



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

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# October 29th, 2023

## The Thirtieth Sunday

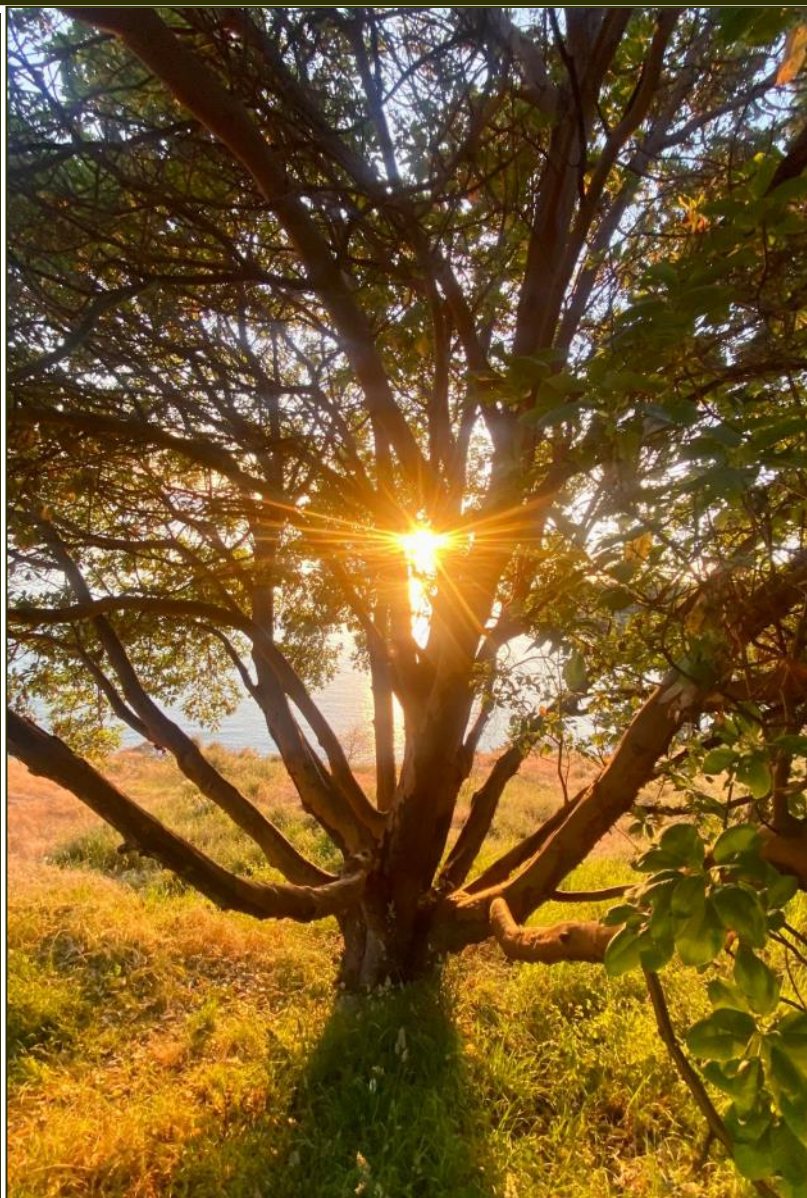
### In Ordinary Time

"You shall love  
the Lord,  
Your God  
with all your  
heart,

With all your  
soul, and with  
all your mind.

This is the  
greatest and  
the first  
commandment."

Matthew 22:37



"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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### PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

Open Monday, Tuesday Wednesday 9am-6pm

Open Thursday 9am-6pm

Closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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

**\$16,700**

**Weekly Collection: Sunday, October 22nd, 2023:**

Collections from Weekend masses: \$9,663.

Collections from mail: \$2,040.

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

**Total Collections: \$15,077.04**

**FAITH DIRECT: VISIT [SSPJ.ORG](http://SSPJ.ORG) CLICK ON FAITH DIRECT ICON: USING  
SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232**

## Sacraments

**Baptism**— Celebrated twice per month. Parents are asked to register at the Pastoral Center for Pre-Baptism Program.

**Marriage**—Couples are asked to contact the Pastoral Center before visiting the reception hall. The Marriage Preparation process is nine months before your proposed wedding date.

**Confirmation**—Seventh and Eighth grade students are prepared to celebrate through Religious Ed or SSPJ School. Adults prepare through RCIA.

**Reconciliation**— Available Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm in the Church or by contacting the Parish Center for an appointment.

**Anointing of the Sick**— In case of serious, unexpected illness, please contact the Parish Center office to arrange for a Priest to pray with the person who is ill. Anointing of the Sick is held on the first Sunday of the month following the 8:00am mass please see the Sacristan before mass.

**R.C.I.A.**— Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (non-Catholic adults desiring to become Catholic) are asked to contact the Parish Center Office.

