



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

631-584-5454

March 17th, 2024
The Fifth Sunday Of Lent
St. Patrick's Day



*“Father, I thank you for hearing me.
I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here
I have said this,
That they may believe that you sent me.”
John 11:41-42*

*“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-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, March 10th, 2024:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,421.50

Mail Collections: \$1,061.00

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

Total Collection: \$13,856.54

Catholic Relief Services sent 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
CARL JOSEPHSON-USAF
DANIEL JOSEPHSON-USAF
SAMANTHA JOSEPHSON-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,

As we continue our Lenten journey on this fifth Sunday, the second reading from the letter to the Hebrews is quite concise but offers much to pray with. Here are some thoughts to reflect on from Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP:

Our reading from Hebrews reminds us that Jesus was not an other-worldly creature disguised as a human. He did not live above the world of the body, detached from suffering and limitation. Instead, he took on our human state sharing with us our common lot – even unto death. Indeed, he prayed with "loud cries" to God; the way we do when life presses us down. His cries were accompanied by tears. His prayers, though heard by God, did not spare him from suffering. He may have prayed, not to escape suffering, but that God's love would support him in it. And God did.

As much as we would like it to be otherwise, when we accept the cross and Jesus' way of living, we cannot escape pain. But Hebrews also suggests to us that by accepting the cross we will be transformed into the mind and heart of Jesus. Paul would say we are educated in Christ and have put on the mind of Christ; that is, we will think and act towards one another like Christ (Philippians 2:1-11).

This week let's pray that "we will all think and act towards one another like Christ", that we will continue to strive to be Apostles of Hope.

Next weekend Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The statues and crucifix will be covered in purple to help us focus on our journey with Christ, preparing us for the unveiling of the cross on Good Friday. Why do we cover the statues during this time? Here's an answer provided by St. Joseph's Seminary, Massachusetts:

The practice of veiling images alerts us that something is different, it can be startling at first, but the last two weeks of Lent are a time of immediate preparation for the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. The veils are hard to miss, and they serve as a reminder to get ready! The veiled images build within us a longing for Easter Sunday... Through this absence of images, our senses are heightened, and we become more aware of what is missing... When images are unveiled before the Easter Vigil, we are reminded that we, in a sense, live in a veiled world.... Christ lifts the veil through His Resurrection.

On the Monday of Holy Week, the sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the church from 3pm until 9pm. Our communal penance service will take place at 7pm. More information on Holy Week services will be in next week's bulletin.

Thank you to all who have already pledged their support of this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. Each year CMA provides support for Long Islanders in need. By supporting the CMA, we are working together to create pathways of love and compassion by providing programs that serve disadvantaged families, our senior citizens, those struggling with substance abuse and those in need of housing, CMA also assists with faith formation of adults, youth, and children. There are many in need in our diocese. Our goal this year has been set at \$102,000. Your pledge/donation is vital. Please prayerfully consider giving your support.

And finally, *Two artists had an art contest. It ended in a draw.
What kind of music do mummies listen to? Wrap.
Why did the car get a flat tire? Because there was a fork in the road!
What do you call a cold puppy? A chili dog.
Did you hear the sausage joke? It's the wurst.*

Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone! And Happy St. Joseph's Day to all! Corned beef and pasta??? Why not!!!

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of March 17th, 2024

**The Pro Life Rose
For the week of
March 17th, 2024**

**Is dedicated in thanksgiving
for our new grandson,
Theodore Elijah**



**Love,
Evelyn Hurtado
and family**

We Pray for those who are ill...

