



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

631-584-5454

October 22nd, 2023
The Twenty Ninth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday

“Then repay
to Caesar
what belongs
to Caesar
And to God
what belongs
to God.”
Mathew
22:21



WHAT
IS
GOD'S

“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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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 15th, 2023:

Collections from Weekend masses: \$10,542.

Collections from mail: \$1,646.

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

Total Collections: \$15,562.04

**Collection figures for 10/8 unavailable at bulletin print date

Collection for Respect Life sent directly to DRVC

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

SSPJ PARISH CODE: NY232

October 8th Collection: \$14,708.04

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,

In today's gospel, Jesus confronts and confounds those trying to trap him. We've heard his response to their "trick" question used in many situations. "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God." Fr. John Foley, SJ, invites us to reflect more deeply on this response:

Do you see what Jesus' seemingly slick and yet smart answer means? The Pharisees had set up a false opposition between God and the secular. One or the other. But we live in both worlds at the same time. The Pharisees' question implies that either everything of Caesar must go away because it is not God, or on the other hand that God must go away because science and secularism are so powerful.

Truth is, God and Caesar are meant to co-exist. Human beings are created to be containers for God's presence right in the midst of the warring and secular world. In spite of the voices within you saying that you are not worth much, in spite of the setbacks of life, the losses, the flatness, in spite of all these, what if God created all of us with room inside us where God can be quietly present, enabling love for each other? Then we could give what we owe to Caesar, but everything to God.

Many thanks to Virginia Portanova for making Oktoberfest happen! It was a fun time, a cornucopia of German food and gets a well-deserved wunderbar!

We're looking forward to celebrating all those living the Sacrament of Matrimony next Sunday at the 12noon Mass, inviting couples to renew their vows. If you're planning to join in the celebration, please leave your name and number of years you are celebrating at the rectory.

Last Monday's presentation on the Eucharist, one of the ways we as a parish are entering into the Eucharistic Revival, was outstanding. We have two more sessions planned on the following two Mondays. You need not have attended the first to join in the next two. Don't miss it!

Many thanks to all those who recommit themselves to liturgical ministry this weekend. Your service to us, the Body of Christ, is a gift and we are deeply grateful.

Please continue to pray for all those involved in the Synod in Rome as we as Church listen humbly to the Spirit speaking in and through one another, prompting us once again to a new Pentecost.

And as we continue to sing "Let There be Peace on Earth" at the conclusion of each Mass, let us as peace makers pray this prayer for an end to the horrific hostilities in both Ukraine and in Israel:

*God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation,
pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East:
Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians, and Israelis.
Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope.
Let violent encounters be replaced by loving embraces,
and may peace and justice be experienced by all.*

And finally:

*As long as cocoa beans grow on trees, chocolate is fruit to me.
I was at the gym and decided to jump on the treadmill. But people gave me weird looks,
so I started jogging instead.
An English teacher asked the class, "when does a book become a classic?"
One student answered, "when people who haven't read it start to say they have."*

Peace,

Father Tom

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

Mass Intentions, For the week of October 22nd, 2023

Eucharistic Adoration

From 1:30pm-7PM
In the Church



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
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 Triptree
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 Matterna
Tina Cafaro
Tiffany Lochan
Thomas Lifrieri
Tom Ficht
Tom Ryan
Tom Focone
Vivien & John
Cordes
Wayne Smith Sr.

