



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

September 26th, 2021  
Twenty Sixth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time



"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink  
because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to  
you, will surely not lose his reward." Mark 9:41

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

Weekly Collection: September 19th, 2021: \$11,694.

Faith Direct : (126Participants) 3,253.

Total Collections: \$ 14,947.

Second Collection: St. Pius X Collection: (To DRVC) \$ 1,125.

FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON:  
USING SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232

As you probably know, the Diocese of Rockville Centre has declared Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Law.

In order to be as helpful as possible to the parties that may be affected by this bankruptcy, we will be publishing the following note regarding “proof of claim forms” for the next few months:

Information regarding the deadlines for filing proofs of claim in the Diocese’s chapter 11 case and the forms to use can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese’s bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

# A Letter From Father Tom

Dear Friends,

Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, speaks about the disciples in today's gospel.

*They consider Jesus their special possession, their own personal treasure and they want him for themselves.... They complain that they saw someone who was not part of their group performing a healing in Jesus' name. They consider Jesus their own and they don't want any infringement on their domain....What they really wanted was a tidy little religious box, clearly in their control. That may have been their thinking – but they hadn't factored in Jesus. They forgot the size of his heart, that it had no such limits. They forgot how big his compassion was, that it never ran out and wasn't limited to a few who had the proper credentials or disposition. There was plenty for everyone. Jesus is the visible face of the God that they can't see; the God who wants to speak words of forgiveness to all sinners, not just a few; who wants to reach out and touch all those broken of limb, and broken of spirit, not just those who belong to our club or carry the right credentials.*

**“They forgot how big his compassion was”. Let us not forget how big his compassion IS. Let us pray:**

*Who is for us? Those who give welcome to the refugee?*

*Who shelter the homeless, who care for the earth, who feed the hungry,  
teach the ignorant, stand for justice, who give a drop of water in his name.*

*Jesus, all we want is to be on your side.*

*To care for your children, to serve your poor,  
to welcome the immigrant, to free the prisoner.*

*Lord, we ask you, give us only your grace.*

(Anne Osdieck)

This week religious education classes begin! We are delighted to welcome the children back for what we hope will be an exciting year of learning of and spending time with Jesus. Class Masses, prayer experiences and service opportunities have been carefully planned to shape the hearts of our young ones. And – we can use your help!

Shortly the children will resume bringing their Mass reflections to Mass with them. The first week of the month they are invited to bring with them their family prayer intention for the month. These will remain on the altar for the month and the intentions prayed for at each Mass. The second week will teach the children how to use the prayer of imagination – putting themselves in the gospel story. For example - what did you want to say to Jesus when you saw him cure the blind man? Here's where you can help. Would you write a very short three or four lines of encouragement to a small number of these submissions? The third week will be a fun activity sheet based on the gospel. The final week will again be using the prayer of imagination.

Are you able to help? Please leave your name and number at the rectory. We'll provide a very brief training session explaining exactly what you'll be asked to do.

Next Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 1 pm by the statue of St. Francis we will again have the blessing of the animals. Bring your pet for a blessing and a treat!

And, on Thursday evening October 7th at 7 pm, we will gather at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes to begin a candlelight Rosary procession. Please bring a candle with you for the procession.

And,

*As I get older I pray, grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked,  
the good fortune to remember the ones I do,  
and the eyesight to tell the difference.*

Peace,

*Father Tom*



# Mass Intentions, For the week of September 26th, 2021

## Eucharistic Adoration



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

**\*Please note\***  
**On Monday, October 11th,  
Eucharistic Adoration will not be  
held.**

**My LORD Jesus Christ, Who**  
because of Your love for men remain  
night and day in the Blessed  
Sacrament, full of pity and of love,  
awaiting, calling and welcoming all  
who come to visit You, I believe that  
You are present here on the altar. I  
adore You, and I thank You for all the  
graces You have bestowed on me,  
especially for having given me  
Yourself in this Sacrament, for having  
given me Your most holy Mother  
Mary to plead for me, and for having  
called me to visit You in this church.