**Eucharistic Adoration In The Church**— Monday 1:30pm -7pm

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



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## **LIVE-STREAMING THE 8:00AM SUNDAY MASS**

*The Sunday mass at 8:am is available to view on our SSPJ Church Facebook page, while it is live at the 8am mass, it can be recalled at any time.*

# Father Tom's Letter

Dear Friends,

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
and with all your mind....  
You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

These words from today's gospel sound so familiar, and so ? simple? easy? challenging? We've learned these two great commandments – at least through head knowledge. What about heart knowledge? What about life knowledge? Fr. John Foley, SJ, writes,

*And: what about love in your own life?.... Have you discovered that love is quite a bit more than pretense, more than an ideal, more than just a thing we crave from others, and certainly more than just pleasure? Have you seen that learning to love is the very air inhaled by such everyday importances as work, relaxation, attractions, happiness? Without love's living atmosphere none of these could breathe, and neither could we....*

*God does not fail at love. God waits. God says, "how wonderful that you are learning!" God says, "I love every person on earth. And you—you are my beloved. I am at your side as you learn to open to me and to others."*

Let us continue to learn to love as God loves!

Today it is a delight to be with those celebrating their sacrament of Matrimony. I thank Arlene and Fred Herzog for their reflection and all of you who, as the ritual states, *"Mirror the way Christ loves the church as you live your sacrament and make God's love so wonderfully alive!"*

We celebrate this week the Feast of All Saints, the universal call to holiness. God delights in each of us, prompting us to shed light, birth hope and spread peace. Masses are Tuesday evening at 5 and Wednesday at 7:30am, 9:15am and 7 pm.

On Thursday we celebrate All Souls Day, a day to remember how particularly and personally God has loved us through those who have touched and shaped our hearts. Many of our loved ones have gone before us yet still remain a precious part of our lives. We will remember our loved ones in the All Souls Day Novena. We commemorate those parishioners who died during the past year at a 7pm Mass Thursday evening.

I would like to add a special thank you to all those who serve in our Consolation Ministry for the work done not only for the Remembrance Mass on Thursday, but also for their faithful presence throughout the year, assisting families grieving the death of a loved one.

Once again, we were profoundly touched on Monday evening as we continued our Eucharistic Revival. The final evening with Dr. Tom Petriano will be on Monday October 30th at 7pm in the Bethany Center. I encourage you to come!

And, finally,

*Do they allow loud laughing in Hawaii or just a low ha?*

*Once upon a time there was a king who was only 12 inches tall.  
He was a terrible king, but he made a great ruler.*

*I wrote a book on how to fall down the stairs. It's a step by step guide.*

*My son was chewing on electric cords so I had to ground him.  
But he's doing better and is conducting himself properly.*

Peace,

*Father Tom*

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



# Mass Intentions, For the week of October 29th, 2023

**Our Pro Life Rose  
Is Offered In Memory of**

**Jack Duffy**

**"On his 8th Anniversary  
In Heaven"**

**Always Loved and Never  
Forgotten**



**All Our Love,  
The Duffy Family**

*We Pray for those who are ill...*

Andy  
Anna Capizzio  
Alfred Fox  
Antonette Sabatino  
Angie Mingione  
Angela Amoroso  
Arthur Gureck  
Austin Rocky  
Baby Ben  
Baby Penny Grace  
Candela  
Barbara Bombace  
Brian  
Mattia Rose Lubrano  
Barbara Sammarco  
Belinda Groneman  
Rob Remhild  
Carol  
Carolyn Nehl  
Catherine Smith  
Cathleen Henchey  
Chase Addonizio  
Christella Stewart  
David Beleck  
David McCue  
Deirdre W.  
Diane LaPorte  
Donna Patrissi  
Dorothy Mitchell  
Eleanor Bayley  
Elizabeth Martin  
Elizabeth Smith  
Eileen  
Emily Schiaratta  
Emily Souders  
Flo Donohue  
Gail Lumley  
George Fitzpatrick  
Gloria Montesano  
Ginny & John Rief  
Gregory Parker  
Helen  
Harold Scott  
Jack Donohue  
Jackie & Christine  
Duffy  
Jakob King  
Jamie Accardi  
Jean Saladino  
Jenny Bonanno  
Jerry  
Joelle Nicholas  
Joni Deleo  
John Capizzio  
John Cronin  
John DeStefano  
John Maynes  
John Mattia  
Joseph  
Joe Benaburger  
Joseph Domizzio

Judy Rampola  
Joe Dorrian  
Joseph Costa  
Joseph Domizzio  
Kaitlyn Remhild  
Kathleen Draper  
Kathleen N.  
Kerry  
Kitty Cronin  
Kristin Galetta  
Laura Bode  
Leon Donach  
Lola Santangelo  
Lori Cearney  
Mary Monte  
Marty Rizzo  
Margaret Remhild  
Mark Wagner  
Mary Ryan  
Marie Feicco  
Maria Clark  
Maria Collaro  
Marie del Cielo  
Maureen Litten  
Mary Ann Cesarski  
Mary Beth McGovern  
Matthew Parrella  
Michael Fisher  
Mike Lofaro  
Michael  
Nick Lella  
Patricia Acker  
Patricia Trippree  
Pasquale Savarese  
Pat McCumber  
Peter Donach  
Peter Portanova  
P.I.  
Phil Giaraputo  
Ricardo Buffit  
Rob Remhild  
Riordan Cavooris  
Rogelio Martinez  
Rose  
Ryan Duffy  
Sara Jean Andersen  
Stanley Stura  
Stephen Dolce  
Susanne Smith  
Tonia Perdue  
Tara Cesarski  
Teresa Mattera  
Tina Cafaro  
Tiffany Lochan  
Thomas Lifrieri  
Tom Ficht  
Tom Ryan  
Tom Focene  
Vivien & John  
Cordes  
Wayne Smith Sr.

