



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

February 12th, 2023
The Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother."

Matthew 5:23

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

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

STS. PHILIP & JAMES PASTORAL STAFF

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Website—www.sspj.org

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Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

\$16,700

Weekly Collection: Sunday February 5th, 2023:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,611.

Collections from mail: 2,115.

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

Total Collections: \$15,100.04.

FAITH DIRECT: VISIT SSPJ.ORG CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT
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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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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.

The Beautiful Journey of Lent....Begins Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ~

***IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST AT ANY
OF
THE ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES,
KINDLY
SIGN YOUR NAME UPON THE LIST
HANGING ON THE CLOSET DOOR IN
THE PRAYER ROOM.***

***AS ALWAYS, YOUR ASSISTANCE IS
ALWAYS APPRECIATED.***

THANK YOU.



Ash Wednesday Mass and Word Services:

Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

12:00pm Word Service

3:00pm Word Service

5:00pm Word Service

7:00pm Mass

****Ashes are distributed at each time
scheduled***

CAN YOU BE AN APOSTLE OF HOPE ON ASH WEDNESDAY?

February 22, 2023

We are in need of parishioners to assist with the distribution of ashes at the following Masses and services on February 22nd.

7:30am Mass

9:15am Mass

12:00 Noon Word Service

3:00pm Word Service

5:00pm Word Service

7:00pm Mass

We also are in need of parishioners to help with the distribution of our Lenten Bracelets at each of the above Masses and Services.

If you can help with the distribution of ashes, or our Lenten bracelets, we ask you to attend one of the very brief training and sign up sessions which will be given after each of the weekend Masses on February 18th and 19th.

**TODAY, SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 12TH**

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WILL BE HOSTING**

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

**ALL ARE INVITED TO A
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST TO
SHARE FRIENDSHIP AND HOPE WITH
EACH OTHER.
AFTER THE 8AM
AND 10AM
MASSES**



Music Ministry~

Eternal Grace is this week's theme. The Gathering is The God of all Grace. God blesses us today and we lift our hearts and voices to the glory of God forever. Prayer of St. Francis and Let there be Peace on Earth is our prayer for peace in the world.

And, Endless is your Love is God's love for us this Valentine's Day week. Think of all the ways God loves us and blesses us.

I came across this quote from one of my books which says, "your touch transformed our lives. Open our hearts to experience your presence more deeply, your Holy caress, your living flame of love. Through your Grace, we leave behind words and turn toward your blessed silence. Send your touch, your Spirit, and your love."



Happy Valentine's Day

Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Strong words from Jesus! While we often glean somewhat negative descriptions of the scribes and Pharisees, it's true that many if not most were good, faithful people, trying to follow the way of God. Don't we try to do that too? But, like some of the scribes and Pharisees, might we get caught up in rigidity and miss out on the true, loving message of God? Might we be neglectful of the wisdom of Jesus? Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ, reflects:

We here in the United States love the exactness of laws so we know what's right and how we can get around or through or under or above what's written. God so loved the world that God sent a Relational Person to share the sacredness of our lives and the sacredness of God's relationship with us. The Wisdom of Jesus is not "how" he lived, but the "why." He came and continues coming, respectful of our freedom, to encourage us to reverence our lives, the time we have and the lives and times we have with others.

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 22nd, Ash Wednesday. Last week I wrote about the upcoming renovation involving our Baptismal font - the moving of the present one and the location of the new one designed for our parish. This new font will be by the stained-glass window portraying the Baptism of the Lord and the present font will be in our gathering area, so all can bless themselves while remembering those who have gone before us. I also suggested that this physical renovation process can connect with our spiritual renovation process as we journey through the season of Lent. And I said I'd explain more about our Lenten theme, *Take off your shoes*. To do this, I'd ask you to consider and hopefully accept an invitation.

An Invitation to a Pilgrimage – So Take Off Your Shoes!

The invitation comes from Jesus – *Follow me!* There are many ways we can respond to that invite. One is to make a pilgrimage – a journey to a sacred place. There are many sacred places – and sacred spaces. But “take off your shoes”?? On a pilgrimage wouldn't it make more sense to put on sturdy, protective shoes for the possibly rugged road ahead? What is Jesus up to?

Remember the story in Scripture of Moses and the burning bush? (Exodus 3:1-5) Moses was busy about his ordinary life, tending his flock, when he noticed a bush on fire. But the bush did not burn up! Then he hears God tell him to remove his sandals for he is standing on holy ground. Can you just imagine Moses being stunned and then looking down at the ground where he is standing, responding with amazement, “But this is the ground I always stand on!” Then God replies, “Yes, I know!”