Saturday October 21st Cantor: K. Feeney	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Thompson/Student EM: Calderone/Byrne/ Drechsler/Taurassi/Toto	9:15am 5:00pm	Maria Fazio Donna Marie DiIorio
Sunday October 22nd Cantor: J. Lohmann	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Czujko/Koke EM: Licari/Koke/ Portanova/Sehne/Sica	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: L. Lupinacci	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Rubano/Tomasino EM: Mantia/Rapp/ Clarke/Keane/McKie/ Mulhall	10:00am	Frank Romanelli
Cantor: B. Meringolo	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: Kenton/Smith EM: Napolitano/ Margaret/Settineri	12:00pm	Rev. Robert Giuntini Claudia Chandler Thomas Spellman Janet Porter
Monday October 23rd St. John Capistrano		7:30am 9:15am	Gina Pellettiere Stephen Austin
Tuesday October 24th	St. Anthony Mary Claret	7:30am 9:15am	Mary Stefano Giacoppo Thomas Spellman
Wednesday October 25th		7:30am 9:15am	Anna & Rocco Regina Carol & Richard Anderson
Thursday October 26th		7:30am 9:15am	Canga & Philomena Contare Collective Mass A Holy Soul In Purgatory
Friday October 27th		7:30am 9:15am	Rose & Frank LoRusso Tom Spellman
Saturday October 28th Cantor: K.. Murtha	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Grimaldi/Student EM: Rapp/Consenz/ Anderson/Kanuiika/Urce Sts Simon & Jude	9:15am 5:00pm	Jacquelyn Harvey Jack Duffy
Sunday October 29th Cantor: L. Stefanowski	Presider: Father Joe Lector: Sehne/O'Leary EM: Czujko/Dervan/Diaz/ Portanova/Kenney	8:00am	For the People of SSPJ Parish
Cantor: J. Hill	Presider: Father Tom Lector: Contrino/Cafaro EM: Keane/Suski/Sisti/ Conti/D. Napolitano/ Parish	10:00am	John Blazich
Cantor: J. Hill	Collective Mass Presider: Father Tom Lector: O'Hara/Suski EM: Bleggi/Kaleita/ Samson	12:00pm	Jeff Indelicato Charles Salomon Robert Brigandi Ernest Lataso

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: OCTOBER 21ST& 22ND



NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

*A captivating evening of prayer and reflection with Dr. Thomas Petriano~
Please join us Monday evening October 23rd and 30th as we continue this program*



*You make grass grow for cattle,
Make plants grow for people,
Food to eat from the earth and wine to warm the
heart,
Oil to glisten on faces and bread for bodily
strength.*

Psalms 104:14-15

*Bread is food. It is wholesome, nourishing food
for which we never lose our appetite. Under the
form of bread God becomes for us even the food
of life. "We break a bread," writes St. Ignatius
of Antioch to the faithful at Ephesus, "we break
a bread that is food of immortality." By this food
our being is so nourished with God that we exist
in God and God in us.*

Romano Guardini



GOD, A LEAF FALLS PAST MY WINDOW

God, a leaf falls past my window
and I go downstairs and outdoors,
to find it and offer it to you
for a blessing.

Bless this leaf and people
to pray for, entrusted to me
by those who love them,
tears shining in their eyes,
some willing and some not
to tell me what to pray:
a thirsty child of Gaza
trying to go south,

an Israeli mother hostage,
an Armenian in Nagorno-Karabakh,
an Afghani father grieving,
a rubbled-home owner in Maui,
glad to welcome tourists,
but thinking—not just yet,
a polar bear whose life is melting,
a lonely monarch,
a poisoned river, new bulb planted,
sun eclipsed by the moon,
all but a ring of fire,
my breakfast, those dear to me,
and those I remember,
and another leaf falling now,
far away.

- Maren Tirabassi, via [Rev Writes & Resources](#)

Please, do not miss this amazing opportunity!



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.

Wedding Vow Renewal ~ Sunday October 29th, 2023 at the 12:00noon Mass

On Sunday, October 29th at the 12 Noon Mass,
We will offer married couples the opportunity.
to gather and renew their wedding vows.



A reception will follow in the auditorium.

Those wishing to join are asked to complete and return the form below or you may call
the Parish Center – 631-584-5454 and provide the information.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

A Marriage Prayer

Dear Lord

Help us to remember when we first met, and the abiding love that grew between us.

Please work our love into practical living so nothing will ever divide us.

*We pray for words both kind and loving, and hearts always ready
to ask for forgiveness as well as to forgive.*

*Lord, together with faith and hope we place our lives and marriage into your righteous
hands.*

Amen

We look forward to celebrating at this Mass

(names) _____ # attending _____

Number of years married _____

Our Marriage took place at (Church/ town) _____

Contact info (email) _____ (phone) _____

Reception sponsored through a generous donation,
honoring Nancy and John Dervan on their recent renewal of vows

Vielen Dank an unsere Sponsoren
“Many Thanks to our Sponsors”
Your support will help make our
Third Annual Oktoberfest
a fun time for all in our parish community

Wurst Sponsor

Diane Anderson \$50

Bierhallen Sponsor

Anonymous \$100

Vanessa Kobieta \$100

Cullen Family \$100

Pete Chiarelli \$100

John & Pam Primavera \$150

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Anonymous \$250

Nancy Sanders \$250

Portanova Family \$250

Vielen Dank für Ihre Großzügigkeit
“Thank You For Your Generosity”

OUR 3RD ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST!! A HUGE SUCCESS!!