<b>Saturday October 28th Cantor:</b> K.. Murtha	<b>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Grimaldi/Student EM: Rapp/Consenz/ Anderson/Kanuika/Urce</b>	<b>9:15am</b>  <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Jacquelyn Harvey</b>  <b>Jack Duffy</b>
<b>Sunday October 29th Cantor:</b> L. Stefanowski	<b>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Sehne/O'Leary EM: Czujko/Dervan/Diaz/ Portanova/Kenney</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>For the People of SSPJ Parish</b>
<b>Cantor:</b> J. Hill	<b>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Contrino/Cafaro EM: Keane/Suski/Sisti/ Conti/Napolitano/Parish</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>John Blazich</b>
<b>Cantor:</b> J. Hill	<b>Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: O'Hara/Suski EM: Bleggi/Kaleita/ Samson</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>Jeff Indelicato Charles Salomon Robert Brigandi Ernest Lataso Gertrude Blansfield</b>
<b>Monday October 30th</b>	<b>Adoration 1:30-7pm In the church</b>	<b>7:30am</b>  <b>9:15am</b>	<b>Jeffrey Indelicato</b>  <b>Stephanie Kreppein</b>
<b>Tuesday October 31st</b>		<b>7:30am</b> <b>9:15am</b>  <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Anthony Hurtado Jack Mirabell</b>  <b>A Holy Soul In Purgatory</b>
<b>Wednesday November 1st</b>	<b>All Saints Day</b>	<b>7:30am</b> <b>9:15am</b> <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Living~Virginia &amp; Peter Portanova Valerie D'Angelo Eleanor Constantini</b>
<b>Thursday November 2nd</b>	<b>All Souls Day</b>	<b>7:30am</b> <b>9:15am</b>  <b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Victims of Ukraine War Collective Mass Gregoria Diaz Evelyn Eustace &amp; Richard Walsh Jennifer Catroppa All Souls Mass Intentions</b>
<b>Friday November 3rd</b>	<b>St. Martin de Porres</b>	<b>7:30am</b>  <b>9:15am</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>  <b>A Holy Soul In Purgatory</b>
<b>Saturday November 4th Cantor:</b> <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	<b>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Grimaldi/Ryan EM: Calderone/Sisti/ Anderson/Byrne/Taurassi</b>	<b>9:15am</b>  <b>5:00pm</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>  <b>Anna Clayton</b>
<b>Sunday November 5th Cantor:</b>	<b>Presider: Father Joe Lector: Cavooris/Marino EM: Clarke/Dervan/Diaz/ Koke/LaSerra</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>For the People of SSPJ Parish</b>
<b>Cantor:</b>	<b>Presider: Father Tom Lector: Zahorodny/Contrino EM: Licari/Consenz/ Parish/Amen/Luna/ Sotomayer</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>All Souls Novena</b>
<b>Cantor:</b>	<b>Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Wagner/Rubano EM: Napolitano/Rubano/ Settinieri</b>	<b>12:00pm</b>	<b>John Vierling Thomas J. Spellman George Walsh Ernest Latuso Thomas Devaney Lawrence Elmen</b>



DON'T FORGET TO  
TURN YOUR CLOCKS  
BACK NEXT WEEKEND

SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5TH!

## MASS SCHEDULES

### ALL SAINTS DAY:

VIGIL MASS:

TUESDAY OCTOBER 31ST AT 5PM

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1ST, 2023

7:30AM/9:15AM AND 7:00PM Masses

### ALL SOULS DAY

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, 2023

7:30AM /9:15AM

7:00PM Masses

## Parish Social Ministry

### *All Souls' Day Mass of Remembrance*

Thursday , November 2nd at  
7:00pm

*As we pray for our beloved deceased  
At this Mass we will remember in a  
special way*

*Our dear ones who have died between  
September 1, 2022, and August 31, 2023  
Light reception to follow in the  
auditorium.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**



*We Welcome Our Beautiful Families as they  
Celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on  
Sunday, October 15th, 2023~*

*Alyson May Ferber with her parents  
John and Kristina Ferber*

*Henry Robert Ward with his parents Brendon  
and Casey Ward*

*Brian Michael Barry with his parents  
Brian and Kristin Barry*

*Giovanni Bruce Gonzalez with his parents  
Anthony and Elizabeth Gonzalez*

*May the love and grace of God fill your hearts as  
you hold your children. Remember your loving  
God holds you close and your children even  
closer.*

*He yearns for your love and attention and seeks  
to guide your family and your lives with his  
presence always.*



*Please, do not miss this amazing opportunity!  
Join Us on October 30th at 7pm in the  
Bethany Center*

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done. What has not been done has not been done. Let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray.  
Amen.