Might that have happened? Might that be happening today in each of our lives? How often might Moses have passed that same bush without ever noticing it? How often do we go about our daily lives, not really noticing what's around us? How might we come to recognize more deeply that we are standing on holy ground? How might we experience more fully being surrounded by the holy presence of God? How might we allow that real presence of God around and within us to affect how we live? Could a type of pilgrimage move us along?

Father Tom's Letter continued

This Lent all in our parish are invited on a *Lenten Pilgrimage* as we explore the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Included along the way will be reflections on our baptismal fonts, old and new, and our connections to each. We'll also reflect on how Confirmation strengthens our Baptismal commitment and how Eucharist nourishes our experience of God's Real Presence around and within us. Part of this pilgrimage will be a Lenten Retreat with Fr. Adam MacDonald, SVD (Divine Word Missionary). There will also be stops along the way offering varied prayer experiences and opportunities to serve. This journey through sacred time and sacred space to a sacred place culminates in our celebration of Easter – all fifty days of it!

Will you be part of this Pilgrimage? Will you “take off your shoes”? On Ash Wednesday, each of us will be offered a Lenten bracelet saying, *Take off your shoes*. Will you accept that invitation? Taking off our shoes leaves us more vulnerable, but that vulnerability gives God more opportunity to touch our lives more deeply.

St. Thomas More said, *there was never a pilgrim who did not come back to their village with one less prejudice and one more idea.*

Please, be a pilgrim with us this Lent. Take off your shoes!

As the process begins for the placement of the new Baptismal Font with the removal of five pews (remember, these pews will be relocated to other parts of the church) I ask you to begin thinking about your own Baptism. Most of us were baptized as infants and so any “memories” are dependent on recollections of those who were present. But each of us was given a name at Baptism. Who gave you your name? Why were you given that name? Who were your godparents? Where were you baptized? Do you know the date of your Baptism? If not, might you find out?

In the coming weeks, as the new font is created, each of us will be invited to place a remembrance of our Baptism in the base of the font. In the bulletin you will find “A Baptism Remembrance” to cut out and fill in. These will be gathered and placed in the base of the new font as a way of connecting us to one another and to all those who will be baptized in coming years. We are baptized into Christ Jesus, and are sisters and brothers to one another. Please feel free to make more copies as needed - or create your own remembrance! Parents, please help your children to complete their Baptism remembrance. And kids, help your parents and grandparents!

More on our fonts and our Baptismal connections next week. In this week's bulletin check out info on our upcoming Mardi Gras! Please be sure to register by this Wednesday!

And finally, with Valentine's Day coming this Tuesday,

Why shouldn't you trust a pastry chef on Valentine's Day? Because he'll dessert you.

What do you give your valentine in France? A big quiche.

What did the paper clip say to the magnet? I'm very attracted to you!

What did the scientist say to her valentine? I think of you periodically.

Which type of flower is best at giving kisses? Tulips.

What did one cappuccino say to her shy crush? Espresso yourself!

Peace,

Father Tom

*WE ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE AND WELCOME
FATHER ADAM MacDONALD
WHO WILL BE LEADING THE SSPJ PARISH LENTEN RETREAT*

THE SEASON OF LENT:

Time for our “Annual Attitude Adjustment”

Greetings of peace, love, and joy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! My name is **Fr. Adam MacDonald**, and I’m a member of the Society of the Divine Word, an international religious congregation comprised of nearly 6,000 Roman Catholic priests and brothers who make it our aim to proclaim God’s Word and witness God’s love to the peoples of the world. We currently serve in more than 80 countries across the globe!



A native of Flint, Michigan, I responded to God’s call at a young age, entering seminary formation with the Society as a high school graduate. After 12 years of seminary studies in Iowa and Illinois and missionary training experiences in both Japan and the Philippines, I professed First Vows in 1994 and Perpetual Vows in 1999. A few days after my Perpetual Vows, I was ordained a Deacon, and in June, 2000 I was ordained to the priesthood with my first Mission Assignment to the Central Philippines where I served in a large parish in the suburbs of the capital Manila from 2000 to 2002.

In 2003, the Society reassigned me back to the United States, and since that time I have served in various posts of community leadership and administration, Spiritual Direction and retreat ministry, and Vocation Ministry.

The youngest of six children, many are interested to know that I am not the only priest in my family. My brother Timothy is a priest of the Diocese of Lansing, Michigan while my older brother Eben is a priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

On March 13 – 15, I look forward to the privilege of joining the parish community there at Saints Philip and James in **spending some days on retreat**, deepening our personal and communal relationship with Jesus and entering more deeply into the beauty and promise of the Lenten season as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ at Easter.