Andy
Anna Capizzio
Anna Maria
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
Benito Fernandez
Betty DiSimone
Bob DelCielo
Rob Remhild
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Cathleen Henchey
Chase Addonizio
Christella Stewart
David Beleck
David McCue
Deirdre W.
Diane LaPorte
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Ed Ceraso
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
Jakob King
Jamie Accardi
Jean Saladino
Jenny Bonanno
Jerry
Jessie Lokai
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
Karl Walz
Kitty Cronin
Kristin Galetta
Lauretta Prague
Laura Bode
Leon Donach
Lola Santangelo
Lori Cearney
Marjorie Fox
Mary Monte
Margaret Remhild
Mark Hildreth
Mark Wagner
Mary Ryan
Marie Feicco
Maria Clark
Maria Collaro
Marie del Cielo
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
Ricardo Buffit
Rob Remhild & Family
Riordan Cavooris
Rogelio Martinez
Ronnie Paciella
Rose
Ryan Duffy
Sara Jean Andersen
Stanley Stura
Stephen Dolce
Susanne Smith
Tonia Perdue
Tara Cesarski
Teresa Matterna
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Thomas Liferieri
Tom Ryan
Tom Focone
Vivien & John
Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.

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| Saturday March 16th Cantor: LoCastro | Presider: Father Tom Lector: Thompson/Student EM: Rizzo/Mantia/Anderson/ Duffy/Urce | 9:15am 5:00pm | Living~Michael Smith Jack Duffy |
| Sunday March 17th Cantor: . Meringolo | Presider: Father Tom Lector:Luna/White EM:Dunn/Dervan/Diaz/ Sica/M. Tully | 8:00am | For the People of SSPJ Parish |
| Cantor: Lupinacc | Presider: Father Joe Lector:Sehne/Just EM:Amen/Parish/Clarke/ Keane/Suski/McKie | 10:00am | John Pavelka |
| Cantor: Lupinacc | Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector:Kenton/Rubano EM:Margaret/Rubano/ V.Rubano/Settineri | 12:00pm | MaryFinnigan~Mashikion Clifford Bollhofer Salvatore Tusa Living~Cathy & Michael Gargiulio |
| Monday March 18th St Cyril of Jerusalem |  Adoration 1:30-7pm | 7:30am 9:15am | Living~CW2 Natasha Wortman Martin Rizzo |
| Tuesday March 19th | St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 7:30am 9:15am | Pietro Vario Joseph Terebetski |
| Wednesday March 20th | | 7:30am 9:15am | Janet Schultz Elizabeth McSweeney |
| Thursday March 21st | | 7:30am 9:15am | Living~Pvt Joshua Olsen USARNG Collective Mass: Gregory Mattia |
| Friday March 22nd | | 7:30am 9:15am | Living~Corp James T Casey USMC Beatrice & John Harney |
| Saturday March 23rd Cantor: McCulloh | Presider: Father Joe Lector:Cullen/Merlino EM:Rapp/Damato/Sisti/ Byrne/Toto | 9:15am 5:00pm | Barbara McDermott Benedetta Caltabiano |
| Sunday March 24th Cantor: Meringolo | Presider: Father Joe Lector:Koke/Marino EM:Czujko/Kenney/Koke/ LaSerra/P. Tully | 8:00am | For the People of SSPJ Parish |
| Cantor: Meringolo | Presider: Father Tom Lector:Cafaro/Piliero EM:Mulhall/Kenney/Koke/ LaSerra/Amen | 10:00am | Albert ALes |
| Cantor: Lohmann | Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Geier/Franco EM:Consenz/Chilton/ Rubano/Latino | 12:00pm | Eugene Ingenito Maximo Collado Patrick Wilson |

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY
COMMUNION ASSISTANCE NEEDED**

Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

If you are able to share your hands in service during our Holy Week and Easter masses, kindly sign up in the Prayer Room.

The sign up sheet is in the cabinet on the wall in the Prayer Room

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



The Catholic Daughters will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale in the school Lobby this weekend after all Masses. Please join us for Irish Soda Bread and a selection of home baked treats.



**The 2025 MASS BOOK WILL BE
AVAILABLE
ON MONDAY, APRIL 8TH
AT THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our last week of Lent before Holy Week. I hope your Lent is proving to be a time of renewal. Easter will soon be here. How exciting and wonderful to look forward to.

Happy St. Patrick and St Joseph to all. In honor of St. Patrick the choir's special hymn will be Christ be Beside Me. The words are attributed to St. Patrick and before the final blessing, May the Road Rise up to Meet you, # 378 in the music book. Join in singing if you know the tune. This is a traditional Irish Blessing.