***Love Beyond All Telling***

***The Meaning of the Eucharist in Our Lives***

As part of our parish observance of the ***Eucharistic Revival***, you are invited to join us for three evenings of prayerful reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives.

**October 16, 23, and 30, from 7:00-8:30PM.**

**In The Bethany Center**

During these three evenings we will explore why The Second Vatican Council referred to the Eucharist as "the source and summit of the Christian life," looking at the biblical, theological, and liturgical dimensions of the Eucharist along with its portrayal in music and art.

Some themes that will be discussed include the ***Eucharist as food for the journey***, the ***Eucharist as sacrifice***, the ***Eucharist as the great prayer of thanksgiving***, and the ***Eucharist as the real presence of Christ***.

Please join us for any or all three of these evenings  
presented by Tom Petriano, Professor of Religious Studies at St. Joseph's University.



## *Recommendations for Liturgical Revival at SSPJ*

*How Can I Prepare for thee?*

*Small changes can and will open our hearts*

*Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.*

As a follow up to Auxiliary Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski's visit to SSPJ on October 18th, the following are recommendations regarding the need for Eucharistic and Liturgical renewal at SSPJ. This list was compiled by the Pastoral Team.

In next weeks bulletin; we will ask you to share any recommendations you would like to add to the list

1. Arrive for Mass 10 minutes early ~ this will allow you to prepare your hearts and minds
2. Actively participate in the Singing~ we all have different gifts...but SING like no one is listening!
3. Be present during the reading of the Scripture~ it is in the written word that the Lord speaks to us...try to capture that word, that lesson he is longing to share with you.
4. If mass has already begun, kindly refrain from walking in while a reading is Refrain from walking to a seat during the reading of God's Word.
5. Listen to scripture, catch the word or expression that touches you and take it home with you~ take a pen and pad with you to mass or write it upon the bulletin~ ponder that word or expression through the week.
6. Let the ushers know that you are willing to bring up the gifts of Bread and wine~ As the gifts are brought up to the altar offer yourself as a gift offered to God
7. Receive the Eucharist with reverence, with a desire to be transformed into **Who** you receive. Make a throne with your hands. Proclaim "Amen" ~ Allow the Priest or Eucharistic minister to offer the blessed sacrament upon your hands.
8. Integrate the Word into your daily life~ sharing is contagious!
9. Family learns from one another by our actions and our words~ engage with one another and share what touched your hearts during mass.
10. Remain until the closing song has ended~ the conclusion of the mass and accepting in thanksgiving the gifts we receive, deserves our reverent respect.

**GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**

**THANKS BE TO GOD**

Please Give PEACE a chance....



This drawing is by Anja Rozen, a 13 year old primary school student in Slovenia. She was chosen from 600,000 children around the world to create a piece of art to show what peace looks like. She is the winner of the international Plakat Miru competition.

"My drawing represents the land that binds us and unites us." Humans are woven together. If someone gives up, others fall. We are all connected to our planet and to each other, but unfortunately we are little aware of it. We are woven together. Other people weave alongside me my own story; and I weave theirs," said the young designer

Please visit [prnewswire.com](http://prnewswire.com) to view this image. It is remarkable the lessons we can learn through the eyes of a child...

## "Take; this is my body"

—Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.

"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, *Dominicae cenae*, no. 3)



"It is called: Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

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### **CONGRATULATIONS TO SSPJ KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS A CELEBRATION OF BROTHERHOOD AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**





# Music Ministry

*The focus today is on love. God's love for us. We need to follow the examples of love that God has given us. Above all his son, Jesus.*

*Our Mary Hymn – Immaculate Mary*



**Attention !! All Singers**  
**The Music Ministry needs you !!**  
**Adult Choir**  
**Chords of Faith teen choir -(Gr 7-12)**  
**Children's Choir -(Gr 3-6)**

**Please consider joining. For more information**  
**call Margaret Adams at the parish center**  
**631-584-5454 or email**  
**sspjmusicministry@gmail .com**

*Please PRAY*

*For PEACE...*



**Wednesday, October 25th, 2023**

**"Brother Charles de Foucauld thus reminds us that the first step in evangelizing is to have Jesus inside one's heart; it is to "fall head over heels" for him. If this does not happen, we can hardly show it with our lives."**

**Pope Francis**

## SHANTIDEVA PRAYER

*May I become at all times, both now and forever  
A protector of those without protection  
A guide for those who have lost their way  
A ship for those with oceans to cross  
A bridge for those with rivers to cross  
A sanctuary for those in danger  
A lamp for those without light  
A place of refuge for those who lack shelter  
And a servant to all in need  
For as long as space endures,  
And for as long as living beings remain,  
Until then may I, too, abide  
To dispel the misery of the world.  
Amen.*

*-Shantideva was an 8th century Indian Buddhist monk.  
There are many forms of this prayer,  
attributed to him*



# All Souls Day Prayer Service

November 2, 2023

## Library Gift Club Request



In honor of All Souls' Day Thursday, November 2nd, Sts. Philip & James School will join together for a special Prayer Service at **2 pm** in the Church. All school families and parishioners are invited to attend.

