August 9th, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday

In Ordinary Time

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid"

Matthew 14: 27

"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

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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– *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: ***$17,890.***

Weekly Collection: Sunday August 2nd, 2020 ***$ 11,225 .***

Faith Direct : ***3,035.***

Total Weekly Collection: ***$14,260.***

Thank you for helping take care of SSPJ…

A Reflection from Sister T

August 5, 2020

Dear Friends,

"When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about" (Haruki Murakami). I think that Peter and the Apostles would have agreed with this quote. As professional fishermen, I am sure that they had seen many a storm, and each time they came out of it something in them had changed.
This quote is good for us as well, especially during these pandemic times. Although we may not be in the middle of natural storms, there may be many storms raging within us. During these times, it is not unusual for us to want to have control over different situations. We may be dealing with the storm of providing for a family or taking care of elderly parents who find all of this hard to understand. Children and schooling, what is going to happen? Life decisions, where is God calling me and how do I get there?

During the storm, many doubts may occur. And, just like Peter, we need to call out to the Lord. God is always with us, especially during the storm. But, we need to believe and have faith that His love is constant. We need to take refuge in the fact that God loves us and wants only good for us. Sometimes that is hard for us to remember when we are going through tough times.

While storms and challenges surround us, it can be very difficult to remain calm and faithful. Yet, God is ever present helping us to walk on the water of the storm. What storms have you been facing lately? Can you name them and claim them so that you can pass through them and come out a better and stronger person? I believe we all can but it may not be easy. All we need to do is try and God will be beside us. Prayer and an attitude of gratitude are important partners during these times -- keep them near. And, know that all things happen in God's timing, so be patient. This can be a challenge but also try to remember that a dash of joy and laughter can help us through as well.

My prayer this week is that we can all weather the storms that come our way with grace, peace, and trust. Blessings and don't forget to bring your rain coat of trust, prayer, gratitude, patience, and joy to protect you from the storm!

Till next week,

Sister Theresita

Who knew Sister T was a Meteorologist!

August 15 is the solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.

Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,
we believe in your triumphant assumption into heaven
where the angels and saints acclaim you as Queen.
We join them in praising you and bless the Lord who raised you above all creatures.
With them we offer you our devotion and love.
We are confident that you watch over our daily efforts and needs,
and we take comfort from the faith in the coming resurrection.
We look to you, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.
After this earthly life, show us Jesus, the blest fruit of your womb,
O kind, O loving, O sweet virgin Mary.