In honor of St. Joseph, our Communion is Holy Patron Thee Saluting #134 in the music book. The hymn tells the story of St. Joseph, husband to Mary and foster father to Jesus.

*So... Happy feast days to everyone and
Happy Spring finally this week!!*



**HIS WORDS.
YOUR JOURNEY.
TOGETHER.**

"Let us consider how much patience Jesus had with the disciples: often they did not understand his words (cf. Lk 9:51-56), sometimes they did not get along with each other (cf. Mk 10:41), for a long time they did not succeed in accepting essential aspects of his preaching, for example, service (cf. Lk 22:27). Nevertheless, Jesus chose them and continued to believe in them. This is important, the Lord chose us to be Christians. And we are sinners, we commit one sin after another, but the Lord continues to believe in us. This is wonderful."

Pope Francis

RCIA



THE THREE SCRUTINIES

During the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. You the parishioners will witness our RCIA Elect expressing their desire “to receive all as Christ” and participating in the Three Scrutinies. The purpose of the Scrutinies is “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful” in the hearts of the Elect and “to strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.” The true meaning of the word ‘Scrutinize’ is to simply “see clearly or inspect closely.”

As we experience the Elect going through this process, We as Baptized Catholics would do well “to receive all as Christ” and ask ourselves “what is defective in my heart and soul that needs strengthening?” Resolve to ask for God’s grace, go to reconciliation and work prayerfully on those areas of your spiritual life. Pray with us during these rites so that you may enter with your hearts ready for the joys of Easter.

And please continue to pray for those involved in the RCIA process, Kristina Quadrino, Nick Hoffman, Christie Gallina, and Mariana Avellan.

Thank you, Sister Theresita

CONFIRMATION II CANDIDATES

8TH GRADE CONVERSATIONS WITH MENTORS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH

AN EMAIL HAS BEEN SENT TO EVERY FAMILY WITH MORE INFORMATION



**CMA 2024
TOGETHER
WE CAN REACH IT!!**



2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIocese of Rockville Centre

*Revitalizing our Faith -
Renewed by the Eucharist*

Please consider making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal.



For more information, to watch our video or to make a donation, visit www.catholicministriesappeal.org or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296



**TOTALS RECEIVED AS OF
MARCH 12TH, 2024**

GOAL: \$102,000

PLEDGES: \$30,010.

PAYMENTS: \$15,357.50

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR
PARISH FAMILY FOR THE GENEROSITY OF YOUR
STEWARDSHIP.**

**OUR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL GOAL FOR
2024
IS \$102, 000**

**THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL WILL BEGIN
NEXT WEEKEND:
FEBRUARY 25TH, 2024**

GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

**LET US WALK THIS LENTEN JOURNEY HOLDING
OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHO NEED BASIC**

2024

**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Revitalizing our Faith –
Renewed by the Eucharist*



"As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic."

- Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports vocations in our diocese.

Ordained in 2023, Fr. Steven McClernon spoke to us about what his goals are as a priest in our Diocese and how your support has helped him to accomplish this!

"This year's CMA theme, Revitalizing our Faith -- Renewed by the Eucharist, relates to my vocation as it was fostered through Eucharistic Adoration. I see the People of God revitalized and renewed in their faith when I celebrate Mass. I see how people really love receiving the Eucharist. During Covid when we were separated from receiving the Eucharist, it was a difficult time for many. Now seeing the people back to church, and receiving the Eucharist, I am renewed in my faith and I know God's people are revitalized by the true presence of God in the Eucharist."



The CMA has been greatly influential in my life. One of the ministries it supports is the Holy Hours for Vocations at the Seminary. We gather young people from across the Island to hold Eucharistic Adoration. During my college years, this experience was a big part of my faith and my decision to become a priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has helped foster my vocation to the priesthood."