Music Ministry

On This day O Beautiful Mother is this week's Mary song.

Bread of life by Bernedette Farrell is the Communion hymn.

Today we walk on the edge. We try to trick Jesus into answering a question that seems to have no right answer. Aware of this, Jesus points us beyond and above. Look up. We belong to God. The Holy Spirit leads us on the right path.



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

SHARING YOUR GIFTS...IT'S A GREAT THING! ALL VOICES TOGETHER **BECOME ONE BEAUTIFUL VOICE OF FAITH...**

Choir members from the Chords of Faith and Adult choirs were asked this question and these are their responses.

What is it about the Music ministry that led you to become a member?

-Love of music, singing and God.

-"He who sings prays twice" Lifting the spirits of ourselves and the congregation is very rewarding. Camaraderie of fellow musician is special. Marietta Cesaraki.

-Wanted to feel more connected in my relationship with God. It happens particularly during funerals. Barbara Meringolo

I used to sing in my other church when I was a very young child and I love going back to it because it reminds me of how much I missed it and enjoyed it so much.

My interest in the music ministry stems from my love of music. Having no special training or talent. I have been a member of the choir for 51 yrs. During this time, I have had the privilege of meeting wonderful people. We all share in the desire of praising God through music under the very able director, Margaret Adams Connie Musculino

I have always loved to sing and I enjoy music. To sing with a group is even more fun. I love being in this choir-great people! I was hesitant to try it, but I'm so happy I did. Donna Chocko

Love my church. Love my choir, Love my community wanted to be part of this choir. Best decision ever! Lori Dellecave.

I joined the music ministry as a child in the children's choir because I loved to sing and felt so connected to the music. As I have continued in the music ministry, I have developed friendships that are so special to me. I have met people that remain incredibly important in my life. Jeannie Hill

The Great Work at SSPJ School!

It is in Giving that we Receive!

SSPJ students stayed after school to make PB & J sandwiches for those in need.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of all who visit the
Gerald Ryan Outreach Center!



Brittany's Baskets of Hope

In recognition of Down Syndrome awareness month, SSPJ students received a special visit from Brittany the founder of Brittany's Baskets of Hope whose mission is to spread resources, hope, and love to families with new babies with Down syndrome across the country! For more information & ways to support please visit

Brittanysbasketsofhope.org



THIS WEEKS REFLECTION FROM SISTER T~

Dear Friends,

I don't know about you, but I love living in a state where there are four Seasons. Although all of them have their special attraction, I can't but help to claim Autumn as my favorite. Why Autumn? Well, I love color and our loving God provides such a variety of color in all of Nature. What an Artist God is!

Another thing Autumn reminds me of is CHANGE, that most dreaded word. Although color is beautiful it does warn us that CHANGE is in progress and it will soon lead to loss of leaves for trees, loss of warm weather for the vacationers and a reminder that the cold of Winter is on its way. It also reminds us of dying.

Now that can mean actual dying, our thoughts of our own death or dying to self. I would like to think now of spiritual dying, that dying to self and how CHANGE is a big part of it. If you are like me, I am sure you have at times planned the next day for yourself as you know that it will be a busy one. The night before all looks great for tomorrow's activities. But Murphy's Law reigns! From the moment you wake up things continue to change, force you to make adjustments, ask for help and wonder if you just shouldn't start all over again.

How do you deal with this type of situation? Well recently I experienced such a day and CHANGE made all the difference in the world. I CHANGED how I handled what was crumbling at my feet...my plans were not God's plan for the day. Fortunately, I had been able to spend some quiet days in prayer and reading the days prior to this day and so I tried to use what I had learned during that time to make it through all the CHANGES! I can happily report that I didn't do too badly and in the midst of all that was happening I discovered things about myself and others. Today I look back and am actually grateful that I had the experience I had.

What about you? How do you deal with change. It could be a CHANGE in your plans, a work situation, a relationship, health, an attitude etc. There are two ways you can handle it -see it as God is in charge and things happen, take a deep breath and put a smile on your face OR, you are in charge and you grumble and snap at folks and things all through the day. The first way is much better for your health and the health of those around you! With practice and dying to self you can CHANGE the way you react, let God be in charge.

Have a great week and enjoy all the color and change that comes your way this week.

***Till next week,
Sister Theresita***



June 2023— July 2024

Our Year of the Eucharistic Revival

The table of our home is like the table of the Lord.