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As we look more closely at the meaning and purpose of the traditional Lenten disciplines of **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving**, we will consider how these familiar practices are not just annual acts of sacrifice we make for our self-mortification but rather an invitation to a profound change of heart and attitude which can impact the way we live long after Lent is over.

We enter into the Lenten season this year heeding the call of the Church to a Eucharistic Revival, an opportunity to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. And so our reflections will likewise explore how we can break ourselves open and become the bread of kindness for others!

Come join us for our parish retreat, and let's make this the “Best Lent Ever!”

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



"To persevere is to remain constant in goodness, especially when the reality around us urges us to do otherwise. Let us reflect on a few examples: I know that prayer is important, but, like everyone, I too always have a lot to do, and so I put it off: "No, I am busy now, I can't, I'll do it later". Or, I see many crafty people who take advantage of situations, who dodge the rules, and so I too stop observing them and persevering in justice and legality: "But if these scoundrels do it, so will I!". Beware of this!

And again: I carry out service in the Church, for the community, for the poor, but I see that many people in their free time think only of enjoying themselves, and so I feel like giving up and do what they do. Because I do not see results, or I get bored, or it does not make me happy.

Persevering, instead, is *remaining* in goodness. Let us ask ourselves: what is my perseverance like? Am I constant, or do I live faith, justice and charity according to the moment: I pray if I feel like it; I am fair, willing and helpful if it suits me; whereas if

I am dissatisfied, if no one thanks me, do I stop? In short, do my prayer and service depend on circumstances or on a heart that is steadfast in the Lord? If we persevere — Jesus reminds us — we have nothing to fear, even in the sad and ugly events of life, even in the evil we see around us, because we remain grounded in the good. Dostoevsky wrote: "Have no fear of men's

sin. Love a man even in his sin, for that is the semblance of Divine Love and is the highest love on earth" (*The Brothers Karamazov*, Part 2, Book 4, Chapter 3). Perseverance is the reflection in the world of God's love, because God's love is faithful, it is persevering, it never changes.

May Our Lady, servant of the Lord, persevering in prayer (cf. *Acts* 1:12), fortify our perseverance."

Pope Francis

Congratulations and God's Abundant Blessings Upon Newly Baptised~ John Carmine Malkasian Arianna Ann Rosiello



**Welcome!
John Carmine and Arianna
Ann
On your Baptism Day!**

**We are so proud of you
and your beautiful families.**

**May God bless you and fill
your hearts with his love
and his beautiful light.**

Pictured are:

**John Carmine Malkasian
and his parents Austin and
Christina on left, Deacon
John and Arianna Ann
Rosiello, parents Steven
and Jessica and big
brother Christopher!**

Mass Intentions, For the week of February 12th, 2023



Eucharistic Adoration

All are welcome

**Mondays
From
1:30pm-7pm**

In the Church

Remembering those who are struggling at this time with illness, loneliness and despair...

If you wish to have the SSPJ Parish family pray for someone who is feeling down, kindly contact the Parish Center office at 631-584-5454...

Remember in our hearts and prayers

Andy
Alfred Fox
Antonette Sabatino
Angie Mingione
Angela Amoroso
Arthur Gureck
Austin Rocky
Baby Ben
Baby Penny Grace
Candela
Barbara Bombace
Mattia Rose Lubrano
Barbara Sammarco
Belinda Groneman
Carol
Carolyn Nehl
Catherine Smith
Cathleen Henchey
Claudia Chandler
Chase Addonisio
David Beleck
David McCue
Deirdre W.
Donna Patrissi
Dorothy Mitchell
Eleanor Bayley
Elizabeth Martin
Elizabeth Smith
Ellie Walsh
Eileen
Emily Schiaratta
Emily Quagliatta
Flo Donohue
Gail Lumley
George Fitzpatrick
Gloria Montesano
Ginny & John Rief
Gregory Parker
Helen
Jack Donohue
Jackie & Christine Duffy
Jakob King
Jamie Accardi
Jean Saladino
Jenny Bonanno
Jerry
Joelle Nicholas
Joni Deleo
John Cronin
John DeStefano
John Maynes
Joseph
Joe Benenberger
Joseph Domizio
Judy Rampola