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

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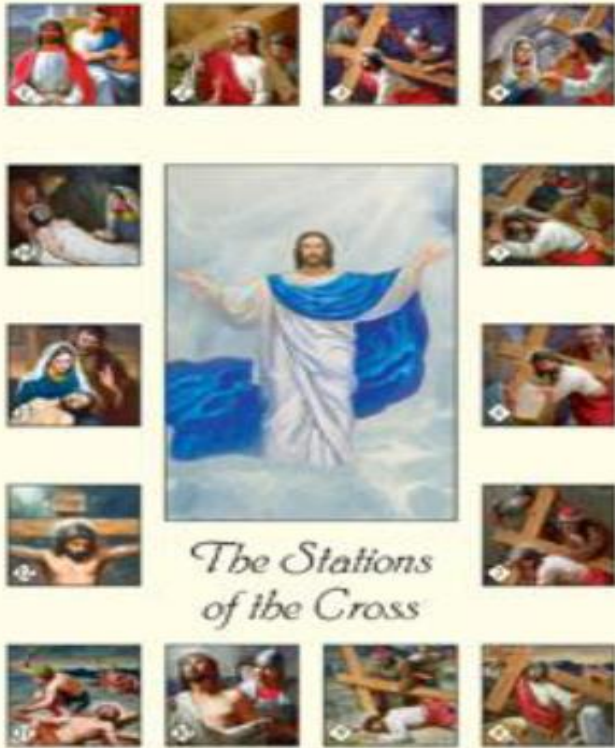
City, State and Zip Code: _____

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Signature: _____

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

Thank You!



Join us every Friday Evening

In the church

at 7:00 pm during Lent

as together we journey the Stations of the Cross focusing each week on hope and healing that unites Christ journey to the cross through prayer with our lives today.

*Praying with Pope Francis
Friday, March 22nd*

*Praying as Witnessed by the Crowd
Friday March 29th*

*Prayers of the Resurrection
Friday April 5th*

Stations of the Cross Through the Eyes of Laudato Si



NINTH STATION: Jesus Falls a Third Time

Jesus' journey nears the end, and the weight of evil in the world bears down on Him as he grows weaker and falls a third time. **Today, many fall under the influence of false prophets who sow division among us.**

"Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident." (LD 5) Some doubt the warming of the planet by saying..." the planet has always had, and will have, periods of cooling and warming. They forget to mention ...that what we are presently experiencing is an unusual acceleration of warming, at such a speed that it will take only one generation – not centuries or millennia..." (LD 6)

As climate change intensifies, our crosses will become heavier and our commitment may wane, causing us to fall again. Apologists for fossil fuels sow doubt and division among us and offer false solutions. Yet the cries of the poor and the earth, that we hear on a daily basis, motivate us to get up from our fall and remain steadfast in our response as Christians.

TENTH STATION: Jesus is Stripped of His Garments

When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining. The garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. "Let us not tear it," they said to one another. "Let us decide by lot who will get it." This happened so that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, "They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment."

When we strip the earth with open-pit mines, mountain-top removal, and clear-cut forests, we destroy entire ecosystems of plants and animals, and **we strip this planet of its beauty and resources.** We divide up the spoils to feed the habits of consumption of our throw-away society.

"Earth now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will... This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she 'groans in travail' (Rom 8:22)" (LS 2)

A REFLECTION FROM SISTER T...

March 13, 2024

Dear Friends,

Pope Francis' next "Be-Attitude" came in perfect timing. I just saw the movie CABRINI and in my humble opinion, I witnessed someone who was BOLD AND CREATIVE. Don't miss the opportunity to see it, you won't be disappointed.

I recently had a conversation with someone about being bold and creative. Interestingly we came to the agreement the bold and creative doesn't mean arrogant or entitled. We capitalize on the idea of being courageous and faithful in using the gifts received from God. And Frances Cabrini did just that.

Be Bold And Creative

Here are some reflection questions that can keep you going all week.

What do I need to do that will wake up the World? Am I aware of people and situations that need to be brought to the attention of a person or group that could help? Scripture says "be either hot or cold but not lukewarm (apathetic) Who am I and do I believe I can help change things?"