Mass Intentions, For the week of August 9th, 2020

Our Bread & Wine

For the Week of

August 9th, 2020

Is offered
In Memory of,

Michael Quagliano

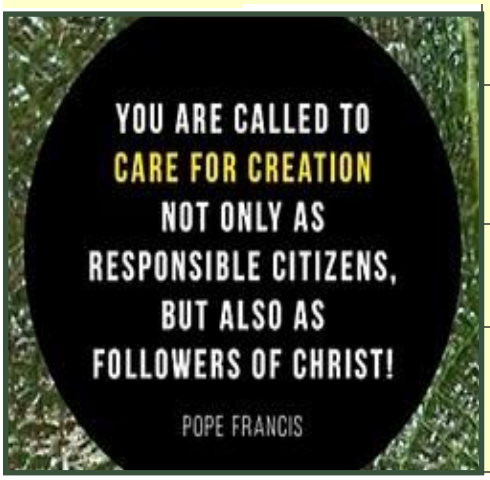
With love from,

Laurel Pedersen

Saturday	*August 8, 2020* *St. Dominic* *Presider: Father Patrick* *Lector: M. Dreschler*	*9:15am* *5:00pm*	*Patricia McNulty* *Vincent Priebe*
Sunday	*August 9th, 2020* *Presider: Father Patrick* *Lector: L. Halluska*	*8am*	*For the People of SSPJ*
	Presider: Father Kevin *Lector: A. Dinnigan*	*10:00am*	*Paul J. Czujko*
	Collective Mass *Presider: Father Kevin* *Lector: P. Suski*	*12:00pm*	*Larry Roemer* *John Capizzio* *James Beatman* *Sue Ellen Eschbach* *Mary B. Cournane* *Michael Julian*
Monday	*August 10th, 2020~* *St. Lawrence*	*7:30am*	
		9:15am	*Melchior "Mitch" Scoparino*
Tuesday	*August 11th, 2020~* *Saint Clare*	*7:30am*	*Carol Becker*
		9:15am	*Rosemarie Vilim*
Wednesday	*August 12th, 2020* *Saint Jane Frances deChantal*	*7:30am*	*Anna McEvoy*
		9:15am	*Catherine Sottung*
Thursday	*August 13th, 2020~* *Saint Pontian*	*7:30am*	*Anthony Zielinski*
	Collective Mass	*9:15am*	
Friday	*August 14th, 2020* *St. Maximillian Kolbe*	*7:30am*	
		9:15am	*John Reina*
Saturday	*August 15th 2020~* *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary* *Presider: Father Kevin* *Lector: C. Lombardi*	*9:15am* *5:00pm*	*Rosemary Chamberlin* *Suzanne Fitzgibbon*
Sunday	*August 16th, 2020* *Presider: Father Kevin* *Lector:A. Mantia*	*8:00am*	*For the People of SSPJ*
	Presider: Father Patrick *Lector: B. O'Leary*	*10:00am*	*Gail Morreale*
	<u>Collective Mass</u> *Presider: Father Patrick* *Lector: V. Rubano*	*12:00pm*	*Thomas Mangano* *Therese Ahern* *Thomas Gaine, Jr.* *Harry Schrader*

Remembering in Our Prayers~

Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Anna Ormsby
Baby Ben
Barbara Bombace
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Belinda Groneman
Belinda Vega
Bob Keenan
Brooke Remhild
Claudia Chandler
Daniel Radice
Deirdre W.
Dolores North
Donna Patrissi
Dylan Beach
Ellie Walsh
Ginny & John Rief
Gladys Blake
Gregory Parker
Ida Wehman
Jack Donohue
John DeStefano
J.C.
Joseph S.
Judy Contrino
Judy Cunnius
Alphonsus M.Hoonhout
Antonette Sabatino
Judy Rampola
Kathleen N.
Kitty Cronin
Leon Donach
Maria Clark
Marie del Ciello
Matthew Parrella
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Monsignor Iocavacci
Peter Donach
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Sara Jean Andersen
Stephen Dolce
Tara C.
Tom Focone
Tony Leo
Tim Cavooris
Vivien Cordes
Victoria Zubrycky
Vicki Archdeacon
William Quinn



Parish Social Ministry

We Remember and we pray for the families of,

Catherine A. Ginty
Anthony J. Leo
Safely home...

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

HEALTHY SNACKS FOR CHILDREN
CANNED SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS
CANNED RAVIOLI
PASTA SAUCE

KING KULLEN &STOP & SHOP GIFT CARDS

GAS GIFT CARDS

Any donations may be left in the Church Prayer Room or the St. Anthony's Bread Closet.
Thank you for planting seeds of hope...

Regardless of how the face of the new school year evolves, one thing is certain, OUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED SUPPLIES.

Your contributions will be greatly appreciated. You may leave them in the Church Prayer Room, the St. Anthony's Bread Closet or drop them off at the Rectory Office.

Crayola Washable Markers,
Crayola Crayons,
Colored Pencils,
Black & White Composition Books,
Loose Leaf Paper,
#2 Pencils,
Latex Free Erasers,
Index Cards, Rulers,
2 Pocket Folders,
Paper Mate Erasable Pens,
Highlighters,
Sharpies,
Pocket Dictionaries, Pocket Thesaurus
Back-Packs.

Thank you for your ongoing care and support.

Camp Good Mourning!

VIRTUAL FALL CAMP

September 24-27, 2020

Camp Good Mourning! is a Huntington-based nonprofit organization that provides FREE VIRTUAL and in-person bereavement camp programs for Long Island children coping with the loss of a parent and/or sibling.