**Remember in our hearts and prayers**

Angie Mingione  
Angela Amoroso  
Anne Pell  
Anna & Harold Clayton  
Arthur Gureck  
Baby Ben  
Barbara Bombace  
Barbara Ruland  
Mattia Rose Lubrano  
Belinda Groneman  
Brendan McAlvin  
Brendan O'Connor  
Cathy McCulloch  
Carol  
Carolyn Nehl  
Charles Figliosi  
Charlie Stangarone  
Claudia Chandler  
Deacon Ron Blasius  
Deirdre W.  
Dermot O'Connor  
Donna Patrissi  
Dorothy Mitchell  
Ellie Walsh  
Esther Styles  
Flo Donohue  
Gloria Montesano  
Grace Bertolone  
Ginny & John Rief  
Gladys Blake  
Gregory Parker  
Helen  
Heidi Ray  
Jackie Harvey  
Jack Donohue  
Jamie Geiman  
Jessica Venditto  
John Cronin  
John DeStefano  
John Harney

John Scmillio  
Joseph H  
Joseph  
Antonette Sabatino  
James Macchiano  
Judy Rampola  
Joseph Mazelis  
Joseph Costa  
Kenneth Cook  
Kathleen N.  
Kitty Cronin  
Kim Olofson  
Leon Donach  
Lynn McDonnell  
Mark Geld  
Mary Ann CesarSKI  
Mary Monte  
Mary Fresi  
Maryann Kevin  
Maria Clark  
Marie del Ciello  
Marilyn Suli  
Matthew Parrella  
Marie & Frank Fiecco  
Melissa C.  
Michael Fisher  
Mike Lofaro  
Monsignor Iocavacci  
Nancy & Paul Bertran  
Nancy Cuccinotta  
Pasquale Savarese  
Peggy Guerra  
Peter Donach  
P.I.  
Ricardo Buffit  
Riordan Cavoris  
Richard Chiorando  
Sara Jean Andersen  
Stephen Dolce  
Suzanne Orlando  
Tara CesarSKI  
Vivien Cordes  
Vicki Archdeacon  
Veronica Broderick  
Wayne Hendricks

<b>Saturday September 25th</b>	<b>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Donegan/student EM: Mantia/Rapp/Sisti</b>	<b>9:15am  5:00pm</b>	<b>Antoinette Fede</b>
<b>Sunday September 26th</b>	<b>Presider: Father Tom Lector: O'Leary/Luna EM: Czujko/Kanuika/ Kenney</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>For the People of SSPJ</b>
	<b>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Lombardi/Dobres EM: Lombardi/Amen/ Sotomayer</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Kenneth Maher</b>
	<b>Collective Mass Presider: Father Joe Lector: Rubano/Suski EM: Keane/Napolitano/ Parish</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Joseph LaCova Lawrence Quinn Angelina &amp; Anthony LaPorte</b>
<b>Monday September 27th</b>	<b>Saint Vincent</b>	<b>7:30am  9:15am</b>	<b>Agnes &amp; William Kingston  William Quinn</b>
<b>Tuesday September 28th</b>	<b>Saint Wenceslaus Saint Lawrence Ruiz</b>	<b>7:30am  9:15am</b>	<b>Living~Carol Heffernon  Living~ Steven LoRusso</b>
<b>Wednesday September 29th</b>	<b>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</b>	<b>7:30am  9:15am</b>	<b>Living~Donna Regina  Arthur Byrns</b>
<b>Thursday September 30th</b>	<b>Saint Jerome</b>	<b>7:30am 9:15am</b>	<b>Living~Theresa Kassay Collective Mass: William Finigan Robert J. Wilson, Jr.</b>
<b>Friday October 1st</b>	<b>Saint Therese of the Child Jesus</b>	<b>7:30am  9:15am</b>	<b>Regina &amp; Joseph McCormick  Bob Remhild &amp; Kaitlyn</b>
<b>Saturday October 2nd</b>	<b>Presider: Father Joe Lectors: Mantia/Student EM: Anderson/Dreschler/ Damato</b>	<b>9:15am  5:00pm</b>	<b>Patricia McNeely  Madeline Haggerty</b>
<b>Sunday October 3rd</b>	<b>Presider: Father Joe Lectors: Sehne/Auletta EM: Koke/Martin/Portanova</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>For the People of SSPJ</b>
	<b>Presider: Father Tom Lectors: Cafaro/Smith EM: Latino/Mulhall/ Orlando</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Maureen McGraw</b>
	<b>Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Wos/Rubano EM: Keane/Luna/ Napolitano</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Joseph Napolitano Nicholas J. Gargiulo Frank Mina Vincent Noto</b>

## EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOOD DRIVE COLLECTION

**AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND**  
**SEPTEMBER 25TH & 26TH**



Robert Trabulsi is working on attaining his Eagle Scout Badge. As part of his project, he is organizing a non-perishable food drive for a local adult home.

Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

### **SSPJ CELEBRATES THE** **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** **AND** **LAUDATO SI**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**  
**AT 1:00PM**

We will gather near the statue of St. Francis located between the main church and SSPJ School

If you bark, purr, fly, gallop, slither, swim, hop, ect...  
You are invited to bring your owner and join us as we Remember St. Francis' great love for all of God's creation and ask His blessing upon those creatures with whom we share our world and our lives  
*Offering of animal treats for Smithtown Animal Shelter is always welcome!*

### **BARNABUS MINISTRY**

*As Autumn settles into a season of hope, our Religious Education Classes are set to begin.*

*Teaching the gospel to our students and families paves the path toward "Building a Beautiful City" here at SSPJ.*

*Weekly Sunday Gospel reflections for our Religious Education Students will resume in October.*

*If you are interested in sharing the joy filled expressions of faith that our students write, kindly contact the Parish Center Office, leaving your name and contact information.*

*A brief meeting to discuss participation in the Barnabas Ministry will be scheduled shortly.*

*Thank you for the consideration of your time and faith.*

### *Altar Memorials for the Week of September 26th, 2021*

For the Week of  
September 26th, 2021  
Our Bread & Wine

Are Offered for

**Donna Anne Martin**  
**Beloved Daughter**

"Happy Birthday in Heaven"

We Miss You

Love,

Mom and Brothers,  
Joseph & Michael and  
Sister Maria

For the Week of  
September 26th, 2021  
*The Pro Life Rose*  
Is Dedicated to,

**Leon Peter Heffron**

*Returned Home*  
*September 24th, 2004*

*Always & Forever*  
*Waiting in joyful HOPE.*

**Carol**

For the Week of  
September 26th, 2021  
Our Altar Candles

Are burning in memory  
of,

**Ralph Silvestre**

With Love from,

**The Faculty, Staff and  
Students at SSPJ  
School**



## *A Reflection from Sister T~*

Dear Friends,

I am sure that you may have heard of, or experienced, the method of meditation where you place yourself in the scene of the Scripture being read as one of the characters. Well, I was right there with this Apostles this weekend, calculating what was going to happen since they joined Jesus. As a matter of fact, frequently when sharing my vocation story, I line myself up with Apostles. Let me explain.

Growing up in the 1950s, I was lucky enough to attend a Catholic school. I had Sisters for all my classes and at a very young age of ten, I decided I wanted to be a Sister. Here is where I fit in with the Apostles: I saw the Sisters as being 'in-charge women' and doing lots of things. My options as a female in those days were limited and I wanted more. I think it might have been that way with the Apostles. They thought that being with Jesus, the Messiah, they would have an in to some power! Little did they know where being with him would lead them. The same for me. What happened is that my life experienced many changes, as did the Apostles, and together we grew into a better understanding of what it meant to be a follower of Jesus and become an Authentic Christian. We came to realize what Jesus meant by wanting us to live our lives in the terms of a child.

Why like a child? Perhaps it is because children experience life without calculations. They tend to accept life as it comes, with joy and laughter. How many of us have received a fresh picked dandelion from a smiley-faced child, thinking they gave us a beautiful bouquet of flowers? Simplicity and generosity! Giving without counting the cost or results. Without much thought, they give and use the gifts God has given them. They have a freedom and openness that we are all called to share. Through my training and community living, and the Apostles being with and learning from Jesus, we came to realize that Jesus was showing us the way to a life of selfless service: we needed to think of others. Power and prestige did not bring us the freedom and spontaneity children experience.

Rather, only those whose hearts are open and trusting, like the heart of a child, really know the meaning of life. What can limit us is the loss of our freedom and spontaneity because of our calculating minds. Our limitations don't come because of a lack of power or status, our limitations come because we are not free to think out of the box like children do. The reason I entered the community is NOT the reason I stay. A freedom from calculating my life has helped me grow. I think the same thing happened to the Apostles. They developed a better understanding of what Jesus was asking of them. We came to know and love Him from a different place in our hearts, with no calculation behind it.

Anyway, check you calculating monitor and your childhood freedom and spontaneity and see where you stand. Does power and status rule how you live, or does the joy of accepting all the gifts God gives you take first place? The choice is yours, just as it was for me and the Apostles!

