the spiritual and the long-range.

First, from a pragmatic point of view, the story of Jacob teaches its own lesson, namely, that as a matter of fact in this life people like Jacob, who are intelligent, crafty, and ambitious often do end up being rewarded in ways that people like Esau, who are slower on the draw, don't. While clearly this isn't the moral teachings of the Sermon on the Mount, other parts of scripture, including some teachings of Jesus, do challenge us to be intelligent, to work hard, and indeed at times to be crafty. God doesn't necessarily help those who help themselves, but God and life seem to reward those who use their talents. But there's a fine moral line here and Buechner draws it out brilliantly.

He asks: when someone who does what Jacob did and it brings him riches in this life, where is the moral consequence? The answer comes to Jacob years later. He is alone one night when a stranger leaps upon him and the two of them end up wrestling silently with each other throughout the entire night. Just as dawn is breaking and it seems Jacob might win, everything is suddenly reversed. With an infinitely superior strength that he seems to have deliberately held back until now, the stranger touches Jacob's thigh and renders him helpless. Something deeply transformative happens to Jacob in that experience of helplessness. Now that he knows that he is finally defeated, he no longer wants to be free of the stranger's grasp; instead he clings fiercely to his former foe like a drowning man. Why?

Here's Buechner's explanation: "The darkness had faded just enough so that for the first time he can dimly see his opponent's face. And what he sees is something more terrible than the face of death — the face of love. It is vast and strong, half-ruined with suffering and fierce with joy, the face a man flees down all the darkness of his days until at last he cries out, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me!' *Not a blessing that he can have now by the strength of his cunning or the force of his will, but a blessing that he can have only as a gift.*"

There's an entire spirituality here. The blessing for which we are forever wrestling can only come to us as gift, not as something we can snatch through our own talent, cunning, and strength. By his wit and cunning, Jacob became a rich, admired man in this world. But in struggling for all those riches he was wrestling with a force he unconsciously perceived as someone or something to be overcome. Eventually, after many years of struggle, he had an awakening. Light dawned, through a crippling defeat. And in the light of that defeat he finally saw that what he had been struggling with for all that time was not someone or something to be overcome, but the very love he was wrestling for in all his efforts to achieve and get ahead.

For many of us, this will also be the real awakening in our lives, waking up to the fact that in our ambition and in all the schemes we concoct to get ahead, we are not wrestling with a someone or something to be overcome by our strength and wit; we are wrestling with community, love, and with God. And it will undoubtedly take the defeat of our own strength (and a permanent limp) before we realize what we are fighting against. Then we will give up trying to win and instead cling like a drowning man to this face of love, begging for its blessing, *a blessing that we can have only as a gift.*

Believing that our blessing lies in winning, we strive to wrestle our lives away from others until one day, if we are lucky enough to be defeated, we begin to beg others to hang on to us.