****APPLICATION DEADLINE: August 9, 2020****

To register as a camper or volunteer:
https://www.campgoodmourning.org/camper-application

Eucharistic Retreat Day

Sunday, August 23, 2020
The Missionaries of The Most Holy Eucharist

We welcome you to join us for a day
set aside to adore, reverence,
and love Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist

Come abide with Him
on this day which includes

Hot Breakfast & Lunch
Spiritual Meditations
Holy Mass
Confession, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet
Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

The Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
440 West Neck Road, Huntington
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

To register, please use this link https://forms.gle/KtuckgFjVSek1beG6 or call Alison Ferrara at 631-896-0870. Please state your name, email address, home address, parish and phone number.
For questions, please send e-mail to MostHolyEucharist@gmail.com
*Advance registration is **required** and registration using the link is preferred.*

$35 Fee; Cash or Check made out to the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception will be collected at the door.

CELEBRATIG FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Mateo Vigil ~
July 30th, 2020

Kevin Springer~
August 3rd, 2020

James Rogers~
July 31st, 2020

JESUS

is my joy, my life, my peace

and my everything

Emmett Kay~
August 4th, 2020

The Lords Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as We forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, Amen

Michael Chisari~
August 1st, 2020

Juliana Northorn~
August 1st, 2020

Camden Pira~
August 1st, 2020

Isabella Cuccia~
August 1st, 2020

"Jesus loves you and lives in your heart~always"

Registration for the 2020~2021 Religious Education Year has begun

We welcome all New Families to our Religious Education Program! We ask that you contact the Religious Education Office at 631-584-3204 so that we can welcome you to our program and discuss information needed to register.

We welcome back all Religious Ed families and ask you to
Complete the application for re-registration emailed to all families.
If you should have any questions kindly contact the religious education office .

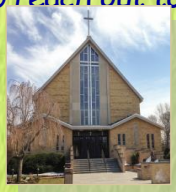
A note on 2020-2021 Parish Family Contribution request…

Our parish has been blessed to weather the Pandemic with doors open, and a minimal staff managing daily the needs of the community as well as the needs of our Parishioners. Hands were extended to grieving families, hungry families, desperate souls searching for help during this very dark and uncertain time.
While mass attendance was called to a halt, the dedication of "A Parish Family" remained steady.

As all families encounter financial obligations ~ so too does Sts. Philip & James Parish. For that, we have been blessed by the generosity of the parishioners that consider SSPJ~ home… We do not receive funding from any other source, but through our weekly collections.

The Parish Family Contribution of $325 or $6.25 per week, assists SSPJ in continuing to offer help to those in need, provide religious instruction, retreats, and parental teaching resources to over 700 families registered in religious education, and allows us the grace to keep our doors open, our church sanitized and safe, and the utilities on.

If you have any concerns or if there is assistance we can provide please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 631-584-3204.



Thank you and may you continue to feel God's wonderful blessings in your hearts.

CRAB GRASS? WE HEAR YOU….

We do not use pesticides on our grounds to contribute to the effort of preserving the integrity of this earth we have been blessed with.

We especially apply this caution as we are restricted using such pesticides to ensure the safety of all the children and families that visit SSPJ.

We are beginning a gardening ministry at SSPJ and ask that you contact the Parish Center if you are interested in joining this heaven sent ministry~ 631-584-5454.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

So blessed we are to say,
WE ARE AT 85% OF OUR CMA GOAL...

As of August 4, 2020, we have received pledges totaling $94,820. 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
http://www.drvc.org/CMA

Prayer for transfiguration

Radiant God, source of light,
as you surrounded Jesus with your glory,
so you come to us in penetrating brightness.

You catch us off guard and expose our weakness.

We choose the limelight while you call us to explore the shadows
and brighten the darkness.

We seek the spectacular while you bind up the broken in
countless acts of mercy.

We seek to stay on the mountain or in a comfortable pew while
you walk to the valleys of need.

Radiant God,
fill us with light and courage to carry good news into all the
corners of the world and to bring back the joy of your presence.

Amen.

~Shaping Sanctuary: Proclaiming God's Grace in an Inclusive Church (Reconciling Congregation Program)

Pope Francis urges young people to

"Leave a Mark on the World"

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our young people grow in their faith and be inspired to live a life in service to others – to leave a mark on the world!

- More than 5,800 young people participate in Youth Ministry Programs.
- More than 3,500 young adults participate in Young Adult Ministry Programs each month.
- More than 3,500 students on campuses across Long Island are involved in Campus Ministry programs.