Joe Dorrian
Joseph Costa
Joseph Domizio
Kathleen Draper
Kathleen N.
Kerry
Kitty Cronin
Laura Bode
Leon Donach
Lola Santangelo
Lori Cearney
Margaret Remhild
Mark Wagner
Mary Ryan
Maria Clark
Maria Collaro
Marie del Cielo
Maureen Litten
Mary Ann CesarSKI
Mary Beth McGovern
Matthew Parrella
Michael Fisher
Mike Lofaro
Michael
Patricia Acker
Patricia Trippree
Pasquale Savarese
Pat McCumber
Peter Donach
Peter Portanova
P.I.
Ricardo Buffit
Richard Lombardi,
Sr.
Riordan Cavooris
Rogelio Martinez
Ronnie Paciella
Ryan Duffy
Sara Jean Andersen
Stanley Stura
Stephen Dolce
Susanne Smith
Tonia Perdue
Tara CesarSKI
Teresa Mattera
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Tom Devaney
Tom Ficht
Tom Ryan
Vivien Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.
William Capurso

Saturday February 11th Cantor: N. LoCastro	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Schor/Student EM: Licari/Giacalone/Sisti/ Anderson/Drechsler	9:15am 5:00pm	Teresa Heedles Kevin Doran
Sunday February 12th Cantor: J. Lohmann	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Dervan/Auletta EM: Rapp/Czujko/Kenney/ Sehne/M. Tully	8am	For the People of SSPJ
Cantor: J. Hill	Presider: Father Jim Lector: Dobres/Suski EM: Keane/Latino/ Mulhall/Orlando/Reichert/ Sotomayer	10:00am	Edna Beninati
Cantor: L. Lupanacci	<u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Tom Lector: Contrino/Kenton EM: Consenz/Samson/ Margaret	12:00pm	Lucille Piccininni Tom Flaherty Lucy Riker
Monday February 13th		7:30am 9:15am	Vera & John Mulvehill and Frances Sexton Jeffrey Bausch
Tuesday February 14th	St. Cyril	7:30am 9:15am	Charles P. Vanek Gregory Mattia
Wednesday February 15th		7:30am 9:15am	Living~Bill Kingston Vincent Finnegan
Thursday February 16th		7:30am 9:15am	<u>Collective Mass</u> Michael Corey
Friday February 17th	Seven holy founders of Servite Order	7:30am 9:15am	Deacon Ron Blasius Karen Klipell & Chrissy Spagnato
Saturday February 18th Cantor: M. McCulloh	Presider: Father Tom Lector: J Burke/Healy EM: Mantia/Sisti/Damato/ Urce/Drechsler	9:15am 5:00pm	Lois Coughlin Robert Kay
Sunday February 19th Cantor B. Meringolo	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Czujko/Sehne EM: Koke/Portanova/Ramos/ Sehne/M. Tully	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: B. Meringolo	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Nicastro/Rubano EM: Rizzo/Luna/McKie/ Mulhall/Orlando/Licari	10:00am	Robert Tinti
Cantor: J. Lohmann	<u>Collective Mass</u> Presider: Father Joe Lector: Just/Latino EM: Consenz/Margaret/ Stack	12:00pm	John Muller Marcy M. Dionisio Barbara Gardner

Let the Little Children Come to Me~ Matt 19:14...

Religious Education Ministry

February Prayer of the Month Grace before Meals

Bless us, O Lord,
and these, Thy gifts,
which we are about
to receive from
Thy bounty.
Through Christ,
our Lord.

Amen.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:
SATURDAY AT THE 5PM MASS AND SUNDAY AT
THE 10AM MASS~ALL ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
WILL NOT BE HELD DURING THE
WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023 BUT WILL
RESUME DURING THE WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 26TH 2023**