Students, faculty/staff, parents and parishioners will have the opportunity to remember deceased family members and friends in a special way through our Library Gift Club. Donated book(s) will be presented at the Altar and the name(s) of the commemorated person(s) announced. Students will present first, followed by faculty/staff, school families and parishioners. More than one book may be presented; however, each donor will only be called up once at which time all names will be announced.

Please fill out the form below and return to the school office together with your payment of \$20.00 per book. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st.** Additional forms may be downloaded from the school website.

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### Sts. Philip & James School & Academy Library Gift Club All Souls Day Service

*\*Please print clearly\**

Name(s) of Deceased \_\_\_\_\_

Family making the donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **Student(s)** to present book(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **Faculty/Staff Member** to present book(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **School Family Parent** to present book(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **Parishioner** to present book(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of books donated: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00 per book)    Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Sts. Philip and James School"



# The Great Work at SSPJ School!

*A GREAT time was had by all at the  
SSPJ School Guild 7th Annual Trunk or Treat!*



*A heartfelt THANK YOU for the kindness of our Generous Donors who made this event  
Spooktacular! Please support their local businesses when you can so that they can continue to  
contribute to our communities.*

## ***RAFFLE BASKETS***

- Owner Mr. Ray & Faye Saladino of 5 Star Masonry & Construction Inc
- SSPJ Great Grandma Mrs. Carmela Pagano
- SSPJ Grandma Christine Ballard
- Guild Representative Ms. Toddy Victoria Marotta
- SSPJ new mom Corin Masson

## ***REFRESHMENTS***

- Manager Mr. Vinny & Meghan Matera of Majestic Foods
- Owner Mr. Ray & Faye Saladino of 5 Star Masonry & Construction Inc.
- Guild Representative Mrs. Karyn Degnan
- SSPJ Grandparents Walter and Karen Degnan
- Costco- Hollbrook & Lake Grove
- Stop & Shop- Coram & Miller Place

## ***VOLUNTEERS***

- Ms. Anderson-Set up/Judge/Clean up
- Mrs. Christine Ballard-Set up
- Ms. Jeanette Saladino-Set up/Raffle Basket Table duties/Clean up
- Mrs. Hensen-Judge/Check in
- Mrs. Tracy McAlvin-Set up/Check in
- Mr. Ray Saladino-Popcorn machine/Clean up
- Mr. Matthew Cassidy-Snacks/Drinks/Clean up
- Mrs. Dora Dias-Snacks/Drinks/ Clean up
- Clementine Kolodzinski-Clean up
- Mr. Matthew Carey-Clean up
- To all our SSPJ students who helped with the clean up! Thank you!

*Thank you to all the AWESOME SSPJ FAMILIES who made this event happen  
as they decorated their trunks!*

## ***THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM SISTER T~***

***Dear Friends,***

***On Sunday evening during our evening prayer, we used the song CENTER OF MY LIFE by Peter Inwood. As I listen to the words it struck me that this simple song spoke of all that was happening in my life, the church, the world and especially the Eucharistic Revival.***

***Let me share with you some of the words' "LORD , YOU ARE THE CENTER OF MY LIFE, I will always praise you I will always serve you; I will always keep you in my sight." ... "you will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, happiness forever."***

***Interesting how something can be right in front of us, and we don't see or hear it. That evening when I heard the song my life flashed before me and all I could think of was Is God always the center of my life. Did I realize that in today's society we can stray so far away from these values and yet they could help us with some of our daily challenges. IF God were the center of my life, how would I treat others who come into my life? IF God were the center of my life would His JOY be radiating from me? IF God were the center of my life, could I let go of being in control, or always being right? So many questions but the answer is simple. "Do I make God the center of my life?"***

***With the sadness, selfishness, hate and anger that infiltrates our World today wouldn't it be great if each of us would look to God being the center of our lives. Power, control, storing up treasures, ambition, jealousy or the way of entitlement, these words are different than the words in the song.***

***During this coming week I offer you these questions you might want to reflect on. How good are you at keeping God as the Center of your life? What causes you to pfirst.er things first? What can you do to increase God's priority in your everyday life. When God is the Center of your life how has this helped you to be more loving to yourself and others? Have a great week Centered around your life with God.***

***Till next week***

***Sister T***



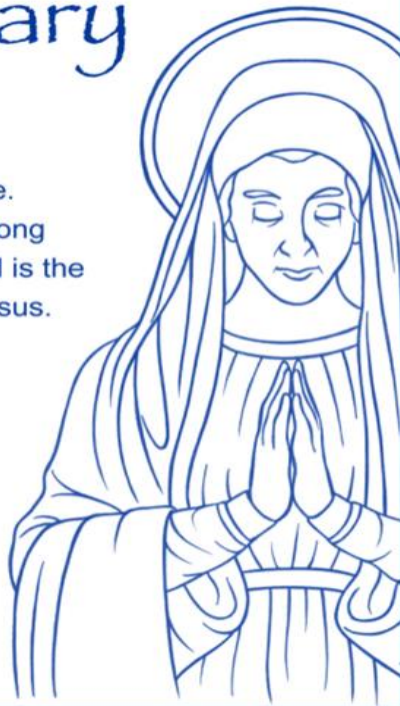
"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, AND DO NOT HINDER THEM BECAUSE THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN BELONGS TO SUCH AS THESE." Matthew 19:14

# Hail Mary

Hail Mary,  
Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among  
women, and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now, and at the  
hour of our death.