Till next week

Sister Theresita



### **NEWS FROM RCIA MINISTRY~**

New Candidates will be meeting on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 in the Philip and James Room.

The RCIA Ministry will be meeting on Sundays from 8:45 to 9:45 all are welcome.

The topic for Sunday 10/3 is **Cultural Assumptions & Catholic Principles**  
**The class will not be held on Sunday 10/10 as it is Columbus Day weekend**  
Any questions feel free to contact Sister T at the office. May your week be blessed.



## A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF AUTUMN

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

Amen.

—via [FaithND](#)



*An Autumn Offering for Women*

## The Invisible Embrace *Beauty*

REDISCOVERING  
THE TRUE SOURCES OF COMPASSION,  
SERENITY, AND HOPE

*With Sister Pat Mahoney, CSJ and  
Tina Cafaro, CSJ.*

*Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
At 7pm in the Bethany Center*

*Beauty does not linger, it only visits.  
Yet beauty's visitation affects us and invites us  
into its rhythm,  
It calls us to feel, think and act beautifully in  
the world:  
To create and live a life that awakens the  
Beautiful.*

John O'Donohue  
AUTHOR OF ANAM CARA  
AND CONAMARA BLUES

## MUSIC MINISTRY

***Whatsoever You Do is our Communion hymn this week. It is a well-known song and everyone should sing if only the refrain, "What you do to the least of my brothers you do unto me. We practice our faith by helping others. Jesus' main concern was for the weak, poor and children. We need to do away with all that is not of God so we can follow Him more purely.***

***We are starting to slowly come back to singing in the church. Until we have the hymn books again at least try and sing the refrains. The songs should be familiar as I try and pick the ones we know while still staying within the Mass theme. Our goal is for full and active participation at Mass. Singing loud and strong!!***

***Remember, "He who sings prayers twice."***

**WE ARE AT 90% OF GOAL!!!  
WE ARE ALMOST THERE!**

**2021 ~Catholic Ministries Appeal  
The 2021 Goal for SSPJ is: \$105,300.**

*Status as of September 21st, 2021*

*Pledges: \$94,870. Payments Received: \$85,833.*

*We are at 90% of GOAL!! Thank you!*

*Every sacrifice is an act of love....*



**You can make a difference in the lives of those around us by  
making a gift to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal**

**A gift of \$25** may help pay the gas for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day.

**A gift of \$50** from an emergency fund may help pay the electric bill in a cold winter month for a family in need.

**A gift of \$100** may help Catholic Charities' **Regina Maternity Case Management Program** help a mom and her baby receive the services she needs to be a better parent.

**A gift of \$250** may help subsidize a home for an adult who is developmentally disabled.

**A gift of \$1,000** may help support a Seminarian's education.

Because of you, every year we serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island Community. This support enables our children to continue to receive the gift of spiritual formation, sacramental preparation, and quality education. It allows seminarians and lay leaders to fulfill their calling to serve the community. With your support Catholic Charities can maintain its services for the poor and disadvantaged, and we can continue to reach out to our young people and others to find the best ways to guide and pass on our faith from generation to generation.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit <https://www.drvc.org/donate/cma/> or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

**Every Gift Counts!**

Make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

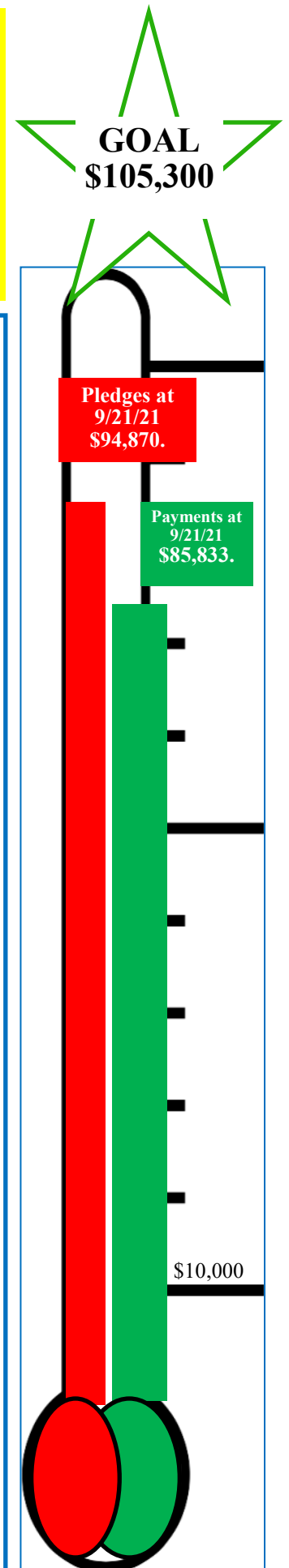
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