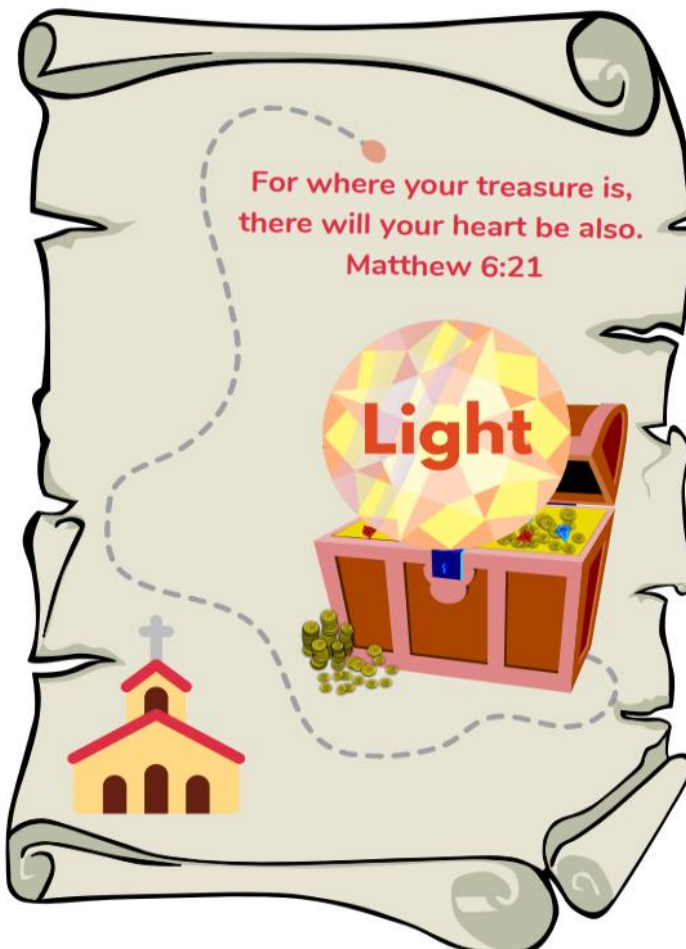
*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for
one of the least of these brothers and
sisters of mine, you did for me."
Matthew 25:40*

WASH KIT GANG NEEDS:




- ♦ QUART size Ziploc bags
 - ♦ Wash cloths
 - ♦ Bar soap
 - ♦ Band aids
- ♦ Hard, individually wrapped candy
- ♦ Shampoo and Conditioner
 - ♦ Toothbrushes

These items can be dropped off
these at the Parish Center office
from Monday-Thursday.
They can also be dropped off in a
container outside the Parish Center
Office door when the office is
closed.

More details will follow.
Thank you for your generosity.



Construction of New Baptismal Font~Opportunity to donate to “Baptismal Renovations”

<p>Removal of 5 existing pews and set aside to be repurposed.</p>		<p>Reposition pews in open areas as well as reconstructed to be placed in the sanctuary.</p>
<p>Construct pedestal and base to hold new baptismal font.</p>		<p>Relocate existing original Baptismal Font from the Old Church to the gathering vestibule.</p>
<p>Construct custom fitted insert to allow easy cleaning and sanitizing of font in gathering vestibule.</p>		<p>Construct and install custom fabricated baptismal bowl with drain.</p>
		<p>Relocate existing Chism cabinet.</p>
<p>Construct knee wall to define new baptismal area under the stained-glass window depicting the Baptism of Christ</p>	<p>Construct custom shelving to hold bowl and pitcher used during Holy Thursday “washing of the feet”</p>	
<p>Provide new finish to tabernacle and update with coordinating tile as on baptismal font.</p>	<p>Supply and install marble base at the foot of the new baptismal font and baptismal font in gathering space.</p>	

Noted is a brief overview of the anticipated renovations and construction centering around our new designated Baptismal area as well as placement of our original font in the gathering vestibule as a reminder of the many who were baptized in Christ at Sts. Philip & James over the years. We may bless ourselves from this font of Holy Water upon entering our church.

Funds have been donated and earmarked specifically for this renovation. However, as you know, what starts as a simple project manages to grow and inflation has placed a squeeze on our budget.

We would like to complete this project in its entirety by Easter rather than in increments. If you would like to help make this possible, a donation earmarked “Baptismal Renovations” may be dropped in the collection basket or mailed /dropped at the Parish Center. Sponsor names will be acknowledged on a Donor Board placed in church at the new site.

Thank you for your consideration.

A Baptism Remembrance

We are baptized into Christ Jesus, and are sisters and brothers to one another.

Baptism Date

Place of Baptism

Baptismal Name

Who chose that name?

Origin of Name

Godparents

Getting Ready for Lent

Lent begins Wednesday, February 22, 2023. So...



It's Mardi Gras!

*ALL are invited
to gather for a celebration
burning last year's palm into ashes, we
These ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday.
Then we party with entertainment, games,
and of course food!*



**Tuesday, February 21
5 – 7 pm.**



SSPJ TOWN SQUARE (Auditorium)

Adults: \$15. Children 10
Family rate \$35 (2 adults / 2 children
(Children under 5 are free.)

**PLEASE RSVP to the Rectory 584-5454 by Wednesday, Feb
15th**

So we may plan accordingly Payment may be dropped off at the office

Can YOU H E L P – supervise games booths, help serve food,
set-up / break down....
come and join us as we gather as a Parish Community to celebrate

For additional information or to reserve you may email info@sspj.org

A Reflection from Sister T~

Dear Friends,

This week I thought I would share with you about a trip I took from Chicago to Pittsburgh by train. It was quite an experience, and I think it is well worth sharing! So, let us take a trip down Memory Lane...