Am I willing to take a journey that will take me to unknown places? Playing it safe or remaining in your comfort zone is not what is being asked of you. Are you bold enough to enter uncharted waters.

Am I able to change 'we've always done it that way' to 'let's give it a try?' Talk about moving out of your comfort zone!

Am I using my God given talents creatively? Are you grateful for your talents and using them to impact the life of others? Do you collaborate with others to enhance and expand the reach of your talents. Do you hide your talents under a bushel basket?

As we get closer to Holy week, we know the story and so it challenges us to prepare for the future, for the Triduum followed by Easter. You can also Imagine yourself in the place of those who were living out the story. There had to be a lot of boldness and creativity flowing through those early followers of Jesus.

Till next week,

Sister Theresita

**A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL THE SECOND GRADERS AT SSPJ SCHOOL!!
WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!**

SSPJ 2nd grade students are getting ready to catch the leprechaun!
What will they do with the pot of gold????



SSPJ 2nd grade students said they would give their gold to our church, to those in need and they would buy food & toys for kids who don't have any!

God Bless 2nd grade!

Preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation

RECONCILIATION MONDAY: March 25th, 2024

*CONFESSIONS: 2-4PM and 6-9pm~
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE 7:00PM*

An Examination of Conscience

An examination of conscience is not a test. It is a tool. This tool is one way of helping us to reflect on how we have been living our lives as disciples of Jesus. These tools are usually a series of questions designed to help us to look at how well we've been loving as God loves. Sometimes we may find strengths in ourselves. Sometimes we may find weaknesses. Sometimes we may find times when the choices we've made or chose not to make have been sinful, have caused hurt to our relationship with God, with others, and with ourselves.

The following sample examination of conscience is based on a Scripture quote from the book of Micah.

"This is what the Lord asks of you, only this:

to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

We are asked to walk humbly with God.

Do I speak to God every day in prayer? Do I listen to God speaking to me through the Bible? through Mass and Communion? through other people?

Do I see my life, my time, my talents and abilities as gifts from God? Have I tried to develop my talents and abilities through work, study, and play?

Do I share what God has given me with others in my family? my parish? my community? my world?

Do I thank God for the people and the laughter in my life? Do I ask God to guide me, helping me to make good and loving choices in all I do?

For any times I have not walked humbly with you, Lord, have mercy.

God asks us to act justly.

Do I treat the people in my life fairly? Do I share what I have with those around me? with the poor of the world?

Do I treat people of all faiths, races and backgrounds with respect?

Am I faithful and honest in my work?

Have I hurt others by lying or gossiping or judging?

Do I treat God's gifts of nature with respect?

Do I try in whatever ways I can to help bring justice in my community and my world for all people?

For any times I have not acted justly,

God asks us to love tenderly.

Do I act in loving ways toward my family? my friends?

Do I show compassion for those who are hurting?

Do I try to help those who are ill or who are troubled?

When someone has hurt me and seeks forgiveness, do I

forgive? Do I hold on to hurts or grudges? Do I seek revenge?

Do I treasure and respect the gift of sexuality - my own and others?

How do I act toward or think about people who are different from me?

For any times I have not loved tenderly,

Lord, have mercy.

Time for more prayer -

Remember...just seven quiet minutes in prayer...

After taking time to consider these questions, ask God to guide you to whatever areas may need the most attention. Perhaps you found some questions difficult, or perhaps you were drawn to spend more time thinking about one of the areas mentioned. Perhaps you have concerns or questions. These might be good areas to bring to confession.

"Holy Spirit, help me to speak words of truth and humility and love as I confess my sins."

JOURNEY HOLY WEEK ...