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth in our Community

https://www.drvc.org/cma/

We Need You!!!

The Music Ministry is currently looking for talented singers and accompanists to help with the Baptism Ministry. Adults or young adults. All are welcome!!
It just takes a bite size piece of your time every other Sunday at 2pm on a rotating basis and you too can become an Apostle of Hope.
If interested contact me, Margaret Adams in the Music Office at (631)584-5454 or email at sspjmusicministry@gmail.com
Remember music is on going so sing out loud and strong at home softly or to yourself in church. Singing is praying twice. A special thank you to Jeanne Hill for covering me while I take some vacation days and the cantors for all their singing.

MUSIC

Spiritual Reflection by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

LETTING GO OF FALSE FEAR

Recently in a radio interview, I was asked this question: "If you were on your deathbed, what would you want to leave behind as your parting words?" The question momentarily took me aback. What would I want to leave behind as my last words? Not having time for much reflection, I settled on this. I would want to say: *Don't be afraid. Live without fear. Don't be afraid of death. Most of all, don't be afraid of God!"*

I'm a cradle Catholic, born to wonderful parents, catechized by some very dedicated teachers, and I've had the privilege of studying theology in some of the best classrooms in the world. Still it took me fifty years to rid myself of a number of crippling religious fears and to realize that God is the one person of whom you need not be afraid. It's taken me most of my life to believe the words that come from God's mouth over three hundred times in scripture and are the initial words out of the mouth of Jesus whenever he meets someone for the first time after his resurrection: *Do not be afraid!*

It has been a fifty-year journey for me to believe that, to trust it. For most of my life I've lived in a false fear of God, and of many other things. As a young boy, I had a particular fear of lightning storms which in my young mind demonstrated how fierce and threatening God could be. Thunder and lightning were portents which warned us, religiously, to be fearful. I nursed the same fears about death, wondering where souls went after they died, sometimes looking at a dark horizon after the sun had set and wondering whether people who had died were out there somewhere, haunted in that endless darkness, still suffering for what they'd had not gotten right in life. I knew that God was love, but that love also held a fierce, frightening, exacting justice.

Those fears went partially underground during my teenage years. I made my decision to enter religious life at the age of seventeen and have sometimes wondered whether that decision was made freely and not out of false fear. Looking back on it now however, with fifty years of hindsight, I know that it wasn't fear that compelled me, but a genuine sense of being called, of knowing from the influence of my parents and the Ursuline nuns who catechized me, that one's life is not one's own, that one is called to serve. But religious fear remained unhealthily strong within me.

So, what helped me let go of that? This doesn't happen in a day or year; it is the cumulative effect of fifty years of bits and pieces conspiring together. It started with my parents' deaths when I was twenty-two. After watching both my mother and father die, I was no longer afraid of death. It was the first time I wasn't afraid of a dead body since these bodies were my mother and father of whom I was not afraid. My fears of God eased gradually every time I tried to meet God with my soul naked in prayer and came to realize that your hair doesn't turn white when you are completely exposed before God; instead you become unafraid. My fears lessened too as I ministered to others and learned what divine compassion should be, as I studied and taught theology, as two cancer diagnoses forced me to contemplate for real my own mortality, and as a number of colleagues, family, and friends modeled how one can live more freely.

Intellectually, a number of persons particularly helped me: John Shea helped me realize that God is not a law to be obeyed, but an infinitely empathic energy that wants us to be happy; Robert Moore helped me to believe that God is still looking on us with delight; Charles Taylor helped me to understand that God wants us to flourish; the bitter anti-religious criticism of atheists like Frederick Nietzsche helped me see where my own concept of God and religion needed a massive purification; and an older brother, a missionary priest, kept unsettling my theology with irreverent questions like, what kind of God would want us to be frightened of him? A lot of bits and pieces conspired together.

What's the importance of last words? They can mean a lot or a little. My dad's last words to us were "be careful", but he was referring to our drive home from the hospital in snow and ice. Last words aren't always intended to leave a message; they can be focused on saying goodbye or simply be inaudible sighs of pain and exhaustion; but sometimes they can be your legacy.