In talking with my former student Gail, she suggested I call this reflection *The Midnight Train*. Perhaps I should, because I was sharing with her my first journey on an Amtrak train from Chicago to Pittsburgh. It was definitely an adventure!

We left Chicago at 6:40 pm and arrived in Pittsburgh at 5:15 am; my many attempts to sleep on during the journey were all in vain. Eventually I gave up and began listening to the conversations going on around me. Surprisingly, there were two common themes: Family and Faith (God/Spirituality). I found this interesting, since the folks on the train were from all walks of life and ages. Also, I had no idea I would be sharing this memory with you until I began to write it!

On the train were a few grandparents, delighted in having returned from visiting their grand and great- grandchildren. There was excitement in their voices as they shared their experiences. Moms and sleepy children laughed about all the things they had done that day, and were ready for a nice long nap. In the faith department Amish, Christians, Catholics, and Muslims were sharing those things they had in common as well as responding to some misconceptions that another was experiencing.

I couldn't help but think of the richness that was in just this one car. People were taking the time to share and enjoy the blessings of one another, complete strangers! One young lady became so engaged with the gentleman she was sitting with she took some photos after the trip to use for her photography class. Amazing!

I don't know about you, but it appeared to me that this type of listening and sharing is easier to do with strangers than with family and those we live with or work with. Why do you think that is?

I am not sure myself, but I can give many excuses why I don't. Perhaps I need to look at the reasons that keep me from being my best self to those who are closest to me. Perhaps I need to work on sharing my faith and spirituality less reluctantly. Our human nature can lead us to rationalize so much, but what can reflection and quiet time lead us to?

I have a hunch that we all may find ourselves on that 'midnight train' from time to time, taking in the goodness and wonder that surrounds us during this coming week. Not bad for a reflection brought on by a long sleepless journey!

I have some inner work to do. How about you?

Use this week to share with those around you some of the gems of your faith life. Be willing to put yourself out there and bring beauty to those who surround you.

Till next week,
Sister Theresita



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My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, February 12th, 2023

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

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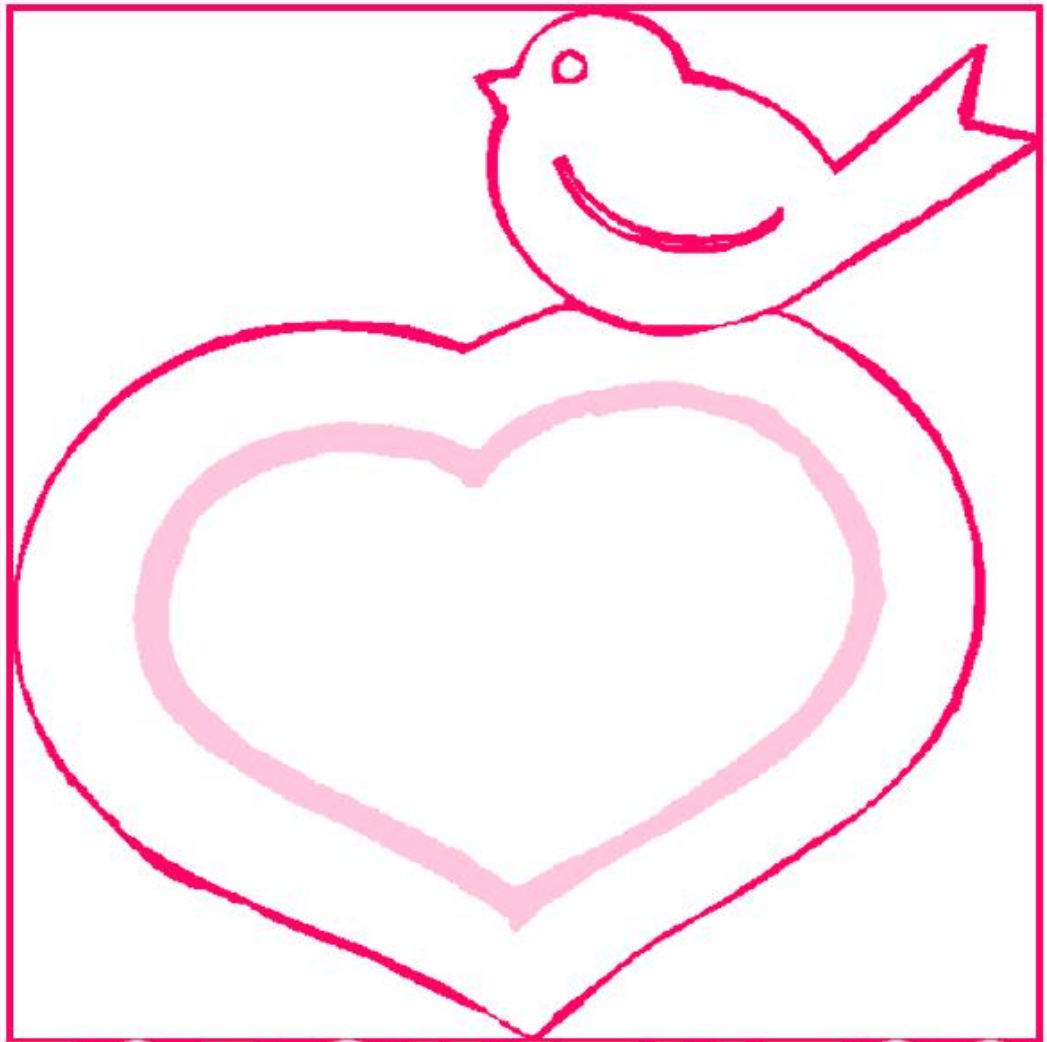