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





To All Our Wonderful Young Adults In Grades 9-12

Your Assistance Completing this questionnaire is greatly appreciated

Visit SSPJ.org ~ Youth Tab : Download form and email to  
YouthGroup@sspj.org or drop at Parish Center Office



September 2021

#### Youth Ministry 2021 -2022 Activity Survey

We are working on developing a Youth Ministry program just for you! Since we are a bunch of adults, we'd really like to hear from you, the youth, about what you would like our Youth Ministry to be. We are looking for a wide variety of ideas to appeal to everyone.

There is no commitment to "BE HERE EVERY WEEK!" or anything like that. We want to get to know you and hear your ideas and opinions. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. We'll look at the survey results and plan events and activities based on what you have told us. Thanks for helping us get started!

Check one: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Name:		Birthday:	
Address:			
City:		State, Zip:	

Social Media (check what you use or subscribed to)

<input type="checkbox"/> Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/> Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/> Snapchat
<input type="checkbox"/> Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/> Tumblr	<input type="checkbox"/> Quora
<input type="checkbox"/> YouTube	<input type="checkbox"/> Reddit	<input type="checkbox"/> WhatsApp

Community Building Activities (Check ALL those that interest you)

<input type="checkbox"/> Movie Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Snapchat
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Badminton	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Skiing / Snowboarding
<input type="checkbox"/> Video Game Tournament	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing/Tubing
<input type="checkbox"/> Overnight Retreat	<input type="checkbox"/> Dodgeball	<input type="checkbox"/> Kickball
<input type="checkbox"/> Bowling	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnic/BBQ	<input type="checkbox"/> Miniature Golf / Arcade
<input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing / Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Ice Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Make Your Own Pizza Night	<input type="checkbox"/> Scavenger Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tacos "Your Way" Buffet
<input type="checkbox"/> Ping Pong	<input type="checkbox"/> Gigantic Jenga	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Chairs

Service Projects (check those that interest you)

<input type="checkbox"/> Homeless	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Environment
<input type="checkbox"/> Hungry	<input type="checkbox"/> Women/Children's Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with Mentally Disabled
<input type="checkbox"/> Elderly	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up in church
<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer	<input type="checkbox"/> Street-corner evangelism	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up outside church

## Youth Ministry Questionnaire Continued

**Discussion Topics** (check ALL topics that interest you)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Making & Keeping Friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	Why Go to Church?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dealing with Disappointments	<input type="checkbox"/>	Being A Leader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drugs & Alcohol	<input type="checkbox"/>	Understanding Parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Death, Loss, Grieving	<input type="checkbox"/>	Understanding Parents
<input type="checkbox"/>	Handling Stress & Worry	<input type="checkbox"/>	How to Help/Serve Others
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dating	<input type="checkbox"/>	Time Management
<input type="checkbox"/>	Healthy Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	How Do I Share My Faith?
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dealing with Doubt / Faith Questions	<input type="checkbox"/>	Being a LEADER
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**What activity, or discussion would you most likely invite a friend to attend?**

**What evening(s) would be the BEST to attend an event at SSPJ? (Check all that apply)**

☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday

Place a mark in the column that best describes your situation.		Yes	Maybe	No
1	I take time for personal Bible reading at least three times a week.			
2	I am growing in my relationship with the Lord			
3	I understand and am living the Spirit-filled Life			
4	I have come to the place in my spiritual life where if I were to die today, I know for certain I would have eternal Life.			
5	I am a part of a group that meets outside church at least once a month for sharing, prayer, or Bible study.			
6	I feel loved and accepted by my family			
7	I feel good enough about our ministry to recommend it to my friends			
8	I am using my gifts and abilities in ministry			
9	I feel loved and accepted by my family			
10	I get along OK with my parents			
11	I am growing in my ability to get along with my brothers and sisters			
12	I am praying by name for specific friends I know who need Jesus Christ.			
13	I have tried to share Jesus Christ with them			
14	I have been trying to bring my friends to youth group activities			
15	My friends know I am a Christian			

Youth Ministry SSPJ?		(Circle One)		
A	How many people do you know by name in our youth ministry?	1-5	5-10	10-15
B	How many times have you attended SSPJ Youth ministry?	1	2-10	Lost count
C	How many times have you attended Youth Ministry events outside of SSPJ?	1	2-10	Lost count



## Youth Ministry Questionnaire Conclusion~

What is the last book you read?