Given the opportunity to leave family and friends a few last words, I think that after I first tried to say a proper goodbye, I'd say this: ***Don't be afraid. Don't be afraid of living or of dying. Especially don't be afraid of God.***

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.
Now on Facebook www.facebook.com/ronrolheiser

August 16, 2020 • 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Year A

Outsiders Included

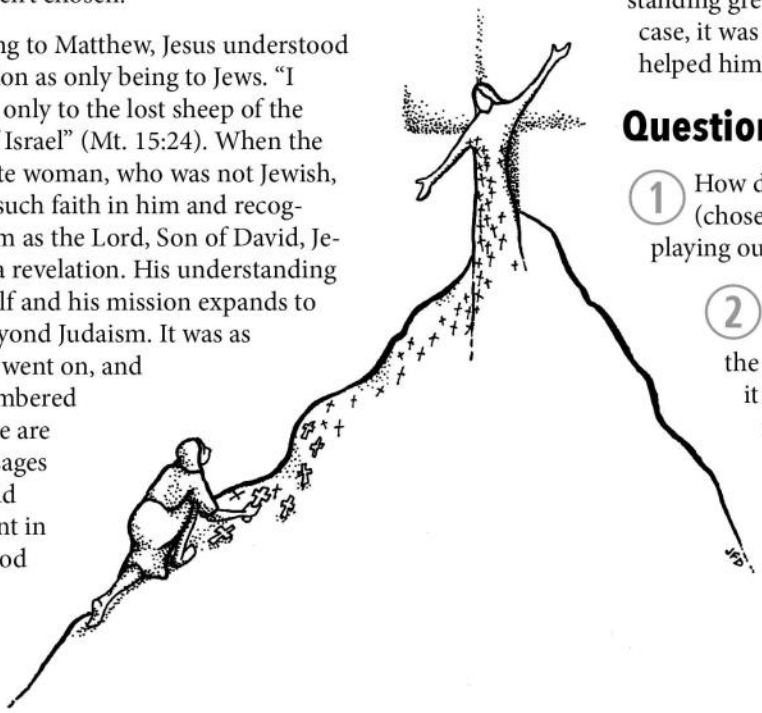
This Week's Readings at Mass

- Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 - The Lord's house open to all
- Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 - Israel's final conversion; the triumph of God's mercy
- Matthew 15:21-28 - Faith of the Canaanite woman

This Gospel story often puzzles us because of what sounds like a disrespectful and harsh reply from Jesus to a woman's plea for help. Some find it troubling because it suggests that Jesus wasn't perfect, and a woman had to help him learn something new and change his mind. The story makes more sense if we understand more about the Jewish context Jesus was living in during his day.

A strong streak of teaching in the Old Testament instructed Jews to keep themselves separate from non-Jews so that they wouldn't be tempted to stray from their worship of Yahweh to other gods. They weren't supposed to marry anyone outside of their faith to help maintain their Jewish purity. They were proud to be God's "chosen people," and it was a short move from believing themselves to be the chosen ones to relegating others to being less-than because they weren't chosen.

According to Matthew, Jesus understood his mission as only being to Jews. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Mt. 15:24). When the Canaanite woman, who was not Jewish, showed such faith in him and recognized him as the Lord, Son of David, Jesus had a revelation. His understanding of himself and his mission expands to those beyond Judaism. It was as if a light went on, and he remembered that there are also passages in the Old Testament in which God tells the people that he is for *everyone*. We heard an example of that in the first reading today when Isaiah, speaking for the Lord, said that foreigners could "join themselves to the Lord"—which is exactly what the Canaanite woman did (Isa 56:6). Yes, Jesus was divine, but he was human too, and just like any human, his understanding grew and matured over time. In this case, it was a foreigner, and a woman, who helped him become who he was meant to be.



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"So shall your way be known upon the earth; among all nations, your salvation."

Sheepish Question:

How do I experience God's natural creation praising his name for all to know?

Questions of the Week

1. How do you see the notion of "insiders" (chosen ones) and "outsiders" still playing out in Christianity today?
2. What is your reaction to Jesus changing his mind because of the faith of this woman. Do you find it troubling in any way? Or do you find it heartening? Please share.

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