The table is, beyond all others, the social furnishing. It is, to begin with, the piece of furniture made for reunions; being accessible from all sides, the table is made to be surrounded...Here, then, in the center of the common room, the members of a family have a kind of permanent...rendezvous. During the hours when the members are away at work, the universal table in the quiet room embodies an invitation...It is here that the family, daily scattered, is daily reunited... At the center of our lives is thanksgiving at a table and a simple meal. Every table all week long, every meal, is an echo of the table of the Lord. (Excerpts Edmond Barbotin)

Ponder:

Take time to see the similarities between your table and the Table of the Lord. How often do you gather around your table?

Pray:

Heavenly Father help us remember that the Eucharist is food for the soul as a family meal is food for the body.

(Window from St.
John the Evangelist
Church, Center
Moriches)



"Confidence, "nothing but confidence", is the sole path that leads us to the Love that grants everything. With confidence, the wellspring of grace overflows into our lives, the Gospel takes flesh within us and makes us channels of mercy for our brothers and sisters."

Pope Francis

**respect life
month
novena**



OCTOBER 13-21
respectlife.org

God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

Early Childhood Open House at SSPJ School!

SSPJ Early Childhood Open House

Nursery, Pre-K & Kindergarten

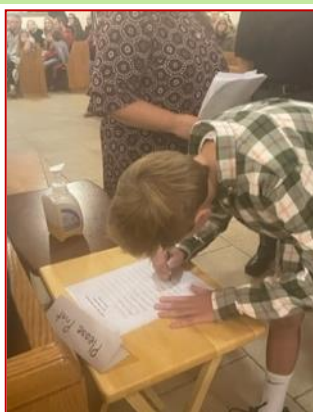
Sunday, October 29, 2023

11 am - 12:30 pm



Come see all the good things SSPJ has to offer!

"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



RITE OF ENROLLMENT MASS CONFIRMATION I STUDENTS

The Confirmation Rite of Enrollment Mass INVITES our students to profess their intention to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and invites our parish community to pray for our students and their families.

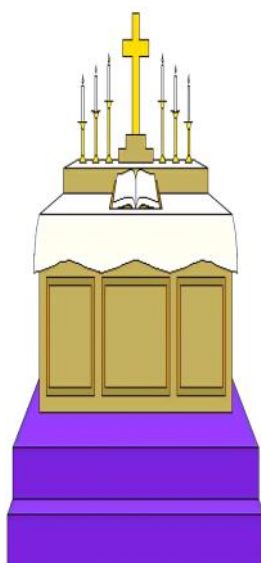


EVERY OnE NeED's Jesus Program

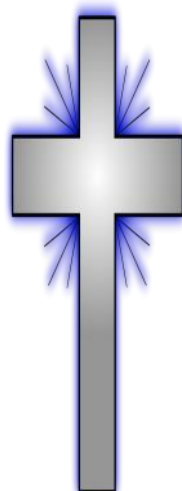
Saturday mornings are filled with faith and fun! Welcome back to our awesome students and families and teachers as we celebrate God's Creation during the month of October!



PRAYER OF THE MONTH



Calling all Who wish to become: Altar Servers!
Training for Altar Servers will
Begin on 9/29/23 From
4:00pm to 5:00pm
In the Church
4th Grade and up
Altar Server Training
Dates
10/27/2023
Please call Parish Center to
give your contact
information

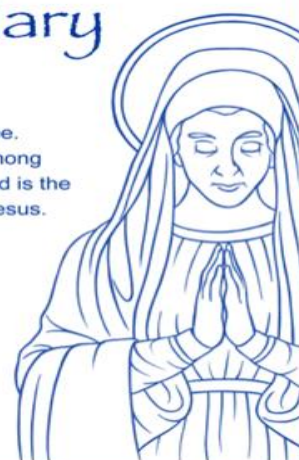


Hail Mary

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 1:26, 1:42) - © TheCatholicKid.com

We are at 77% of GOAL which mean we are \$23,785 away!
Can we reach our goal by Thanksgiving???

WE ARE AT 77% OF OUR GOAL as of October 16th, 2023

Our Pledges are \$78,215.

Our Payments are \$73,144.

**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
10/16/23
\$73,144.

PLEDGES AT
10/16/23
\$78,215
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

Will be holding a Baby Shower after all the masses on the weekend of October 28th & 29th. There is a need for diapers and wipes, car seats (please check the user dates on the back) strollers single or double NEW OR USED but in clean condition, fall, gently used or new, boys and girls baby clothes, formula, bathtubs, all baby items. Please don't forget personal care items for the moms either.