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| MONDAY | March 25th | RECONCILIATION MONDAY | | CONFESSIONS HEARD 2PM-4PM AND 6PM-9PM COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION 7PM IN THE CHURCH |
| THURSDAY | March 28th | HOLY THURSDAY | 9:15AM 7:00PM | MORNING PRAYERS MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER |
| FRIDAY | March 29th | GOOD FRIDAY | 9:15AM 3:00PM | MORNING PRAYERS PASSION LITURGY |
| SATURDAY | March 30th | HOLY SATURDAY | 9:15AM 9:30AM 7:00PM | MORNING PRAYERS BLESSING OF EASTER BREAD VIGIL MASS |
| SUNDAY | March 31st | EASTER SUNDAY | 8AM MASS 10AM MASS 12PM MASS | |



SSPJ Spring Plant Sale

Orders Due By: April 10, 2024

10" HANGING BASKETS: \$ 20

Begonia: Miss Montreal (White/Ivory) _____ Miss Miami (Orange/Red) _____
 l'Conia Portofino (Hot Orange) _____ Portofino (Yellow) _____ Boston fern: _____
Fuchsia: _____ Ivy Geranium: Red (Calliope) _____ Pink (Calliope) _____

New Guinea:

Red _____ White _____ Pink/Light Rose _____ Lavender _____ Salmon (Dark Leaf) _____

Wave Petunia:

Pink _____ White _____ Blue _____ Mix _____ Magenta (purple wave) _____

10" COMBO BASKETS \$22

Kombo Pink Limeade (yellow/rose star / lime green) _____

Kombo Curb Appeal (Yellow / White / Blue) _____

Kombo Mom's Chosen One (Purple / Gold / Rosey Pink) _____

12" Combo Baskets (Large & Beautiful Mix Garden) \$33 _____

6" Pots-\$10

New Guinea Impatiens:

Red _____ White _____ Pink/Light Rose _____ Lavender _____ Orange Flame Sun Standing _____

Perennials 8" Pot \$13

Astilbe (Deer Resistant/Shade/part sun/Attracts Butterflies)

Peach Blossom _____ Montgomery Red _____

Lavandula: (Full Sun/Deer/Rabbit Resistant/Attracts Butterflies) \$13 _____

10" Square Planter filled with a beautiful mix of annuals \$15 _____

(Great centerpiece for Bistro table or Picnic table)

Culinary Herb Garden 12" Oval pot (great for kitchen) \$16 _____

10" Round Simply Salad Mix (Red/Green Lettuce) \$ 11 _____

VEGETABLE SIX PACKS- \$13

2 Basil/ 2 Parsley/ 2 Roma Tomato (sauce in a six pack) _____

2 Large Tomato/2 Cherry Tomato/2 Plum (roma) Tomato _____

6 Cucumber _____ 6 Green Beans _____

6 Zucchini _____ 6 Bell Peppers _____

6 Eggplant _____

- All orders must be in no later than April 10, 2024
- **Orders received after APRIL 10th cannot be guaranteed.**
- All orders must be paid for in full at time of order. Checks can be made out to SSPJ School.
- Orders must be picked up at SSPJ School on Friday, May 3rd between 3:30-5pm (after the buses leave)
- SSPJ is not responsible for any orders not picked up.
- Please contact Nicole Butera at 631-624-2271 or Gladis Cortazar at 631-566-7255 with any questions.

SSPJ Guild Spring Plant Sale

Orders Due by: April 10, 2024

Orders received after 4/10 cannot be guaranteed.

Family Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total: _____

Cash/Check # _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SSPJ SCHOOL.

GOD BLESS SSPJ YOUTH MINISTRY

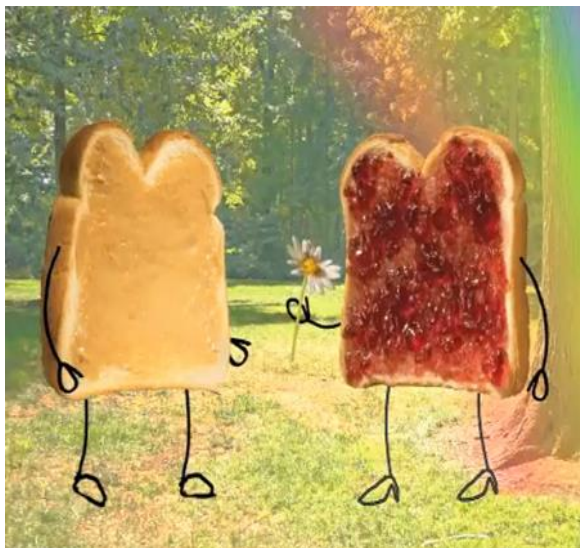


ON SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH

**MEMEBERS OF THE SSPJ
YOUTH MINISTRY MADE OVER
150 PEANUT BUTTER AND
JELLY SANDWICHES FOR THE
GERALD RYAN OUTREACH
CENTER IN WYDANCH.**