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What is the last movie you saw?

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Favorite movies / TV Shows? Favorite music? Favorite books? Favorite foods/drinks?

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What is one exciting thing you did this week? What was great about it?

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Who are your role models?

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Is there **one person in the church** you look up to? Who is it? Why?

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**How often can you attend a youth event?**

- ☐ Weekly   ☐ Two times per month   ☐ Once per month   ☐ Every two to three months  
☐ Two – Three times per year.

Where and with whom do you normally attend Sunday Mass with?

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**About how often do you attend church services?** (Circle one)

- ☐ Weekly   ☐ Two times per month   ☐ Once per month   ☐ Every two to three months  
☐ Two – Three times per year.

What activities do you consider part of being a good Christian / what do you do to live your faith?

**How do you usually communicate with your friends?** (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Face to Face   ☐ Online Snapchat.   ☐ Phone calls   ☐ Texting   ☐ I don't.

What are your favorite thing to do with friends? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you most often spend your **free** time? \_\_\_\_\_

What are some of your talents/strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

What tasks do you find difficult? \_\_\_\_\_

At what local event do you remember having the most fun? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need Community Service hours for school?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

Would you be interested in fulfilling your hours at SSPJ?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

How can we pray for you? \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank you for your help! If you have any questions, please email us at  
YouthGroup@sspj.org***

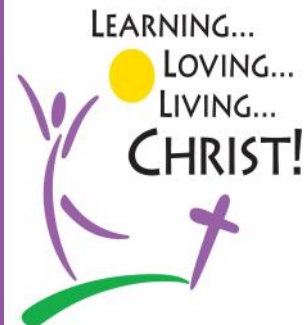
## Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL  
YEAR  
BEGIN THIS WEEK!!

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021

*Please keep our students, their families and teachers in your hearts  
and prayers....*

All students must be registered to attend classes  
Upon registration, books can be picked up at the Parish Center Office.  
Any questions, please contact Religious Ed Office at 631-584-3204



### UPCOMING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENT MEETINGS:



### FOR SSPJ SCHOOL STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 AND 8:

Thursday, September 30th 7 pm in the church

**WE ASK THAT ALL IN ATTENDANCE AT THESE PARENT MEETINGS WEAR A MASK  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING**

### UPCOMING GRADE LEVEL MASSES

CONFIRMATION II: GRADE 8

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND, 2021  
AT 5PM

CONFIRMATION I: GRADE 7~  
RITE OF ENROLLMENT MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2021  
AT 10AM



### 2021-2022 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION YEAR  
IS COMING TO A CLOSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT OUR WEBSITE:  
[SSPJ.ORG~RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TAB](http://SSPJ.ORG~RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TAB)

IF YOU SHOULD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DO NOT  
HESITATE TO CONTACT THE RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE AT  
631-584-3204.

# Jesus,

Help me remember to  
pursue my vocation as a  
student. By doing my best  
in all my studies, I can  
grow in holiness. Give me  
obedience, studiousness,  
and diligence in my  
assignments. Help me  
love learning because  
knowledge of the truth  
leads me closer to You.

# Amen

ToJesusSincerely.com





## To All Our Wonderful Young Adults In Grades 9-12

**YOUR HEARTS, YOUR MINDS, YOUR VOICES ARE SSPJ PARISH**  
Consider joining the SSPJ Youth Ministry  
*God will guide your steps... just listen to your heart...*

### VISIT:

Visit [SSPJ.org](http://SSPJ.org) ~ Youth Tab : Download questionnaire form and the registration form.