PLEASE BRING ALL ITEMS TO THE FRONT OF THE RECTORY OR TO THE SCHOOL LOBBY IN CASE OF RAIN

THE WASH KIT GANG INVITES ALL TO JOIN IN A WONDERFUL GATHERING:

WE WILL MEET ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2023 IN THE BETHANY CENTER LOWER LEVEL DIRECTLY AFTER THE 10:00AM MASS

DUE TO SPACE RESTRICTIONS, ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE ARE ASKED TO CALL THE PARISH CENTER OFFICE AT 631-584-5454 TO REGISTER FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF AWARENESS AND COMMUNITY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING, LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!



Collecting new and gently used baby items and delivering them to the Life Center of Long Island. These items benefit mothers, children, and expectant mothers in need. Your donations build a community that supports mothers who choose life for their unborn children under difficult circumstances. **Suggested donation items:** Diapers, wipes, bottles. Gently used baby and toddler items such as car seats, high chairs, strollers, clothing, toys, etc. New baby and toddler items, including diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, clothing, etc.

PLEASE DROP OFF AT: 56 TILLOTSON AVENUE, ST. JAMES, NY



We remember the family and friends of,
John J. Tierney
Geraldine Bindert
Frances V. McAuley
Thomas P. Devaney
Safely Home in the arms of our Lord

Our Food Pantry Needs:

THIN SPAGHETTI
Thank you for all of your support!



SSPJ SENIORS

The next meeting of the SSPJ Seniors will be on Monday, October 23 from 1:30 to 3:30 PM in the Sts. Philip & James room. Please join us.

All
Are
Welcome!



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

My Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 1-3

For the: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 22nd, 2022

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

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend October 28th or October 29th, 2023



Dear Jesus,

There are times
that I put what I
think is more
important to me

Ahead of what your
will is for me.

Please encourage me
that I can do all
things because you
strengthen me.

Help me Jesus

To thank you first
thing everyday.

Amen



The Gospel Message: Matthew 22:15-21

The disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Today's gospel reminds us to attach ourselves and our hearts to God. Not to worldly possessions that get in the way of our devotion to God.

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar And to God what belongs to God"

Matthew 22:21



Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 4-6

For the: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

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

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend

Saturday, October 28th or Sunday, October 29th, 2023



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Paying Taxes to Caesar

Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." Matthew 22:21

Based on Matthew 22:15-22 (NIV)



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GOD
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PHARISEES

WORDS
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TEACHER

DISCIPLES
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INTEGRITY

OPINION
REPLIED
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TRUTH

Weekly Sunday Gospel Reflection For Grades 7-8

For the: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Sunday, October 22nd, 2023

Name: _____ Grade: _____ SSPJ SCHOOL _____

Please share this time with Jesus, Complete your reflection from your heart, and bring it to mass with you next weekend

Saturday, October 28th or Sunday, October 29th, 2023

The Gospel Message: Matthew 22:15-21



The disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes. Today's gospel reminds us to attach ourselves and our hearts to God. Not to worldly possessions that get in the way of our devotion to God

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Choose the word that best matches the definition.



- ___ 1. A religious group who were strict followers of the law.
A. pharisees B. republicans C. hypocrites D. democrats
- ___ 2. The details of how something is going to be accomplished.
A. taxes B. plans C. trap D. words
- ___ 3. A situation from which it is difficult or impossible to escape.
A. trap B. plans C. truth D. coin
- ___ 4. Something that we speak or write.
A. taxes B. amazed C. words D. trap
- ___ 5. Someone who gives instructions to students.
A. teacher B. pharisees C. portrait D. Caesar
- ___ 6. A statement that agrees with fact or reality.
A. plans B. words C. truth D. trap
- ___ 7. To give someone money in return for something.
A. trap B. pay C. plans D. truth
- ___ 8. Money paid to the government.
A. trap B. portrait C. Caesar D. taxes
- ___ 9. What a person thinks about something.
A. trap B. opinion C. truth D. plans
- ___ 10. A usually flat piece of metal used for money.
A. coin B. taxes C. words D. pay

Reflecting and Preparing for Next Sunday October 29th, 2023
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday October 29

Ex 22:20-26
Ps 18:2-4,47,51
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-40

Monday October 30

Romans 8:12-17
Ps 68:2,4,6-7b,20-21
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday October 31

Romans 8:18-25
Ps 126:1b-6
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday November 1
Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4,9-14
Ps 24:1b-4b,5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

Thursday November 2
All Souls Day

Wis 3:1-9
Psalm 23:1-6
Rom 6:3-9
John 6:37-40

Friday November 3

Romans 9:1-5
Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday November 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bp

Romans 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29
Ps 94:12-13a,14-15,17-18
Luke 14:1,7-11

sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority.