Amen.



The Hail Mary Prayer - (Luke 1:28, 1:42) - © TheCatholicKid.com

## Attention Communion I & II Families

There will not be classes held on the  
following dates:

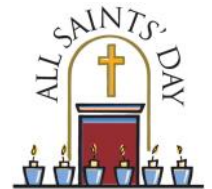
Tuesday, October 31st

Wednesday November 1st

All remaining grades will have class.  
Wishing all of our students and families  
a safe and fun

Halloween and All Saints Day!

Remember to pray to your favorite  
Saint!



"We Light a Candle and We Say A Prayer for all we love".  
Everyone NeED's Jesus Students and Teachers attend mass  
On Saturday, October 21st.



SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND!!

FOR:  
"WAITING IN SILENCE,  
FOR THE MIRACULOUS BIRTH OF JESUS"

A FUN FILLED ADVENT RETREAT FOR FAMILIES  
AND SSPJ CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING!!

MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW



**We are at 77% of GOAL which mean we are \$22,960 away!**  
**Can we reach our goal by Thanksgiving???**

**WE ARE AT 77.5% OF OUR GOAL as of October 24th, 2023**

**Our Pledges are \$79,040.**

**Our Payments are \$74,914.**

**OUR THERMOMETERS ARE SO CLOSE YET SO FAR ...  
WE CAN MAKE IT TO GOAL...EVERY ACT OF SACRIFICE NO MATTER HOW  
SMALL MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE**

**PLEASE, PLEASE, CONSIDER LENDING A HAND TO THIS WORTHY EFFORT**

**GOAL: \$102,000**  
**PAYMENTS AT**  
**10/24/23**  
**\$74,914.**

**PLEDGES AT**  
**10/24/23**  
**\$79,040**  
**We are on our**  
**Way~**

**GOAL**  
**\$102,000**  
**PAYMENTS**

**2023**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**APPEAL**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*One Family - Journeying together in  
Communion, Participation and Mission.*



"Each one will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land." (Isaiah 4:6)

October 2023

As we enter the beautiful season of autumn, it is a wonderful time to reflect on the spiritual growth and expansion of our faith, especially as we approach the culmination of our liturgical year. I pray that you and your loved ones are well and that you have a blessed holiday season with them. I would like to express my gratitude to you and your fellow parishioners for the prayers and support that have been offered on behalf of our parish.

It is evident that when we come together as a parish, we can reap the benefits of many ministries and services that one person cannot do alone. This holds true for our diocese as well; when our Parishes come together as *One Family* we sow the seeds of the love of our faith with others and journey with those in need.

Long Island is known for its quality of life; it is hard to believe that there are many people who must make difficult decisions on basic living expenses. Although inflation has eased a bit, the rising prices of food, gas at the pump, utilities, and of course housing continue to negatively impact a family's budget.

Support for those in need is crucial for many families, especially our senior community. Our Long Island community has had a 25% to 30% increase in the senior demographic, leading to an increase of 65% of these seniors living in poverty. Your donation allows Catholic Charities to provide affordable safe housing to senior citizens, operating 16 housing facilities in Nassau and Suffolk counties, totaling more than 1,329 units.

Additionally, it ensures the physical, social, and spiritual well-being of residents. Housing programs are also available for those with developmental disabilities and our veterans in need. Through our Parish Social Ministry programs, we bring food and hope during these challenging times. I would like to share a comment from a senior and resident of Bishop Ryan Village, Hampton Bays with you:

*"My neighbors and I often say that we are tremendously relieved to have dignified, affordable housing and are very grateful to this ministry of the Church assisting us in our time need."*

Your gift to the CMA also provides funding to educate our seminarians and provide faith formation to our young people and lay leaders, more than 600,000 are served each year. If you have not had an opportunity to make a gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift. Please know that 100% of every dollar raised is restricted to fund the objectives, programs, and mission supported by the Catholic Ministries Appeal and every gift makes a difference in the lives of others no matter the amount.

May God bless you and your loved ones.

**GOAL**  
**\$102,000**  
**PLEDGES**

\$60,000

\$10,000



## Parish Social Ministry

### RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Our beautiful banners will be coming down at the end of October.

Let's be sure that when we leave mass, we continue to recognize all life in every blessed stage.

Please join us to pray the Rosary on weekdays @ 8 AM in the prayer room.



Blessing of the Prayer Shawls  
On Sunday, November 5th  
At the 12 noon mass.