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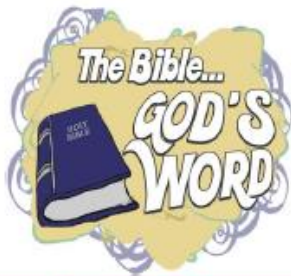
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"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to your brother; then come and offer your gift."
Matthew 5:23-24

Based on Matthew 5:21-24



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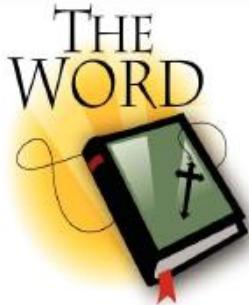
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Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time~ Sunday, February 12th, 2023

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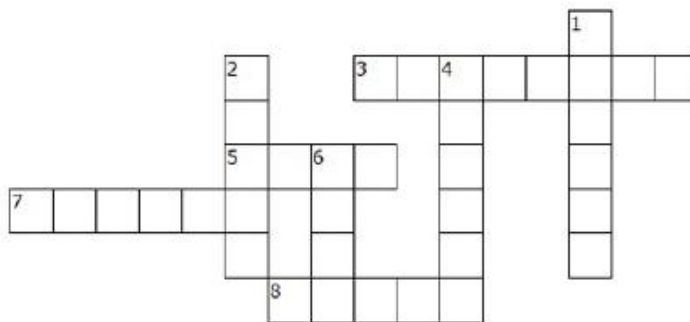


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ACROSS

3. To decide if a person is guilty or innocent
5. A present that is given to another person
7. Killing of a person by another person
8. The place where gifts or sacrifices to God are made

DOWN

1. A group of human beings (men or women or children)
2. To be furious
4. To be at risk of being injured or harmed
6. A person who lacks good sense

DANGER
JUDGMENT

PEOPLE
GIFT

ANGRY
ALTAR

MURDER
FOOL

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday February 19

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Ps 103:1-4,8,10,
12-13 (8a)

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

Monday February 20

Sirach 1:1-10

Ps 93:1ab,1cd-2,5

Mark 9:14-29

Tuesday February 21

Sirach 2:1-11

Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,
39-40

Mark 9:30-37

Wednesday February 22**Ash Wednesday**

Joel 2:12-18

Ps 51:3-6ab,12-14,17
2 Corinthians 5:20 — 6:2

Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday February 23

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Ps 1:1-4,6

Luke 9:22-25

Friday February 24

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Ps 51:3-6ab,18-19

Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday February 25

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Ps 86:1-6

Luke 5:27-32

Mercy is the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading. Think of love as the front door to people's hearts. When they close it, mercy is the love that sneaks in through the back door.

In ancient times, if someone gouged another person in the eye, the victim could gather his clan and punish him by wiping out his aggressor's clan. So God gave his people a law that brought them closer to love: If someone hurts your eye, you may do nothing more than the same to him. It was still unloving, but at least it was fair.

When Jesus came onto the scene, he raised the standards: If someone hurts you, don't play fair; give that person love.

When people sin against us, they don't understand that they're closing their hearts to God and his love. But if we give them love, we give them God through a back door.

This does not mean we are to remain in harm's way. But if we continue to give them love – even if only from afar – we bring God and his healing into the situation.

If someone steals from you or demands something from you unjustly, you can't stop his greed but you can stop him from sinning against you: Let it go, give it to him. And as an act of generous love, give him more! I know it doesn't feel right, but this is what Jesus says is right. Divinely right.