Today's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves *and* others, but God must always come first.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes.

Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others *as much* as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others – enough energy or enthusiasm or kindness or patience. Likewise, we shouldn't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priorities? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be



This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others and ourselves. If we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

Reflect & Discuss:

- † How good are you at setting priorities and keeping God at the top?
- † What puts your priorities out of order?
- † What can you do to increase God's role in your everyday life?
- † Describe some of the techniques you've used to increase God's priority in your everyday life.
- † How has focusing on your relationship with God helped you to be more loving to yourself and kinder toward others?

A S U B T L E R K I N D O F P O V E R T Y

There are different ways of being excluded in life.

Earlier this year, one of my older brothers died. By every indication he had lived an exemplary life, one lived mainly for others. He died much loved by everyone who knew him. His was a life lived for family, church, community, and friends.

Giving the homily at his funeral, I shared that, while he almost always brought a smile, a graciousness, and some wit to every situation, underneath he sometimes had to swallow hard to always do that. Why? Because, even though through his entire adult life he gave himself to serving others, for much of his life he didn't have much choice in the matter. Here's his story.

He was one of the older children in our family, a large second-generation immigrant family, struggling with poverty in an isolated rural area of the Canadian prairies where educational facilities weren't easily available at that time. So, for him, as for many of his contemporaries, both men and women, the normal expectation was that after elementary school (an eighth-grade education) you were expected to end your school days and begin to work to support your family. Indeed, when he graduated from elementary school, there was no local high school for him to go to. Making this more unfortunate, he was perhaps the brightest, most gifted mind in our family. It's not that he didn't want to continue his formal education. But, he had to do what most others of his age did at that time, leave school and begin working, giving your entire salary over every month to support your family. He did this with good cheer, knowing this was expected of him.

Through the years, from age sixteen when he first entered the work force until he took over the family farm in his mid-thirties, he worked for farmers, worked in construction, and did everything from operating a backhoe to driving a truck. Moreover, when our parents died and he took over our farm, there were a number of years when he was still pressured to use the farm to support the family. By the time he was finally freed of this responsibility, it was too late (not radically, but existentially) for him to restart his formal education. He lived out his final years before retirement as a farmer, though as one who found his energy elsewhere, in involvement in ongoing education and lay ministries programs where he thrived emotionally and intellectually. Part of his sacrifice too was that he never married, not because he was a temperamental bachelor, but because the same things that bound him to duty also, existentially, never afforded him the opportunity to marry.

After I shared his story at his funeral, I was approached by several people who said: *That's also my brother! That's also my sister! That was my dad! That was my mother.*

Having grown up where this was true of a number of my older siblings, today, whenever I see people working in service jobs such as cooking in cafeterias, cleaning houses, mowing lawns, working in construction, doing janitorial work, and other work of this kind, I am often left to wonder, are they like my brother? Did they get to choose this work or are they doing it because of circumstances? Did this person want to be a doctor, or writer, a teacher, an entrepreneur, or a CEO of some company, and end up having to take this job because of an economic or other circumstance? Don't get me wrong. There's nothing demeaning or less-than-noble in these jobs. Indeed, working with your hands is perhaps the most honest work of all – unlike my own work within the academic community where it can be easy to be self-serving and mostly irrelevant. There's a wonderful dignity in working with your hands, as there was for my brother. However, the importance and dignity of that work notwithstanding, the happiness of the person doing it is sometimes predicated on whether or not he or she had a choice, that is, whether or not he or she is there by choice or because factors ranging from the economic situation of their family, to their immigrant status, to lack of opportunity, have forced them there.

As I walk past these folks in my day-to-day life and work, I try to notice them and appreciate the service they are rendering for the rest of us. And sometimes I say to myself: *This could be my brother. This could be my sister. This could be the brightest mind of all who was not given the opportunity to become a doctor, a writer, nurse, a teacher, or a social worker.* If in the next life, as Jesus promised, there's to be a reversal where the last shall be first, I hope these people, like my brother, who were deprived of some of the opportunities that the rest of us enjoyed, will read my heart with an empathy that surpasses my understanding of them during their lifetime.