These shawls are crafted with love and through prayer for healing and strength.  
All are welcome to share with someone in need.



We remember the family and friends  
of,  
Alice J. Jerszynski

Safely Home in the arms of our Lord

### Our Food Pantry Needs:

Canned Ravioli  
Canned white tuna

Thank you for all of your support!



*Creation calls for the human family to challenge the injustices and violence, creating and supporting the ecological crises threatening us. It holds out an image of hope, the efforts for peace and justice all around the planet, flowing together into a mighty life-giving river for all who share our common home.*



## 2023

*To promote the independence of our service users and to better respect their dignity, we would like to empower them to make their own choices for a holiday dinner. Therefore, again this year, we would appreciate more supermarket gift cards or monetary contributions and less in the way of food items. You may put them in the collection baskets marked PSM, or leave them at the Rectory Office. Distribution to our clients will be on November 15, allowing them time to shop.*

*Thank you and God bless you for your ongoing generosity.*

Dept. of Social Services: 631-854-2300  
Alcoholics Anonymous 24-Hour Hotline: 631-669-1124  
Al-Anon Suffolk County: 631-669-2827  
Alzheimer's Disease: 631-954-2323  
American Red Cross L.I.: 516-747-3500  
Birthright (Pregnancy Support): 631-821-9727 or 1-800-550-4900  
Brighter Tomorrow (Domestic Violence): 631-395-1800  
Brookhaven Youth Counseling: 631-451-8011  
Catholic Charities (Food Stamp Info): 631-789-9546  
Child Advocacy Center (CAC) (Child Abuse): 631-439-0480  
Children's Community: 631-585-2020, 631-476-9698  
[www.childrenscommunityhs.org](http://www.childrenscommunityhs.org)  
Domestic Violence Hotline (Vibes): 631-360-3607  
Elder Abuse: 631-761-7470  
Fidelis Insurance (Family Health Plus): 1-888-343-3547  
Gamblers Anonymous Hotline: 1-855-222-5542  
Good Shepherd Hospice: 631-376-3758  
Hope House Ministries: 631-473-6030  
In Home Care- Home Instead: 631-724-2273  
LI Against Domestic Violence: 631-666-8833  
LI Head Start: 631-732-7100  
L.I. Women's Coalition (Domestic Violence): 631-666-8833  
Memory Care in NY: [www.memorycare.com](http://www.memorycare.com)  
Mental Health Emergency: 631-952-3333  
Narcotics Anonymous: 631-689-6262  
Nassau/Suffolk Law: 631-232-2400  
National Aging in place-L.I. Chapter: 631-383-4341  
National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-784-2433  
Office for the Aging: 631-853-8200  
Overeaters Anonymous 631-260-6615 [www.SuffolkOA.org](http://www.SuffolkOA.org)  
Rachel's Hope (Post Abortion): 888-456-4673  
Response Crisis Center: (Suicide Hotline): 631-751-7500  
The Retreat (Domestic Violence Hotline): 631-329-2200

## Our Family Prayer Intention~ November 2023

Please offer your intention at mass on  
Saturday, November 4th or Sunday, November 5th, 2023  
We as a Parish Family will be holding you in our prayers

FAMILY/STUDENT NAMES	STUDENT GRADE LEVEL/SSPJ SCHOOL

*Dear Jesus,*

*We thank you for all the blessings we have received by your grace and love. We pray that you will continually remind us that we are never alone, and that you are always by our side.*

*Jesus, we offer you our hearts, our needs, our intentions, knowing that you hear us. Let your will be done.*

*Amen*

Together as a family we offer our prayers....





# Reflecting and Preparing for Next Sunday November 5th, 2023

## The Thirty first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

## 31st Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday November 5

Malachi 1:14b – 2:2b,8-10

Ps 131:1-3

1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Matthew 23:1-12

### Monday November 6

Romans 11:29-36

Ps 69:30-31,33-34,36

Luke 14:12-14

### Tuesday November 7

Romans 12:5-16b

Ps 131:1b-3

Luke 14:15-24

### Wednesday November 8

Romans 13:8-10

Ps 112:1b-2,4-5,9

Luke 14:25-33

### Thursday November 9

**Feast of the Dedication of  
the Lateran Basilica**

Ezra 47:1-2,8-9,12

Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9

1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17

John 2:13-22

### Friday November 10

**St. Leo the Great, Pp, Dr**

Romans 15:14-21

Ps 98:1-4

Luke 16:1-8

### Saturday November 11

**St. Martin of Tours, Bp**

Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27

Ps 145:2-5,10-11

Luke 16:9-15

Christ's representative in Church leadership, he serves us in everything he does, whether it's presiding at Mass or making decisions.

No matter what someone's credentials are, no matter how much authority God has given to our priests and other leaders,

Today's Gospel reading contains a verse that, when taken literally, has been used by some Protestants to condemn Catholicism because we call our priests "Father." By that logic, when Jesus said, "Call no one on earth your father," he meant our dads, too, right? Did he never call St. Joseph by the title father? Perhaps when Jesus as a lad had a question about carpentry he said, "Hey dude who's married to Mom!" I don't think so.