If someone asks you to do a chore for her because she's lazy, prevent it from becoming a sin of cruelty; gladly do what she asks and volunteer to do more.



This plan of Jesus demonstrates, through us, that God's love is superior to everything else. It proves that love conquers evil.

This is what it means to be perfect. Perfection in the Bible means the fullness of love – complete, unlimited, merciful love.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † Think of a time when God showed you mercy even though you didn't deserve his love. What did it feel like when he gave you his love anyway? How did it change you?
- † Who is currently sinning against you? What good deeds can you do simply and easily even before he or she asks for forgiveness?
- † Describe a time when you did a good deed to someone who caused you difficulties. What kind of impact did your efforts make? If you're not aware of good results yet, how did it help *you* experience God's love?
- † How can stopping an abuse be done as an act of love?

OUR OVER-BURDENED PLANET

Creating the human race may be the single biggest mistake that evolution made. Douglas Abrams writes this in *The Book of Hope*, a book he co-authored with Jane Goodall. While that is a rather despairing view, in the end, this book is a book of hope, though not without it issuing a dire warning: There are now over eight billion people on this planet and already we are using up nature's limited resources faster than nature can replace them. In less than thirty years from now, there will probably be ten billion of us and if we carry on with business as usual, that could spell the end of the earth as we know it.

What do we need to do to turn this around? Goodall and Abrams suggest four things:

First, we must alleviate poverty. When people are hungry and desperate, their thoughts are not on the big picture, namely, the long-range future and the overall good of all humans and the planet. Understandably, their thoughts will be focused on survival and there will be no hesitation in cutting down the last tree to grow food or catching that last fish still alive. Desperation and concern for the big picture generally don't go together.

Second, we must reduce the unsustainable lifestyles of the affluent. Mother earth is not a limitless resource and cannot continue indefinitely to sustain our present lifestyles. Moreover, this is true not just for the lavish lifestyles of the rich, but for all of us in most countries. We haven't faced the fact that everything is limited and hence, we continue to buy in excess, consume in excess, use electrical energy in excess, waste food in excess, use gasoline in excess, and create garbage in excess. This cannot continue much longer. Already millions of desperate refugees on borders everywhere and dramatic shifts in climate most everywhere are telling us that we must make changes, and soon. Our planet is big, but it is finite, and it cannot sustain the limitless demands of unexamined consumption.

Third, we must eliminate corruption and economic self-interest. Without good government and honest leadership that focuses on the big picture rather than on its own self-interests, it is impossible to solve our enormous social, economic, and environmental problems. As a Barbara Kingsolver character quips in her recent novel, *Unsheltered*, the free-market has the same morality as a cancer cell. The entrepreneurial spirit that drives our economies serves us well in many ways and affords us comforts, freedoms, and opportunities that few in history have ever had. However, generally it is to the big picture what a cancer cell is to the body, a single cell growing on its own without connection to the overall health of the body. Like a cancer cell, the free-market (with some exceptions) does not take the big picture and the long-range health of the whole body into account.

Fourth, we must face up to the problems caused by an ever-growing population. For most of history, religious and moral voices have literally commanded people to have children. *Increase and multiply.* This was a sacred duty, owed to God and the human race. However, for a large part, this was predicated on fears that the human race, like any species, was perennially in danger of becoming extinct. Indeed, there was the constant threat that this might happen. Diseases, famines, war, high infant mortality, a short life span, and disasters of all kinds constantly threatened the human species. Humans, like every species, needed to ensure that the species went on. That made sense, in every way, until this present century. Now, with the looming prospect of ten billion people on this planet, the threat of extinction arises more from our sheer number than from some external threat. The planet can only accommodate a given number of us at one time. Granted there are soul issues, moral issues, and religious issues involved with any talk of limiting human growth. Nonetheless, however complex these issues, unexamined growth must now be examined.

Abrams is wrong. *Creating the human race was not a tragic mistake that evolution made!* Creating the human person was not an accidental and undesired product of blind evolution. God is the author of the process of evolution and God doesn't make mistakes. God intended from the very beginning for us, human persons, to emerge from the process. Even more, God intended us to have a very special role in the process, namely, to be that place in the process where nature finally becomes conscious of itself and can then proactively help God shape the process towards a final peace and unity (*the Kingdom of God*) that will include all of us and the planet itself.

Humans weren't a mistake, though admittedly much of our stewarding has been because we tend to think of the world as something we can strip mine in any way that benefits us rather than as a garden, with limited resources, which we have been asked to care for with love.