Please email to [YouthGroup@sspj.org](mailto:YouthGroup@sspj.org) or drop at Parish Center Office  
Any questions, please email: [YouthGroup@sspj.org](mailto:YouthGroup@sspj.org)



## SSPJ Youth Group Registration Form 2021 - 2022

Check One:

- ☐ New    ☐ New / Transferring from another Youth Group  
☐ Re-registering

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

For New or Transferring Members  
Attach Photo Here



### STUDENT INFO:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT INFO:

Email- Mom: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone- Mom: \_\_\_\_\_ Dad: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Describe yourself in 3 words: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

A few activities you enjoy: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE: \$30. \_\_\_\_\_ paid check      \_\_\_\_\_ paid cash

**SSPJ YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION** (Continued)

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**For Re-registration members:** List a few friends you remember in Youth Group

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**Do you play a musical instrument?**

☐ NO   ☐ YES- I play \_\_\_\_\_

Do you like to sing:   ☐ YES   ☐ NO

Would you be interested in sharing your musical gifts with this group   ☐ YES   ☐ NO

Would you like to share your gifts at Mass ☐ YES   ☐ NO

Would you be interested in helping with sound/lighting at Youth Group events: ☐ YES   ☐ NO

Do you enjoy speaking in front of groups/people/Mass?   ☐ YES   ☐ NO

Do you have any food allergies? ☐ No   ☐ Yes, I'm allergic to: *(list all allergies you are aware of)*

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency contact info:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Anything you would like to share with us: \_\_\_\_\_

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## THE GREAT WORKS AT SSPJ SCHOOL

SSPJ Students, Faculty and Staff have Begun Building a  
***'Beautiful City'***



Our dedicated faculty offer after school opportunities for our students!



Our 7th & 8th grade students volunteer and serve their SSPJ School Community by helping to monitor after school clubs!



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

## Parish Social Ministry



*In Our  
Thoughts  
and Prayers*

*We hold in our hearts and prayers the  
families of those who are home....*

*Esther Rutigliano (Memorial Mass)  
Bridget A. Baird  
Nancy Wagner Tappin*

*Safely in Jesus loving arms...*

October

*Month of the  
Holy Rosary*



**On October 7, the Feast of the Holy Rosary, there will be a rosary procession at 7 pm . Beginning at the Lourdes shrine... each participant is asked to please bring a candle.**

**Congress is about to vote on the most radical abortion bill of all time.**

The so-called "Women's Health Protection Act" ([H.R. 3755/S. 1975](#)) would impose **abortion on demand**, at **any stage of pregnancy**. It would apply nationwide—even in states that don't want it.

Even modest and popular pro-life laws at every level of government—the federal, state, and local level—would be on the chopping block. This includes parental notification for minor girls, informed consent, and health or safety protections for abortion facilities.

It would **force Americans to pay for abortions here and abroad** with their tax dollars.

PLEASE CONTACT MEMBERS IN THE HOUSE AND SENATE; REQUESTING THEY VOTE NO TO THIS LEGISLATION TAKING AWAY THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO PROTECT THE UNBORN.

House Representative Lee Zeldin 1st district  
202=225-3826

Senator Charles Schumer 202-224- 6542

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand 202-224-4451

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS



**DIAPERS  
SIZES 1 & 2**

Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!



*Prayer  
Requests*

The Prayer Petition Basket will be available again in the back of the Church beginning October 1, 2021.

**CELEBRATE ST. JAMES DAY ON SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 3RD~ ON LAKE AVENUE**

While there, please visit the Respect Life Committee Booth for information and literature.



September 22 - October 31

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE®**

**HELP SAVE LIVES ON LONG ISLAND!**

Join our 2021 Fall Campaign of Prayer and Fasting!

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

*Their hearts of mercy are involved in:  
Peaceful prayer Vigil on the sidewalk in front of the  
Planned Parenthood building in Smithtown each  
Wednesday and/or Saturday from 8AM to 12 Noon and  
Thursday rosary at 6 PM. We encourage the moms to  
Choose Life.*

*Fasting and Sacrifice  
Eucharistic Adoration on Monday's from 1:30-7PM  
The closing hour from 6-7PM praying for respect for  
human life.*

*For further information please call 631-862-9370*



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*Creation is not a property which we can dispose of at will; much less so is it the property of some, of a few: creation is a gift, it is a present, a wonderful gift that God has given us to take care of and to use for the benefit of all, always with respect and gratitude.*



# Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24  
Ps 128:1-6  
Hebrews 2:9-11  
Mark 10:2-16

### Monday October 4 St. Francis of Assisi

Jonah 1:1 – 2:1-2,11  
Jon 2:3-5,8  
Luke 10:25-37

### Tuesday October 5

Jonah 3:1-10  
Ps 130:1b-4,7-8  
Luke 10:38-42

### Wednesday October 6

Jonah 4:1-11  
Ps 86:3-6,9-10  
Luke 11:1-4

### Thursday October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary

Malachi 3:13-20b  
Ps 1:1-4,6  
Luke 11:5-13

### Friday October 8

Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
Ps 9:2-3,6,16,8-9  
Luke 11:15-28

### Saturday October 9

Joel 4:12-21  
Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12  
Luke 11:27-28

Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

Those of us who are married expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual: We will always be loved with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach. Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.