To understand what Jesus means in this scripture, we need to read the whole passage: This singled-out verse is actually part of a teaching about equality. He is telling us that we must not consider anyone to be superior to ourselves – no one but God is superior to us.

Jesus says here: "The greatest among you must be your servant." At other times in other scriptures, Jesus says that if we want to be greatest, we have to be the servant of all, because we must not think of ourselves as superior to others. But in today's lesson he's telling us not to think of ourselves as inferior, either. He trying to cure our low self-esteem.

Do you know, for example, that as a child of God you are not inferior to the pope? This is why he's called the servant of the servants of God. As



and no matter how famous or well-liked anyone is, we are all equally loved by God. We're all equally important to God.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Do you feel served by those who have higher status? Why or why not?
- † When you don't, how much of this is your own attitude of assuming that you're inferior? What will you do to shift your thinking and accept your own value according to God's perspective?
- † When someone's job or talents or position in the family or church seems greater than yours, how do you overcome your feelings of inferiority?
- † How does Jesus convey to you that you are inferior to no one?
- † Describe a time when you felt inferior but then became aware of your equal value. (This story will help others who are struggling to overcome their own feelings of inferiority.)

## BAD THOUGHTS

Someone once quipped that we spend the first half of our lives struggling with the sixth commandment – *Thou shalt not commit adultery* – and the second half of our lives struggling with the fifth commandment – *Thou shalt not kill!* There's a truth here worth examining.

In the Catholicism I was raised, there was a heavy emphasis on the sixth commandment. Sex and issues related to sex were singled out as being particularly salient in terms of sinful behavior. All sex outside of marriage was seen as sinful, but so too was sexual fantasizing. If you entertained any sexual fantasies you were required to confess them to a priest in confession. In the vocabulary of the time, this was termed as “having had bad thoughts”. Given human nature and human hormones, assuredly most everyone had “bad thoughts”.

As I grow older, I have come to believe that sexual fantasies (which in fact can have a moral element to them) are not the real danger in terms of bad thoughts. As we age, the bad thoughts we most need to confess have more to do with another commandment, *thou shalt not kill*. The bad thoughts that most separate us from love, community, and the banquet table have to do with who we are angry at, who we don't want to be in a room with, who we don't want to be at table with, who we want revenge on, who we can't forgive, and people whose energies we cannot bless.

Henri Nouwen once suggested that long before someone is shot by a gun, one is shot by a word, and before one is shot by a word, one is shot by a thought – *She is so full of herself! I hate her! I can't be in a room with her!* We kill each other in our thoughts, in our judgments, in our hatreds, in our jealousies, and in our avoidance of each other. These are the bad thoughts which we most need to confess.

Moreover, that is only the crasser way we violate the commandment that demands we not kill each other. We have “bad thoughts” in much subtler ways. We also kill each other whenever we indulge in fantasies of grandiosity, fantasies within which we are the superstar, the one set apart, the one above, the one superior to others, and the one who sees others as lesser than oneself. Like sexual fantasies, these fantasies also come upon us with a power that makes them very difficult to resist. Like sexual fantasies they beset us instinctually with a warmth that is self-gratifying.

But why are they wrong? What's wrong with indulging in fantasies within which we are the special one, the hero, the one above others?

In short, they are not morally wrong in themselves. It's not a sin to think of yourself as special – particularly since you are! God makes everyone unique and special, and it's not wrong to recognize that inside oneself. Moreover, for a good part of our lives, this can even be healthy. The issue arises later in life, when we reach that time in our lives when we need to begin to scrutinize ourselves more rigorously and courageously vis-a-vis what things inside us are obstacles to our becoming *one with everything*. Don't let the Hindu or Buddhist sound of that phrase, *become one with everything*, put you off; that's also what we, Christians, believe will constitute our final state in heaven – oneness with everything – God, others, the cosmic world, and our true selves.

Hence while they are not wrong in themselves, fantasies that massage our separateness from others, our standing apart from them, and especially our superiority to them, are, at the end of the day, a blockage to the unity in love to which we are called and destined. They are also a way in which we kill others, leaving room for only ourselves at the head of the table.

We spend a good part of our lives struggling with the sixth commandment. However, most of us end up with an even bigger struggle with the fifth commandment. The Gospel parable about the Prodigal Son throws light on this. The father (God) has two sons and he is trying to get them both into the house (heaven). The younger, prodigal son leaves the house because he is struggling with the sixth commandment. Eventually though he returns to his father and enters the house again. The older brother, who never leaves home but is just as effectively out of his father's house, is struggling with something else – anger, bitterness, jealousy, and judgment of others. He is struggling with bad thoughts. He is killing his younger brother with judgment, jealousy, and with fantasies of his own moral superiority.

It's noteworthy how this parable ends. It doesn't end with the celebration for the younger brother and his rejoining the household. It ends with the father (God) standing outside the house gently and lovingly trying to coax his jealous, bitter, judgmental, older son out of his bad thoughts.