**GOD BLESS ALL THE HANDS
THAT FEED AND RECOGNIZE A
FACE IN NEED.**

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO
DONATED PEANUT BUTTER,
JELLY AND BREAD!**



Please open your hearts to these beautiful ministries;

The Lector Ministry and the ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

If you are feeling a calling to either, kindly write a note to Father Tom describing your desire to share your time and gifts .

Kindly send your letter to Father Tom by April 10th, 2024

Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., April 20 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Sat., April 27 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm

Training in ENGLISH:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Sat., April 27 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00
Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm
You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.
Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
Sat., April 27* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

*On April 27, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Parish Social Ministry

Our Food Pantry Needs:
Thank you for your generosity

Our Pantry is fully Stocked!



We remember the family and friends of,

**William Manise
Joseph N. Reinhart III**

Safely Home in the arms of our Lord



season of
creation

Let us acknowledge God as creator, give thanks to God for the gift of creation that we have received, highlight that each creature reflects something of God, raise awareness of our responsibility to care for creation, and ask God for help to fulfill our obligations in that regard. As custodians of creation, we must acknowledge our failures to protect creation.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE™**

THE RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE

Invites all who are unable to join us during these **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** to pray the Magnificat prayer daily and even once an hour if you remember and also be aware the Catholic Church offers all those who have difficulty conceiving to call The Gianna Center @ 866-472-4483 for the most up to date most effective treatment available for infertility.

God is good all the time!

All the time, God is good!

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



Katie's Way

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**

*Reflecting and Preparing for Next Sunday, March 24th, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

Good News
INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24

Procession:

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16

Mass:

Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9,17-20,23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1 – 15:47

Monday, March 25

Is 42:1-7

Ps 27:1-3,13-14

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26

Is 49:1-6

Ps 71:1-4a,5-6b,15,17

Jn 13:21-33,36-38

Wednesday, March 27

Is 50:4-9a

Ps 69:8-10,21-22,31,33-34

Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8,11-14

Ps 116:12-13,15-18

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 29

Good Friday

Is 52:13 – 53:12

Ps 31:2,6,12-13,15-17,25

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1 – 19:42

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday

Imagine the mixed emotions and excitement that day when Jesus, the humble King, entered Jerusalem on the back of a donkey amidst shouts of "Hosanna" and palm branches being waved in the air and tossed at his feet. To live in that time in Jerusalem was to live in a pressure cooker of political and religious upheaval. Many were indeed looking for a Savior, but Jesus knew that not everyone who was jumping up and down had the same expectations of him.

In the crowd, along with his disciples, were those who were ecstatic about the miracles they had witnessed or heard about, and they were convinced that he was the Messiah, the King of Israel. Some were traveling and just curious about who this man could be. Then there were the Pharisees who hated Jesus and distrusted him because they thought his teachings were too loose and he threatened their security, prestige, and status in the community.

As exciting as this big entrance procession was, Jesus must have carried much trepidation in his heart with the knowledge that he was fulfilling the messianic prophecy from Zechariah 9:9 by triumphantly riding in on a donkey's colt. He knew that many of these same people who were welcoming him so eagerly would soon turn against him and this would set his Father's plan into motion for his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Jesus could have turned back, but he courageously

cooperated with his Father's holy will and moved forward in trust. It was not until later after Jesus was glorified and the Holy Spirit enlightened them that his disciples understood all that had happened.



This Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, as we hold our blessed palms in our hands and sing joyful hosannas at Mass, let us be reminded that Jesus, our beloved Savior, modeled for

us the rhythm and hope for our own lives. Because of what Jesus did for us by suffering, dying, and rising from the dead, we too will have joy, followed by sorrow, and then joy once again. Good will conquer evil and life will conquer death.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Have there been times when you did not fully understand why things were happening in your life, but later realized that God seemed to be orchestrating everything for your best interest?
- † In what ways are you being called to trust God right now in your life?
- † How should we respond to modern-day Pharisees who feel threatened by the love we show our neighbors?
- † How has the Holy Spirit enlightened you after the fact in ministry?

FOREVER AHEAD OF OUR SOULS

Sometimes there's nothing as helpful as a good metaphor.

In his book, *The God Instinct*, Tom Stella shares this story: A number of men who made their living as porters were hired one day to carry a huge load of supplies for a group on safari. Their loads were unusually heavy and the trek through the jungle was rough. Several days into the journey they stopped, unshouldered their loads, and refused to go on. No pleas, bribes, or threats, worked in terms of persuading them to go on. Asked why they couldn't continue, they answered: "We can't go on; we have to wait for our souls to catch up with us."

That also happens to us in life, except mostly we never wait for our souls to catch up. We continue without them, sometimes for years. What this means is that we struggle to be in the present moment, to be inside our own skin, to be aware of the richness of our own experience. Too often our experiences aren't very soulful because we aren't present to them. I cite myself as an example:

For the past twenty-five years, I've kept a journal, a diary of sorts. My intent in keeping this journal is to record the deeper things that I'm aware of throughout each day; but mostly what I end up actually writing down is a simple chronology of my day, a daybook, a bare, no-frills, recounting of what I did from hour to hour. My diaries don't much resemble Anne Frank's diary, Dag Hammarskjöld's *Markings* or Henri Nouwen's *Genesee Diary*. My journals resemble more what you might get from a schoolboy describing his day at school, a simple chronology of what happened. Yet when I go back some years later and read an account of what I did on a given day, I'm always amazed at how rich and full my life was on that day, except that I wasn't much aware of it at the time. While actually living through those days, mostly I was struggling to get my work done, to stay on top of things, to meet expectations, to carve out some moments of friendship and recreation amid the pressures of the day, and to get to bed at a reasonable hour. There wasn't a lot of soul there, just routine, work, and hurry.

I suspect that this is not atypical. Most of us live most of our days not very aware of how rich our lives are, forever leaving our souls behind. For example, many is the woman who gives ten to fifteen years of her life to bearing and raising children, with all that entails, tending constantly to someone else's needs, getting up at night to nurse a child, spending 24 hours a day on constant alert, sacrificing all leisure time, and putting a career and personal creativity on hold. And yet often that same woman, later on, looks back on those years and wishes she could relive them – but now, in a more soulful way, more consciously aware of how privileged it was to do precisely those things she did within so much tedium and tiredness. Years later, looking back, she sees how rich and precious her experience was and how because of the burden and stress how little her soul was present then to what she was experiencing.

This can be multiplied with a thousand examples. We've all read accounts wherein someone shares what he or she would do differently if he or she had life to live over again. Mostly these stories rework the same motif. Given another chance, I would try to enjoy it more, that is, I would try to keep my soul more present and more aware.

For most of us, I fear, our souls will only catch up with us when, finally, we are in retirement, with diminished health, diminished energy, and no opportunity to work. It seems we need to first lose something before we fully appreciate it. We tend to take life, health, energy, and work for granted, until they are taken away from us. Only after the fact do we realize how rich our lives have been and how little of those riches we drank in at the time.

Our souls eventually do catch up with us, but it would be good if we didn't wait until we were in assisted living for this to happen. Like the porters who dropped their loads and stopped, we need to stop and wait for our souls to catch up.

Early on in his priesthood, when Pope Francis was principal of a school, he would at a certain point each day have the public address system cut in and interrupt the work that was going on in each classroom with this announcement: *Be grateful. Set your horizon. Take stock of your day.*