Jesus explained that the law of Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his

own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1) supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to remarry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.



Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If

we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us – including when we don't deserve it? And how can children who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

### Reflect & Discuss:

1. Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person?
2. How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?
3. How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help?
4. Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.



## WHEN WE DOUBT THE POWER OF PRAYER

*We need to pray even when that seems the most lifeless thing to do.* That's a counsel from Michael J. Buckley with which we need to challenge ourselves daily. In the face of real life, prayer can often seem like the most lifeless thing to do. What difference does prayer make?

*I will pray for you! Please keep me in prayer! Know that you have my prayers!* We use those expressions all the time. I suspect not a day goes by that most of us do not promise to pray for someone. However, do we really believe our prayers make a difference? Do we really believe that our prayers can stop a pandemic, ease tensions within our communities, erase centuries-long misunderstandings among various religious denominations, cure someone dying of a terminal disease, bring our children back to church, or help someone forgive us? What can prayer do in the face of our own helplessness in a situation?

Jesus said there are certain demons that can only be cast out by prayer and fasting. I suspect that we find that easier to believe literally, in terms of an evil spirit being cast out of a person, than we believe that our prayer can cast out the more earthly demons of hatred, injustice, misunderstanding, division, war, racism, nationalism, bigotry, and bodily and mental illness. These are the real demons that beset our lives and even though we ask for God's help in prayer, we don't often do it with a lot of confidence that our prayers will make a difference. How can they?

The long history of Judaism and Christianity has taught us that God is not in the easy habit of positively interfering in nature and human life, at least not in ways that we can see. Miracles do happen, perhaps by the millions in ways that we cannot perceive. But, if we cannot see miracles, how are they real?

Reality has different modalities. There is the empirical and there is the mystical. Both are real, though both are not equally observable as an action of God in history. If a dead body rises from its grave (the Resurrection) or if a race of people walks dry shod through the Red Sea (the Exodus) that is clearly an intervention of God in our world, but if some world leader has a change of heart and is suddenly more sympathetic to the poor, how do we know what prompted that? Likewise, for everything else for which we pray. What inspired the insight that led to the discovery of a vaccine for the pandemic? Pure chance? A touch from above? You can ask that same question vis-à-vis most anything else we pray about, from the world situation to our personal health. What is the source of an inspiration, a restoration to health, a melting of a bitterness, a change of heart, a correct decision, or a chance meeting with someone that becomes a grace for the rest of your life? Pure chance, simple luck, or a conspiracy of accidents? Or does God's grace and guidance positively touch you because of prayer, someone else's or your own?

Central to our faith as Christians, is the belief that we are all part of one mystical body, the Body of Christ. This is not a metaphor. This body is a living organism, just as real as a physical body. Inside of a physical body, as we know, all parts influence each other, for good and for bad. Healthy enzymes help the whole body to retain its health and unhealthy viruses work at sickening the whole body. If this is true, and it is, then there is no such thing as a truly private action. Everything we do, even in our thoughts, influences others and thus our thoughts and actions are either health-giving enzymes or harmful viruses affecting others. Our prayers are health-giving enzymes affecting the whole body, particularly the persons and events to which we direct them. This is a doctrine of faith, not wishful thinking.

Earlier in her life, Dorothy Day was cynical about Therese of Lisieux (*The Little Flower*) believing that her isolation in a tiny convent and her mystical "little way" (which professed that our smallest actions affect the events of the whole world) was pious naiveté. Later, as Dorothy gave herself over to symbolic actions for justice and peace that in effect seemed to change very little in real life, she adopted Therese as her patron saint. What Dorothy had come to realize through her experience was that her small and seemingly pragmatically useless actions for justice and peace, were not useless at all. Small though they were, they helped open up some space, tiny at first, which slowly grew into something larger and more influential. By slipping some tiny enzymes into the body of the world, Dorothy Day eventually helped create a little more health in the world.

Prayer is a sneaky, hidden antibiotic – needed precisely when it seems most useless.